



Uniting Church in Australia
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Title	Proposal from SA Synod
Type of Paper (Information/Decision)	For decision
Assembly or ASC Minute	
Consultation	
Purpose	
Rationale & Findings Summary	<p>At the meeting of the Synod of South Australia in June, the following was adopted:</p> <p>PROPOSAL 9 – JUSTICE AND RIGHTS FOR PALESTINIANS AND PEACE WITH ISRAEL</p> <p>S23.07 It was AGREED (by consensus) that the Synod of SA resolve to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ENDORSE the statement ‘Seeking Justice and Peace for all in the Middle-East’ of the World Council of Churches (WCC) 11th Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany in September 2022 and commend it to members, congregations, and agencies in the Synod of SA in their advocacy for a just peace in the Holy Land.2. AFFIRM that there is no place in our society for any form of antisemitism and hate speech, and the imperative to speak out against discrimination, racism and hate.3. ENCOURAGE congregations to pray, advocate and stand in solidarity with people in the Holy Land during the annual World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel (WWPPI), to be observed on the third week of September.4. REQUEST the Assembly Standing Committee to <u>CONSIDER</u> the statement from the World Council of Churches and, in turn, <u>REQUEST</u> the 11th National Forum of the National Council of Churches of Australia (NCCA) to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Take a lead in advocating for justice for the people of Palestine/Israel and the restoration of rights for Palestinians living in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza.b. Invite a Palestinian Christian to speak at the Forum.
Attachments	

<p>Proposal/s</p>	<p>That the Assembly Standing Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the resolution from the Synod of South Australia relating to <i>Justice and rights for Palestinians and peace with Israel</i>. 2. Note the statement from the World Council of Churches, statement ‘Seeking Justice and Peace for all in the Middle-East’ of the World Council of Churches (WCC) 11th Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany in September 2022; 3. Request the General Secretary to communicate Resolution 23.07.04 from the Synod of South Australia to the General Secretary of the NCCA; encouraging the NCCA to continue to work with member Churches to advocate for the people of Palestine/Israel and the restoration of rights for Palestinians living in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza; and noting that the WCC General Secretary, Prof Dr Jerry Pillay will attend the NCCA Forum, enquire who will be presenting at the Forum.
<p>Submitted by</p>	<p>Colleen Geyer Assembly General Secretary colleeng@nat.uca.org.au; 0411 333 167</p>