You have heard it said the PC(USA) should not divest from Israel...

**BUT** our divestment is aimed **only at** companies whose products and technology are used by the **Israeli military:**

- **As weapons** to destroy Palestinian homes, orchards, fields, water resources and other means of living in the West Bank.
  - For example, Israeli Caterpillar bulldozers flattened the village of El Rahawia making 83 people homeless.
- **As means of maintaining** the occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, siege of Gaza and overall **oppression** of the Palestinian people, including our Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers!
  - For example, Motorola provides surveillance technology for illegal settlements built on Palestinian land.
  - For example, H-P provides bio-scanners that are used with racial profiling only on Palestinians in their own homeland.

**BUT** the Israelis have:

- Demolished solar panels installed by a Spanish NGO cutting off power to 40 families, a health clinic and a school
- Damaged an ancient well repaired by Polish funds and two water cisterns in the southern West Bank financed by France
- Demolished the Khan al-Ahmar Elementary School that serves about 75 Bedouin children ages 6-10
- Issued stop orders for solar panel and wind turbine systems in six communities funded mostly by Germany
- From 2000-2007, rejected 94% of Palestinian building applications, issued 5,000 demolition orders and demolished 1,600 Palestinian buildings
- Demolished for 5th time the home of a Palestinian family with 7 children that has been rebuilt by Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions five times!
- Demolished **26,000 Palestinian homes since 1967**
- In 2011 alone, Israel destroyed 620 structures in the occupied West Bank, of which 62 were European-funded, twice as many as in 2010.

"Aid from the international community...is wasted when aid-funded projects are demolished."

- Oxfam

**Sources:** American Friends of UNRWA Association, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Alternative Information Center, Israeli Committee Against House Demolition, ICAHD, NRSV Bible theIPMN.org

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**Presbyterians do mission in partnership...**

- Presbyterians have had mission partners in the Holy Land for over 170 years
- Our mission partners are not asking us to invest but to divest
- after 170 years of mission partnership, shouldn’t we be listening to our partners?

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**Micah 6:8**

*...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

**Matthew 5:9**

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God*