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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a year it has been! This report contains an overview of our work in the past year, and I hope you will find it informative. While it is impossible to fit everything in this report, you will find that the work of the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR) has been robust and continues to push forward towards our collective goal of freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people. Your support makes all of this possible. Thank you.

Over the last decade, we have seen many hopeful moments and wins that pointed towards accelerating change and led many of us to wonder when the watershed moment would come. The unprecedented wave of events in the last year makes me believe that we are on the cusp of crossing that threshold. Palestine is taking its rightful place as part of a broad progressive agenda, in large part due to the increasing brutality of Israeli oppression and the untenability of publicly supporting apartheid.

I write from Washington, DC where we are drawing hope from shifting political realities. As Palestinian rights become further ingrained in progressive politics, we are seeing more Members of Congress and candidates unapologetically speaking up. Multiple candidates who support accountability and justice are poised to serve in Congress after the 2018 midterm elections. Being vocally supportive of Palestinian rights used to be a political liability—now, in many spaces, the liability lies in being silent.

We are seeing an increasingly mainstream recognition that Palestinians, wherever they are, are facing intensifying repression and oppression. In the last year alone, they have endured the brutal and lethal Israeli response to the Great Return March in Gaza; the unilateral declaration of occupied Jerusalem as Israel's capital by the Trump administration; the surveillance and targeting of activists in the US by the FBI; Israel's official enshrinement of apartheid in the Nation-State Law; the most intense bombing of the Gaza Strip since 2014; and continuing mass arrests, denial of freedom of movement, blockade, and other manifestations of apartheid. But for the first time in memory, unprecedented numbers of politicians, artists, speakers, and celebrities are speaking out,



declining invitations, or withdrawing from cultural events in Israel as part of their progressive politics. Apartheid is hard to sell.

The shift in public discourse is made possible by the amazing grassroots organizing happening around the US. University and church divestment campaigns continue to spark discussion on the importance of justice for Palestine. Intersectional organizing and coalition building have allowed us to stand in solidarity with other marginalized communities and justice movements, as they too face heightened repression under this administration. In the past year, we have been in spaces ranging from the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, to the UnidosUS conference in Washington, DC, to the Women's Convention in Detroit.

As we build momentum for freedom, justice, and equality, the news out of Palestine keeps us grounded and impels our work, underscoring how critical it is to push forward. We continue to be inspired by the Palestinian people's steadfast resistance, and strive to center those lived experiences and voices in our advocacy and organizing.

With your support, we know we can do even more. We have a new three-year strategic plan mapping how to continue building power and then leverage it to tip the scales towards justice. You'll see in the sections to follow how this vision is shaping our work in forging relationships, investing more in municipal campaigns, and building political power. With your help, we can make this work even more powerful and successful in 2019.

Onwards,



**Yousef Munayyer**  
Executive Director

# BY THE NUMBERS

**330+**

MEMBER GROUPS



**390**

MEDIA  
APPEARANCES



**110,814**  
ONLINE SUPPORTERS

**195,015**

SOCIAL MEDIA  
FOLLOWERS

**191**

CONGRESSIONAL  
MEETINGS

FEATURED IN

The New York Times



CBC

POLITICO

The Guardian

The Intercept



USA TODAY

THE HUFFPOST

Newsweek

Vox

.Mic



THE HILL

THE Nation.

Bloomberg NEWS

ALJAZEERA



BBC WORLD NEWS

BuzzFeedNEWS

ThinkProgress

CBSNEWS

HAARETZ

The Washington Post

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# 2018 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

550 supporters of freedom, justice, and equality convened in St. Paul, Minnesota for USCPR's 16th national conference from September 28-30, 2018.

Together We Rise offered a robust program that included 30 workshops to choose from across thematic tracks like Skills Building to Win, Cultural Resistance, and Transforming Power: From the Grassroots to the Grasstops; 12 network gatherings where conference attendees had the option of breaking out for programmed lunches based on identity, region, or topic with choices ranging from Palestinian identity to geographic region in the US to issues such as reproductive justice and anti-imperialism; six plenaries featuring longtime activists and movement heroes like Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, Noura Erakat, Marc Lamont Hill, Mariam Barghouti, Camille Odeh, Huwaida Arraf, and more, tackling topics like Intersectional Feminism and Gender Justice and Palestine in US Politics.

