

10-02 A Resolution to Support in Prayer, Word, and Action our Palestinian Christian Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land

WHEREAS the New England Synod is in a companion synod relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL);

WHEREAS, the ELCJHL Bishop Mounib Younan and Pastors were co-signers of the December 2009 Palestine Kairos Document “A Moment of Truth” which calls for Christians throughout the world to advocate for a political solution that will be just, secure and peaceful for both Palestinians and Israelis and asks for support from Christians around the world; and

WHEREAS in violation of international law, Israeli settlements continue to expand, exacerbating the conflict with Palestinians; and

WHEREAS as affirmed by the ELCA’s Peace Not Walls Campaign we as a Church are called to speak out and advocate for justice in the Middle East as we learn, pray, and act, therefore be it

RESOLVED that this Assembly direct the Synod Council to provide a copy of the Kairos Palestine 2009 document to every congregation in the synod for study and review

And be it further

RESOLVED that the Synod Council provide a list of all people who have visited the churches of the ELCJHL who are willing to speak to congregations regarding the Kairos document and the ongoing conflict;

And be it further

RESOLVED That this Assembly endorse the Kairos document, and send our written support to our companion synod in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land through its Bishop Mounib Younan.

Submitted by the Global Mission Committee

NOTE Kairos Document follows: pp. 89-104