



PC(USA) Week of Action SUGGESTED POLICY ACTIONS

UNITED STATES

[Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act](#)

Much of the economic prosperity of the United States was built on the forced labor of millions of enslaved people. It is time to call a vote in Congress about commissioning a reparations study. House Resolution 40 has been gaining momentum and now has 144 cosponsors. The Coalition on Human Needs, which our Office of Public Witness partners with on domestic policy concerns, has joined with other partners to create a petition for Congress. You can sign the petition [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL

[Oppose Israeli plans to annex segments of the West Bank](#)

There are strong parallels between the experience of Palestinians living under occupation and Black Americans. Both groups are subjected to police brutality, racism, systemized marginalization and subjugation, unlawful arrests, mass incarceration, unfair trials, generational trauma, and daily violence. In a [letter](#) to Congress on June 4, 27 church leaders, including the PC(USA) Stated Clerk, called on elected officials to oppose the unilateral annexation of significant portions of the West Bank. The leaders wrote that they are “deeply concerned” by Netanyahu’s stated plans and their greenlighting by US Secretary of State Pompeo. “We are committed, as individuals, and as leaders of faith communions and organizations, to the achievement of a just peace... [annexation] is not in the cause of a just peace [and] would entrench inequalities and abuses of Palestinians’ human rights.”

[Send your letter](#) using the online Action Alert of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness.

BREATHE ACT

Finally, we encourage Presbyterians to learn about the [Breathe Act](#), developed by the Movement for Black Lives—a broad coalition of people of color organizations from around the U.S.