

to INVEST or DIVEST?

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.

You have heard it said the PC(USA) should instead engage in “positive investment” in the Palestinian Territories ...

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

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

Micah 6:8

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

Matthew 5:9

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?

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