

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dr Geries S. Khoury



What does Christmas mean to us today as Palestinian Christians living in a social, economic and political context that generates fear and frustration?

Our Christian faith is the main factor that revives hope in us and strengthens our belief in a better future. Christmas arrives to renew in us this hope and remind us of the love of God that heals our wounds caused by human injustices. Our belief in the born Jesus and his message, removes all fear from our hearts and brings back confidence in ourselves, especially when we hear the voice of the angels as they declare to the fearful and confused shepherds: "Do not be afraid...A savior is born unto you."

The birth of Jesus brings back the smile to the whole world after the world has been immersed in sin. It brings with it peace that is the result of reconciliation and encounter between heaven and earth, and God and man, and thus we sing in our Eastern Church during Christmas:

*Today heaven and earth
 unite with the birth of Jesus;
 Today God reveals Himself on earth,
 And man to heaven has ascended.*

Of course, this reconciliation and this unity lead us to true peace, first to peace in our hearts and then to peace outside ourselves, that is the peace brought about through our love for each other and through our work for justice and the preservation of good for individuals and people.

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The Board of Trustees of Al-Liqa' Center, its President, H.B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah, and Al-Liqa's working committees and staff would like to extend their warmest and heartfelt greetings to Al-Liqa's benefactors and friends throughout the world and to fellow Muslims and Christians at home and abroad on the solemn occasions of the Muslim and Christian feasts: Feast of Fitr, Christmas, Al-Adha, and the Islamic New Year. We, at Al-Liqa', hope that these holy events will bring with them peace and tranquility to all people in the Holy Land, in the region, and in the rest of the world.

Theology and Local Church in the Holy Land Conference “CHRISTIAN ARABS IN THE HOLY LAND BETWEEN THE CRISIS OF IDENTITY AND BELONGING”

Bethlehem Hotel, Bethlehem
26-28 October 2006



Al-Liqa' Center held the thirteenth session of the conference “Theology and the Local Church in the Holy Land” at Bethlehem Hotel between October 26 - 28, 2006, titled “Christian Arabs in the Holy Land: Between the Crisis of Identity and Belonging.” The conference was officially opened on Thursday, 26 October at 4:00 p.m. and was



inaugurated by a reading from the Bible by Mr. Laurence Sammour of Al-Liqa' followed by His Excellency Bishop Boutros Mu'allem, Bishop Dr. Atallah Hanna and Dr. Geries Sa'ed Khoury, all of whom stressed the necessity for Arab Palestinian Christians to hold on to their identity, whose roots extend deeply in Arab history. They also referred to the need to know the history of Arab Christians and to delve deeply into the Christian faith because these are two basic conditions to strengthen and hold on to national identity.

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The conference was attended by a large number of Palestinian church leaders, clergy, nuns and laymen who arrived from different parts in Palestine, especially villages and cities from the Galilee region. Additionally, the conference was attended by Muslim members and friends of Al-Liqa' Center. Read more about the three days conference in Al-Liqa' Website: Events / Archives.

A JOINT MUSLIM - CHRISTIAN RAMADAN IFTAR & THE LECTURE OF POPE BENEDICTUS XVI IN GERMANY AND ITS IMPACT ON CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS

28 September 2006, Bethlehem

Al-Liqa' Center sponsored two events on Thursday 28 September 2006, which were attended by leading religious, political and educational leaders from the Jerusalem and Bethlehem areas. In the panel entitled "The Lecture of Pope Benedictus XVI in Germany and its impact on Christian-Muslim Relations", his Honor Sheikh Tayseer Al-Tamimi, the Chief Religious Judge of Palestine, Rev. Dr. William Shomali, Director of the Latin Seminary in Beit Jala, and Dr. Geries S. Khoury, Director of

Al-Liqa' Center, agreed in their presentations that the quotation of the Pope concerning Prophet Mohammad and Islam was not appropriate. However, all agreed that Christian-Muslim relations in the Holy Land was not impacted but stand on the solid ground of Christian-Muslim



solidarity in Palestine throughout the ages. The three panel participants were highly critical of those few with special agendas who attacked or burned Christian Churches in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Dr. Geries S. Khoury, in addition, pointed out that the Pope could have very easily quoted from the constructive dialogue of Muslims and Christians in the Middle Ages.

At the conclusion of the panel, all those attending the panel were invited to the joint Muslim-Christian Ramadan Iftar/Dinner festivities. Dr. Khoury addressed the Iftar guests and Sheikh Al-Tamimi thanked Al-Liqa' Center for its hospitality.

