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The study sessions ground the confession in current realities in Gaza, the West Bank, and within the wider Palestinian diaspora, where church leaders describe an ongoing time of genocide, ethnic cleansing, and forced displacement. The guide situates the new Kairos Palestine text within the long arc of ecumenical concern for Palestine/Israel and invites congregations to receive it as a cry to the global church for help and hope.

A Palestinian Christian Lens

The Kairos Palestine II document describes itself as a renewed “word of faith, hope, and love” and a “moment of truth” for the whole church; this study guide is offered as a tool for congregations to listen carefully to that word and to discern how God is calling the church in the United States (and beyond) to respond.

Throughout the guide, questions are framed to engage the wide spectrum of opinions present in church pews and leadership, from deep concern for Jewish–Christian relations to long-standing commitments to Palestinian human rights. Each session invites participants to ask, “How might this issue look when viewed through the eyes of Palestinian Christians who confess Christ in a time of genocide?” Further, how might we as Christians let that perspective challenge and deepen our own discipleship?

Contents:

- Leader's Guide
- Lesson Plans
- Worship Liturgy
- Children's Sermon
- Text of Kairos Palestine II

- Readers' Theater
- Palestine 101
- Glossary
- Current Denominational Policies

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For more information and to download the guide in mid-February 2026, please visit the Palestine Justice Network at thepjn.org, UMKR at kairosresponse.org, or FOSNA at fosna.org.

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Contents of the Resource

- An introduction to Palestine/Israel, describing current facts on the ground and key related topics, including Gaza, settlement expansion, and the conditions of struggle in Palestinian daily life.
- Five weekly lesson plans suitable for adult education in congregational and diverse settings, each connecting themes in *A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide* with Scripture, prayer, and denominational policy.
- A leader’s guide with background notes, facilitation helps for difficult conversations, and suggestions for next steps in advocacy and accompaniment.
- Worship liturgy and children’s sermon
- A glossary of key terms used in the Kairos Palestine II document and in wider church discussion on Palestine/Israel.
- A digest of current denominational policies and actions, including divestment from the Israeli occupation, boycott of settlement products, recognition of Israeli apartheid, divestment from Israel’s bonds, and repudiation of Christian Zionism.
- The full text of the Kairos Palestine II document.

Readers’ Theater and Difficult Conversations

To help communities step into “conversations happening right now” around Palestine/Israel, the resource also includes a three-character Readers’ Theater script as a relatable way to approach difficult topics. The script portrays realistic scenarios drawn from real life—interactions in session meetings, coffee-hour

debates, and intergenerational dialogue—as participants wrestle with news from Gaza, charges of antisemitism, and calls from Palestinian Christians for costly solidarity.

By hearing and enacting these voices in imagined conversations, congregations can practice more honest, empathetic, and theologically grounded conversation in a low-risk but emotionally truthful setting.

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