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Week 1: Kumi New Year

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A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a person wearing a cap and holding a bouquet of flowers. The image is stylized with heavy shadows and highlights, giving it a graphic, almost stencil-like appearance. The person is shown from the chest up, facing slightly to the left but looking towards the camera. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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Dear Kumi Now supporter,

Happy new year! As we start 2022 we'd like to remind you that we'll be taking a break from our weekly online gatherings while we regroup to improve Kumi Now. And we'd love your input! If you have ideas, big and small, on how we can improve Kumi Now (the newsletter, the webinars, the website...anything!) please send us an email at kumi@kuminow.com or fill out this [feedback form](#).

But, while the online gatherings are temporarily on hold, we will continue to send the weekly newsletter, following the [Kumi Calendar](#). Now on with the newsletter...

On Tuesday, **Bishop Munib Younan** of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)** spoke about the issues facing Christians in the Holy Land and the emigration of Christians out of Israel and Palestine. The replay of the session is now available on [YouTube](#) and on our [website](#). The website includes the advocacy instructions and links shared during the gathering.

We would appreciate it if you could share the session with your community or on social media. You could use text such as:

While Jerusalem and the Holy Land are the birthplace of Christianity and a pilgrimage site for Christians from around the world, the reality is that Christians living here have had an increasingly difficult time staying here, leading to a steady emigration of Christians from the Holy Land. What can be done? This week, Bishop Munib Younan of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) spoke about what can be done in the latest Kumi Now Online Gathering. Watch here: <https://youtu.be/ViFsmuUKWu0>

This Week's Kumi Now Entry

Please note: To match the dates in the book, we will now be posting a new entry each Saturday, and this newsletter should go out the same day.

Sharing and publicizing: The graphics in this newsletter are designed to be the perfect size and shape to share to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. So each week you can help the cause simply by sharing these images online. It's one more option you have to help.

Kumi Week #1: A Kumi New Year

Welcome to 2022 and the start of another Kumi New year, where we bring together activists and organizations around the world with those on the ground in Israel and Palestine in order to achieve justice and peace through nonviolence and international law.

Each week of the year we address a different issue related to Israel's occupation of Palestine, educating you on the topic, introducing you to the activists on the ground, and giving you tangible actions you can take to help Palestine. Week 1 of Kumi Now is now available [on the website](#).

The start of the year is slightly different, as we'd like you to take the week to familiarize yourself, or refamiliarize yourself, with Kumi Now, plan your commitment to Palestine for the year, and work to connect other activists with Kumi Now. Read on to the Kumi Action for the details.

Kumi Action

We're now releasing a video each week focusing on the Kumi Action! Check out the one below [on YouTube](#).



First, you can familiarize yourself with Kumi Now, how this works, and its foundations by reading the [Launch Manual](#), the [Bible Study on Mark 5: 21-43](#), and our essay titled "[Why Nonviolence?](#)"

From there you can get connected with Kumi Now by making sure you are [subscribed to the weekly Kumi Now Newsletter](#) and that you follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

Next, you can spend a little time planning your commitment to Palestine. How much time can you spend pursuing justice for Palestine each week? How many actions can you complete?

Finally, you can be a Kumi Ambassador by sharing Kumi Now with others. We all know that goals are more attainable when we work as a team, and our action is magnified when we work together. Do you have friends, a school group, or a church group that can join you in this journey? Do you have followers online that can become a part of Kumi Now? Or do you know of an organization that we should work with? Let us, and them, know!

If you have more time left this week and you'd like to get started, we suggest you become better educated about some aspect of the Palestinian struggle that you don't know much about, or simply read the recent news from Palestine. We have a variety of resources on the website you can use in your educational journey, from our [past gatherings](#) to our [favorite resources](#) and all of the [weekly entries](#).

What's Next

Next Saturday we address the difficulties of [Doing Business While Palestinian](#). And remember, if you have any feedback at all please email us at kumi@kuminow.com or fill out the [feedback form](#). Once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

The Kumi Now Team

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