United Reformed Church Commitment for Life May/June 2025

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Committed to supporting our global partners **IOPT**

**n Wednesday 28 February,**

Two opportunities to get involved

**Christian Aid Week 11 to 17 May, 2025**

This year the focus is on Guatemala. Please go to **www**[**.bit.ly/4co1Apj**](https://bit.ly/4co1Apj)

**The Great Big Green Week – ‘Together for good’ 7 and 15 June, 2025**

Do you have a passion to tackle climate change and protect nature?

*Commitment for Life* is a member of The Climate Coalition that brings people together to demand action on the climate. The Great Big Green Week will take place between 7 and 15 June.

Get your resource pack here

**www**[**.bit.ly/42qxg8R**](https://bit.ly/42qxg8R)

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**representatives from the United Reformed Church, and Methodist churches in the USA and Great Britain, visited Susya near Musafer Yatta**

Photo credit: Ahmad Ballal, by Kevin Snyman

**in the South Hebron Hills.**

**We were greeted by Ahmad (pictured). Ahmad apologised because his dad, who would normally meet visitors, was away attending the Oscars.**

**His dad, Hamdan Ballal, was one of the directors of the**

**documentary *No Other Land***

**which won Best Documentary.**

On 24 March, Israeli settlers violently attacked Susya. One witness said, “There were dozens of settlers with Israeli soldiers. They threatened us with weapons. The police did not intervene. The settlers started attacking the houses. Hamdan tried to protect his family. The settlers attacked him. He was shouting for help, but soldiers started shooting in the air to prevent anyone from coming to his aid. Then the army abducted him.”

When Christians are faced with

the full extent of the suffering of

Palestinians, they often ask, “What can we do?” Please continue to pray for all who live under the threat of violence and losing their land. Support

*Commitment for Life*. Call on the government to work tirelessly for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, to ensure protection for all Palestinians living in the West Bank. Insist that Israel abides by international law and withdraws its illegal occupation of the West Bank.

You can watch a video about *Commitment for Life*’s solidarity visit to the South Hebron Hills here: [**https://youtu.be/g\_fhyR2eUdI**](https://youtu.be/g_fhyR2eUdI)

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