

2026 DELEGATION PROPOSAL

Who: A United Church of Christ Delegation (uccmps.org)

When: Early August 2026 (9 days in Palestine)

Facilitated By: Sabeel / Palestinian Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem (sabeel.org)



Racial Justice Ministries and the UCC:

We are leading bold and courageous conversations, engaging in direct social activism, and participating in civil disobedience as a way to bring attention to and disrupt racist systems and structures. The reality of racism, white supremacy and nationalism threatens God's sacred human family...from North America to Palestine and around the world. As people of faith, we remain vigilant anti-racist advocates and activists responding to threats and acts of violence towards our siblings everywhere— especially those of African, Asian, Latin, Palestinian and Native descent—whose civil and human rights are violated on a daily basis.

Who:

- UCC COLLEAGUES / INFLUENCERS:
Clergy and lay leaders committed to anti-racism ministry and advocacy;
Indigenous leaders calling out colonial structures in / beyond the church;
Educators advocating against white supremacy, nationalism and Christian Zionism;
Young influencers able to persuade and organize in their emerging communities.

Why:

- FOR DISCERNMENT AROUND RESISTANCE & DISCIPLESHIP:
Bringing U.S. Christians and Palestinian Christians together, around our diverse experiences of **collective resistance**, **soul-sustaining joy** and **costly discipleship** across generations and theological differences.
- FOR ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT:
Exploring strategies **building power for solidarity and action** to eradicate systemic racism in both contexts, dismantle religious nationalism, and end genocide and apartheid in Palestine.
- FOR COMMITMENT: To imagine and implement **action upon our return**, that we might share lessons from Palestinian Christian allies in our local communities and step up in bold witness and partnership for their cause, while remaining in solidarity with the wider Christian community of just peace activists.

Plus:

A two or three session commitment in the Spring...as we anticipate traveling together, a community of learning and discernment, and the opportunities for shared witness. (FOSNA/Friends of Sabeel often takes the lead on this.)