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The birth of Jesus reminds us of all of this, rejuvenates our hope, and strengthens our determination especially when we sing with the angels and heavenly hosts:

Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, good will toward men.

On Christmas we see that God the almighty, taking the initiative to reconcile disobedient mankind to Him. He reconciles those who have rebelled against His teachings, and through His incarnation He removes the wall that had separated them, i.e. sin. Thus we sing in church: "Nature now sings joyfully because sin had disappeared with the birth of Jesus."

Yes, this is the meaning of true Christmas: reconciliation until peace comes to all, for "the near and the distant" (Is. 57:19). This reconciliation has been God's initiative and it did not take place favoring one group over another. It has been given to all people unconditionally, to the sinners and the sinless, to the near and the distant.

My question as a Palestinian Christian is: Since God in His almighty had taken the initiative to reconcile man with Him, why are people then indisposed to reconcile themselves with each other? Why do the strong impose impossible conditions on the weak? Why is not the strong open to love reconciliation with the other and remove all barriers that separate them? Why do not the leaders of great countries especially the USA, and they are all Christians, take



Christmas celebration in Bethlehem 2006

God's path at Christmas time and learn from His humility and love in order to open dialog and become closer to their enemies or to those whom they are in disagreement with, and initiate reconciliation with them as God has reconciled sinful mankind with Him?

In spite of the unpleasant atmosphere in which we live in the city of Jesus' birth, we are preparing with joy, through our prayers and meditations, to receive baby Jesus in our hearts. We believe the Christmas message will renew in us hope and strengthen our yearning for God and urge us to work for reconciliation and love of each other, so that we may walk on the road to peace, shun disagreements, violence and force because they are far away from the teachings of God and take man away from Him.

From this perspective and in the name of baby Jesus, I call on my Palestinian people and the peoples of the world to work toward the accomplishment of peace and justice in the land of Jesus' birth, the Prince of peace. This can be done if we all go back to God and abide by His commandments

On the other hand, I urge the Palestinians to work hard for their national unity. It is a wrong and a sin which all factions are to blame for if they do not find a common political vision and common principles on which they agree and provide services, and which will eventually lead them to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its eternal capital.



Christmas celebration in Bethlehem 2006

AL-LIQA CENTER'S MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

June 2006 - December 2006

AL-LIQA JOURNAL, VOL. 26

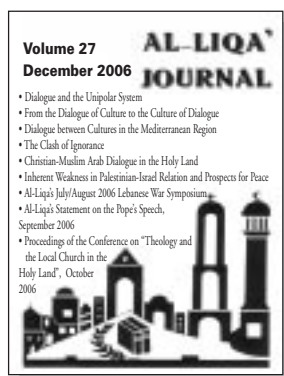
JUNE 2006

This issue of the journal focused on a variety of themes that included the mystery of the Holy Trinity, olive tree theology, Christian presence in the Middle East, the image of Christianity in the Islamic discourse, the hidden war of the Middle East, communication as a challenge, Palestinian legislative elections 2006, and a Palestinian perspective of the road toward a peaceful solution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

AL-LIQA JOURNAL, VOL. 27

DECEMBER 2006

This issue focuses on dialog and includes several topics revolving around this theme. Articles include dialog and unipolar system, from the dialog of culture to the 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 QUARTERLY REVIEW, NUMBERS 1 AND 2,

YEAR 21, 2006

The content reflects the commemoration of twenty years of Al-liqa quarterly review. This special issue comprises by Al-Liqa editorial board and five appendices;

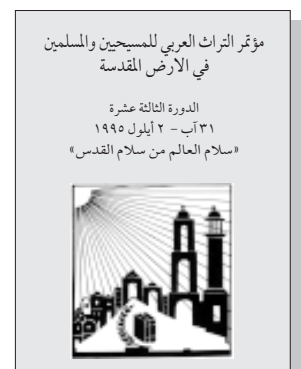
1. appendix of the content page of Al-Liqa, 1996-2005.
2. appendix of alphabetical arrangement of authors and their articles.
3. appendix of subjects arranged alphabetically.
4. appendix of documents, 1996-2005 and appendix of book reviews. 1996-2005.

