

THINGS TO DO IN SUPPORT OF ENDING THE OCCUPATION AND GENOCIDE

In addition to participating in boycotts of companies/products supporting or benefiting from the Israeli occupation, there are many activities that individuals and congregations may consider, including:

- **PRAY & PREACH:** Include prayers and sermons in your congregation's services of worship that focus on justice in Palestine and Israel. Utilize special resources for Advent and Lent prepared by [ELCA SUMUD](#).
- **ADVOCATE:** Write letters to the Administration and your [Members of Congress](#). Visit your Members of Congress in their Washington, DC, offices or in their home states and districts. Connect with the [ELCA Advocacy Action Center](#).
- **SPEAK OUT:** Issue public statements. Write letters to the editor for publication in your local or regional papers.
- **VISIT PARTNERS:** Visit Palestine and Israel and the ministries of the ELCJHL and LWF. (Travelers need to navigate a challenging landscape of permits, visas, and other Israeli travel restrictions, and be up to date on travel advisories and safety issues. Visitors may also consider the impact of their travel choices and purchases on the global campaign to boycott Israeli products and companies complicit in the occupation.)
- **ORGANIZE LOCALLY:** Work with like-minded advocates in your community from other denominations/faiths; share action alerts and collaborate on boycott efforts.
- **HOST VISITORS:** Invite and host speakers from Palestine and Israel in your congregation or community.
- **PROVIDE SUPPORT:** Support ministries in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and Gaza financially, especially [ELCJHL schools](#) and [LWF humanitarian work](#).
- **DEMONSTRATE:** Participate in (or organize!) anti-occupation demonstrations.

- **DEVELOP ELCA POLICY:** Draft and support Synod Assembly resolutions, Synod Council resolutions, and Synod Memorials for the [2028 Churchwide Assembly](#). Ask bishops and ELCA staff to consider churchwide support for specific boycotts.