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## Is there a Truce in the Holy Month of Ramadan?

The month of Ramadan will be observed the days when the faithful look at it in order to perform one of the duties of Islam in which Muslims fast daily, from dawn to sunset, abstaining from eating and drinking while spending days and nights in worshipping, praying, reading the Qur'an and helping the poor and the needy. Ramadan is unique in that it is derived from the Revelation of the Qur'an. God has imposed on Muslims in Ramadan specific behavior in order for fasting to be accepted by Him.

Ramadan is taking place this year when the Arab and Muslim peoples are in their worst situation in which there are killings and conflicts over who will rule and govern. When we look around us we find

that the great hopes of freedom and social justice, fighting poverty and ignorance of the Arab Spring in both the Arab and Muslim countries have not

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## Shared Conference with Sabeel Center

# Shared Living Program Conference on "Peaceful Resistance in Palestine"

Saturday, 20 April 2013 – Beit Sahour

Dr. Geris S. Khoury of Al-Liqa' and Attorney Jonathan Kuttub of Sabeel Center welcomed those participating in the Conference. Both stressed that our belief in peaceful resistance is not a result of weakness, fear of the usurpers and Israeli occupiers, but rather a strength in our strong belief in the just cause of the Palestinian Problem.

The first lecture was moderated by Mr. Mousa Darwish of Al-Liqa'. The lecturer H. B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah focused on Palestinian Christian view of peaceful resistance and pointed out that peaceful resistance comprises several issues such as peace, violence, war, terrorism, and the various religions points of views on war and on peace ..., the peaceful resistance which was also aborted in the name of Christianity or Islam. He added that we need to clarify the message that God implored us to do and not to kill in the name of Allah. Patriarch Sabbah mentioned the importance of the revealed passages in the Holy Books on peace and love; and he added that the basic issue is the resistance to evil and sin.

Following Patriarch Sabbah, Sheikf Zuheir Al-Dab'i's lecture focused on "Palestinian Islamic

view of peaceful resistance". He pointed out that military resistance which generations of our people espoused led to negative results. Instead, non-violent resistance that many generations also practiced led to our steadfastness. This is the strongest reply to the Zionist and Israeli occupation program. This lecture was moderated by Mrs. Haneen Abu Sa'da.

Mr. Ziad 'Izzat followed with a lecture on "Courage in non-violence", which was moderated by Mrs. Hanadi Soudah Younan. Courage, according to the lecturer, was looked at, according to cultural and philosophical legacy, both ancient and modern with violence and sometimes with non-violence. Courage cannot be cannnotated with violence, unless it is used for good. He focused as well on a comparison between violence and non-violence.

Following a one hour lunch break, a lecture by Ms. Ta'yeed Al-Dab'i focused on a comparative analysis of the Stone Uprising of 1987 and Al-Aqsa Uprising of 2000. The Lecture was moderated by Dr. Adnan Musallam of Al-Liqa'. Ms. Ta'yeed stressed in this comparison on the positive results of the Stone Uprising while pointing out the

negative results of Al-Aqsa Uprising.

Ms. Al-Dab'i lectured was followed by a panel comprising three speakers: Ms Raja' Abu Rahmeh from Bil'in, Ms. Manal Al-Tamimi from Al-Nabi Saleh, and Fr. Dr. Ibrahim Shomali from Beit Jala. Moderator was Ms. Shatha Bannoura. Each participant focused on weekly non-violent activities in his/her area in light of Israeli colonial settlement activities including the separation wall.

Dr. Mazen Qumsieh presented in his lecture models of peaceful resistance in Palestine and how to transform these models into a nationalist movement. Public opinion polls clearly indicate that the majority of Palestinians support all kinds of resistance and not only armed or peaceful resistance. Dr. Jeanne

Kattan moderated the lecture.

The study day was concluded with a lecture by Dr. Sami Al-Kilani, which was moderated by Ms. Hind Khoury. Dr. Sami focused on strategy of peaceful resistance in Palestine and spoke of factors hampering or reinforcing non-violence in Palestinian society. Violence against woman reinforces violent thought in society. The lecturer added that popular beliefs are the fertile ground in which violence prospers.