AL-LIQA QUARTERLY REVIEW,

NUMBERS 3 AND 4,

YEAR 21, 2006

This 290 page issue focuses on Christian Arabs in the Holy Land between the crisis of identity and belonging, the theme of the 13th session of Al-Liqa conference on "Theology and the Local Church". The content includes identity and its definition and components, Palestinian Arab Christian identity in Israel and Palestine, Christianity and Arab nationalism, challenges of the Palestinian Christian identity, challenges facing youth and their identity and the role of the church and of the nation. There are other articles that dwell on, the church and terrorism, Christians in Iraq and Christian Muslim dialog in Egypt and several documents. The issue includes as well a review of Dr. Geris S. Khoury book: Arab Christians; Rootedness, Presence, Openness (2006) Dr. Geris Sa'ed Khoury,



**ARAB CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS:
PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**, Al-Liqa' Center
Publications, Jerusalem, September 2006, (272
pages in Arabic)

This 272 - page book is divided into eight chapters with a preface and an introduction as well as an index of names. Chapter One focuses on Christian - Muslim relation in Jerusalem from the Arab era to the Frank wars, while chapter Two stresses the factor of "Monotheism" as unity factor with Muslims. Chapter Three examines Christian and Muslim Arab dialog in the Holy Land, while chapter Four points at the role of religious education in stressing national unity. Chapter Five examines the interaction between religion, politics and mass media. The new world order is also examined in chapter Six as it relates to Christian-Muslim relations. The author concludes with chapters Seven and Eight which focus on Arab duty toward the local church and ways to liberation from the circle of violence.



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INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

17-22 OCTOBER 2006

By the invitation of the Boggeschi Center in Bologna, Dr. Gerios S. Khoury, Director of Al-Liqa' gave a public lecture at the Municipality hall on 19 October, about the present social and political situation in Palestine and Israel. On 20 October 2006, Dr. Khoury gave another lecture at the center of the Saveriani Fathers in Breseia on Christian - Muslim dialogue. He spoke about the experience of dialog in the Holy Land and stressed the importance of dialogue between West and East.



23-24 NOVEMBER 2006

Dr Adnan A. Musallam, member of Al-Liqa's Board of Trustees, attended the Second Latino-Arab convention in Cartagena de Indias, Columbia on the 23rd and 24th of November 2006. On the 23rd he presented a paper on the formative stages of Palestinian immigration to Latin America. And on the 24th he spoke on the inherent weaknesses in Palestinian-Israeli peace process and prospects for peace in the Middle East.



AL-LIQA'S ACTIVITIES

BETHLEHEM AND THE GALILEE

AUGUST - DECEMBER 2006

30 August 2006

Wednesday Evening Forum / Bethlehem

The 2006 July - August War in Lebanon

Dr. Aziz Haidar started by stressing that this war surprised every one and was totally different from previous wars. War results clearly indicated the victory of Hizballah and the failure of the Israeli military to grasp the latter's surprise successes in using affectively anti-tank missiles and long-range missiles against Israeli major towns and cities. Dr. Haidar added that the failure of Israeli military intelligence, in addition, contributed to Hizballah's surprising successes.



All Israeli and American ideas about the 'New Middle East' and economic integration and the 'Big Middle East' in which Israel selects the Arab states it wants to deal with have disappeared. As a result of the war Israel has entered a dark tunnel in which political and military sectors' credibility are being questioned. Questions remain: Will there be another round of military confrontation in which Israel will try to restore its military prestige? Or will it be a prelude to peaceful negotiations between Israel, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria?



22.9.2006

**Symposium in Shafa Amr
on 22 September 2006**

On the 22nd of September 2006, a symposium was held in the St. Paul Episcopal Church in Shafa Amr to review the book: 'Arab Christians; Rootedness' Openness' Presence, by Dr. Geris S. Khoury.

The book review symposium comprised Bishop Bulus Macuzzo, Rev. Fuad Dagher, Dr. Johnny Mansur, journalist Ziad Shlewit and the author.

The gathering was welcomed by Rev. Dagher, the pastor of the Church, while Mr. Shlewit moderated the symposium.

Rev. Dagher focused on the first part of the book which deals with Arab Christian philosophers and theologians of the Middle Ages and their dialog with their fellow Muslims. Dr. Johnny Mansur presented his analysis of the second part of the book. According to Dr. Mansur, the author calls for constructive Christian Arab identity that knows itself first before it opens to the other.

Ziad Shlewit reviewed the third part of the book which deals with the crisis of national identity facing Palestinians at large and Christians in particular.

