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Forty Years of Occupation

The 5th June 1967 was a decisive war in favor of Israel in which three air forces and three armies of Egypt, Jordan and Syria were totally obliterated and Arab lands were occupied including the remaining 22% of the total area of Palestine (total area 27.000 km²). Overnight the total area of Israel included the Sinai and the Golan Heights and increased to 68.000 km². This war did not bring peace to Israel.

Six years later another War broke out in October 1973 in which the Arabs did much better even though at the end of the fighting Israel emerged as a winner. This win-win resulting situation was the catalyst that led to Arab-Israeli negotiations beginning with Sadat's November 1977 surprise visit to Israel and the Camp David Agreement of March 1979 and ended with the Madrid Peace Conference/ October 1991, the Oslo Agreements/ September 1993 and the Jordanian

Israeli Peace Agreement/ 1994. But what is aborting the present Palestinian–Israeli peace process is what Israel has done to the occupied lands, West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem in the last forty years.

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Al-Liqa' Center
The Christian – Muslim Dialogue Conference
19th Session

21-23 June 2007
The Russian Hotel – Bethlehem

“Forty Years between the Tragedy of Occupation and the Will to Attain Independence”



The conference was attended by leading religious figures, including H.B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah and Islamic Chief Judge in Palestine, H.E. Sheik Tayseer Al-Tamimi, and tens of religious, academic and political leaders, as well as people of different sectors of society, private and public. Dr. Geries S. Khoury moderated the inaugural addresses by Patriarch Sabbah, Sheikh Tayseer Al-Tamimi and Deputy Governor of the Bethlehem Governorate, Mr. Marwan Khader. Dr. Khoury also spoke. All

speakers stressed national unity in light of the tragic intra-Palestinian blood letting in Gaza. All speakers, likewise, thought that religious leaders should play a role in Palestinian reconciliation. A festive reception followed.

The conference began at 6:00 p.m. with a panel on **“The historical and political dimensions of the 1967 war,”** which was moderated by Dr. Walid Mustafa of Bethlehem University. Dr. Adnan Musallam of Al-Liqa' Center compared and

contrasted the maps of June 4th 1967 and June 5th 1967, while Dr. Hammad Hussein of the American University in Jenin concluded that despite the bitter defeat of 1967, Egypt succeeded in the 1973 War of Attrition with the Israelis to recover self-confidence and the will to fight.

Professor Thiab Ayyoush of Al-Liqa' Center lectured on **“The role of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in resisting Israeli military occupation at various stages of Palestinian history.”** Dr. Butros Dalleh moderated the lecture. The evening program, about the refugees' problem of 1948 and 1967, was presented as a power point by Dr. Geris S. Khoury.

The second day of the conference began with a panel on **“The present state of the Arabs and its reflection on the Palestinian problem,”** which was moderated by Mr. Mousa Darwish of Al-Liqa'. Mr. 'Abdallah Hourani, former member of the PLO's Executive Committee, expressed his pessimism in light of the intra- Palestinian fighting in Gaza and the resulting separation of Gaza from West Bank which furthers Israeli plans. Attorney Dr. Nafe' Hassan, of the American University of Jenin pointed out the lack of Arab military, political and economic strategy despite the Arab countries' possession of arms and power. Lively discussion followed.

In the next panel on **“The impact of the 1967 War on the Arabs of the 1948”**, which was moderated by Dr. Nassri Qumsieh, Professor Aziz Haydar said that even though there are wealthy



Arabs in Israel, an Israeli apartheid system exists against Arabs since there is a stress on the Jewishness of the state. Dr. Butros Dalleh, a retired educator from Galilee, focused on the cultural aspects of the Arabs of Israel and presented a sample of Palestinian poetry from the 1948 areas. **“The impact of the 1967 War on Palestinian demography and geography”** was a power point presentation, which was moderated by Miss Makarm Awad of Al-Liqa'. Mr. Suheil Khalilieh of Applied Research presented basic up to date data concerning the impact of the 1967 War on Palestinian daily life including settlements, by-pass roads and the apartheid wall. Discussions followed.

“Methods to end occupation” was the main topic of the panel that followed, which was moderated by Professor Qustandi Shomali who spoke as well as on the cultural approaches to end occupation. Political activist Ms. Zahira Kamal stressed the two-state solution to the conflict and not a military solution. Dr. Bernard Sabella, member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, underlined the need for national unity and the need for education at the family and NGO levels. Dr. Bassem Makhoul's presentation revolved around economic



issues and reminded the audience that Palestinians remain under Israeli military occupation despite the presence of the Palestinian Authority.

