



February 18th, 2015

On the occasion of Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW)

South African Council of Churches,

South African Christians and Friends,

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We, members of the Kairos Palestine Movement, write from Palestine to express our thanks and appreciation for your solidarity, and the solidarity of all South Africans, with our people, with our struggle, with our quest for liberation and freedom. We follow all solidarity initiatives conducted by our sisters and brothers in South Africa with great admiration and inspiration.

Today, we turn our vision to South Africa in its preparation for Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW), to be held between March 2-8. We consider it as an essential event for informing the public on the reality of Palestinian oppression and for increasing courageous, united opposition to the injustices suffered here.

As a national and Christian movement committed to a just peace and equity for all peoples, we call upon you to participate actively in this week: to learn, to teach, to listen, to speak, and to join together in condemning the crimes committed against our people by the Israeli occupation, enforcing accountability, and working for a just peace. We urge you – heads of churches, church-related communities, and all Christians in South Africa – to campaign for greater awareness on the Palestinian struggle in general and the plight of Palestinian Christians in particular.

We ask you to dedicate Sunday services **on March 8th** to prayer for and reflection on the plight of your Palestinian sisters and brothers who suffer under a regime of military occupation.

We ask you to pray, during this period of Lent, so that all can “repent and turn away from transgressions committed in order to make for ourselves a new heart and a new spirit”. (Ezekiel)

Then Peace and Justice can prevail in our region and the world.

With thanks and gratitude to all of you,

Kairos Palestine