

## **Europe**

### Denmark

“In Denmark, 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the peaceful reunification of Southern Jutland with Denmark and the coexistence of the national minorities on both sides of the border. This occasion reminds us of the right of people to self-determination and the universal truth that the protection of people's cultural and social rights and national and religious expression is the only way to lasting peace. This must apply also to Palestine.”

**Bishop Marianne Christiansen**, *Bishop of Haderlev Diocese and Borderland Bishop 2020*

“Under normal circumstances, Christians can have different political opinions, but the situation in Palestine with occupation and annexation represents a serious challenge to the integrity of Christian faith and the future of the Christian churches in the area.”

**Prof Dr Theol. Peter Lodberg**, *Aarhus University*

### Finland

“The world has to be aware about what happens in Palestine. Palestinian lives matter!”

**Dr Wille Riekkinen**, *Bishop emeritus, Finland*

### Germany

“... Ich habe den Aufruf gelesen und bin bereit ihn zu unterzeichnen. Ich tue das in dem Geist, in dem ich 1983 in Vancouver den Aufruf an die Kirchen zu einem konziliaren Prozess für Gerechtigkeit, Frieden und Bewahrung der Schöpfung unterstützt habe und 1989 in der ‘Ökumenische Versammlung der christlichen Kirchen in der DDR’ die ‘Friedliche Revolution’ mit herbeigeführt habe, in der es um dieselben Ziele ging.

Translation: “I have read the Call and I am ready to sign it. I do this in the same spirit as I endorsed the Conciliar Process of Mutual Commitment to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation at the WCC Assembly in Vancouver 1983 and as I participated in the implementation of the ‘Peaceful Revolution’ in the ‘Ecumenical Assembly of the Churches in the GDR’ aiming at the same goals as expressed in the Call.”

**Propst i.R. D. Dr Heino Falcke**, *Erfurt*

“Um der der Zukunft der Palästinenser und um der Gerechtigkeit Israels willen unterschreibe ich diesen verzweifelten 'Schrei nach Hoffnung' der Christen in Palästina. Ich will, dass er gehört wird.”

Translation: “For the future of the Palestinians and for the justice of Israel I sign this desperate 'Cry for Hope' of the Christians in Palestine. I want it to be heard.”

**Prof Dr Jürgen Moltmann**, *University of Tübingen*

“From the Hebrew Bible I learned – already in the time of South African Apartheid – that there cannot be peace without justice, particularly among the inhabitants of the same Land. Ethnic separation is preventing peaceful developments. They will only sit ‘under their vine and fig tree’ when the peoples of the land together create justice... This is my engagement, my yearning and my hope for Israel and my solidarity with Palestine.”

**Barbel Wartenberg-Potter**, *Bishop Emeritus of the North Church in Germany*

“Vor nun mehr als zehn Jahren haben Christinnen und Christen in Palästina mit dem Kairos Dokument ‘Die Stunde der Wahrheit - Ein Wort des Glaubens, der Liebe und der Hoffnung’ einen Ruf an uns, an die Kirchen der Welt gerichtet. Wir sollten helfen, daß Menschenrechte und Völkerrecht von allen Seiten eingehalten werden. Wir haben diesen Ruf der Hoffnung damals zur Kenntnis, aber nicht ernst genug genommen. Seither hat sich die Situation zwischen Israel und Palästina weiter verschärft. Entscheidende Schritte für Recht und Gerechtigkeit sind unabdingbar wie sie der erneute chrei zur Hoffnung’ in seinen sieben konkreten Vorschlägen und Bitten formuliert. Deshalb unterstütze ich diesen Cry for Hope.”

Translation: “More than ten years ago, Christians in Palestine issued a call to us, the churches of the world, with the Kairos document, A moment of Truth - A Word of Faith, Love and Hope. We were asked to help to ensure that human rights and international law are respected by all parties. We took note of this call of hope at the time, but did not take it seriously enough. Since then, the situation between Israel and Palestine has further deteriorated. Decisive steps towards the rule of law and justice are indispensable, as formulated by the renewed Cry for Hope in its seven concrete proposals and requests. This is why I support this Cry for Hope.”

**Bishop Emeritus Eberhardt Renz, Former Vice President of the WCC, Germany**

### Greece

“Thank you for sharing the Kairos Palestine Call. Volos Academy has always supported the Kairos initiative, and in June 2011 we organized a relative conference in cooperation with WCC.

“I am happy to sign the call (despite some reservations, as for example the insistence on the return of all Palestinian refugees, which constitute an unrealistic goal, and which cost the failure of the 2000 negotiations; in these negotiations, the then Labour Israeli Prime Minister Ehoud Barak offered to Arafat the occupied territories, East-Jerusalem, and return of 10 or 20% of the refugees, which offer was rejected by the Palestinian leader).”

**Dr Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies**

### Ireland

“The Kairos Ireland committee wholeheartedly endorse the Cry for Hope issued by Kairos Palestine on behalf of Palestinian Church leaders. We hope that churches throughout the world will support this call and will continue to work for justice and peace in the Holy Land and strongly oppose the proposed annexation of Palestinian land by Israel.”

