

# **‘Mockery’ : PCUSA Passes Resolution Classifying Israel an ‘Apartheid’ State**

The governing body of the Presbyterian Church USA on Friday recognized that the laws, policies and practices of the government of Israel concerning the Palestinian people “fulfill the international legal definition of apartheid.”

The resolution passed in a 266-116 vote during the church’s biannual General Assembly, which took place in Louisville, Kentucky, and online.

The decision was met with criticism by numerous Christian groups.

Rabbi Eric J. Greenberg, director of United Nations Relations and Strategic Partnerships for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, called the measure “an insult to Jews and Christians alike which damages interfaith relations.”

“PCUSA leadership has violated G-d’s commandment not to bear false witness, rendered itself irrelevant in the world of peacemaking and made a mockery of honest dialogue and interfaith relations,” Greenberg said following the vote.

Officials with The Wiesenthal Center argued that PCUSA leaders “rigged” the resolution, also known as an overture, by giving church members false and misleading information.

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