

Moving Stories

Responding to the crisis in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

The United Reformed Church is known for its activism in support of justice and equity for the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. In this edition of *Moving Stories*, commend the work of the Sabeel-Kairos URC Action Group, a dedicated gathering of URC activists, working tirelessly for peace in the region.

The Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre is a Christian liberation theology organization based in Jerusalem. It was founded in 1989 by former Canon of St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem, Rev. Naim Ateek. Follow the [Sabeel Wave of Prayer](#).

Each week, the "Kumi Now" initiative (linked to Sabeel) features an organisation making a difference in Israel and Palestine. You can watch the [current month here](#). You can see the archived sessions here, particularly week 38, [Morally Responsible Investment](#). Also, during the lockdown the [Amos Trust](#) has produced a number of interesting programmes. If you have queries or would like to make contact with the Action Group, please email sabeelkairos.urch@gmail.com

Virtual Pilgrimage 22nd Sept

Because Bethlehem is so heavily dependent on tourism, locals have suffered enormously because of the lockdown. Emma Clare Nutbrown-Hughes (pictured below, from Christian Aid & a student for the URC ministry) came up with the idea of a 'virtual pilgrimage to Bethlehem' to help

our friends at the Christmas Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. Email kevin.snyman@urc.org.uk for more info.



Pic: Revd Ray Stanyon

World silent as Gaza Bombed

Read more about this [here](#) and [here](#).

The URC's very own Diana Paulding is

part of Christian Aid's Prophetic Activist Scheme. These young Christians are working for climate justice. The activists launched the Stop Fuelling the Fire Campaign, which is petitioning the UK government to end

using UK Export Finance to fund fossil fuel projects overseas. Diana feels strongly about this issue, and with training from Christian Aid has, in collaboration with other activists, organised a petition to Boris Johnson. Please do sign their important petition at <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/SFTF>

