

July 30, 2024

Dear \_\_\_ and Staff,

We are members of the Grace Peace Group at Grace Mennonite Church in St. Catharines. We want Canada to be a peacebuilding country. At this time we are particularly concerned about Palestine.

As Christians with Palestinian and Jewish friends, we are begging you to advocate for the following:

- Immediate and permanent ceasefire;
- Increase in unimpeded humanitarian aid to prevent mass starvation in Gaza;
- Release all hostages and political prisoners;
- Two-way arms embargo, suspending all trade in military goods and technology;
- End the violent and illegal occupation of Palestinian territories.

Pictured below are two grandchildren in Gaza and two grandchildren in Canada. The difference is beyond comprehension. Every child deserves Basic Human Rights! We refer you to the UNICEF Convention on the Rights of the Child. See <https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention>

We hope you enjoy the date squares that were made with much love by Anita, also of the GMC Peace Group, and with Medjool dates from Palestinian Farmers.

Shalom / Salam / Peace – Anita Stephen, Diane Kendall, John Rempel, Kit Andres, and Laur and Jan Steven from Grace Mennonite's Church's Peace Group. 677 Niagara St, St Catharines, ON. Cell # 289-990-4839.