**John Parkin, Chair Kairos Ireland, Minister Methodist Church in Ireland**

### Norway

“In these critical times, we will all unite to strengthen our advocacy for Palestine and for the Palestinian people. In our context we talk more often about economic measures against the Israeli occupation and we uphold of course the right to free speech. We work together for a just peace in Israel/Palestine.”

**Friends of Sabeel Norway, Affiliated to Kairos for Global Justice Coalition**

“Your Kairos message of faith, hope and love, that without compromise confronts injustice and impunity, and promotes transformation, dignity and just community, describes the only way forward towards the vision of reconciliation and coexistence. I will continue walking this path of loving resistance with you!”

**Rev Eilert L. Rostrup, Karibu Foundation Director**

“Palestinian lives matter – all lives matter. If one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now the heart of the Church is suffering. We cannot be witnesses without crying out for justice.”

**Rev Oyvind Stabrun**, *Dean in Groruddalen, Church of Norway*

“In the hope for justice and peace, I strongly support this initiative.”

**Halvor Moxnes**, *Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Theology, Univ. of Oslo, Church of Norway (Lutheran)*

### Spain

"Apoyo con mi firma el documento "Un clamor de esperanza" como expresión de mi solidaridad con la lucha del Pueblo Palestino por su liberación y como denuncia por la opresión a que está siendo sometido por el Estado invasor de Israel con el apoyo del imperialismo estadounidense y los países que legitiman la opresión. Valoro muy positivamente la Teología Palestina de la Liberación, que acompaña al Pueblo Palestino en su compromiso por salir del cautiverio y la tiranía al que vive sometido y en su resistencia frente a la ocupación. En mi libro "Teologías del Sur. El giro descolonizador" dedico un capítulo a la Teología Palestina de la Liberación que se está desarrollando en Palestina como momento fundamental de las cristianas y los cristianos en el proceso de recuperación de su territorio y como camino para la realización del reino de Dios en la nueva Palestina libre y liberada. reconozco la gran aportación a dicha teología del teólogo cristiano palestino Naim Stifan Ateek (Trotta, Madrid, 2020, 2ª edición, 147-151). Me encantaría publicar algunas de las obras de dicha teología en castellano para un mejor conocimiento en España y América Latina.

“Con mi amistad reciba un cordial saludo en la lucha por la independencia del Pueblo Palestino y en sintonía con sus luchas”.

Translation: “I support with my signature the document “Cry for Hope” as an expression of my solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian People for their liberation and as a denunciation of the oppression to which the invading State of Israel is being subjected with the support of US imperialism and the countries that legitimize oppression. I very much value the Palestinian Liberation Theology, which accompanies the Palestinian People in their commitment to escape captivity and the tyranny to which they live and their resistance to the occupation. In my book " Southern theologies. The decolonizing turn" I dedicate a chapter to Palestinian Liberation Theology that is developing in Palestine as a fundamental moment for Christian women in the process of recovering their territory and as a way to realize the kingdom of God in the new Free and liberated Palestine. I recognize the great contribution to said theology of the Palestinian Christian theologian Naim Stifan Ateek (Trotta, Madrid, 2020, 2nd edition, 147-151). I would love to publish some of the works of said theology in Spanish for a better knowledge in Spain and Latin America.

“With my friendship I receive a cordial greeting in the fight for the independence of the Palestinian People and in tune with their struggles.”

**Juan José Tamayo**, *Director de la Cátedra de Teología y Ciencias de las Religiones "Ignacio Ellacuría" Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*

### Sweden

“Justice is intrinsic to a living faith. As Christians and Churches in Sweden we do support the right to self-determination for the Palestinian people and we have since long worked for the recognition of the state of Palestine, and in 2014 the state of Sweden did recognize the state of Palestine. We join hands with

people of all faiths and secular convictions in the struggle for a free Palestine liberated from Israeli occupation, blockade and apartheid.”

**Anna Karin Hammar and Lena Lönnqvist, *Kairos Palestine-Sweden***

“We need action, prayers, eyes and open hands to show solidarity with Palestinian sisters and brothers. Together with the worldwide church we continue to pray: God of Life. Lead us to justice and peace. Amen.”

**The Right Revd Eva Brunne, *Senior Bishop Diocese of Stockholm, Church of Sweden, Member of the Central Committee, World Council of Churches***

“The God of Israel and the prophets remains the God of the oppressed. The cries of the oppression and despair from our Palestinian brothers and sisters cry for Mercy and Compassion and call upon each friend of the Holy Land to listen, react, and act.”

