

# The **Methodist Church** Justice-Seeking Church

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8 The Methodist Conference report, **A Justice-seeking Church**, reaffirms the Methodist Church’s long-standing commitment to be a justice-seeking Church. It sets a framework to help Methodists’ and churches’ approach to justice over the next five years. Find out all about it here <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/social-justice/a-justice-seeking-church/> The 5 Methodist Priorities for Justice are:

1. **Tackling inequality and poverty:** seeking life in all its fullness
2. **Enabling a flourishing environment:** right relationship between people, planet and God
3. **Seeking justice for refugees:** one people, one world
4. **Opposing discrimination:** all are made in the image of God
5. **Pursuing peace:** seeking justice and reconciliation

**Action Station:** Choose 1 of these 5 to be a focus for your church over the coming year.



Find out how to green your church by embarking on the Eco Church journey. Start off by gathering 2 or 3 interested people in your church, registering with Eco Church, doing the in-depth survey. This will take 60-90 minutes, and will

immediately give you lots of ideas of simple steps you can take.

**Action Station:** Do the online survey here <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/how-eco-church-works/>

## Gaza – Israel

The situation in Israel – Palestine has appalled us all. We feel so helpless but we are not wholly powerless. Here are some actions you can take as an individual.

**1 Donate to the Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal**

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-005943>

**2 Learn about the situation**

Here is a 5 minute explainer video, not new, but still helpful, made by Jewish Voices for Peace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y58njT2oXfE>

**3 Choose your media wisely**

Actively seek out articles written by Palestinians and Israelis. You could subscribe to the joint Israeli-Palestinian online news outlet 972+ magazine, [www.972mag.com/](http://www.972mag.com/) or watch Al Jazeera English [www.aljazeera.com/](http://www.aljazeera.com/) which has journalists in both Palestine and Israel or try B’Tselem, the Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights. [www.btselem.org/](http://www.btselem.org/)

**4 Show public solidarity**

Historically the escalation of violence in Palestine and Israel has resulted in an upsurge of antisemitic and Islamophobic attacks in the UK. Please call out hateful and oppressive speech when you encounter it and, where you can, extend care and support for your Muslim and Jewish neighbours.