

KAIROS DOCUMENT

30 November 2021

DEFINITION OF KAIROS

- Greek: The right time. A time when conditions are right for the accomplishment of crucial action
- In the bible: It is a time that requires a conversion from people, Mark 14-15. It is a moment of grace, an extraordinary time with a burden of responsibility.
- Romans 13:11-13. It calls for action, conversion and transformation. A change of life.
- For the 1985 South African Kairos Document. This is the Kairos moment of GRACE and opportunity, the favorable time in which God issues a challenge to decisive ACTION.

KAIROS AND PALESTINE

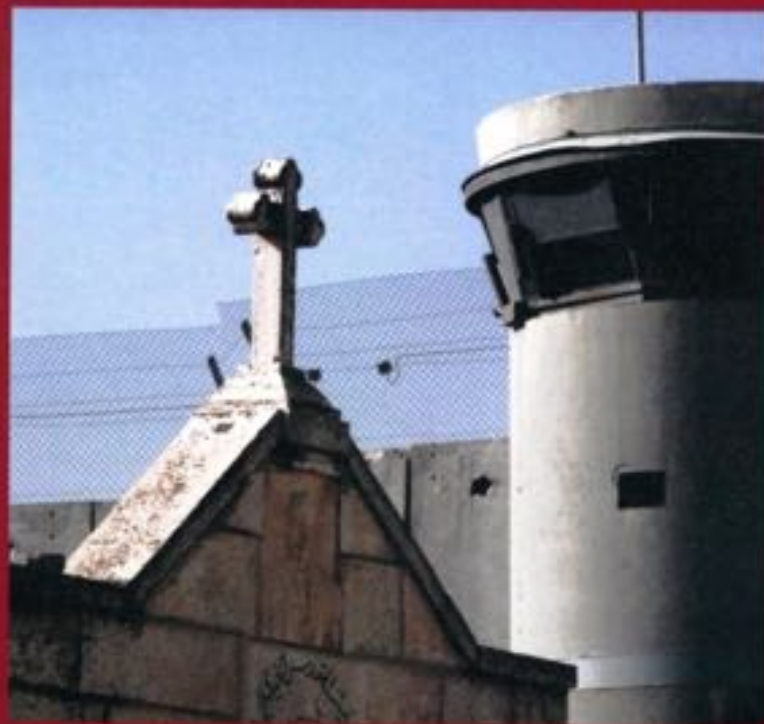
- Amman Call 2007. - led to a Palestinian group of 15 theologians , clergy and lay people including 3 women working in consultation with international advisers on what became known as “ A moment of truth”
- Launch in Bethlehem- December 11, 2009. A moment of Truth, A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering.

KAIROS PALESTINE IN BRIEF

- A summary of conditions in Palestine under occupation No peace
- Theologically: the word of God is a living word casting a particular light on each period,
- Resistance is integrated within Christian love that refuses evil and corrects the wrong.
- We condemn all forces of racism.
- International Community: Stop the double standards and insist on international law and good relations.
- Reach for a common vision
- The commandment of love: Christians remain steadfast at this time of trial.
- Message of love to Muslims, Jews and the World.
- A call to reject fanaticism and extremism
- We can organize our political life with all its complexity in the logic of love
- Come and See.
- Jerusalem the foundation of our vision
- In the absence of all hope, we cry out our cry of hope.

WHAT CAME NEXT?

- The document did not remain on the shelf. It brought awareness to both the indigenous, local community as well as internationals around the world advocating for a just peace.
- Circulated locally in schools, universities and churches as well as community centers and youth groups.
- Conference 2011 - The Bethlehem Call: Attended by over 20 countries reiterated the principles, the call based on the logic of love.
- Boycott of Israeli goods declared as a non-violent tool to bring a change.
- Established International connections: Global Kairos Network formed, excellent reactions and immediate responses by some churches, The Methodist church in the UK, The Netherlands, the US.
- Connections: WCC, the National Coalition, Human rights organizations
- Translation into 22 languages



The Wall has been
broken down

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in the Light
of Christian Faith and International Law

Kairos Palestine Netherlands | Friends of Sabeel Netherlands

Call to Action

U.S. Response to the Kairos Palestine Document

Hope is the capacity to see God in the midst of **trouble**, and to be **co-workers** with the Holy Spirit who is dwelling **in us**.

"A Moment of Truth,"
Kairos Palestine
document, 2009



A WORD OF CONFESSION AND FAITH
FROM CHRISTIANS IN THE UNITED STATES

Kairos USA

Kairos Palestine

Easter Alert

Together
towards the
Year of Jubilee



A large crowd of people is marching down a street, holding many Palestinian flags. The flags are the primary focus, with their red, white, green, and black colors creating a dense pattern. Some people are also holding signs, though the text on them is not clearly legible. The background shows trees and buildings, suggesting an urban setting. The overall atmosphere is one of a significant public demonstration or rally.

Kairos Palestine
A Moment of Truth **وهبة حقا**

Christmas Alert
2011

PROGRESS TO DATE

- Support from over 30 countries in adopting, signing, endorsing and promoting the Kairos belief encouraged by the world Global Kairos for JUSTICE everywhere.
- Strong and important link with South Africa and its churches
- Latest document of Kairos Palestine movement with Global Kairos for Justice. Cry for hope, July 2020 signed so far by 21, 937 people around the world



**Kairos South Africa 30th Anniversary Statement:
Dangerous Memory and Hope for the Future**

Voices from the South - August 2015

<https://www.karibu.no/document/kairos-30th-anniversary-statement-dangerous-memory-and-hope-for-the-future/>

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Documents will have a long-term impact only if they become a way of life.
- It should address all humanity and be shared by all (as Kairos Palestine called for).
- It cannot be theologically partial or biased.
- Needs to be built on the Logic of love, we all have to be ready for Change and transformation.
- As we commemorate the day of solidarity with the Palestinians, is it not the time to stop talking and start acting?
- In the Christmas Alert 2021, Emeritus Patriarch Michel Sabbah concludes: "Let us all be peacemakers, capable of loving each other, so the tragedy of this land will end, first from within our hearts because "God created all of us in his image."