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Claiming one’s property and living without fear are dreams to many Palestinians who have lost their homes and struggle daily with humiliation at military checkpoints as they go to jobs, schools and hospitals. Ongoing unrest, some of it ethnically based, impedes economic and political stability.

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Much of The United Methodist Church’s mission in the Middle East is located in Israel/Palestine and reaches out through education, employment, health, human rights, hunger, liberation theology and programs for people with special needs.

“Palestinian Christians cry out to Christians in North America to be instruments of peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.” Alex Awad, Palestinian Christian. After the prophet Micah echoed the words of his contemporary, Isaiah, he added a verse, “But they shall sit ... under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid.” (Micah 4:3b-4a)

In his day, Micah denounced injustice and religious hypocrisy and sympathized with the needs of the poor. He could have been writing about today’s situation in Israel and Palestine.

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