The last panel for the day, moderated by Mr. Ziyad Shleweit, focused on **“The role of the Higher Islamic Council and the Local Church in the Palestinian Problem following the 1967 War; and the impact of the war on Christian-Muslim relations.”** Fr. Dr. Jamal Khader of the Bethlehem University compared and contrasted the local church before and after the appointment of Msgr. Michael Sabbah as the Latin Patriarch. Under Sabbah the Church became more vibrant.



Member of the Higher Islamic Council, Mr. ‘Abd Al-Raheem Mahmoud, asserted that the Council paid a heavy price under both Israeli occupation and the Palestinian Authority because it stressed unity for all Palestinians. Dr. Geries S. Khoury highlighted the various stages that Palestinians went through, with the resulting emergence of educational institutions and centers like Al-Liqa’, the appointment of Patriarch Sabbah, and Local Theology, all of which deepened national unity. He also warned of the present state of chaos in Palestinian society. Dr. ‘Abd Al-Rahman ‘Abbad of Al-Liqa’ stressed Christian-Muslim unity. Relationships among the people started long before Christianity or Islam.

On the third day of the conference, Attorney Ibrahim Sha’ban of Al-Quds University lectured on

“The Palestinian problem and international legitimacy.”

Moderating the lecture was Attorney Michael Shomali of the Bethlehem Governorate. The lecturer pointed out the international problems that face the Palestinian Authority since it is not a state. The Palestinian people possess sovereignty but cannot exercise it because of occupation. Lively discussions followed.



The final panel, which focused on **“Western and Palestinian views to solve the Palestinian Problem”**,

was moderated by Dr. Peter Qumri. Four Palestinians shared the panel: Dr. Mahdi ‘Abd Al-Hadi, Director of PASSIA, Jerusalem, Dr. Walid Mustafa of Bethlehem University, Israeli Knesset member, Muhammad Barakeh, and Dr. Isma’il Nawahdah of Al-Quds University and main preacher at Al-Aqsa Mosque. Dr. Mahdi stressed that the PLO was born with the blessing and support of Arabs and now it returns to the Arabs to seek help. Knesset member Muhammad Barakeh condemned the HAMAS coup in Gaza and demanded full support for Palestinian legitimacy. Dr. Mustafa, on his part, called for early presidential and legislative elections in order to overcome the present divisions in Palestinian society. Dr.

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AL-LIQA'S ACTIVITIES

BETHLEHEM AND THE GALILEE

Wednesday Evening

“Which National Unity Do We Seek?” 7 February 2007

Al-Liqa' Center held an open forum entitled **“Which National Unity Do We Seek?”** The panel began with introductory remarks by Dr. Geris S. Khoury. He pointed out the deteriorating political and social conditions in Palestine and in other Arab countries. He focused also on the internal Palestinian situation and on the failure to realize national unity. At the discussions which followed all speakers underlined the need to form a national unity government that would overcome world economic and political boycott of Palestinian Authority government and would be able to serve Palestinians and to realize their dreams of establishing an independent state.



Al-Liqa' Young People Activities

Young people of Christian and Muslim background as well as friends of Al-Liqa' were invited on 3 May 2007 to participate in a panel titled **“The worries and concerns of young Christian and Muslim**

Palestinians: between reality and ideal”, in which Palestinian Legislative Council's members, Mr. Fayez Al-Saca and Mr. 'Isa Qaraq, presented their views on young peoples' concerns. Both stressed the need for young people to play an active role in revitalizing their communities and building civic peace and harmony. Both speakers stressed the economic, political, social difficulties that Palestinian society is going through especially those that young people are facing.

The Problem of Emigration

Dr. Adnan Musallam, a member of the Board and Executive Committee of Al-Liqa', presented the problem of emigration on three occasions. **“Palestinian Diaspora: The Roots and the Problem”**, a lecture was delivered at Beit Sahur



Cultural Diwan, on 22 February 2007. A closely related lecture was delivered at the Beit Jala Municipality on 28 April 2007. He discussed the problem of emigration with young people in a Bethlehem 2000 radio interview on 9 June 2007.