Latin bishop Marcuzzo had a comprehensive review of the book and praised the efforts exerted by the author and Al-Liqa Center. Bishop Marcuzzo pointed out the need to study and edit hundreds of Arab Christian manuscripts. He added that the presence of Christian Arabs in the region is needed.



Tolerance in Heavenly Religions

Al-liqa representatives Dr Khoury and Attorney 'Ali Rafi', as well as Druze notable Sheikh Yousef Zweid took part in a panel in Tarshiha High School titled: "Tolerance in heavenly religions". This event was attended by Mr. Suheil Haj, principal of the school, students of upper classes and teachers.

The three panel participants stressed that all religions call for love, dialog, respect of the other, tolerance and the avoidance of violence. The speakers, likewise, focused on students Druze, Muslims, Christians, from different villages of Galilee and stressed the need to strengthen their friendly relations during school years and to become in the process the example that would be emulated in society.

The panel was summarized by the school principal who stressed that Tarshiha high School will continue to be a place of shared living and symbol of social justice and dignity and we will follow Al-Liqa's Center philosophy from which we are learning a lot for a life together in love and respect.



20 December 2006 - Bethlehem The Pain of the Country and the Hope of Christmas

Tens of clerical and secular figures, Muslims and Christians, from Bethlehem region attended this Christmas festivity. They were joined by the Syrian Orthodox choir of Bethlehem and the Greek Orthodox choir of Beit Jala. Dr Khoury addressed the gathering while wishing Christians and Muslims a merry Christmas and a blessed feast of Sacrifice (al-Adha).

Dr. Khoury, likewise, focused on the internal Palestinian situation and internal strife and stressed on the dire need for national unity. For internal fighting is much more dangerous than the walls that Israel builds. He called on Palestinian factions to reach a common understanding and vision that would lead to a Palestinian state with Arab Jerusalem as its capital. Competition is a legitimate right among all



factions for serving the people and running the country internally and externally.

Mr. Musa Darwish (Muslim) spoke to the gathering stressing in the process national unity and the need for all factions to reach a national understanding and not to postpone things. He called on Christians and Muslims to hold on their national unity and reminded everyone that Christmas is a national feast.

He was followed by the Syrian Orthodox choir who chanted Christmas carols in both Syrian and Arabic. Fr. Petr Dubrul followed with his beautiful commentary and explanation of the Nativity in the Bible.

Sheikh Maher 'Assaf followed who stressed national unity and shared living and recited Quranic verses from Sura of Mariam, narrating the virgin birth of 'Isa (Jesus).

The Christmas festivity was concluded with beautiful Christmas carols chanted by the Greek Orthodox choir of Beit Jala.

All participants shared together a reception offered by Al-liqa for the occasion.

28 December 2006

Christmas Meditation Evening

Al-Liqa' Center (Galilee Branch) in cooperation with the St. Paul Apostolic Church in Shafa 'Amr held a Christmas meditation evening on Thursday 28 December 2006. Rev. Fu'ad Dagher moderated the event and in the process spoke about the meaning of Christmas and expressed happiness for all human



beings. Rev. Dagher read the Nativity story from the Holy Book explaining its meaning and spiritual and human impact. He stressed faith and the return to God and living in accordance with His teachings. Dr. Geris S. Khoury, Director of Al-Liqa', spoke about the ecumenical work and cooperation with the Apostolic Church in Shafa 'Amr as well as about the message of Christmas and the hope that it instilled in the souls of the desperate and the tired. Christmas renews faith, hope, love and shared living. The Apostolic Church Choir in Shafa 'Amr chanted Christmas carols. It was joined by the Choir of Mar Elias Melkite Catholic Church in Fassouta and the chanting of carols as well as the well known Fairuz feast songs.

29 December 2006 - Haifa

The Hope of Christmas is the Peace of the Country

Al-Liqa' Center (Galilee Branch) held Christmas festivities in the evening of Friday 29 December 2006 in the Church of the Lady (Beit Al-Ni'meh Center) in Haifa. Journalist and Al-Liqaí activist Ziyad Shlewit moderated the festivities and in the process extended his congratulations to Christians, Muslims and Druzes on the occasion of Christmas and the Feast of Sacrifice. Dr. Geris S. Khoury, Director of Al-Liqa',





addressed those present with a comprehensive message concerning the meaning of the Christmas. Dr. Khoury pointed out as well the difficulties facing Palestinians and the region. However, he stressed throughout his speech Al-Liqa's vision of shared living. Dr. Khoury was followed with Christmas carols chanted by the Melkite Catholic Church Choir led by Edward Sa'ad.

