



Do you care about protecting children and/or about peace with justice?

Palestinian families live in constant awareness that Israeli soldiers could invade their house at any hour of the day or night and take a child away - often for arbitrary reasons and for an unknown length of time. According to UNICEF and 'Defence for Children International Palestine', a United Church partner in mission, every year an average of 700 Palestinian children are arrested, mistreated, detained and prosecuted in Israel's military court system. Israel is the only country in the world that systematically prosecutes children in military courts. The United Church, Presbyterian, Anglican, Quaker, Mennonites, Independent Jewish Voices, Amnesty International and others are working to protect Palestinian children and their rights.

There is something you can do: **Sign the e-petition** for Palestinian children's rights:

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2667> (be sure to follow instructions to confirm your signature; don't delay: the petition closes to signatures Nov. 3rd)

Learn more: There is a zoom workshop your church can sponsor, **“Speaking up for the Children”**. Contact Linda lindakseven@gmail.com for more information. If you think participants from your church would be small in number, invite/partner with one or two other churches for the workshop.