Celebration in Bethlehem

to inaugurate two books of Dr. Geris S. Khoury Bethlehem, February 24, 2007

- * Christian Arabs (2006)
- * Christian and Muslim Arabs (2006) Both were published by Al-Liqa' Center

The Dept. of Humanities/Bethlehem University, PASSIA-Palestinian Academic Society for the Study



of International Affairs, Bethlehem Music Academy Arab Women Union/Bethlehem, WIAM-Conflict Resolution Center/Bethlehem, Middle East Council of Churches/Jerusalem, ARIJ-Applied Research Institute/Jerusalem, and The Creative Cultural Forum/Bethlehem organized a celebration to present Dr. Geries S. Khoury's recent books "**Christian Arabs**" and "**Christian and Muslim Arabs**", both of which were published by Al-Liqa' Center in 2006. The celebration took place on Saturday 24th of February in the Bethlehem Peace Center. Those present at the celebration included H.B. the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Msgr Dr. Michael Sabbah; Archbishop Dr. Elias Chacour; Bishop George Baker; Shaykh Najib Ja'bari; Mayor of Bethlehem, Dr. Victor Batarseh; Mayor of Beit Jala, Mr. Raji Zeidan; members of the Palestine Legislative Council, Mr Fayed El-Saqa, Mr 'Isa Qaraqe', and Dr. Bernard Sabella and large number of clerics

and laity, academicians, journalists, educators and representatives of NGO's as well as citizens of Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Beit Sahur and the Governorate. Dr. Saleem Zoughbi, of Bethlehem Academy of Music, moderated the celebrations. Archbishop Dr. Elias Chacour spoke very highly of Dr. Khoury and his two books, both of which are seen as great contributions to interfaith dialogue and the call for common living. Doctor Walid Mustafa, Dean of Arts at Bethlehem University examined Dr. Khoury's book "**Christian and Muslim Arabs**" in detail, citing the role of Christians in Palestinian society and the relations of Christians and Muslims throughout the ages.

Mr. Mousa Darwish, Deputy Director of Al-Liqa' complimented Dr. Khoury on the role he has been playing in interfaith dialogue and Christian-Muslim brotherhood and solidarity. H.B. Michael Sabbah demanded the awakening of Christians to their message and to their role in society and for the dire need to strengthen Christian-Muslim relations in face of fanaticism and sectarianism. Dr. Bernard Sabella underlined national unity, expressing the hope that the Mecca Agreement will bring internal Palestinian peace and tranquility. Dr. Victor Batarseh presented on behalf of the sponsoring institutions of this celebration a plaque as a gesture of good will and appreciation of Dr. Khoury's role in the community. The celebrations were concluded with a response of thanks and appreciation from Dr. Khoury; an impressive reception was held to conclude the celebration to which Archbishop Chacour contributed generously.

I March 2007

A delegation comprising 20 graduate and undergraduate students from Jerusalem University College (JUC) in Jerusalem visited the Center. Dr. Geries S. Khoury and Dr. Adnan Musallam welcomed the group to Al-Liqa' Center and presented the mission and activities of Al-Liqa'. The group in the meantime had a fruitful encounter with Al-Liqa's young people, both Muslims and Christians who expressed their concerns about



the need for communications between young people in the United States and Palestine. Fruitful dialogue and discussions followed.

Dr. Geries S. Khoury Lectured to School Students

At the invitation of the Arab Educational Institute in Bethlehem, Dr. Khoury addressed students in Beit Sahur's Lutheran School on 1 March 2007 and students at the Good Shepherd's School, Beit Jala on 22 March 2007 on "**The role of both general education and religious education in shared living among Palestinians.**" Dr. Khoury focused on religious education methods and ways to live our faith, pointing out that God calls for both Christians and Muslims to love, respect and understand each other and to pursue the dictum that "**one treats his brother as one wishes for oneself.**"

Conference on "Our Composite Identities and Dialogue" Nes Ammim Guest House, Friday and Saturday, **9-10 March 2007**



A conference was held at the Nes Ammim Guest House entitled "**Our Composite Identities and Dialogue.**" Taking part in this joint conference were Al-Liqa' Center / (Galilee Branch) and the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations (JCJR). Conferees, from both organizations, discussed composite identities and methods of reading the Bible in the land of the Bible. Summarizing the study day, the two groups stressed the importance and vitality of dialogue despite the

differences. Dialogue is the only approach that is human and civilization. Furthermore, the two centers agreed to continue holding such meetings. This was the second such study day.