The USCPR national conference is an opportunity for coalition members, partners, and supporters to connect with and learn from others working in support of Palestinian rights across the country. We chose the theme of Together We Rise: The Struggle for Collective Justice from the US to Palestine to honor the inspiring resistance we are witnessing across the globe.

In this moment, we must assert that the Palestinian struggle for freedom, justice, and equality must be part of any progressive agenda. It is equally important that we push ourselves to build across movements and support struggles against the same systems of oppression wherever and however they manifest.

## TOGETHER WE RISE

SEPTEMBER 28 -30, 2018 | ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA



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**"The world has a name for the form of government that is codified in the Nation-State Law: it is called 'apartheid.'"**

— Rep. Betty McCollum  
*Acceptance remarks for Congressional Leadership Award at USCPR's national conference  
September 29, 2018*





# PALESTINE IS A PROGRESSIVE ISSUE

*Palestine is a progressive issue. Progressives believe in freedom, justice, and equality for all. These statements are facts that policy makers are increasingly understanding. 2018 saw unprecedented strides towards mainstreaming Palestinian rights, but it also presented challenges. As we continue to demand accountability for Israeli crimes and center Palestinian voices, we will need your continued support.*

## ENDING CHILD DETENTION

On November 14, 2018, Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN) and nine original cosponsors introduced H.R. 4391, the Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act. This groundbreaking bill would prevent US aid to Israel from being used to detain, interrogate, ill-treat, and imprison Palestinian children in its separate-and-unequal military courts. USCPR worked in tandem with Rep. McCollum's office and the No Way to Treat a Child campaign, spearheaded by Defense for Children International-Palestine (DCIP) and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), to provide vital grassroots and Hill advocacy support for the bill.

We met with upwards of 40 congressional offices, and coordinated more than 6,000 constituent letters of support and numerous town hall mobilizations. Centering Palestinian voices, USCPR facilitated dozens of Hill advocacy meetings for groups ranging from Addameer, the Palestinian political prisoners' advocacy organization, to the United Church of Christ Palestine-Israel Network.

Thanks to the strategic pressure that we played a key role in orchestrating, the bill now has 30 cosponsors, or Members of Congress willing to take a public stand for Palestinian rights. We are getting closer and closer to Palestinian human rights securing its role on the progressive congressional agenda. We are proud to be working with partners like DCIP and AFSC to increase our collective impact!



Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN), the original sponsor of H.R. 4391, meeting with staff from USCPR, AFSC, Amnesty International, DCIP, the United Methodist Church, Friends Committee on National Legislation, and Churches for Middle East Peace to discuss promoting human rights by preventing US military aid from being used in the Israeli military detention of Palestinian children.



## OPPOSING KENNETH MARCUS' NOMINATION

Along with myriad progressive and civil liberties organizations, USCPR opposed the nomination of Kenneth Marcus—a career anti-Palestinian, anti-boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) activist—for Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in the Department of Education. Marcus supports anti-BDS legislation and has a long record of filing spurious discrimination claims with the department in an effort to suppress Palestine activism on campus. USCPR supporters sent 3,000 letters to senators opposing his nomination. Though Marcus was narrowly confirmed, all Democrats voted against him, making him among the most controversial appointees to ever take on this position and further exposing the growing partisan divide on Palestine. With Marcus in power, we will continue to work with our partners in the Palestine solidarity movement to support organizing for, and combat repression of, Palestinian rights on campuses across the US.



Students carry out a silent protest during nomination hearings for Kenneth Marcus as Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

## GREAT RETURN MARCH AND

## DEMANDING ISRAELI ACCOUNTABILITY

On March 30, 2018, 30,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip began the Great Return March to demand their internationally recognized right of return to the villages they were displaced from in 1948, which lie just a few miles away on the other side of Israel's prison fence. As they exercised their right to protest, the Israeli military met them with lethal and excessive force. In the face of the ongoing Israeli massacre, we created an action guide for supporters of Palestinian rights to leverage their people power. More than 18,000 letters were sent to Members of Congress, demanding for Israel to be held accountable for its crimes. USCPR advocated on Capitol Hill to push the congressional conversation towards support for Palestinians' right to protest and right to return. Our staff also made 63 media appearances, adding critical Palestinian voices to the conversation and providing context to 70 years of Israeli oppression and Palestinian resistance. We highlighted the need for BDS in *Vox*, shared concrete actions in *The Nation* for US taxpayers to hold Israel accountable for the killing of Palestinian protesters, and connected journalists and decision makers in the US to organizers, writers, and thinkers in Gaza to help get their voices out there, including by helping place an op-ed in *ThinkProgress*.





