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We received with joy your letter on behalf of our sisters and brothers in Belgium. Your expression of solidarity encourages us spiritually and empowers us in our daily work to end the occupation and restore the dignity and human rights of Palestinians and Israelis alike.

We are especially thankful to learn how you have so closely followed the deteriorating political and social conditions in Palestine and Israel. The Belgium pastor serving through EAPPI, your church's intervention in political debates, and your Church in Society's working group embracing Kairos theology as the basis for further action: these are powerful expressions of the Kairos movement.

Please keep us informed about your further work and witness.

To this end, our board and staff encourage the United Church of Belgium to formally join the growing Global Kairos for Justice movement. We invite you to attend the tenth anniversary observance of the Kairos Palestine document to be held in Bethlehem on November 29, 2019. There will be a meeting of leaders of the Global Kairos for Justice movement to be held on the following two days (November 30 and December 1). We want you to be represented at this meeting, too.

In our late 2018 gathering of the Global Kairos group, representatives from around 20 countries gathered to strategize and implement actions that seek to affect a more just society tailored to each country's situation.

May we request that you encourage your congregations and your ecumenical and civil society partner organizations to join in the Global Kairos initiative that culminates in an action directed to Israeli embassies and consulates and other foreign ministries around the world on May 15, 2019, Nakba

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Commemoration Day? You'll find information about this Global Kairos Signature Campaign attached to this letter.

Finally, we echo your sentiments regarding the suffering of the cross and the hope of resurrection. Palestinians, along with other oppressed peoples throughout the world, keep faith that our share in the cross will end in the joy of an empty tomb and new life for humankind and the whole of creation.

Gratefully,

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