A symposium entitled "Fasting in Christianity and Islam" **Thursday, 22 March 2007**

Al-Liqa' Center, in cooperation with the Beit Sahur Cultural Diwan, held in Beit Sahur a symposium entitled "**Fasting in Christianity and Islam.**" Prof. Thiab Ayyoush, Vice President of Al-Liqa' Center's Board of Trustees, and Dr. Geries S. Khoury presented both Christian and Muslim views of "**fasting.**" Prof. Qustandi Shomali moderated the symposium. Dr. Khoury gave a historical view of "**fasting**" in Christianity, beginning with the practices of Jesus Christ, the Church Fathers and the Ecumenical Councils (from the First Council of Nicea), the Christian Arab heritage until the present. Also he mentioned the different kinds of fasting, such as the one of Ninawa, and those of the Apostles and the Virgin Mary.



Prof. Ayyoush stressed that "**fasting**" is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. It is incumbent on all Muslims, with several exceptions like sickness; travel etc..., to abide by this Pillar which is a duty toward God. He focused as well on conditions for fasting and the advantages of fasting, stressing that fasting is not denying oneself food and drink only but doing good deeds and helping the poor and the needy.



“The European Attitudes towards the Palestinian National Unity Government”

Thursday, 12 April 2007

Tens of Palestinians of various sectors of society listened to Professor Manuel Hassassian, who spoke about European attitudes towards the Palestinian national unity government, as experienced in his role as Ambassador of Palestine to the United Kingdom. Personal experiences of Ambassador Hassassian in London since November 2005 enriched the content of the address and left deep impressions on the audience. Mr. Mousa Darwish, deputy Director of Al-Liqa moderated the panel. Following his talk a reception was held in honor of the Ambassador.

A Christian - Jewish Conference on “Different Readings of Common Religious Texts”

17-18 May 2007

St. Gabriel Hotel- Nazareth

A joint workshop was held in which participants from both Al-Liqa' Center (Galilee Branch) and the Jerusalem Center took active parts in a workshop

titled: **“Different Readings of Common Religious Texts and the Influence of Personal Identity on the Reading of these Texts.”** The

program included a joint visit to the Annunciation Orthodox Church in Nazareth, in which Bishop Kiryakos presented a comprehensive description of the Orthodox liturgy. In the evening participants listened to a lecture on “The Torah Book” and its sanctity and preservation in the Synagogues. Furthermore, the lecturers explained the approaches to the reading of the Torah texts throughout the year.

On the following day joint group studies discussed controversial topics including “Holy Texts in Christian and Jewish Prayers” and “Different readings of common texts arising from the reading and the understanding of some texts in the Bible.” Heated discussions ensued, which clearly indicate the sharp difference in the understanding and explanation of common texts and especially those found in the Bible which stress the concepts of “The Promised Land” and “The Chosen People” etc... Despite differences both sides indicated their willingness to continue in the path of dialogue; for the language of the dialogue is the only language needed to build friendships.



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Nawahdah called for the support of both the Muslim and Arab worlds for the Palestinian cause to counter Israeli designs over the area and stressed the dire need to unite Palestinian ranks and life in light of recent Palestinian bloodletting. At the conclusion of the conference, Dr. Geris S. Khoury, Director of Al-Liqa', summarized the proceedings of the conference, and thanks all those who organized the conference, the conferees and staff of Al-Liqa' Center. He then read the final communiqué of the conference:

Al-Liqa' Center held a conference in Bethlehem, 21-23 June 2007, entitled "Forty Years between the Tragedy of Occupation and the Will to Attain Independence." The Conference was attended by religious figures, both Christians and Muslims, led by H.B. the Latin Patriarch, Msgr. Michael Sabbah, and Islamic Chief Judge in Palestine, H.E. Sheikh Tayseer Al-Tamimi. Also participating in the conference were academic, political and public figures as well as people representing different sectors of Palestinian society led by one of the main speakers, Mr. Marwan Khader, Deputy Governor of the Bethlehem Governorate. All expressed their anger and grief at intra-Palestinian bloody fighting which is mutually exclusive with our dogmas, ethics and principles that call for peaceful resolution of our problems and forbid bloodletting which is against the teaching of our Heavenly Books.

Conferees call on all fellow citizen to resort to reason and logic in order to achieve the common goal, that is to set up our independent Palestinian state with Noble Jerusalem as its capital.

Therefore, we demand that all Muslim and Christian institutions and figures in the Holy Land led by H.B. Patriarch Sabbah and Christian religious figures, and H.E. Sheikh Tayseer Al-Tamimi, Chief Islamic Judge, and Muslim religious figures, and all benevolent nationalists who care for our people's well being work together to narrow the gap between parties in order to avoid bloodletting that will lead only to disaster and to stress in the process the unity of our Palestinian land and our people in the West Bank, Gaza and the Diaspora.

