

Churches for Middle East Peace



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Christian Clergy Letter for Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaking: On the occasion of the November 2007 peace summit

Dear [insert name and title of member of Congress],

(Name of church) supports a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the vision of a viable, contiguous state of Palestine living in peace with its neighbor Israel. We are hopeful that the meeting being organized by Secretary Rice in Annapolis, Maryland will result in concrete steps toward Israeli-Palestinian peace.

We remain steadfast in our pursuit of peace and justice, and we continue to be hopeful that peace and security will be achieved for both peoples. These three elements reflect the long-standing positions of [insert the name of your denomination or church] and Churches for Middle East Peace, an ecumenical coalition of twenty-two churches and church related agencies.

- **Active, sustained and constructive engagement by the United States government** toward resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, for the sake of Israelis, Palestinians, the broader region and for our own national security.
- **A negotiated resolution of the conflict** that realizes the vision of two viable states, Israel and Palestine, side-by-side with secure and recognized borders.
- **The sharing of Jerusalem** by the two peoples – Israelis and Palestinians – and by the three religious communities that call it sacred.

Our congregation joins others across the nation in praying for peace, for the Israeli and Palestinian people and – particularly as the summit approaches - for the wisdom of the leaders and success of the meeting.

We urge you to express your support for Secretary Rice's efforts and to join us in praying for lasting peace in the Holy Land.

Sincerely,

cc: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice