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Introduction

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This issue of *Critical Theology* contains three articles focused on different parts of the world. The first, by Shadia Qubti, focuses on the struggles and moral dilemmas of Palestinians in Gaza and reflects on portions of Scripture in light of these. The second, by Jan Rehmann, analyzes how the Trump administration is undermining democracy in the United States. The third, by me, is the fourth in a series of articles reflecting on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Sermon on the Mount, and the quest for right relations between Indigenous Peoples and settlers in Canada. Though these articles focus on different parts of the world, their topics are interrelated by the global impact of actions by the Trump administration, by the common theme of struggles for life and human rights in each area, and by the belief that biblical teachings can illuminate and support these struggles. The articles are followed by a review of a book containing theology being done in Gaza.

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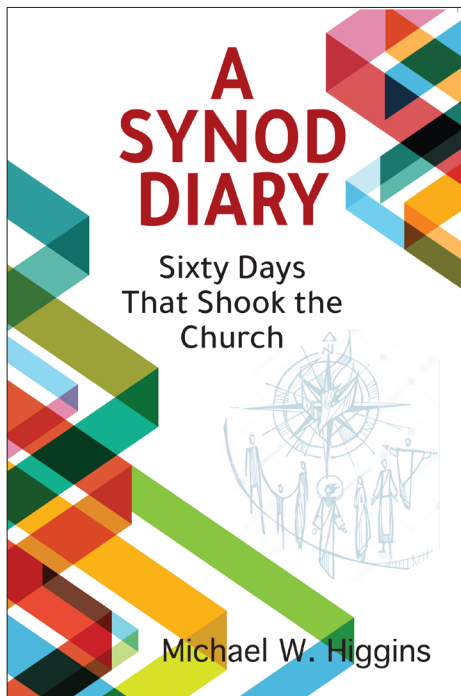
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—from the author's *Prelude*

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