

## Fair Trade Products from the Holy Land

The Presbyterian Church in Canada, KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives and other KAIROS members have long promoted fair trade products such as coffee which encourage a just distribution of resources and provide an opportunity to learn about fair trade. Promoting Palestinian fair trade products is a means of showing economic solidarity with Palestinians and providing an opportunity to learn about the conflict and about the efforts to seek peace. The list of Fair Trade organizations below is by no means exhaustive, and will be updated as necessary.

The 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) approved the following recommendation:

*That presbyteries and congregations be encouraged to promote the purchase and distribution of products and services from the Occupied Palestinian Territories through organizations such as the Zatoun organization, Holy Land Handicraft Cooperative Society, Holy Land Artisans, and the Alternative Tourism Group from Ramallah, both to assist the Palestinian people, and as a means of promoting awareness of the situation of Palestinians living in the occupied territories.*

### Information on Fair Trade Products

For information on fair trade products, and where they are available for purchase in Canada, visit TransFair Canada's website: [www.transfair.ca](http://www.transfair.ca). Transfair Canada monitors and certifies fair trade products available in Canada.

### Where to Purchase Fair Trade Products

These organizations in the Holy Land have information on their products and services online. Please visit:

- Zatoun organization ([www.zatoun.com](http://www.zatoun.com))
- Holy Land Handicraft Cooperative Society ([www.holyland-handicraft.org](http://www.holyland-handicraft.org))
- Holy Land Artisans ([holylandartisans.tripod.com](http://holylandartisans.tripod.com))
- Alternative Tourism Group from Ramallah ([www.atg.ps](http://www.atg.ps))

Some products from the above listed organizations are available at Ten Thousand Villages stores. To locate stores please visit [www.tenthousandvillages.ca](http://www.tenthousandvillages.ca). Ten Thousand Villages is a not for profit, fair trade organization and is a program of Mennonite Central Committee.

Four Corners is a project of Canadian Lutheran World Relief. They sell olive wood items and silver jewellery from artisans in the Christian communities of Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahour in the West Bank. Purchases of these handcrafts support the artisans and their families as they struggle to survive amid the violence and uncertainty in their communities. Please visit [www.clwr.org/How-You-Can-Help/host-a-four-corners-sale.cfm](http://www.clwr.org/How-You-Can-Help/host-a-four-corners-sale.cfm) for more information, and store locations.