Rev. Dr. Elias Chacour, the Archbishop of Acres, Haifa, Nazareth and the whole of Galilee, extended his congratulations on the solemn occasion of Christmas and the Feast of the Sacrifice and in the process stressed shared living among the followers of the various religions. Bishop Chacour gave a beautiful and rich speech about the spiritual meaning of Christmas. Mr. Fathi Furani, a Muslim author and educator addressed the Christmas gathering stressing in the process unity as well as instilling in the new generation the values of the fathers and grandfathers and quoting in the process sayings by great Arab poets and philosophers. He was followed by a play sketch by artists 'Afif Shlewit and Milad Matar. The evening was concluded with Christmas carols chanted by Faiha' Geris 'Asi who was accompanied on the Org by Rev. Fu'ad Dagher.



CHRISTIAN MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS CONDEMN THE ISRAELI WAR ON PALESTINE & LEBANON

5 AUGUST 2006

Upon an invitation from Al-Liqa' Center for Religious and Heritage Studies in the Holy Land, eminent Palestinian national, academic and religious leaders held a special meeting in the city of Bethlehem to discuss the difficult situation that the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples are currently facing. Among those present at the meeting were His Beatitude The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah, His Eminence Sheikh Tayseer Al-Tamimi, the Chief Islamic Judge of Palestine, Christian and Muslim leaders, directors of cultural and social institutions as well as several legal personalities.



Participants said that in light of the tolerant religious teachings, we call for the appeal to reason, justice and wisdom instead of to arms, injustice and destruction that result in no less than more bloodshed and hatred, and offer no solution to resolve the main bone of contention in the Arab region. Military power can bring about no just solution to the problem; the problem can be solved only through negotiations in accordance with international legitimacy and basic human rights. Read more about this panel in Al-Liqa' website: Events/ Archives.



AL- LIQA'S PUBLICATIONS

(1983-2006)

(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
10th Conference, Bethlehem, December 1998 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, vol.19, nos 1,2 (2004))	\$7
11th Conference, Bethlehem, December 1998 (There are no published proceedings)	\$7
12th Conference, the Galilee, 2004 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, Vol. 20, nos 1,2,2005)	\$7
13th 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 Madroux, <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
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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
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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

Christian - Muslim Dialogue Conference (1983 -2006)

1. Proceedings of the First Conference, Jerusalem 1983 to 12th Conference, Bethlehem 2001	\$6
2. 13th Conference, Bethlehem. 1995. (see no. 9 Miscellaneous)	\$10
14. 14th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1996 (107 pages)	\$6
15. 15th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1998	
16. 16th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2001	\$6

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RAMADAN IFTAR IN HAIFA

29 SEPTEMBER 2006

A joint Muslim-Christian Ramadan Iftar was organized by Al-Liqa' Center's branch in Galilee and was held in Haifa. Tens of leading religious, political and social figures, both men and women, attended this solemn gathering. Mr. Ziyad Shlewit, welcomed invitees focusing on the works of Al-Liqa' in Muslim-Christian dialogue.

Dr. Geris S. Khoury addressed the gathering concerning the controversial speech of Pope Benedict XVI in Germany and its impact on Christian-Muslim relations. Dr. Khoury stressed that the Pope's quotations on Islam and Prophet Mohammad was inappropriate and it contradicted the spirit of Vatican II (1964) which stressed dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Muslims.

Protests against the Pope's speech by Muslims are legitimate. However, burning churches in Palestine and killing a nun in Somalia are abhorant acts which contradict the teachings of Islam. Dr. Khoury gave examples of constructive dialogue between Christians and Muslims in the Middle Ages that should have received the attention of His Holiness. Following Dr. Khoury's presentation, and prior to breaking the Ramadan fasting, there was an open discussion. Attorney 'Ali Rafe', Mr. Sa'id Hashem, Prof. Butrus Abu Manneh, Attorney Mohammad Mi'ari and Rev. Fu'ad Dagher, all took part. All stressed Christian-Muslim unity and thanked Al-Liqa' Center for organizing this joint Muslim-Christian yearly event.



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 journals, newsletters, books, and occasional papers. Patriarch Michael Sabbah, President, Board of Trustees, and Dr. Geris S. Khoury, Director.



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