Why Study Kairos Palestine?
In 2010, the 219th General Assembly of PC (USA) commended Kairos Palestine for study.

see
www.pc-biz.org
Cmt 14, item 14-08
The 219th GA “Commends for study the Kairos Palestine document (‘A Moment of Truth’), and endorses the document’s emphases on hope for liberation, nonviolence, love of enemy, and reconciliation. We lift up for study the often neglected voice of Palestinian Christians.”

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Kairos
(καιρός)
An ancient Greek word meaning the right or opportune moment, the supreme moment; a crucial time into which a document is spoken.

In the New Testament, kairos means “the appointed time in the purpose of God,” the time when God acts (e.g. Mark 1.15, the kairos is fulfilled).
What is Kairos Palestine?

excerpts from PC(USA)’s
Peacemaking Program Newsletter
“Swords into Ploughshares”
Feb 2010
At a “kairos moment,” members of Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Anglican and Baptist traditions in the Palestinian Christian community issued a statement in Bethlehem in December 2009 called the “Kairos Palestine Document.” Many of these brothers and sisters in Christ are partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- “Swords into Ploughshares” Feb 2010
The statement characterizes the Israeli Occupation of the Palestinian Territories since 1967 as an evil that must be resisted by Palestinians and be removed by nonviolent means, including BDS – boycott, divestment and sanctions.

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How does Kairos South Africa fit in?
Written by an ecumenical group of pastors, Kairos South Africa is a theological statement issued in 1985. It challenged the Church’s response to what the authors saw as the vicious policies of the Apartheid state under the State of Emergency declared on 21 July 1985.
In response to the message of Kairos Palestine, Christians from Kairos South Africa countries gathered at a conference in April 2011 to hear the cry from Palestine.
The commitments from Southern Africa include:

- Accepting our complicity to the injustices suffered by Palestinians albeit through widespread ignorance, silence and apathy in our society.
- We support the call towards boycotts, divestments and sanctions (BDS) against the Israeli government.
Desmond Tutu to Kairos Palestine:

“...the encounter between Kairos Southern Africa and Kairos Palestine has a very special significance, ...
Again, the very essence of the Gospel is at stake.
...Because we are one body, we are now in complete solidarity with you and we look forward to rejoicing with you when your freedom comes.”

- April 2011
“All Presbyterians may not agree with everything contained in the Kairos Palestine Document, but it is a word from our sisters and brothers in Christ [from the cradle of our faith]. It is worth reading, praying about, and pondering deeply.”
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The Israel Palestine Mission
Network of the PC(USA)
www.theIPMN.org

The network is mandated by 214th General Assembly to advocate for Palestinian Human Rights
The 219th General Assembly referred a monitoring committee, appointed by last two moderators, to write a Kairos study guide. This guide, is to be released online only (in PDF format) in June 2011. With it, there will be many links to other resources for further study and reference, including the IPMN website and publications. Both the new PDF guide and the IPMN booklet can be used for a complete study.