



## Divestment Task Force

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### List of Organizations Deserving of Support

*The Divestment Task Force has prepared the following list as directed by Resolution 204 passed by the 2005 New England Annual Conference. This resolution states in part: "Be it finally resolved that we urge our United Methodist funding agencies and our local churches to support with our prayers, presence, and money, those Israeli, Palestinian and international organizations, which bring Israelis and Palestinians together in dialogue, and work daily for peace with justice for both peoples." This list is just a sampling of the many wonderful organizations providing hope through dialog and partnership between Israelis and Palestinians.*

#### **Assoc. for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)**

<http://www.acri.org.il/eng/>

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) was founded in 1972 as a non-political and independent body, with the goal of protecting human and civil rights in Israel and in the territories under Israeli control. ACRI has both Jewish and Arab staff members and volunteers.

#### **Bustan**

<http://www.bustan.org/>

BUSTAN is a partnership of Jewish and Arab eco-builders, architects, academics, and farmers promoting social and environmental justice in Israel/Palestine. BUSTAN utilizes the principles of permaculture and non-violent direct action across ethnic divides.

#### **Christian Peacemaker Teams:**

[www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org)

Based in Chicago, CPT members are Mennonites, Brethren, Roman Catholics, United Methodists, and others, who place themselves on the line in troubled areas around the world. In Palestine, there are teams in Hebron and At-Tuwani who stand between soldiers, Palestinians, and Jewish settlers, trying to defuse potentially violent situations, and working for peace. Donations should be earmarked for Hebron and/or At-Tuwani. These volunteers often mediate between Palestinians and Israelis.

#### **Coalition of Women for Peace** [http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/english/about/general\\_info/](http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/english/about/general_info/)

The Coalition of Women for Peace seeks to mobilize women in support of human rights and a just peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors, as it works to strengthen democracy within Israel. The Coalition brings together independent women and nine women's peace organizations, some newly formed and others promoting coexistence since the founding of the state of Israel. CWP is a mix of Jewish and Palestinian women (all citizens of Israel). The group has established a very useful web site called Who Profits From the Occupation? at [www.whoprofits.org](http://www.whoprofits.org).

#### **Hope Flowers School and Al-Amal Child Care Center** <http://www.hopeflowersschool.org/>

This remarkable Muslim School in the small village of Al Khader, near Bethlehem, has had a peace and democracy curriculum for many years. The school has over 250 students aged 4-13. They have stood firm against reproach from both Palestinians and Israelis, some of whom do not want either side to come together. Some wonderful conferences have been conducted there among educators from both sides, discussing common problems, and learning to know one another. This school is a beacon!

**International Women's Peace Service**<http://www.iwps-pal.org/en/index.php>

*IWPS-Palestine* is an international team of women who provide international accompaniment to Palestinian civilians, document and nonviolently intervene in human rights abuses, support acts of nonviolent resistance to end the Occupation and oppose the Apartheid Wall.

**Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD)**<http://www.icahd.org/>

*ICAHD* is a non-violent, direct-action group originally established to oppose and resist Israeli demolition of Palestinian houses in the Occupied Territories. "As our activists gained direct knowledge of the brutalities of the Occupation, we expanded our resistance activities to other areas..."

**Jewish Voice for Peace**<http://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/publish/mission.shtml>

Jewish Voice for Peace is a diverse community of activists inspired by Jewish tradition to work together for peace, social justice, and human rights. They support the aspirations of Israelis and Palestinians for security and self-determination. JVP supports peace activists in Palestine and Israel, and works in broad coalition with other Jewish, Arab-American, faith-based, peace and social justice organizations.

**Neve Shalom Humanitarian Aid Project**<http://nswas.org/>

The Israeli Jewish-Arab Village of *Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam* provides a remarkable model of coexistence. They organize humanitarian projects, including providing medical assistance for Palestinians in need of help. There is an "American friends of ..." group <http://oasisofpeace.org/>

**Parents' Circle**[www.theparentscircle.com](http://www.theparentscircle.com)

In this group, bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families come together to share their stories and experiences and to seek non-violent solutions. They travel together to promote their visions for peace through non-violence. This excellent bridge-building group fosters communication and understanding.

**Partners for Peace**<http://www.partnersforpeace.org/>

Each year, Partners for Peace brings together Palestinian and Israeli women representing three faiths to meet in the United States and share the reality of their lives with American audiences. They talk about their work for a just peace and a brighter future for their children, their communities and their societies. PFP brings to American audiences and the media the voices that often go unheard.

**Sabeel**<http://www.sabeel.org/>

Sabeel is an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land who seek a just peace based on two states—*Palestine* and *Israel*—as defined by international law and existing United Nations resolutions. They hold conferences which bring together Israelis and Palestinians seeking peace. **Friends of Sabeel-North America**, is at <http://www.fosna.org/>

**Ta'ayush Arab-Jewish Partnership**[www.taayush.org](http://www.taayush.org)

Formed in the fall of 2000, *Ta'ayush* (Arabic for "coexistence") is a grassroots movement of Arabs and Jews working to break down the walls of racism and segregation. It engages in daily actions of solidarity to end the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories and to achieve full civil equality for all Israeli citizens.

**World Council of Churches – Ecumenical Accompanier Program**<http://www.eappi.org/>

The *EAPPI* is an initiative of the World Council of Churches. Its mission is to accompany Palestinians and Israelis in their non-violent actions and advocacy efforts to end the occupation. Participants of the program work alongside local Christian and Muslim Palestinians and Israeli peace activists, offering protection through non-violent presence, engaging in public policy advocacy and standing in solidarity with the churches and all those struggling against the occupation.