

END GENOCIDE in PALESTINE

A Resolution Approved on October 5, 2025 The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Danbury, CT

WHEREAS the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide¹ defines genocide as both the *commission* of certain acts against members of a national, ethnic, racial or religious group, in whole or in part and the *intent—inferred*² or *explicit*³ [see statements by Israeli officials]—to bring about the destruction of conditions of life, of the life itself, of that group; and that Palestinians living in Gaza, as part of the Palestinian population, constitute the targeted group for the purposes of the Genocide Convention, which applies whether in times of war or peace; and

WHEREAS international law does recognize the right to resist occupation and oppression, based on the fundamental principle of self-determination, but international law does not justify attacks on, or killing of, civilians, we, therefore, condemn all atrocities committed against civilians on October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations ruled on January 26, 2024⁴ that it was plausible that Israel was committing genocide in Gaza and that the Palestinians had a right to be protected from acts of genocide and ordered Israel to follow six legally binding provisions accordingly; and

WHEREAS the ICJ determined on July 19, 2024⁵ that Israel has no legal sovereignty in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT)--the West Bank including East Jerusalem and Gaza-- and that its presence there violates the self-determination of the Palestinian people, the international prohibitions on seizure of territory by force, and apartheid; and

WHEREAS more than 64,000 Palestinians in Gaza, including at least 20,000 children have been killed since October 7, 2023 and 42,000 children have been injured⁶, including 940 children who had limbs amputated at a rate of 10 children per day⁷; and at least 1000 Palestinians including 202 children in the Occupied Palestinian West Bank including East Jerusalem, have been killed by gunfire from either Israeli forces or settlers⁸; and

WHEREAS medical providers in Gaza⁹ have reported a pattern of children having been killed by single gunshot wounds to the head or torso indicating targeted killing; medical aid and supplies have been blocked from entering Gaza by the Israeli military; at least 1,581 health workers have been killed in Gaza by Israeli forces since October 7, 2023¹⁰ and hospitals have been targeted by the Israeli Defense Forces¹¹; and

WHEREAS on March 18, 2025, the State of Israel resumed airstrikes on Gaza ending the ceasefire agreement¹² two months after the negotiated ceasefire began on January 19, 2025¹³; and

WHEREAS since March 2, 2025, the State of Israel, has blocked aid supplies including food, fuel, water, and medicine from entering Gaza, and the Israeli defense minister, Israel Katz, said, “Israel’s policy is clear: no humanitarian aid will enter Gaza”¹⁴; and

WHEREAS since October 7, 2023, 393 Palestinians in Gaza, including 140 children, died from starvation¹⁵; and on August 22, 2025, Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) famine report confirmed famine in the Gaza Governate where more than half a million Palestinians are already experiencing famine¹⁶; and

WHEREAS since October 7, 2023, at least 244¹⁷ journalists and media workers have been killed in targeted attacks by Israeli Defense Forces, making it the deadliest ever conflict for journalists¹⁸; and these attacks indicate deliberate attempts by Israel to suppress information to and from Gaza, obstruct documentation of its military actions and denial of humanitarian assistance, and prevent future accountability¹⁹; and

WHEREAS international bodies, agencies, and human rights organizations have each conducted investigations concluding that the actions of the State of Israel in Palestine constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide²⁰; and

WHEREAS genocide scholars and experts²¹ concur that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza; and

WHEREAS American churches²² have declared that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza; and

WHEREAS U.S. Representatives²³ have declared that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza; and

WHEREAS many nations have accused Israel of committing genocide in Palestine, 12 of whom as members of The Hague Group, have committed to measures to stop the genocide and uphold international law²⁴; and

WHEREAS the U.S. federal government has used tax-funded dollars to give the State of Israel Approximately \$34 billion in military weapons, arms, and other financial support between October 2023 and March 2025, at least 69% of Israel's arms imports come from the US, and US-made military vehicles and weapons have been identified as being used to conduct acts of genocide; on July 1, 2025 US State Department and Pentagon transferred \$510 more in munitions guidance kits to Israel²⁵; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Government is complicit in war crimes, including genocide, by its unconditional military and political support for Israel, including arms transfers, actionable intelligence and intelligence gathering; and the abrogation of its obligation to prevent genocide under international law²⁶; and

WHEREAS over 22,000 dual American-Israeli citizens serving in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) can be liable for war crimes as dual citizenship does not grant immunity from prosecution²⁷; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Government has violated the federal Leahy Law which prohibits the U.S. Government, "from using funds for assistance to units of foreign security forces where there is credible information implicating that unit in the commission of gross violations of human rights (GVHR)." ²⁸; and

WHEREAS the U.S. government has disregarded the International Criminal Court's arrest Warrants²⁹ for Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, and instead welcomed Netanyahu as a guest to the White House³⁰ and Congress³¹; and

