



STATEMENT ON ISRAEL AND PALESTINE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY WEDGEWOOD CONGREGATION

December 21, 2023

At the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Alliance of Baptists, of which Wedgewood is a member, a statement on Israel and Palestine was adopted. The statement has since been adopted by Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, Baptist Peace Fellowship, Creation Justice Ministries, Freedom Center for Social Justice, Greenfaith, and Hearts United for Good. Wedgewood partners with all of these organizations. Many individual churches have also voted to adopt this official statement.

The statement has 4 main points:

“The Alliance has voted to call Israel an apartheid state. In this statement, 1) we affirm our commitment to freedom, justice and equality for the Palestinian people and all people; 2) we oppose all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination and oppression, 3) we declare ourselves an apartheid-free community; and 4) we pledge to join others in working to end all support to Israel’s apartheid regime, settler colonialism and military occupation.”

You may read the statement in its entirety [HERE](#).

If you would like more background on the Palestinian experience, the Alliance of Baptists made a video that you can watch [HERE](#).