**Peter Halldorf, *Pastor, author and founder of the Ecumenical Community Bjarka-Saby, Sweden***

“As my Christian faith is rooted in the vision of Shalom by the prophets of old Israel and enlightened by their firm belief that the way to Peace is justice and nonviolence—it is a matter of the integrity of this my faith to endorse the Cry for Hope: a Call to Decisive Action. It is done in sincere love for both peoples and the conviction that the present policies of the Israeli government and the US administration unavoidably lead to an apartheid state which is the radical opposite of Shalom and thus equally damaging for oppressed and oppressors. Christians and Churches all over the world have to choose which way to peace they want to support: “peace” as submission to Empire or peace in the spirit of Shalom, which includes justice and equality for all in a culture of nonviolence.”

**KG Hammar, *Archbishop Emeritus Church of Sweden***

“Friends of Sabeel Sweden hold firm to the hope articulated in the Kairos document, that Palestinians and Israelis have a common future—that after ending the occupation and establishing justice, they can organise ‘political life, with all its complexity, according to the logic of love and its power.’ In doing so, we ‘embrace our membership in the community of the broken bread, the church fulfilling its mission to bring the good news of God’s gift of love, mercy, compassion, and abundant life for all.’ Throughout the year Friends of Sabeel Sweden will focus on the ‘requirement for decisive and immediate action regarding the denial of Palestinian rights and the misuse of the Bible to justify this injustice.’”

**Kenneth Kimming, *Chair, Friends of Sabeel Sweden***

### Switzerland

“World YWCA for decades has supported the notion and the demand that Palestinian people be afforded the dignity, self-determination, and fundamental human rights guaranteed under international law—by way of formal resolutions, endorsed by woman leaders in over 100 countries around the globe. We agree that the present times call for unprecedented bold, faithful and resolute action.”

**Casey Harden, *General Secretary, World YWCA***

### The Netherlands

“We, Kairos Sabeel Netherlands, fully endorse the proposal from Kairos Palestine, as expressed by Patriarch Sabbah and Rifat Kassis. We support the aims of further engaging with the churches in view of justice for all, based on equality of all humans in the light of the gospel and will continue to work with love and strength to achieve those goals.”

*Kairos Sabeel Netherlands, Cornelis H Blok, Chair*

## United Kingdom

“We stand shoulder to shoulder with the Palestinian people as they give us a model in Cry for Hope for challenging injustice and inequalities which brings with it the chance of a new start free from moral corruption for us all.”

**Sabeel Kairos UK**

“We cannot and must not ignore the cry of the Palestinian people any longer. Dignity, freedom and respect are the right of every human being. We are all made in the image of God who loves us and calls us to love each other. Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace summons us to work for the justice without which there can be no Shalom.”

**Jennifer M. Carpenter**, *Vice-President of the (British) Methodist Conference 1988-89, and a Methodist Church representative at WCC Assembly in Canberra in 1991*

“As a long-time campaigner against apartheid in South Africa and caste discrimination in India, I see in Israel/Palestine another deep-rooted system of discrimination—economic, political, cultural and psychological. The Cry for Hope rightly includes a call for economic sanctions, which was a vital element in defeating apartheid. Until there is a Free Palestine there cannot be a Free Israel.”

**Rev David Haslam**, *MBE Secretary, Churches Commission for Racial Justice, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland; former Chair, Christian Socialist Movement UK; currently Chair, Church Action for Tax Justice*

“In some places the wall that separates the West Bank from Israel is a fence. There is now no more room on top of that fence for anyone to sit: least of all churches and least of all Christians. Those who care about human rights for all, those who care about justice for all, those who care about peace for all, those who care about freedom for all—please listen to this Cry for Hope. Listen, pray, speak and act.

**Very Rev Andrew R C McLellan**, *C.B.E.: former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland*

“It is past time for the Church throughout the world to heed this cry, and not merely to find its prophetic voice, to teach its members and to speak truth to power, but to show solidarity in practical as well as symbolic action, and to use its resources in morally responsible ways to bring closer the day when there is freedom, justice, and peace in Palestine.”

**Rev Canon Dr Nicholas Taylor**, *Scottish Episcopal Church, Chairperson, Scottish Palestinian Forum*

“Cry for Hope gives expression to the heartfelt aspirations and frustrated desires for freedom and liberation of the Palestinian people. This call for justice speaks to the very heart of my belief in a gospel of liberation and God's radical identification with those who are deemed 'the least of these.' It is my hope that many people will be moved to act in solidarity with the Palestinian cause for freedom and justice. The call for equity and liberation demands nothing less than this!

**Anthony Reddie**, *Professor Extraordinary, University of South Africa and Director, oOxford Centre for Religion and Culture, Regent's Park College, the University of Oxford*

“This is a desperate cry from the Churches of Palestine to the Churches of the world to speak up, campaign and witness against the ongoing oppression and occupation that the Palestinian people are suffering. It is a call to end occupation and establish justice which will bring hope for both communities. We cannot be silent because as the statement says ‘the Creator God is a God of love, mercy and justice not discrimination and oppression.’ Now is the time to speak out with prophetic voices.”

**Rev Canon Garth Hewitt**, Founder, Amos Trust; Canon, St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem;  
singer/songwriter