

## Unitarian Universalists Take Steps Towards Divestment: Special Appeal

I am writing to ask for your help in our work for Palestinian justice. UUJME has launched a new campaign to get a Business Resolution on the agenda and passed at the 2016 Unitarian Universalist (UU) General Assembly next June. We need your help in gathering signatures from UUs on a petition to put the resolution on the final agenda for a vote at the 2016 General Assembly (GA).

The resolution calls on the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) to engage in shareholder activism with five corporations that are critically involved in maintaining Israel's military occupation and its associated abuses of Palestinian human rights, and to divest from those corporations if they do not end their involvement. The five named corporations are Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, HP Inc., Hewlett Packard Enterprise, and G4S. [Here is the text of the resolution.](#)

Getting a resolution passed at the UUA GA involves two phases. We need your help with both:

**PHASE I: GATHERING SIGNATURES!** We need signatures of UUs from congregations all over the U.S. and Canada. The minimum number required is small -- only 250 -- but we need to gather many more than that from many different congregations to demonstrate widespread support. Moreover, gathering signatures and encouraging friends and supporters in other congregations to do the same is a great way to increase the awareness and engagement among UUs that we will need to pass the resolution.

Please note:

- \* Signers must be members of a UU congregation and signatures must be put on a special UUA form that includes a place for the minister or certifying officer of the congregation to sign certifying that the signers are members of that congregation.
- \* The form has room for only 10 signatures but you can make multiple copies of the form and get many more than 10 signatures from your congregation.
- \* [You can find the form to print and sign here.](#)

**IMPORTANT:** The form says to return completed forms to UUA but please return them instead to UUJME to deliver to UUA ourselves. **Completed forms with the signatures should be returned to UUJME BEFORE January 25** either by US mail to UUJME, P.O. Box 380355, Cambridge, MA 02238, or scanned and emailed to [treasurer@uujme.org](mailto:treasurer@uujme.org).

Please gather signatures in your own congregation and encourage UU friends and supporters in other congregations to obtain signatures from their congregations. If a friend or supporter agrees to gather signatures at their congregation, please inform us. We want to keep track of which congregations are gathering signatures and who is doing the gathering at each one. Our contact info is below.

See [further instructions here](#) and visit [www.uujme.org](http://www.uujme.org).

**PHASE II: PASSING RESOLUTION AT GA:** Two thirds of the delegates to the General Assembly must vote yes for the resolution to be adopted. That means:

- \* Consider becoming a delegate to General Assembly from your congregation.
- \* This is a great time to educate within your congregation on Palestine!
- \* We will be at GA and would love your support on the ground too, so please be in touch!

\* Stay in touch with UUJME by going to our website [[www.uujme.org](http://www.uujme.org)], and following us on Facebook [[www.facebook.com/uujme](http://www.facebook.com/uujme)], Twitter [[twitter.com/uujme](http://twitter.com/uujme)], and Instagram [[www.instagram.com/uujme/](http://www.instagram.com/uujme/)]

Thank you!

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