Seven publishing activities are currently underway:

1. **The Arabic language quarterly review, Al-Liqa'**, now in its 22nd year of publication (1985-2007). The review is directed toward the Arab community in the Holy Land, the Arab region and the world.
2. **The English Language biannual review, Al-Liqa' Journal**, is now in its 15th year, 1992-2007. This review is directed toward the international community. It is a scholarly journal concentrating on Christian-Muslim relations, interfaith dialogue, Christianity and Islam and Palestinian studies.
3. **Proceedings of the annual "Conference on Arab Heritage for Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land,"** better known as the Christian-Muslim Dialogue Conference, now in its 19th session. Contents reflect the activities of the annual conferences, 1983-present.
4. **Proceedings of the annual "Conference on Theology and the Local Church in the Holy Land,"** better known as the Palestinian Contextualized Theology Conference. These reflect the activities of the annual conference, 1987 to present.
5. Also available are miscellaneous **pamphlets and publications** giving brief overviews of a number of religious, social and cultural topics of current interest. See list of publications, p. 11.
6. **The bi-annual English language Newsletter**, has been published since 1989. It includes news of the Center's activities and is directed toward the international community.
7. **The bi-annual Arabic language newsletter, Risalat Al-Liqa'** has been published since 1993. It includes news of the Center's activities and is directed toward the Palestinian community.

AL-LIQA CENTER'S MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

June 2006 - December 2006

Risalat Al-Liqa', December 2006, no.9

This is the Arabic language, Al-Liqa' newsletter that is targeted to the Palestinian community. It reflects Al-Liqa's activities, June – December 2006.



culture of dialog, dialog between cultures, the clash of ignorance, Christian-Muslim Arab dialog in the Holy Land, inherent weakness in Palestinian-Israeli relations, Al-Liqa's July/August 2006 Lebanon war symposium, and proceedings of the Theology and the Local Church Conference, October 2006.

Al-Liqa' Arabic-Language quarterly, Vol. 22, no.1 (2007):

This issue focused on "Music in Palestine" and comprised a variety of articles on music, including an historical view of Arabic music, international Palestinian musical culture, Beethoven: a high mass celebration, modern publications on music in Palestine as well as several articles introducing music academies, music instruments songs and chorals. The content includes an editorial, Christmas messages by Latin Patriarch Michael Sabbah and Archbishop Elias Chacour, and a book review.



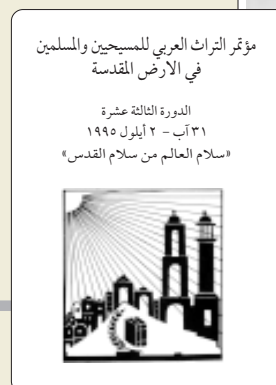
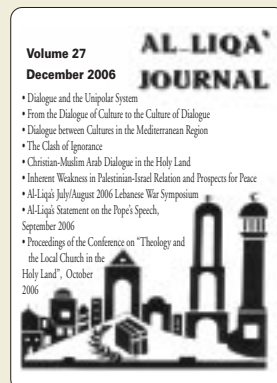
Al-Liqa' Arabic-Language quarterly, Vol. 22, no.2 (2007):

This issue focused on "Contextual Theology in the Arab World" and comprised a variety of articles on contextual theology such as: toward a theological - human discourse, theological thinking and the regional context, the oriental theology: to where!, possibilities and limits of contextual theology. The volume, includes an editorial and socio - religious studies in addition to the documents and book review.



AL-LIQA JOURNAL, VOL.27 DECEMBER 2006

This issue focuses on "dialogue" and includes several topics revolving around this theme. Articles include dialog and unipolar system, from the dialog of culture to the



List and Prices of AL- LIQA'S PUBLICATIONS (1983-2007)

(All publications are in Arabic unless specified)

Palestinian Contextualized Theology Conference (1987-2006)

Proceedings of the First Conference, Jerusalem 1983 to the Eighth Conference, Jerusalem 1995	\$6
Ninth Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1996 (Contained in Al-Liqa' Journal, Vol. 9/10, (1997)	\$7
10 th Conference, Bethlehem, December 1998 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, vol.19, nos 1,2 (2004))	\$7
11 th Conference, Bethlehem, June 2003 (There are no published proceedings)	\$7
12 th Conference, the Galilee, 2004 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, Vol. 20, nos 1,2,2005)	\$7
13 th Conference, Bethlehem, 2006 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, Vol. 21, nos 3,4,2006)	\$7