## BRINGING PALESTINE TO THE HALLS OF POWER



Al-Shabaka Policy Fellows Zena Agha (left) and Yara Hawari (right) with Rep. Betty McCollum (center) on a Capitol Hill tour facilitated by USCPR.

USCPR continues to build a platform for Palestinian organizations on Capitol Hill, coordinating a half-dozen tours for organizations including Addameer: Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, DCIP, Adalah, Adalah Justice Project, Al-Shabaka, and Youth Against Settlements. In doing so, USCPR helps make it possible for Palestinian advocates to break into a policy arena that simultaneously has enormous impact on the Palestinian people and often purposefully marginalizes them.

Tours in the past year included numerous meetings with Members of Congress and a congressional briefing featuring an all-Palestinian panel entitled "Jerusalem: Annexation, the Impact on Human Rights, and the US Embassy Move." These and other advocacy spaces that we facilitate inject expert Palestinian testimony into Palestinian rights issues including the Israeli detention of Palestinian children, the Israeli blockade and siege on Gaza, and issues of equality for Palestinian citizens of Israel.

## NETROOTS NATION



This year, we put renewed emphasis on strategically advancing "progressive for Palestine" politics. We had a highly visible presence at Netroots Nation, the largest annual conference for progressives in the US. We reached hundreds of activists with a "Progressive for Palestinian Rights" panel, a cross-movement caucus, and by tabling. We helped popularize the slogan "from Palestine to Mexico, all the walls have got to go" in a vital space, and bore witness to how progressives are increasingly embracing the issue of Palestinian rights.

## THE EQUALITY DELEGATION TO CAPITOL HILL

Following Israel's passage of the Nation-State Bill, which enshrined apartheid as a constitutional value in Israel, we worked with partners at Adalah Justice Project, the Institute for Middle East Understanding, and Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) to make the crisis into an opportunity for justice. We helped facilitate connections between progressive leaders in the US and a delegation that included two Palestinian citizens of Israel who are progressive leaders in Israeli politics: Hassan Jabareen, director general of Adalah: The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel, who is taking the racist law to court, and Member of the Knesset (MK) Jamal Zahalka, who proposed an alternative vision of equality with a bill calling for Israeli to be a state for all of its citizens.



Top, from L to R: Nadia Ben-Youssef of Adalah Justice Project, MK Jamal Zahalka, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Hassan Jabareen of Adalah, Nadia Saah of Institute for Middle East Understanding, Leah Muskin-Pierret of USCPR.



Hassan Jabareen of Adalah, Rep. Jamie Raskin, MK Jamal Zahalka.

This delegation, which featured a roundtable at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and meetings with key Members of Congress such as Rep. Karen Bass, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Rep. Jamie Raskin, and Rep. Alan Lowenthal, planted the seeds for a campaign for equal rights as a value in US foreign policy—including towards Israel and Palestine.

## EMPOWERING OUR BASE

Across the country, USCPR is working with activists in key congressional districts to pressure Congress to end US complicity in Israeli atrocities and support freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people. This past year, we rolled out expanded efforts to harness the strength of the movement for Palestinian rights—people power—to make progress in a historically difficult arena: Capitol Hill. From training webinars to in-person strategy sessions, from meetings in district offices to activist mobilizations at town halls, from regular lobby visit reports to skills sharing, USCPR is providing more tailored and effective support for in-district organizing than ever before. At the start of 2018, USCPR inaugurated a plan to cultivate and support activist leaders as they move their Members of Congress to make statements favorable to Palestinian rights, to support the right to boycott and oppose anti-BDS legislation, and to become cosponsors of the first-ever Palestinian rights legislation, H.R. 4391. In just under a year, we are already working with scores of activist leaders around the US.



# MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGNS

## CITIES FOR PALESTINE

From the local focuses in the South African anti-apartheid movement to environmental justice campaigns that focus on divestment from fossil fuels to the movement for prison abolition, municipal campaigns are a tried-and-true strategy that prove the efficacy of organizing locally to impact national and global causes.

