

2017 CalNevada Annual Conference

ITEM #6 END PURCHASE OF HEWLETT PACKARD PRODUCTS

BACKGROUND: The United Methodists have engaged with HP for more than 8 yrs asking the company to end their involvement with the illegal occupation of Palestine but no meaningful progress has been made. We believe the settlements hinder peace efforts, destroy the hope of peace for Israeli and Palestinians who long for peace, and foster desperation that leads to violence. The time has come to hold the company responsible for its actions in Palestine.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE), one of the family of Hewlett Packard companies(HP), is responsible for developing , integrating and maintaining the biometric system used by the Israeli military to control the movement of the Palestinians, and Whereas HPE profits from developing systems to racially profile and control the movement of Palestinians, and as such is complicit in a breach of article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Whereas HP operates a development centering Beithar Illit, an illegal Israeli-only settlement city in the occupied West Bank built on land confiscated from the Palestinian villages of Wadi Foquin, Nahalin, and Husan, and, as an employer in the settlement, HP profits from the stolen land, and Whereas HP provides services and technologies to two of the biggest Israeli-only, illegal West Bank settlements Modi"lin and Ariel ,and Whereas the Hewlett Packard Company recently split into two companies, HP Inc, and Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE), with more spin-offs projected, and the various HP companies share certain logistical infrastructure, governance, supply chains, and technologies with one another, they all draw on The HP brand's long history of close connections with the Israeli military and its occupation of the West Bank, and Whereas the United Methodist Church has specifically and repeatedly condemned both the military occupation and the construction of Israeli-only settlements in the West Bank (2016 United Methodist Book of Resolutions #611, pp.602-606), and

Whereas The United Methodist Church asks all companies that profit from and/or support settlements through their business activities and business transactions that contribute to violations of international law, and Whereas Jewish Voice for Peace and the Israeli Coalition of Women for Peace support divestment from, as well as boycott of, Hewlett Packard, and Whereas the Presbyterian Church (USA), The United Church of Christ, Quaker Friends Fiduciary, the Alliance of Baptists, and Unitarian Universalist have divested from HP, and Whereas an international coalition of organizations and groups have come together to challenge HP's complicity in human rights violations in the Occupied Palestinian territories and to ask the company to withdraw from such contracts, and Whereas there has been no meaningful progress with HP and no indication of any willingness to change their involvement in the occupation of Palestinian territories.

AS RECORDED: (End Purchase of Hewlett Packard Products Adopted by the Plenary Session as Amended)

Be it resolved that the 2017 Annual Conference encourages congregations to prayerfully study the role of Hewlett Packard (HP) in the Israeli occupation of Palestine, as well as the on-going non-violent international Boycott, Divestment movement which is consistent with the call of Palestinian Christians as reflected in their 2009 Kairos Palestine document.