Each presentation was followed by a question and an answer session, all of which enriched the Study Day. Dr. Geris S. Khoury concluded the day by thanking all participants, lecturers, and panel members.

## Challenges and future of shared living in Palestine

**Wednesday, 15 May 2013**

At the invitation of Al-Liqa' Center and Sabeel Center and with the cooperation of the Parish Priest of Birzeit, Fr. Dr. Louis Hazboun, a meeting was held comprising Muslim and Christian clergy and other well known attendees from Bethlehem, Ramallah, Birzeit, 'Abud and Jifna on Wednesday 15 May 2013. The group met to discuss challenges and future of shared living in Palestine. Fr. Dr. Hazboun began the meeting with a detailed introduction to the museums in the Latin Parish hall which were established and developed by the Latin Parish Priest himself. The museums illustrate the material culture of the people who inhabited the Holy Land. Following the introduction of the museums, Fr. Dr. Hazboun welcomed all members of the group and spoke of common factors underlying shared living and the many challenges facing this Shared Living. He underlined the mechanics needed to maintain

national unity.

Rev. Dr. Na'im 'Ateeq of Sabeel focused on the Nakbeh Remembrance Day, the 15th of May, and spoke of his family's experiences of being uprooted from Bisan in the Jordan Valley in 1948. He pointed out the attempts by Zionist soldiers to plant the seeds of conflict between uprooted Christian and Muslim Palestinians. He stressed the need for the clergy to know each other and the need for frankness and dialogue.





Dr. Geris S. Khoury of Al-Liqa' focused on challenges which face the nation and citizens as a result of the growth of fanatic political Islamic movements which attempt to exclude the "other", Muslim or Christian. We should reject any attempts to marginalize Christians as we reject the marginalization of others who are different from us.

Dr. Khoury stressed the importance of religious discourse, education at home, in school, in mosque, in church, and in clubs. For education is the foundation of knowing the other. This knowledge teaches us not to hurt the other even if one is different from us.

Following these brief presentations, a detailed discussion took place. All attendees stressed the



need of these gatherings to continue.

At the conclusion of this gathering, Al-Liqa' and Sabeel invited everyone for dinner and during it they continue the dialogue and it was a good occasion to know each other more deeply. Before leaving, all agreed that the next gathering will be in July 2013 in Bethlehem during the Ramadan Month.

## Wednesday Evening Forums

### Presentation of the Al-Liqa Publication **"Palestinian Folk Heritage"**

Wednesday 29 May 2013 – Beit Sahur

Mr. Ibrahim Fawzi of the Cultural Diwan of Beit Sahur welcomed all attendees and was followed by Dr. Geris S. Khoury, Director of Al-Liqa' Center, the moderator of this cultural evening who spoke briefly on Al-Liqa' Center and its various activities including its objective and its publication activities. Dr. Khoury spoke of Prof. Shomali's association with Al-Liqa' including this latter's publication of Prof. Shomali's research revolving around Al-Carmel newspaper. Dr. Khoury then introduced Mrs. Maha Sacca, the Director of Palestine Heritage Center who spoke on the importance of documenting Folk Heritage and thanked Prof. Shomali on his great work on Palestinian Folk Heritage. On his part, Prof. Shomali surveyed the content of his work and the various stages of Folk Heritage

in Palestine.

Following Prof. Shomali's presentation, there were questions and answers session in which Prof. Shomali and Dr. Khoury answered in a clear manner.



## The Future of Christian Muslim Relations in the Arab World

Thursday, 18 April 2013



This panel was held at Al-Liqa Center lecture hall and was attended by representatives of the various Palestinian sectors: clergy, academicians, businessmen, distinguished ladies and others from the community and from the Bethlehem Governorate and from Jerusalem and Hebron.

Participants expressed their unease and anger at what is happening in the Arab world. Thousands of innocents are being killed while the international society looks with indifference and some are encouraging this bloodletting.

Recent and present developments in the Arab World poisoned relations between citizens in general and between Islamic movements and Christians in particular. And there has been desecration of Christian churches and aggression against Christian clergy, monks and nuns and faithful which worry us and make us question the future of our life together and the building of modern societies where equality of all citizen in

rights and duties.

