Resources for studying Kairos Palestine

In 2009 Palestinian Christians issued a call for Christians around the world to heed Christ's call to seek justice for the oppressed and work together for a just peace in their land. The *kairos* time is now, they write, because the international effort to negotiate a peaceful solution to the conflict has reached a dead end. In this document, Kairos Palestine, they share their anguish and express their hope in the mystery and power of God to work through us to find the way to end the occupation and establish freedom for all the people in the Holy Land.

In 2012 US theologians and lay persons wrote a response and called on churches to listen to the cry of their Palestinian sisters and brothers and join them in a nonviolent resistance to injustice and work with them for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. Our UCC Global Ministries invites churches to use these 2 documents and the study guides developed for congregations and then make a Kairos commitment to participate in this struggle for justice and peace in the land of our ancestors in faith. For more information about our UCC involvement, contact Peter Makari at Global Ministries or visit www.globalministries.org/mee/kairos

These Kairos documents are available on line

www.pcusa.org/resource/kairos-palestine-document-and-study-guide/ www.kairosusa.org

or, if you prefer a hard copy, these documents are available for purchase (\$1.50) from our Wisconsin UCC Bethlehem Partnership (bonnievano@aol.com)

The Bethlehem Partnership Committee has a one hour workshop (developed for the Conference Annual Meeting) using these two documents that can begin the conversation and help your committee or congregation get a "taste" of these documents. If you would like more information or to schedule a presentation about these documents, contact Bonnie Van Overbeke at bonnievano@aol.com or Nancy Baumgardner at nancybaumgardner@gmail.com.