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Holy Land Ecumenical Foundation, Inc. 6935 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 518 Bethesda, MD 20815-6124

Dear Mr. Rabie and Board of Directors,

Our congregation has been supportive of the work of Holy Land Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF) for many years and we rejoice as we hear about your continued efforts for "Forging a New Bond of Solidarity and Equality, Prosperity, and Peace." The theme you have chosen for your 18th Annual International Conference certainly speaks to the work you have accomplished in the past and the goals you envision for the future. Congratulations on this 18th year of bringing people together from across the world to address the serious and complicated reality of life in Palestine.

The work you do is vital for the spiritual and physical needs of the Palestinian Christians as well as all who live in the Palestine region.

You have our hopes and our prayers for a successful conference this October.

The Rev. Sandra Cox Shaw

Pastor, Living Faith Lutheran Church

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