In light of these painful occurrences which are being spearheaded by fanatics; and the last of which is the attack on the Coptic Cathedral in Cairo which led to death of several faithful. We are completely against these violent acts which serve only the enemies of the nation and undermine the unity and stability of the community. These violent acts also lead to anarchy instead of stability. So, we need to work together to further the welfare of the Arab nation educationally, economically and politically and to stand in unison against aggressors of one's dignity and one's resources.

We call all rational people from around the world, Christians and Muslims, to work together against these unlawful and savage acts which are non-Islamic and have nothing to do with Islamic ethics. Both Christians and Muslims need to exert their efforts in order to defend the nation, the unity of citizens, and life in dignity.

## The Results of Israeli Elections and the Aftermath

Saturday, 26 January 2013

Academicians, religious leaders and persons who represent various sectors of the Palestinian society attended Professor 'Aziz Haidar's lecture. At the end of his detailed lecture, the lecturer answered questions and comments of the audience.

Professor Haidar pointed out in his lecture the highest percentage of voters was realized

in settlements and in Jewish religious circles and lowest percentage was seen in cities and development towns which are inhabited by oriental Jews, and the Tel- Aviv area which has the highest secular oriented persons and is strong economically and socially. 60% of votes went to the Ashkenazi parties and this meant the



reassertion of their authority in the state. The party which represents this Ashkenazi trend is Yesh Atid party "There is a Future" headed by Yair Lapid.



Prof. 'Aziz spoke also about the Arab parties in Israel and that around 50% of them voted and he explained the reasons of this lower percentage.

## Islamic Trend in Modern Christian Poetry: A Case Study of Khalil Mutran

Saturday, 2 March 2013

At the invitation of Al-Liqa' Center, Dr. Hassan Taher Abu Al-Rubb, lecturer in Arabic at the Open University of Jerusalem in Jenin, lectured on "Islamic Trend in Modern Christian Poetry: A Case Study of Khalil Mutran". Prominent members of

the academic community, NGO's and others as well as friends of Al-Liqa', attended this lecture which was moderated by Deputy Director of the center, Mr. Mousa Darwish. Al-Liqa' Center is planning to publish this important research.



## International Activities

### 11-15 March 2013 - Italy

The invitation of "Voices for Peace" Society, Dr. Khoury visited the Italian district of Val d'Aosta. A program was organized for Dr. Khoury which included lectures on the Peace process and the role of Al-Liqa' Center in inter-faith dialogue. Dialogue builds bridges between people which contribute to the peace process and shared living. Dr. Khoury met several personalities among them the Bishop of D'Aosta and visited several schools

and educational institutions where he lectured and focused on Al-Liqa' programs.





# Activities in Bethlehem & Galilee

## **A Meeting in Sabeel Center 7 March 2013**

A meeting held in Sabeel Center between Rev. Dr. Na'im 'Atiq and Dr. Geries Khoury with the Governor of the Jerusalem Governorate, Engineer 'Adnan Al-Husseini. The meeting focused on possible encounters between Christian and Muslim clerics in Jerusalem, Shu'fat, Beit Hanina and Al-Ram. The purpose is to acquaint them with each other and to build freindsfip among them in order for all of them to deepen the foundation of shared living and national unity.

## **The stand of the church on the Environment Saturday, 22 March 2013**

Dr. Khoury attended a conference on environment which took place in Beit Berl in Israel on the 22nd of November 2013. He lectured on "The stand of the church on the Environment". Dr. Khoury pointed out that the church respect the environment. When God gave man sovereignty on earth, He did not mean that man will abuse the environment. On the contrary, God wanted man to utilize the environment with dignity. Dr. Khoury added that the environment subject is being taught in theological schools under "The Theology of Environment". The Catholic, the Orthodox and the Protestant churches always taught and still teaching the importance of environment. There were other lectures which focused on Islamic and Jewish stands toward the environment.



