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“We share together in a Witness for Justice and Peace”

In 2019, a delegation from the United Church of Christ and the Union of Evangelical Churches (UEK) in Germany visited Palestine and Israel to visit partners (both common partners and unique), to learn about the current situation, and to share together in a witness for justice and peace in a context that is of special importance among Christians, as well as Jews and Muslims. The special relationship of Kirchengemeinschaft (“church communion”) that was established in 1980/81 and reaffirmed in 2003 by the UCC’s General Synod, and the UEK’s 2011 Synod. Justice and peacemaking have always been important components of the relationship of the UCC and the UEK, and this delegation’s visit was consistent with that public and global witness. To have travelled together and to work for justice and peace in the world beyond our borders, with partners in other contexts, is a commitment and aspiration of Kirchengemeinschaft that lives on.

