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Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) upon the Release of Kairos Palestine 2

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If one member [of the body] suffers, all suffer together. (1 Corinthians 12:26).

The Scriptures remind the Church that our lives are bound together - and thus, we must live in costly solidarity, supporting and sacrificing for one another. When our Palestinian Christian brothers and sisters cry out from the depths of suffering, we are called not to turn away, but to listen, lament, repent, and take action in response.

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) acknowledges the release of Kairos Palestine 2 as a profound theological testimony written in the rubble of Gaza, in the dust of demolished homes, in the tears of mothers, and in the refugee camps of Palestine. It is a theology of the cross, born of suffering, endurance, and deep faith, yet also a theology of hope: faith and love from the heart of suffering.

As we receive this new Kairos Document, we do so with humility and sobriety. We hear the pain, the longing for liberation, and the steadfast conviction that justice and peace are aligned with God's purposes for the holy land. We also recognize that Kairos Palestine 2 challenges all of us, especially churches and Christians in the West, to confront unjust systems that deny human liberty and freedom.

In this moment, CMEP acknowledges our own moral failures. We repent of the silence, the inaction, and the complicity that have contributed to the suffering of the Palestinian people. We confess the ways American policy, Western power, and segments of the global Church, including our own communities, have enabled oppression, displacement, discrimination, and the ongoing devastation in Gaza and the West Bank. With God's help, we commit ourselves to a path of repentance, repair, and renewed solidarity.

CMEP affirms the right of the Palestinian people to freedom, justice, equality, and self-determination. We support their calls for liberation and for the restoration of dignity to all who have endured decades of occupation and dispossession. We also hear the urgency of this clarion call after decades of ethnic cleansing and more than two years of what many experts around the world have called genocide. We hear, in the witness of Kairos Palestine 2, the biblical vision of a future in which "mercy and truth meet, and righteousness and peace kiss" (Psalm 85:10). This is a vision we long for, a vision of a land where all people live in security, justice, and peace.

We therefore commit to a season of reflection, prayer, and discernment as we continue engaging the text of Kairos Palestine 2. We will listen deeply to our Palestinian Christian partners, wrestle with the challenges it presents, and allow its message to shape our advocacy, our conversations, and our witness. Guided by our faith, we will work to dismantle structures that perpetuate violence and inequality, and we will labor for a future rooted in justice, healing, and the flourishing of all who call the land holy.

May Christ, who meets us in suffering, lead us toward courageous love, truthful repentance, and the costly solidarity to which the gospel calls us.

You can read the full Kairos Palestine Release HERE.

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Formed in 1984, Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) is a coalition of more than 30 national church communions and organizations, including Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, and Evangelical traditions that works to encourage US policies that actively promote a comprehensive resolution to conflicts in the Middle East with a focus on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. CMEP works to mobilize US Christians to embrace a holistic perspective and to be advocates of equality, human rights, security, and justice for Israelis, Palestinians, and all people of the Middle East.

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