## **Religious tolerance and a life together in Palestine**

**Thursday, 11 April 2013**

At the invitation of Al-Liqa' Center, a panel was organized with The Society for Caring of the Orphans and the Needy in Jericho. Many Christian and Muslim clerics attended as well as members of different sectors of society. Dr. 'Abd Al-Rahman 'Abbad of Al-Liqa' moderated the panel. Several people participated in the panel including the Director of the Jericho society sheikh Jaber Harib who welcomed attendees from Al-Liqa' and from the Jericho area. He was followed by Engeneer Majed Al-Fitiani, Governor of Jericho and the Valleys who stressed the need for dialogue in the land of dialogue, Palestine. Dr. Sa'eb 'Iriqat, the Chief Palestinian negotiater in the Palestinian Authority, followed with a focused on the state of Christians in the Arab countries and stressed that reactionary elements and old thoughts which are based on ignorance still exist. Sheikh 'Ikrimah Sabri, the Head of the Higher Palestinian Islamic Council, focused on Islamic view of Christians as being brothers of Muslims in every aspects of life. Sheikh 'Abd Al-Majeed 'Ata, Mufti of the Bethlehem Governorate reiterated what other speakers said and expressed his optimism about the future. Dr. Geries S. Khoury, Director of Al-Liqa', concluded the panel with his demands for further understanding and respect of Christians and stressed the need to examin school curriculums in order to strengthen shared living between the brothers of the one nation. The moderator, Dr. 'Abbad, concluded the meeting stressing the need of both Christians and Muslims to emphasize unity and to respect what is different. At the end of the panel, attendees were invited for a dinner by the Jericho Society. Further discussions were observed at the dinner table.



## "Voices of peace" program | Thursday, 19 April 2013

Dr. Geris S. Khoury met on 19 April 2013 with Christian and Muslim Palestinian students who had taken part in a workshop in Italy on "Shared Living, Justice and peace" which was sponsored by "The Voice of Peace" organization of the District of Val D'Aosta. Dr. Khoury listened to each participant's experience in which they expressed their satisfaction and pleasure at the way a group of young Italian youth were made aware of problems by Palestinian youth at the "Voice of Peace" organization. Palestinians put forth to the Italians the history of the Palestinian problem and they reiterated to their Italian friend that the basic demand of Palestinians is to attain justice and peace including the establishment of a Palestinian State with its capital Arab East Jerusalem. Teacher Sima Ghawali of Beit Jala who accompanied the Palestinian group expressed her satisfaction with this unique experience. She mentioned, in addition, areas that need to be focused on in

case a continuation of the program is desired.

All Palestinian students were happy with the Italian group and members of sponsoring organization who hosted them in a special way and they thanked especially Mr. Giancarlo Rosso.

It is worth mentioning that this program was under the auspices of the "Theology Faculty" of Mar Elias College in 'Ibellin who asked the advice of Al-Liqa's branch in Galilee and asked it to follow up with the group and the program.



## Al-Liqa' Center's Most Recent Publications

January 2013 – June 2013

### Al-Liqa' quarterly review (in Arabic, year 28, no. 1 (2013))

This volume's file focuses on Christian Arab vision of Arab and Palestinian Future. Leading Christian Palestinian clerics contributed to this issue. Included, in addition, witnessing from Syria, Lebanon and Iraq, Christian young people and the Arab uprisings, what to expect from church in the Arab world as well as documents and a book review.



**Dirasat Islamiyya (Islamic Studies)**, this is a collection of five articles dealing with Islam and Muslims, Al-Liqa' Center, 2013 (in Arabic).



### Fathi Fourani **Arab Muslims and Christians Under One Tent,**

Al-Liqa' Center, 2013 (in Arabic).



Qustandi Shomali,  
**Palestinian Folk Heritage:  
A Historical and A Bibliographical Study,**  
Al-Liqa' Center, 2013 (in Arabic).





# Al-Liqa' Center Visitors



## **Lecturers and Students of the Catholic Theological Union Visit 21 January 2013**

Al-Liqa' Center hosted a meeting of a group of theologians, lecturers and students of the Catholic Theological Union led by Professor Alexander Scott. Dr. Geris S. Khoury of Al-Liqa' discussed the programs of the center including the foundations and importance of Palestinian contextual theology

to the local church in the Holy Land. In addition, Dr. Khoury focused on the Palestinian document **"Moment of Truth" Kairos Palestine**, its importance and its role in Palestinian society. An intensive question and an answer session followed.

