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September 6, 1991

K. Jewons
The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20013

Dear Mr. President:

I share your concern regarding current Israeli pressure for our country to supply 10 billion dollars to help with the building settlements in the West Bank and elsewhere.

For many Americans the thought that we should support this illegal policy, a policy which you and the Secretary of State have seen as damaging to any resolution of the conflict in the area, is unthinkable.

When the World Methodist Council met this summer (July 24-31) in Singapore it expressed deep concern on this matter, adopting a strong resolution on Israel's claim to East Jerusalem, its increased confiscation of land for settlers and the placement of new restrictions on Palestinians, further reducing their ability to travel and revoking their permits to work in Israel.

As a consequence, many families that have lived in this land for generations, even for hundreds of years, are being forced out. Without land, and without the ability to work and earn a living they cannot survive.

What is presented in the media as a great humanitarian movement--the receiving of settlers from the USSR, from Africa and elsewhere--is more a cynical and calculated plan to solve the problem of the West Bank and Gaza, by eliminating the Palestinians.

The representative body of world Methodists is composed of 500 members from all parts of the world. Because the Methodist membership is found in 6 separate denominations in the United States, with about 15 million members in this country, about half of the 500 come from the United States. These are not radical activists, but average church people who are spread rather evenly across the country.

encl When the vote was taken on the enclosed resolution, it was unanimously adopted. I send it to you as a signal of support. You have taken a courageous course, and I want you to know of the support of this organization, and of my own personal backing for the strong stand you are taking.

The text of the resolution and the accompanying letter I sent Mr. Shamir are enclosed.

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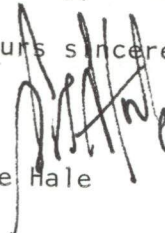
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September 6, 1991

Thank you for your determination that fairness, and those democratic principles we cherish, may also prevail in the State of Israel. The United States does not owe Israel 10 Billion dollars. It is Israel that owes us an accounting with regard to what it has done with money we have already provided, and how its record on human rights stands. We demand this of every other country receiving US aid.

With appreciation for your leadership, I remain

Yours sincerely,



Joe Hale

WASHINGTON

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THE SETTLEMENT OF NEW IMMIGRANTS AND THE DISPLACEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PALESTINIANS IN ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

The World Methodist Council meeting in Singapore, July 24-31, 1991 expresses deep concern about the following actions now being taken by the State of Israel:

1. The claim that East Jerusalem now belongs to Israel and the increased confiscation of land in the West Bank in order to accommodate tens of thousands of Jewish immigrants.
2. The consequent restriction of movement imposed on Palestinian Arabs and the cancellation of their work permits which effectively takes away their jobs, and their ability to survive.

The Council calls upon the government of Israel to remedy these disturbing injustices. It wishes to identify with people of goodwill in Israel who, remembering their own sufferings, are courageously using their influence to remove the causes of suffering and anxiety afflicting the 1.8 million Palestinians living in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza.

At the same time, the Council affirms its total commitment to the right of the people of Israel to live in peace within secure boundaries.

Adopted by the World Methodist Council
Singapore
July 30, 1991





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August 9, 1991

Mr. Yitzhak Shamir
The Prime Minister
The State of Israel
Hakirya Ruppin Street
Jerusalem, Israel

Your Excellency:

In the end of July, the World Methodist Council, meeting in Singapore, unanimously passed the enclosed resolution pertaining to the settlement of new immigrants and the displacement of indigenous Palestinians in Israel and the occupied West Bank.

The World Methodist Council is composed of 500 persons representing Methodist Churches located in some 93 countries of the world. Methodist constituents worldwide number 54 million. The deep concern I was asked to convey to you lies in three areas:

(1) Along with many other international organizations and nations, the World Methodist Council does not accept your government's claim that East Jerusalem is permanently joined to Israel.

(2) The Council further expresses alarm at the increased confiscation of land in the West Bank. Your minister, Ariel Sharon, is quite open in indicating that this is official Israeli policy. The encouragement of tens of thousands of Jewish immigrants to Israel, with the offer of land that rightfully belongs to persons whose families have lived for centuries in the area, is not a humanitarian act, but a cruel, and seemingly calculated, method to displace indigenous Palestinians and consolidate your hold on occupied territory which, by international law, is not yours.

(3) The World Methodist Council views as especially cynical and unjust the restrictions your government has imposed on thousands of Palestinian Arabs in Gaza and the West Bank, including the cancellation of their work permits. As jobs they have previously held are given to newly-arrived immigrants, their very ability to survive in the land of their birth is taken away.

The World Methodist Council stands with you and strongly supports your right to exist within secure borders.

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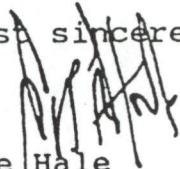
We also identify with people of goodwill in Israel who, remembering their own sufferings, are seeking to remove the cause of suffering and anxiety imposed on Palestinians who now struggle for survival.

We plead with you, Mr. Prime Minister, to use the opportunity now opening for peace with Palestinian people who share the land with you and with your Arab neighbors, to work for a peace that will be fair to all. As long as you claim East Jerusalem belongs to Israel, disregarding its Palestinian population; as long as land is confiscated in the West Bank and given to newly-arrived immigrants, displacing persons for whom this land is home, Israel will know no security, nor will it gain what we all hoped and expected -- that The Nation of Israel would assume an honored place in the community of nations.

We wish all well who shall sit at the table seeking a peaceful resolution to competing claims for land and for the freedom to live in peace as human beings.

We wish you well, and hope you will bring those values into the discussions from teachings of the Hebrew Torah and the prophetic tradition which have offered hope to the world over the centuries.

Most sincerely yours,



Joe Hale
General Secretary
World Methodist Council

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cc: Dr. Donald English
London, England
Chairperson
World Methodist Council