

Moving Stories

ISRAEL & THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

Debt Justice

Debt Justice is a campaigning organisation dedicated to ending unjust debt and building a fair economy for all, here in the UK and across the world. During November, Debt Justice held an art exhibition titled 'It's the debt that you owe: colonialism, debt and resistance' in Peckham Levels. The artwork explored the impact of debt on countries in the global South, including through the artists' own lived experience of colonial and neo-colonial oppression and debt. For further information about the work of Debt Justice click here: <https://debtjustice.org.uk/>

The United Reformed Church Moderator, the Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson, is one of 69 international church leaders who have signed a **powerful and moving letter** to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

It is unacceptable that millions of people are in desperate need of clean water, adequate food, fuel for electricity, and urgently needed medical supplies... We weep with broken hearts as we hear of hospitals, mosques, churches, and schools damaged and destroyed by this war. In Gaza, there is no safe place. There is no refuge. There is no escape.

Commitment for Life supporters agree that the current violence cannot be decontextualised. Gazans have little hope in the face of seven decades of relentless disenfranchisement. Three-quarters of Gazans are refugees dating back to 1948. Gaza has become an open-air prison, according to *Human Rights Watch*. Illegal settlements expand every day in the West Bank. Illegal Israeli settlers act with impunity, attack Palestinians, and force the indigenous people from their ancestral lands. Nevertheless, none of this should be used to justify the violence used by either Hamas or Israel in pursuit of political objectives.

Commitment for Life has been supporting Christian Aid partners in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory for well over 30 years. It is precisely these kinds of long-term, sustained partnerships that provide concrete examples of how to break out of vicious cycles of violence and retribution. Please continue to pray. Let's not give up hope but continue in faithfulness to trust in God for justice for all.