

Latin America

Argentina

“Hereby, I place on record that we adhere to the document Cry for Hope prepared by the theology group of Kairos. Since 2010, as the Evangelical Church of the Río de la Plata, we have been strongly committed to accompanying the EAPPI, a program of the World Council of Churches and, based on the experience of some members of our church in Palestinian and Israeli territories, we have been able to learn first-hand about the situation that both peoples are going through, immersed in the conflict that has more than 70 years without solution for both parties.

“We thank God for the hard work they do from Kairos and we encourage them to continue in the fight for peace based on justice, just as the prophet Isaiah encourages us (32:17).”

Rev Leonardo Schindler, *President, Evangelical church del Rio de la Plata (iglesia evangélica del río de la plata), Buenos Aires*

Brazil

“I support the CRY FOR HOPE: A CALL TO DECISIVE ACTION, because we cannot give up struggling for justice and peace. It simply belongs to the core of our faith.”

Prof Dr. Walter Altmann, Lutheran pastor and theologian, former presiding Pastor of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (IECLB), former President of the Latin American Council of Churches (CLAI), former moderator of the Central Committee of the World Council of the Churches (WCC)

“I fight for Palestine because I fight for the landless in Brazil and now, the hungry in Angola...”

Prof Rev Fernando Bortoletto Filho, *Pastor of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil, Executive Director of Association of Evangelical Theological Seminaries (ASTE)*

Uruguay

“El Cuerpo Pastoral de la Iglesia Evangélica Valdense del Río de la Plata, sabiéndose parte del pueblo de Dios que procura y ora por la justicia y la libertad para las personas y los pueblos oprimidos, adhiere al Clamor de Esperanza y llamamiento a la Acción Decisiva, No podemos servir a Dios y a la opresión del pueblo Palestino expresado en la carta de la coalición mundial Kairos Palestina y Kairós Global por la Justicia firmada por H.B. Michel Sabbah, Patriarca Latino (Emérito) de Jerusalén y Rifat Kassis, Coordinador General de Kairos Global por la Justicia. Lo hace, con la convicción de que el llamado y las acciones que propone dicha carta, son pertinentes, urgentes y viables, no solo para contribuir a desatar las cadenas de opresión del pueblo Palestino a partir del diálogo, el entendimiento racional y la cooperación a todos los niveles, sino también para las iglesias, ya que como allí claramente también se expresa, están en juego convicciones de fe y de conciencia que hacen a la razón misma de ser iglesias de Jesucristo en el tiempo presente.”

Translation: “The Pastoral Corps of the Valdesian Evangelical Church of the Río de la Plata, knowing that it is part of the people of God who seeks and prays for justice and freedom for oppressed people and peoples, adheres to the Cry for Hope: A Call for Decisive Action. We cannot serve God and the oppression of the Palestinian people expressed in the letter of the world coalition Kairos Palestine and Kairos Global for Justice signed by HB Michel Sabbah, Latin Patriarch (Emeritus) of Jerusalem, and Rifat Kassis, General Coordinator of Kairos Global for Justice. The board does so with the conviction that the call and the actions proposed by the Cry for Hope are pertinent, urgent and feasible, not only to help unleash the chains of oppression of the Palestinian people through dialogue, rational understanding and

cooperation at all levels. But also for the churches since, as it is also clearly expressed there, convictions of faith and conscience are at stake that define the very reason of being churches of Jesus Christ in the present time.”

Pastor Carola Tron, *Moderator of the Valdessian Board, Valdessian Evangelical Church of the Rio de la Plata (Argentina - Uruguay)*