

1 RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT ECONOMIC ACTION TOWARD A  
2 JUST PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

3 Submitted by the Global Partnerships Team and the Finance Committee on March 10, 2017  
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6 Whereas the Global Partnerships Team of the Minnesota Conference has a particular mission  
7 "To receive and share the Good News of Jesus Christ by joining with global partners, Global  
8 Ministries, congregations of the Minnesota Conference, and Minnesota-based mission  
9 personnel to work for justice, reconciliation, and peace;" and  
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11 Whereas Global Ministries partners in Palestine and Israel continue to call for international partners to  
12 hold corporations accountable for their role in the ongoing conflict in the region, a conflict which keeps  
13 people of Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths living in fear of violence;  
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15 Whereas the MN Conference resolved in 2005 to call upon on the Corporate Social Responsibility  
16 Ministry of the United Church of Christ to guide the Pension Board and the United Church Funds to  
17 begin the process of using economic leverage to support the creation of an economically viable  
18 Palestinian state and to oppose the continued occupation of the West Bank; and  
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20 Whereas the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference passed a resolution entitled *A Call for the*  
21 *Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ to Take Actions Toward a Just Peace in the Israeli-*  
22 *Palestinian Conflict*, which resolved "To endorse the passage of the resolution entitled *A Call for the*  
23 *United Church of Christ to Take Actions Toward a Just Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, to be  
24 presented at the 30th General Synod of the United Church of Christ; and for the Minnesota Conference  
25 to consider at a future Annual Meeting of its members any action (such as divestment) proposed by an  
26 Israel-Palestine resolution passed at the 30th General Synod, with a proposal on implementation to be  
27 presented by members of the Finance Committee and the Global Partnership Team; and  
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29 Whereas the 30th General Synod of the United Church of Christ did pass the resolution entitled *A Call*  
30 *for the United Church of Christ to Take Actions Toward a Just Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*,  
31 which encourages entities of the United Church of Christ to divest from companies profiting from the  
32 industries of occupation and illegal settlement in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and  
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34 Whereas the American Friends Services Committee, at the time of the writing of this resolution,  
35 maintains a current list of companies profiting from the industries of occupation and illegal settlement  
36 in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and the Palestine Israel Network of the United Church  
37 of Christ recommends this list as the best practice for screening investments; and  
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39 Whereas the Minnesota Conference is committed to investing Conference funds in ways that promote  
40 human health and dignity, environmental integrity and moral responsibility and in ways that are  
41 consistent with the broader witness of the Church and resolutions of Annual Meeting, employing social  
42 screens that include fossil fuels, tobacco and alcohol, conventional and nuclear weapons, and gambling;  
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45 Whereas the United Church Funds has faithfully taken action to divest from companies profiting from  
46 the Occupation;  
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48 The Global Partnerships Team and the Finance Committee present the following resolution in fulfillment  
49 of the 2015 Annual Meeting resolution referenced above.

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51 Be it resolved that the Minnesota Conference will regularly screen all current and future equities and  
52 future bonds for those companies named by the American Friends Service Committee, or other impartial  
53 high-quality source as determined by the Finance Committee on the advice of the Global Partnerships  
54 Team or the UCC's Global Ministries, as profiting from the industries of occupation and illegal settlement  
55 in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and will, to the best of its ability, divest from those  
56 companies and funds.