Our forward-looking strategic plan pinpoints municipal campaigns as a priority area to build on and out. Municipal campaigns allow people to do and shape policy work at a local level; create opportunities to discuss Palestine and impact public opinion; and build our power both horizontally, with progressives and communities of color, and vertically with policy makers.

In the vein of focusing on local opportunities, in June 2018 we launched the Cities for Palestine platform, which offers resources and connections to people across the country. Housed at [citiesforpalestine.org](https://citiesforpalestine.org), the initiative builds on and uplifts the collective efforts of groups leading municipal campaigns. The resources offered include a toolkit to help people launch their own campaigns, as well as campaign ideas and starter kits, including ending propaganda trips to Israel by local elected officials and passing city council resolutions affirming the right to boycott.



Our hope is that by providing resources, connections, and support, activists in cities across the US will be inspired to take up municipal campaigns in support of freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people.

**See the Cities for Palestine toolkit, campaign ideas, success stories, and resources at [citiesforpalestine.org](https://citiesforpalestine.org)**

## NEW ORLEANS HUMAN RIGHTS

### INVESTMENT SCREEN

In partnership with organizations like Friends of Sabeel-North America (FOSNA), AFSC, and American Muslims for Palestine, USCPR has provided various levels of support to municipal campaigns for years. In New Orleans in January 2018, the New Orleans Palestinian Solidarity Committee led an inspiring win for the adoption of a universal human rights screen with a city council resolution that was then rescinded following pressure from Zionist organizations. New Orleans showed both what is possible—cross-movement organizing resulting in groundbreaking legislation—and power dynamics at the city level that must shift to translate people power into sustained wins.



Tabitha Mustafa of the New Orleans Palestine Solidarity Committee speaking at the New Orleans City Council hearing on the human rights screen.

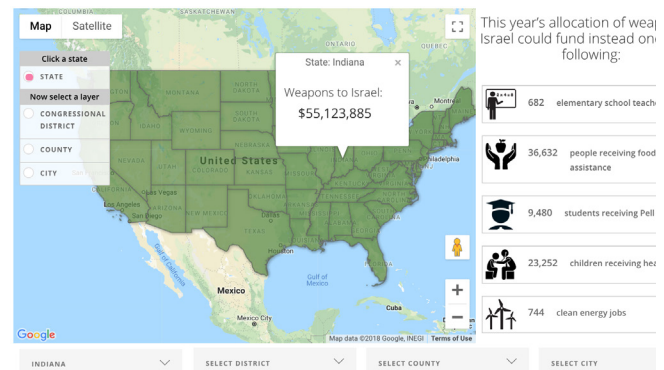
### FEARLESS CITIES

As part of our commitment to growing municipal campaigns that advance our work and uplift our partners' efforts, we presented a workshop alongside USCPR member groups FOSNA and JVP at the Fearless Cities gathering in New York City in July 2018. Our workshop, "From Militarized Police to Israeli Apartheid, How Cities Push Human Rights," was an opportunity to share how municipal campaigns for Palestinian rights advance progressive goals in our cities and open up opportunities for coalition-building and political education.

### TOOLS TO END MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL

On Tax Day 2018, USCPR launched a major new interactive tool, [militaryaidtoisrael.org](http://militaryaidtoisrael.org), which shows annual taxpayer contributions to weapons to Israel at the state, congressional district, county, and city levels. The tool is based on the Obama administration's 2016 deal to give Israel an unprecedented \$38 billion in military aid from 2019 to 2028. The tool also includes budgetary trade-offs for social goods such as health care, green jobs, and teachers that could be funded instead with this money.

The online resource is designed to promote intersectional organizing at the local level and empower municipal campaigns for Palestinian rights. It has also been used by local activists across the country in letters-to-the-editor to highlight the cost of weapons to Israel and call for accountability for Israel's perpetration of human rights abuses against Palestinians with these weapons.





# FREEDOM BOUND:

# CONNECTIONS

# ACROSS STRUGGLES

*USCPR's work is informed by an understanding that all forms of oppression are interconnected and reinforce each other. Work for justice for one community must be part of a vision of justice for all. That means showing up for other movements and marginalized communities; drawing parallels between struggles; and sharing tactics of resistance and resilience.*

## WORLD WITHOUT WALLS DELEGATION

As Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu celebrate one another's walls, separate families and destroy lives, we forge resistance. Along with our partners, in October 2017 we sent a delegation of indigenous, Mexican, immigrant, and clergy activists resisting the US/Mexico border wall to Palestine to build relationships and joint struggle with Palestinians resisting Israel's apartheid wall. They traded stories and strategies of resistance to the ongoing ethnic cleansing of native people from Turtle Island (North America) to Palestine, passed through Israeli checkpoints, and met with Palestinian workers who share similar struggles related to labor exploitation and dehumanization.

After they returned, the delegation released a statement on Palestinian Land Day that lifted up the common experiences of militarized borders, separation of families, cultural erasure, exploitation, incarceration, and genocide. The delegation also pledged to implement BDS campaigns challenging corporations profiting

from colonization from the US to Palestine.



Building on the delegation, USCPR supported the first World Without Walls Global Day of Action and presented at the School of Americas Watch Border Encuentro.





## EXPANDING THE TOGETHER WE RISE CURRICULUM



Together We Rise: Palestine as a Model of Resistance is USCPR's political education curriculum that provides critical voices, context, and resources. The curriculum articulates the connections between the struggle for Palestinian rights and the struggles of Indigenous, Black, and brown communities, and other marginalized groups impacted by US policies, both within and outside of US borders. Recently released resources include our "Palestine 101: Not That

Complicated" video; a speakers and trainers list; and webinars on the global impact of Zionism, colonization and gentrification from Jerusalem to St. Louis, Palestine as a queer struggle, and 100+ years of Palestinian resistance from the Arab Revolt to the intifadas to BDS.

## POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

On June 23, 2018, USCPR supported a Palestine contingent to the Poor People's Campaign's Mass Rally at the US Capitol. Two months later, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II of the Poor People's Campaign delivered the keynote address at Together We Rise, USCPR's national conference in St. Paul, MN. The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is a movement uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and the nation's distorted morality.

## FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER

On June 30, 2018, USCPR organized a Palestine contingent to the Families Belong Together march made up of Palestinians and folks in solidarity with the struggle for freedom, justice, and equality. We joined tens of thousands of marchers in Washington, DC to demand an end to inhumane and cruel policies that separate children from their parents—from the US-Mexico border to Palestine. We joined because we understand that those being criminalized at the border today are oftentimes escaping conditions in their countries exacerbated by US imperialism manifesting in military aid and weapons—the very same support the US sends Israel to entrench its oppression of the Palestinian people. This impact of US militarism is not only felt abroad. Black and brown communities right here in the US are having families destroyed and are being brutalized by mass incarceration and police brutality.



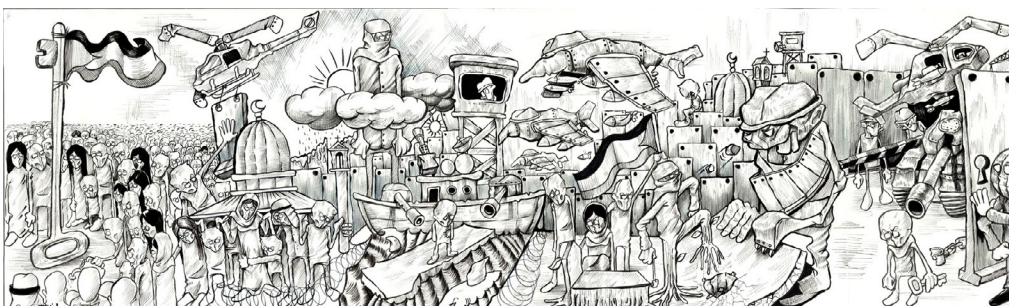
## NAACP CONFERENCE



USCPR member groups tabled for USCPR at the NAACP conference in an example of the strength that our coalition brings and how it helps our movement build across struggles.

When our staff could not show up themselves, the coalition stepped up! We worked with USCPR member groups, including the Palestine Online Store, the Interfaith Community for Palestinian Rights, and San Antonio for Justice in Palestine, to organize a Palestinian delegation to table at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) conference in San Antonio, TX, which was an opportunity to strengthen Black-Palestinian solidarity.

**2nd Place**  
History of Palestine by  
Mohammad Sabaaneh





## UNLEASHED ART COMPETITION



In the midst of a tumultuous year and the long struggle for freedom, justice, and equality, USCPR issued a call to visual artists to UNLEASH their imaginations and visualize futures.

The UNLEASHED: visualizing futures art competition was open to all visual artists and creators to imagine liberation and what might our worlds and communities feel like after the fight is won and we are freed. Palestinian artists were given the option to submit under a second call to artistry, meditating on Palestine beyond apartheid.

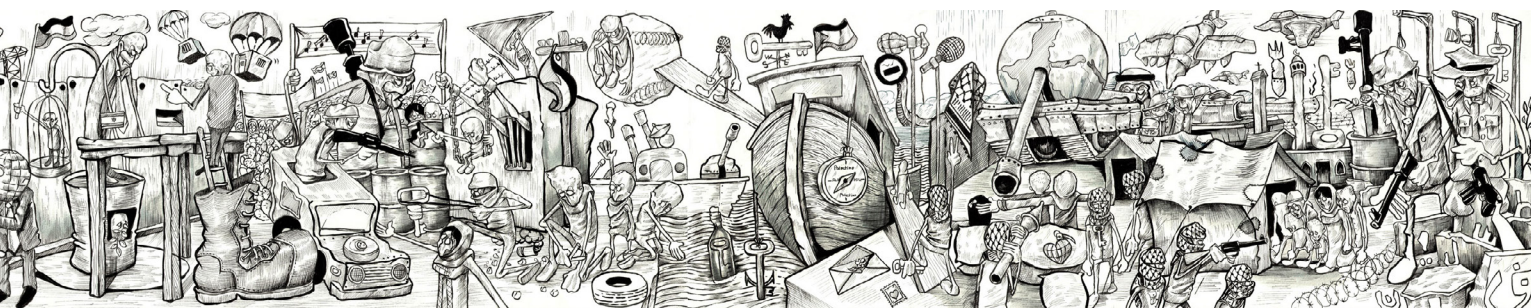
Three winners were selected out of dozens of submissions by a panel of eight judges, who were artists and creators from across the country and across the world. The winners, pictured here, were announced at the Together We Rise national conference in Minnesota in September 2018. See the winners and notes from the artists online at [uscpr.org/artcompetition](http://uscpr.org/artcompetition).



**1st Place**  
Sending Wings  
Instead of Arms by  
Najib Joe Hakim



**3rd Place**  
Caryatids Unleashed (Exploring Protest 2) by Noga Gahl  
Wizansky



# CHURCHES FOR JUSTICE

*2018 saw extraordinary wins for Palestinian rights in mainstream US churches. Churches are major grassroots institutions representing millions of people nationwide, including countless US senators, representatives, governors, and US State Department officials. Church actions speak to major top-level shifts in mainstream political orientation and analysis. This year's breakthroughs illustrate how, in just a few years, support for Palestinian rights has become the norm rather than the exception in mainstream churches, and how analysis has evolved beyond a narrow focus on Israel's 1967 occupation to challenging all aspects of Israeli colonialism.*

Four years ago, the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted by the slimmest of margins to divest from Israel's occupation. In June 2018, the same church voted overwhelmingly for a massive slate of resolutions affirming the right to boycott, supporting justice for Palestinians across historic Palestine, challenging normalization, and defending the right to call Israel a colonial project and apartheid state.

Just days later, the Episcopal Church became the 10th Christian denomination to take economic action for justice in Palestine when it voted to divest from Israel's human rights abuses, among other things. At these assemblies and in years past, USCPR was on the ground with many other key partners providing behind-the-scenes strategic support, bringing lessons learned from one assembly to the next, and organizing delegations of Palestinians and allies to provide testimonies that inspired delegates to vote for justice.



"USCPR does more than just support church divestment wins. They are instrumental in building coalitions and a movement culture of church groups supporting one another as an investment in long-term power. They know that the more we work together and help each other, the greater will be our power to effect change."

**-Dale Loepp, USCPR member group Isaiah-58, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**



USCPR and other allies getting ready with the Episcopal Palestine Israel Network and voting delegates for their church convention, where divestment passed! The Episcopal Church was the 10th church to take economic action in support of Palestinian rights.



USCPR Director of Organizing and Advocacy, Anna Baltzer, testifying at the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the adoption of resolutions championing Palestinian rights.

# RIGHT TO BOYCOTT

*13 years ago, 170 Palestinian civil society organizations issued a historic, rights-based call to the international community for boycotts, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) targeting Israel and institutions complicit in its oppressive policies towards Palestinians until it complies with international law and ensures freedom, justice, and equality. In its first 10 years, BDS achieved 100 US wins—an incredible milestone. Three years later, that number is 250. 2018 saw breakthroughs in Hollywood, city councils, churches, and campuses. USCPR supports key campaigns, organizes national BDS strategic planning convenings, and maintains a list of US wins online.*

*Despite the Supreme Court stance that political boycotts are unquestionably protected under the First Amendment, organizations that oppose Palestinian rights are working with local, state, and federal lawmakers in heavy-handed, McCarthyite attempts to push for local and federal legislation to punish and even criminalize our right to boycott for Palestinian rights. They are facing vigorous resistance as state anti-BDS laws in Kansas and Arizona have already been successfully challenged in courts, with more court challenges to come.*

## STALLING THE ISRAEL ANTI-BOYCOTT ACT

USCPR has continued to effectively challenge the Israel Anti-Boycott Act, one of AIPAC's top legislative priorities. This bill would impose criminal penalties, including 20 years in jail and \$1 million in fines, against individuals who furnish information to an international organization to support its call for a boycott of Israel, or even of products from its illegal West Bank colonies. USCPR was the first organization to raise the alarm about this draconian bill and has played a leading role in coalescing groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), to oppose this bill. To date, USCPR's action alerts, resources, media appearances, and Hill meetings have played an effective role in forcing two rewrites of the bill (both of which are unconstitutional), bogging it down in the legislative process, and throwing a monkey wrench into AIPAC's agenda.

## FILIBUSTERING FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT

People power works. USCPR celebrated a win alongside member groups and the ACLU of Missouri when, in a major legislative upset, the conservative Missouri legislature failed to pass legislation targeting the boycott of Israel. Supported by Missouri's governor, Republican and Democratic leaders, and major Zionist organizations, the legislation was widely expected to pass. But grassroots power prevailed after a five-month grassroots campaign resulted in an inspiring filibuster and opposition from both sides of the aisle!



Mid-Missourians for Justice in Palestine, Mid-Missouri Fellowship of Reconciliation, St. Louis Palestine Solidarity Committee, JVP, AMP, and others in the Missouri Right to Boycott Coalition, lobbied lawmakers for months and testified against the bills during committee hearings.



## CULTURAL BOYCOTT

*From internationally superstars Lorde, Shakira, and Lana Del Rey cancelling performances in Israel to hundreds more artists across the globe endorsing the cultural boycott of Israel, cultural workers are respecting the Palestinian picket line and refusing to use their celebrity status to help Israel normalize and whitewash its war crimes. The headlines made when an artist respects the cultural boycott call open up new opportunities to push the discourse around Palestinian rights and inspire others to take action.*

# SHIFTING MEDIA NARRATIVES

The media landscape is a front line in the struggle to assert Palestinian rights to freedom, justice, and equality. In the last year, our staff and programs made upwards of 390 media appearances, including placing dozens of opinion pieces, that projected our message of intersectional organizing on Palestine, offered critical perspectives and Palestinian representation, and pushed the conversation on Palestine as a progressive issue.



# WAYS TO SUPPORT USCPR

Just as we organize grassroots supporters to take action for Palestinian rights, the funding and resources that allow us to implement our campaigns, organizing, and media work also come overwhelmingly from individuals—grassroots supporters—who make it all possible.

## OLIVE BRANCH CLUB



The Olive Branch Club (OBC), our monthly giving program, gives you a convenient way to support USCPR's mission and build the movement for Palestinian rights. As an OBC member, you help USCPR do more year-round and allow us to educate and organize communities across the US.

## TREES FOR LIFE

In 2017, USCPR once again partnered with the Palestinian Fair Trade Association (PFTA) to provide assistance to Palestinian farmers for the 2018 planting season. Generous donors to our Trees for Life campaign allowed us to support the planting of more than 2,500 saplings throughout Palestine with PFTA. USCPR proudly supports family farmers on their land as they root resistance, provide a living for their families, and increase the economic stability of their communities.

## ESTATE PLANNING: WILLS AND BEQUESTS

Establishing a legacy of justice can further your dreams for a better, more just world. Including USCPR in your will or estate plan will enable work for Palestinian rights for years to come.

## STOCKS AND SECURITIES

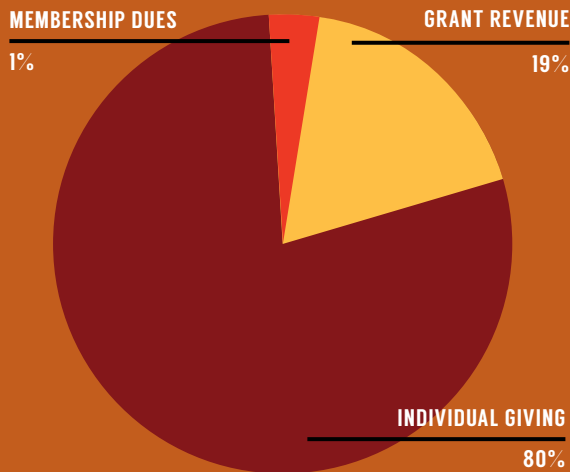
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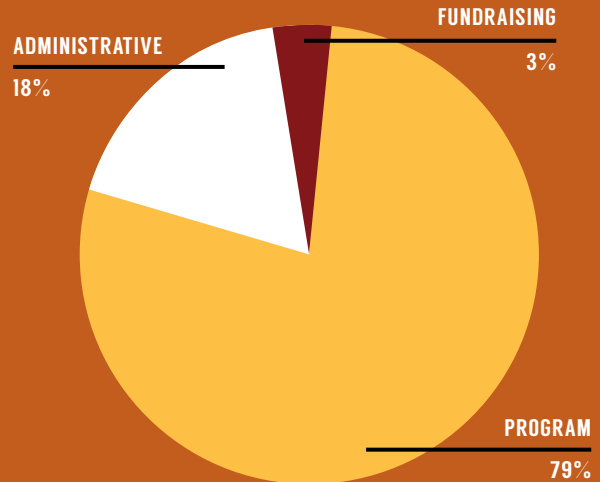
Find more detail on the above ways to support USCPR at [uscpr.org/donate](https://uscpr.org/donate). To discuss a legacy or stock gift or learn more about opportunities to support our efforts to advance Palestinian rights, please contact Mike Daly, Development Director, at [mike@uscpr.org](mailto:mike@uscpr.org) and (703) 312-6360.

# FINANCIALS

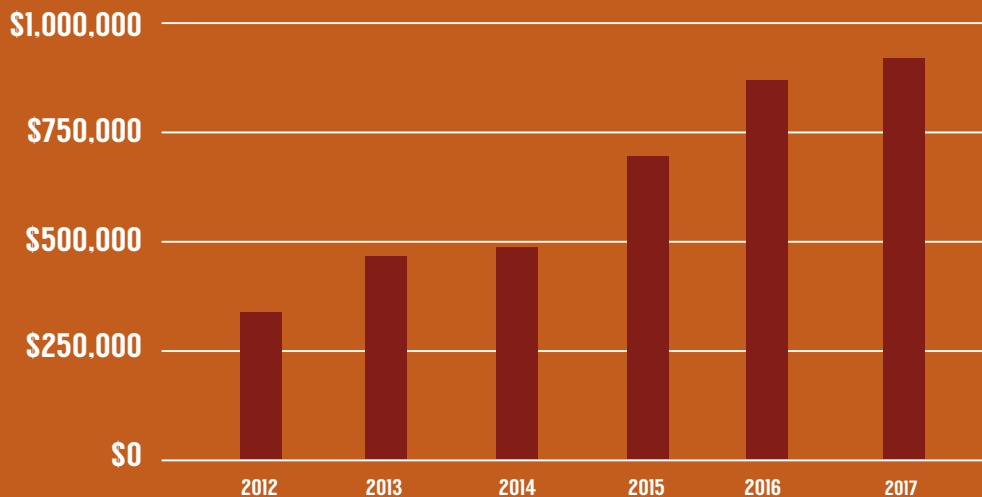
Revenue



Functional Expenses



Budget Growth, 2012-2017



Our program expense ratio is 79 percent. This means that out of every dollar spent, 79 cents goes toward USCPR's programs. We spend just three cents on fundraising costs and 18 cents on operations.

The tax ID number (EIN) of the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights is 42-1636592. We are a registered 501(c)3 organization.

Annual reports and financial statements can be found on our website at [uscpr.org/finances](http://uscpr.org/finances).











# UNLEASHED

visualizing futures



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