

Human Rights Working Group Calls for a Proposed Resolution: “UUSF - An Apartheid-Free Congregation” - Jan 14, 2025

Whereas Israel has for 68 years (since 1967) illegally occupied lands designated under the 1948 United Nations partition as the Palestinian homeland, and

Whereas the United States is the biggest source of military armaments and funding for Israel’s illegal occupation, and Israel’s main source of political and diplomatic cover to continue that occupation, and thus we as citizens of the United States bear a special responsibility regarding that continued illegal occupation, and its apartheid system, and

Whereas more than 430 communities in the United States, which includes Protestant, Catholic, Quaker, Jewish, Unitarian Universalist, and other religious organizations, have joined a movement to condemn Israel’s racist system in Israel proper and the apartheid system in the Occupied Territories, and

Whereas the UUA in its June 2024 General Assembly called on UU churches to stand in *Solidarity with Palestinians* by acting to “Sign, amplify, and carry out the Apartheid-Free Communities Pledge” among other activities to be considered; now therefore be it

Resolved, that First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco (UUSF) become a part of the Apartheid Free Communities by agreeing to abide by the following Pledge:

WE AFFIRM our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people and all people;

WE OPPOSE all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression; and

WE DECLARE ourselves an Apartheid-Free Congregation and to that end,

WE PLEDGE to join others in working to end all support to Israel’s apartheid regime, settler colonialism, and military occupation.