Al-Liqa' Center's Documents

(Available in Arabic and English)

1.Theology and the Local Church in the Holy Land, (16 pages)	\$4
2. In Jerusalem, Justice and Peace Embrace Each Other, (5pages)	\$2

Miscellaneous

1.Fr. Peter Madrous, <i>Paul the Apostle and the Man</i> (67 pages)	\$5
2.Najib Nassar, <i>Under the Protection of the Arabs</i> (91 pages)	\$5
3.Younis Amr, <i>Jerusalem the City of God</i> (152pages)	\$5
4.Louis I. Hazboun, <i>Principles of Sociology of Religion</i> (162 pages)	\$5
5. <i>Western Christian Zionism</i> , (43 pages)	\$3
6. <i>Jerusalem Between Religious Freedom and Political Sovereignty</i> , (in English) (78pages)	\$5
7. <i>Christian Feasts between Unity and Pluralism</i> , (96 pages).	\$5
8. Qustandi Shomali, <i>El-Carmel</i> (534 pages)	\$8
9. Jerusalem: <i>Palestinian Muslim- Christian Studies</i> (600 pages)	\$10
10. Anton Shomali, <i>Collected Poems</i> (255 Pages)	\$7

11. Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury, <i>Contextualized Eastern Churches</i> (393 pages).	\$7
12. Jamal Salsa', <i>Palestinian Poetical Message Between Religion and Nationalism</i> (174 pages)	\$6
13. Thiab A. Ayyoush, <i>Social Problems: An Islamic Perspective</i> (212 pages) (in English)	\$7
14. Sami Adwan, <i>Reality of Religious Education, both Muslim and Christian, in Palestinian Schools.</i> (404 pages)	\$8
15. Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury, <i>Say your Word and Go! Quick Inputs into Vital Files</i> (273 pages)	\$7
16. Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury, <i>The Book of Days: In Search of the Lost Word</i> (159 pages)	\$7
17. Geries Khoury, <i>Arab Christians: Rootedness... Presence... Openness</i> (278 pages)	\$11
18. Geries Khoury, <i>Arab Christians and Muslims: Past... Present... Future</i> (272 pages)	\$11

Christian - Muslim Dialogue Conference (1983 -2007)

1. Proceedings of the First Conference, Jerusalem 1983 to 12th Conference, Bethlehem 1994	\$6
2. 13th Conference, Bethlehem. 1995. (see no. 9 Miscellaneous)	\$10
4. 14th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1996 (107 pages)	\$6
5. 15th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1998	
6. 16th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2001	\$6
7. 17th Conference, Bethlehem, 2003	\$6
8. 18th Conference, Bethlehem, 2005	\$6
9. 19th Conference, Bethlehem, 2007	\$6

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Al-Liqa' Arabic Language Quarterly Review (1985 - 2006)

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Year 4-Year 21 (4 issues each year)	\$ 30 per Year
Price per one issue	\$ 7

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Despite all the difficulties that we had encountered in the month of June of 2007, including the civil war in Gaza and the bloody takeover of Gaza by HAMAS on June 5, we went ahead with our plans for the annual Christian – Muslim Dialogue Conference on June 21, which focused on the fortieth anniversary of the 5 June 1967 War and the Israeli military occupation. A detailed description is included in pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter and on Al-Liqa' Center's website listed above.



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Al-Liqa' Center

In Jerusalem, the city sacred to billions of diverse believers, a Palestinian interfaith initiative led to the establishment of "Al-Liqa' Center", a unique place of research, study and dialogue on the religious traditions, institutions and daily life of the people of the Holy Land and the region. The program includes interfaith dialogue, Palestinian Contextualized Theology in the Holy Land, international activities, and the publication of journal, newsletters, books and occasional papers. H.B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah, President Board of Trustees, and Dr. Geris S. Khoury, Director.



Al-Liqa' Center's New Headquarter 54- 56 AL-Quds Jerusalem Str.

The Center is now located less than 200 meters to the southwest of Rachel's Tomb at 54-56 Al-Quds Jerusalem Street. After passing the Jacir Palace Intercontinental to the right on the Hebron-Jerusalem Rd, take a right turn at the first intersection at the end of which Al-Liqa' Center is situated on the right side of the street.