



US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation

"We aim to change those US policies that both sustain Israel's 41-year occupation of the Palestinian West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, and deny equal rights for all."

The US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation Welcomes Eddie Makue



Increasingly, leaders from Nelson Mandela to Jimmy Carter have been calling for the world to recognize that the state sanctioned separation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories is strikingly similar to the South African apartheid regime. In the interest of exploring these similarities the US campaign is proud to bring South African civil rights leader Rev. Eddie Makue to the United States for a ten city speaking tour November 10th-23rd.

Rev. Makue's South African civil rights work began in 1982, when he opposed the racist Koornhof Bills, founding the Transvaal Anti-President's Council Committee and the Eldorado Park Residents Association and Advice Office. Throughout the 1980s, Eddie continued to work with social and political organizations to fight racist policies and make life more bearable for black South Africans.

Beginning in 1984, Rev. Makue served as the Transvaal Region secretary and representative to the Soweto area Executive Committee of the United Democratic Front. By 1990, Rev. Makue was the educational officer and an executive committee member for the Eldorado Park/Kliptown African National Congress.

As state sanctioned apartheid was dismantled, Rev. Makue worked to prepare his fellow South Africans for truly democratic elections, helping to found the Independent Forum on Electoral Education in 1992, the Democracy Education and Lobbying Forum in 1994, and the South African Civil Society Election Observation Coalition in 1998. Eddie has also served on the South African Human Rights Commission and as the Chairperson of Economic Social & Cultural Council (ECOSOCC-SA Chapter) of the African Union. In 2005, Rev. Makue put this electoral experience to work as a member of an election monitoring delegation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

As a member of the United Reformed Church in Southern Africa, Rev. Makue has over 20 years of distinguished ecumenical service. Beginning in 1986, Eddie worked for the South African Council of Churches, as a field worker counseling victims of unjust prosecution. In 1997, Eddie served as Commissioner of International Affairs for the All Africa Conference of Churches. In 2006, Rev. Makue was appointed to his current position as General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

Rev. Makue, studied theology and sociology at the University of the Western Cape and UNISA and holds a Master of Science from Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College in the United Kingdom

