



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH POLICY ON PALESTINE – ISRAEL

### THE OCCUPATION:

Israeli **settlements** in the occupied territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem are illegal under international law ([1994-D065](#))\*. Israeli **demolition of Palestinian homes** in the Occupied Territories of the West Bank and East Jerusalem is illegal under international law ([2003-D008](#)). Call for “the **withdrawal by Israel** from all occupied Palestinian territories” ([EC-2006](#))\*\*.

“Israeli **security wall** [is an] impediment ... [to] negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict” ([2003-D081](#)).

“**Jerusalem** is a holy city to the three Abrahamic faiths, where full respect must be accorded to the civil rights and religious interests of all persons. ... Relocation of the **US Embassy** from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem at this time creates an additional obstacle to peace” ([2018-B003](#)).

Calls on the U.S. Government “to press the State of Israel to end the **blockade of the Gaza Strip**” (EC- 2006, 2010, 2014); to investigate Israeli **war crimes against civilians** ([2018-D027](#)).

### PALESTINIAN RIGHTS:

Affirms the principle of the **right of return** for every Palestinian ([2000-B016](#)).

Put pressure on Israel to **end human rights violations** ([2018-D027](#)). Restore **UNRWA and USAID Funding** for Palestinians ([2018-B021](#)).

With regard to **Palestinian children**, Israeli authorities must “stop night arrests, using blindfolds and hoods, separation from parents, physical and psychological violence, isolation, coerced confessions and unlawful transfers” ([2018-C038](#)).

### ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON ISRAEL:

Require Israeli Government to account to the U.S. Government for all aid, to be in compliance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; **hold in escrow aid to Israel** by an amount equal to funds invested in expansion of Settlements in West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem ([1991-D008](#)).

Directs development of an “**investment screen**” and No-buy List for companies profiting from the Occupation; encourages continued pursuit of shareholder advocacy to curb corporate complicity in human rights violations ([2018-B016](#)).

Demand enforcement of **legal prohibitions on Israel’s use of U.S. aid** to violate human rights such as by killing unarmed Palestinian protesters ([2018-D027](#)).

*\*These link to the [Archives of the Episcopal Church Acts of Convention](#). Once there, search using the year, in this case 1994, and the resolution number, eg, D065*

*\*\*These link to the [Resolves of the Executive Council](#). At this site, search using the year and a keyword, eg in this case, Palestinian Territories*