

## **PCMC Policy Statement on Palestine and Israel**

In keeping with its mission of seeking world peace through nonviolent means and international law, PCMC supports ending the blockade of Gaza, the end of the occupation of Palestine, the freeing of political prisoners, and self-determination for the Palestinian people. Israelis' human rights, including their right to self-determination, must be respected.

The United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3236, first passed in 1974 and then annually, affirms the rights of the Palestinian people in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, including the inalienable right of the Palestinians to return to their homes and property, a right which, after sixty years, would probably need to be met with monetary compensation in many cases, after appropriate negotiation.

To arrive at that great day when Palestinians and Israelis can both enjoy human rights and respect each other, have social and economic justice, live in harmony and support one another, PCMC specifically supports the call for a boycott of all Israeli products made in illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. PCMC also supports boycott and/or divestment from companies profiting from the occupation and illegal settlement of Palestinian land.

Locally PCMC supports the efforts of the Palestine Action Committee as it leaflets consumers at local stores asking them not to buy SodaStream products which are produced in the West Bank on land illegally confiscated from the Palestinians.

PCMC calls on the U.S. government to cease supplying foreign aid and arms to Israel. In fiscal 2014 The U.S. gave \$3.1 billion in foreign military financing for Israel—close to \$10 million per day dwarfing the amounts provided to any other state. U.S. law prohibits the president from furnishing military aid to any country engaged in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights.

We are unequivocal in our own commitment to nonviolence, but also in our commitment to justice for all people. We hope you will join in our efforts!

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