

KAIROS IRELAND

Join us on
Tuesday 11 May
at 4pm until 5.30pm
for a webinar

"Israel: An Apartheid society?"

with Rev Dr Brian Brown, former Africa Secretary
of the British Council of Churches.

The question that Brian will address is the horror of seeing the Palestinians being violently dispossessed of their land, nationality and human rights by the policies of the State of Israel. He did not believe apartheid could happen again in his life-time and be replicated in another land. What he experienced happening on the ground while living in South Africa's era of Grand Apartheid (1960-90) was the reality of one ethnic group taking the land, human rights and nationality of another through violent conquest and occupation in violation of international law.

Brian was part of the confessing church movement of the Christian Institute who, along with Rev Beyers Naudé, lived through those difficult years. He opposed the policies of South African Apartheid from a strong theological standpoint and was banned (house arrest) for many years.

He calls on all Christians at congregational and denominational levels to engage in a process of confession concerning the systematic deprivation of the rights of the Palestinian people, and how the Bible has been used by many to justify and support this oppression.

Introductions

Rev Dr John Parkin, Chairman of Kairos Ireland.
Dr Jilan Abdalmajid, Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland

Moderator of webinar: Gillian Kingston, Vice-President of the World Methodist Council.

Concluding remarks: Rifat Kassis, General Secretary, Kairos Palestine



**Our second 'living
theology' webinar**

**We want you to hear
the voice of a South
African Christian
witnessing another
Apartheid society**

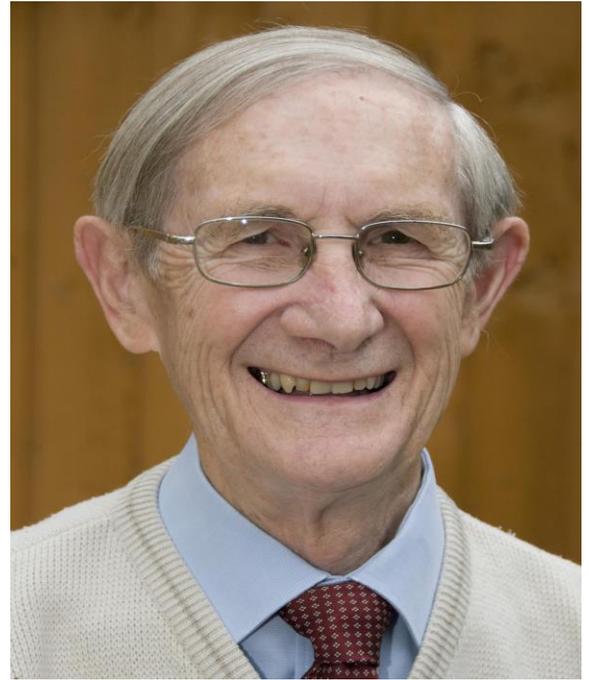
**Without having to
leave your home**

**Only one hour
and a bit**

**Kairos is the moment
of God's grace**

Rev Brian Brown is a Methodist minister and came to England as a refugee from apartheid South Africa in 1978 following the regime's imposition of a banning order. He initially worked in the Denby Dale & Clayton West Circuit, near Huddersfield. He then became Africa Secretary for the British Council of Churches during the 1980s before taking up a teaching position at Kingsmead College in Birmingham which prepared people for working overseas.

This was followed by a lengthy period in the Methodist World Church Office in London with responsibility for African affairs. He acted as a consultant to Kairos South Africa when they produced their document, that subsequently became a model for Kairos Palestine. He is now retired but not given up interest in world affairs and how the apartheid mindset affects the Holy Land.



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Kairos Ireland

are a group of people from church and trade union backgrounds on an all-Ireland basis who came together in 2018 with a concern for justice in Israel and Palestine. We long for an end to the occupation of Palestinian territories by Israel that began in 1967 and the creation of a new peaceful future for people of all backgrounds with equal rights and opportunities. We hope to see justice and freedom for Palestinians as well as peace and security for Israel. We know from the experience of divided communities in Ireland that violence does not heal and restore broken relationships. Some of us have served in human rights initiatives in Palestine and Israel or have been on fact finding visits or are just motivated by concern for a conflict that threatens the peace of the region and the wider world.

We invite all people of good will to join with us in the search for a just solution where Jews, Christians and Muslims and other minority traditions can live together in harmony. We challenge churches in Ireland to confront the 'twisted theology' that justifies continuing Israeli military repression in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT). We reject the notion of privilege on the grounds of ethnicity or a misunderstanding of Biblical concepts such as Promise and Covenant.

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