WHEREAS U.S. President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu have plans underway to relocate Palestinians in Gaza to other countries, permanently displacing them, and taking their homeland to use as a real estate project³²; and

WHEREAS the right to free speech as protected by the U.S. Constitution has been violated by arrests, imprisonment, deportation, and violent attacks by law enforcement on pro-Palestinian activists³³; and

WHEREAS the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Danbury, CT, following the Unitarian Universalist Association's 2024-25 Action of Immediate Witness opposing Israeli apartheid, settler colonialism, and military occupation, unanimously endorsed the Apartheid-Free Communities Pledge³⁴; and while settler colonialism, apartheid and genocide are different war crimes and crimes against humanity, a structural and historic interdependence exists among them³⁵; and

WHEREAS this is an action consistent with the Six Unitarian Universalist Shared Values³⁶

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Danbury adopts the following declaration:

1. We *affirm* that all humans are deserving of life free from oppression, persecution, and violence.
2. We *denounce* all acts of the U.S. Government and the State of Israel that contribute to a continuation of the genocide of the Palestinian people.
3. We *affirm* that the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people perpetrated by the State of Israel and enabled by the U. S. is a humanitarian and moral crisis that calls for immediate action.
4. We *reject* any theology or ideology including Christian Zionism, Christian nationalism, antisemitism, anti-Arab, anti-Palestinian, or anti-Islam bias that would privilege or exclude any nation, race, culture or religion.
5. We *affirm* the legal obligation of the U.S. to recognize international law, to immediately cease all sales and transfers of military arms, intelligence collaboration, financial and political support to the State of Israel, and to use all legal and diplomatic tools to bring about a sustainable peace. This will require dismantling Israel's settler-colonial, apartheid regime from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea and facilitating the return of Palestinian refugees to their homes and lands.
6. We *affirm* the legal obligations of the State of Israel to comply with six legally binding provisional measures issued by the International Court of Justice (ICJ), on January 26, 2024: prevent genocidal acts against Palestinians in Gaza; prevent and punish public incitement to genocide; ensure humanitarian assistance to Gaza including unhindered provision at scale of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance; preserve evidence related to genocide allegations; submit a report within one month on measures taken; ensure the military does not commit genocidal acts.
7. We *affirm* the July 19, 2024 determination by the ICJ, that Israel has no legal sovereignty in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT), and that Israel must comply with the ICJ's mandated measures: to vacate as rapidly as possible its unlawful presence in, and military occupation of, the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza; to cease immediately all new settlement activities and dismantle and evacuate all its settlements in the OPT; to make reparation for the damage caused to all persons in the OPT; to dismantle parts of the wall constructed by Israel situated in the OPT; to allow all Palestinians displaced during the occupation to return to their original place of residence; and that all States are under obligation not to recognize as legal the situation arising from the unlawful presence of the State of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and not render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by the continued presence of the State of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
8. We *reject* the idea that any criticism of policies of the State of Israel is inherently antisemitic; and we oppose the efforts by U.S. federal and state governments to limit free speech that supports Palestinians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Danbury, CT receive and endorse this Resolution and commit to the following actions:

1. Stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people and denounce the ongoing genocide through actions such as public witness, legislative advocacy, legal action, and non-violent direct action.
2. Call on our government to cease providing financial sponsorship, military arms, and political cover to the State of Israel for acts of genocide.
3. Call on all US state treasuries and legislatures to divest from Israeli bonds and other direct investments in Israeli companies.
4. Call on the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to exercise its power to activate the “Uniting for Peace” resolution 377 (V) at the request of the State of Palestine, which could include measures such as dispatching a UN multinational armed force to Gaza to protect civilians, open entry points via land and sea to facilitate humanitarian aid *inter alia*. Such a resolution requires adoption by two-thirds of the 193 member states (present and voting) and cannot be vetoed by the UN Security Council.
5. Denounce hate and violence in all its forms including that rooted in Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab bias, and antisemitism.
6. Share this Resolution within our congregations, faith communities and the general public to end the genocide in Palestine.

ENDNOTES

¹ “Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,” includes commission of at least one of the following acts (a) Killing members of the group; (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; (c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.” https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/atrocities-crimes/Doc.1_Convention%20on%20the%20Prevention%20and%20Punishment%20of%20the%20Crime%20of%20Genocide.pdf, Accessed August 26, 2025

² “FROM ECONOMY OF OCCUPATION TO ECONOMY OF GENOCIDE,” Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967,” UN Human Rights Council, June 30, 2025, Francesca Albanese, see particularly, Section “IV. From the economy of settler-colonial occupation to the economy of genocide: 22. “Settler-colonialism involves extraction and profit from, and colonization of, land through the expulsion of its owners. In Palestine, historically, companies have driven and enabled the process of displacement-replacement of the Arab population, foundational to the logic of settler-colonial erasure.”; 26. “After October 2023, long-standing systems of control, exploitation and dispossession metamorphosed into economic, technological and political infrastructures mobilized to inflict mass violence and immense destruction. Entities that previously enabled and profited from Palestinian elimination and erasure within the economy of occupation, instead of disengaging are now involved in the economy of genocide.”; and 54. “When Israeli Defense Minister Gallant ordered a ‘complete siege’ on Gaza on 9 October 2023, instantly cutting off water, electricity and fuel, this engineered dependency – designed to displace and control life – was operationalized for genocide. Those supplies have never been fully restored, *contributing to the deliberate creation of conditions of life calculated to bring about the destruction of Palestinians as a group*. [emphasis added] This is also why the grip on resources in the West Bank – tightened after October 2023 – cannot be viewed in isolation from the destruction unfolding in Gaza.” And “A. Displacement, 28. Post-October 2023, weapons and military technologies used to advance Palestinian expulsion have become tools for mass killing and destruction, rendering Gaza and parts of the West Bank uninhabitable. Surveillance and incarceration technologies, ordinarily used to enforce segregation/apartheid, have evolved into tools for indiscriminate targeting of the Palestinian population. Heavy machinery previously used for house demolitions, infrastructure destruction and resource seizure in the West Bank have been repurposed to obliterate Gaza’s urban landscape, *preventing displaced populations from returning and reconstituting as a community*.” [emphasis added] https://www.un.org/unispal/document/a-hrc-59-23-from-economy-of-occupation-to-economy-of-genocide-report-special-rapporteur-francesca-albanese-palestine-2025/#_ftn35; Accessed August 26, 2025

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August 30, 2025. “Since October 7, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and those under his direction and control have made multiple statements demonstrating his *specific intent* to destroy the Palestinian population of Gaza, in whole or in part:

- On October 7, Netanyahu announced his genocidal intentions when he ordered 2.2 million Palestinians in Gaza to “get out now” despite their having nowhere to go due to Israeli imposed closures of the occupied territory, adding that “[Israel] will be everywhere and with all our might.” complete siege on the Gaza Strip, referring to Palestinians as “human animals” and stating: “There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and we act accordingly.” The Minister also threatened “to bomb those attempting to provide humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.” On October 9, Israel’s Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip, referring to Palestinians as “human animals” and stating: “There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and we act accordingly.” The Minister also threatened “to bomb those attempting to provide humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.”
- On October 13, Israel’s infantry released their first official account of ground raids into Gaza, with Netanyahu declaring: “We are striking our enemies with unprecedented might . . . I emphasise that this is only the beginning.” By that point, Israel had already killed at least 1,537 Palestinians, 500 of whom were children, and injured 6,612. On October 9, Israel’s Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip, referring to Palestinians as “human animals” and stating: “There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and we act accordingly.” The Minister also threatened “to bomb those attempting to provide humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.”
- On October 15, Netanyahu stated that Israeli soldiers “understand the scope of the mission” and stand ready “to defeat the bloodthirsty monsters who have risen against [Israel] to destroy us.”
- On October 16, 2023, in a formal address to the Israeli Knesset, Netanyahu described the situation as “a struggle between the children of light and the children of darkness, between humanity and the law of the jungle.” This assertion was made as the death count of Palestinian children surpassed 1,000.
- On October 29, 2023, as the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli attacks in Gaza rose to 8,000, Netanyahu invoked the story of Amalek in the Bible to justify Israel’s assault on extermination of Amalekite men, women, children, and animals, and this commandment has been described by one scholar as “divinely mandated genocide.” Netanyahu referred again to Amalek in the letter sent on November 3, 2023 to Israeli soldiers and officers.
- On November 3, 2023, Netanyahu continued this dehumanizing theme in a letter to Israeli soldiers and officers where he asserted that: “[t]his is the war between the sons of light and the sons of darkness. We will not let up on our mission until the light overcomes the darkness — the good will defeat the extreme evil that threatens us and the entire world.”
- On November 4, 2023, Netanyahu stated that Israel would continue “fighting until the end,” and that that was his policy. He further tasked a Minister in the War Cabinet to present a plan to “thin [] the population of Gaza to the minimum possible.”
- On November 28, 2023, Netanyahu declared that “Israel will go to realizing [its] goals with full force”, including, *inter alia*, “ensuring that Gaza does not go back to being what it was.”
- On December 24, 2023, Netanyahu again returned to this theme in his ‘Christmas message’, stating: “we’re facing monsters, monsters who murdered children in front of their parents . . . This is a battle not only of Israel against these barbarians, it’s a battle of civilization against barbarism.” Accessed August 16, 2025

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