## **A Group of Italian pilgrims Visit 27 February 2013**

Dr. Geris S. Khoury met a group of Italian pilgrims led by Dr. Guido in Galilee hotel in Nazareth's in the evening of the 27th of February 2013. Discussions in this gathering included the importance of encounter between pilgrims and members of the local church in the Holy Land. These latter put forth their status inside of Israel or in the occupied territories and spoke about their suffering under

occupation and on few laws which discriminate against them inside the state of Israel. Of course there was a discussion revolving around Al-Liqa' Center and the Palestinian inter-religious dialogue between Christians and Muslims and about the importance of inter-faith dialogue, local theology and how to read the Bible in the land of the Bible.

## **A Group of Italian pilgrims Visit 2 March 2013**

Mr. Mousa Darwish, deputy Director of Al-Liqa' Center, met with a group of Italians led by Dr. Guido in one of Bethlehem's Hotels in the evening of the 2nd of March 2013. Mr. Darwish gave a brief presentation on Christian – Muslim relations in the Bethlehem Governorate and in Palestine as well stressing the depth of these brotherly ties.

## Pilgrims from the Church of Norway Visit | 12 April 2013

Dr. Geris S. Khoury met with the pilgrims who were led by a Bishop from the Lutheran Church of Norway. Dr. Khoury spoke on the development of contextual theology from the early 1980's and he stressed the aims and goals of Al-Liqa' Center, that is Muslim Christian Dialogue in the Holy Land, its history and the relations between the children of the one nation since the inception of the Islamic religion. In addition, Dr. Khoury pointed out the importance of the message of local church concerning its relation with the Muslims, its stand toward the Palestinian problem, its demand for justice and peace and its prophetic voice, its demand from the world to support rights, justice and the accomplishment of world peace.



A discussion and many questions were followed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Norwegian Bishop thanked Dr. Khoury for his comprehensive presentation; and expressed his esteem and admire to the Al-Liqa Center programs, activities and publications.

## A Group of Danish Theologians Visits the Center | 6 June 2013

A group from the Danish Lutheran Church visited Al-Liqa' Center where they were welcomed by Dr. Geris S. Khoury who spoke to them in length. Dr. Khoury discussed the ecumenical relations between the churches in the Holy Land and focused as well on the concept of Palestinian theology and its importance to the local church and on the interfaith dialogue between Christians and Muslims, stressing its importance specially in these days in light of what is happening in the Arab World.

A Questions and an answer session followed



in which the topics of Palestinian theology and Christian Muslim dialogue were paramount.

## An Italian young group from "Voices of Peace" visited Al-Liqa' | 26 June 2013

An Italian young people's group representing "The Voices of Peace" visited Al-Liqa' Center and were welcomed by Mrs. Sima Ghawali who explained to the group the goals and activities of the center. Mr. Mousa Darwish, Deputy Director of Al-Liqa', focused in his talk on the situation and suffering of the Palestinians under Occupation. He pointed out the depth of Christian – Muslim



relations. He asked young people to thank Italian people for their positive stand toward Palestinians and he hoped that the group will give a true picture of what they have seen.

# List and Prices of Al- Liqa's Publications 1982-2013

(All publications are in Arabic unless specified)

Christian - Muslim Dialogue Conference (1982 –2010 )	
1. Proceedings of the First Conference, <i>Jerusalem</i> 1983 to 12 <sup>th</sup> Conference, Bethlehem 1994	\$10
2. 13 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> . 1995. (see no. 9 Miscellaneous)	\$10
3. 14 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1996	\$10
4. 15 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1998	\$10
5. 16 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2001	\$10
6. 17 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2003	\$10
7. 18 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2005	\$10
8. 19 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2007 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 22, no. 4, 2007)	\$10
9. 20 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2008 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 23, no. 3, 2008)	\$10
10. 21 <sup>st</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> 2009 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 25, nos. 1,2, 2010)	\$10
11. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> 2010 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 27, no. 2, 2012)	\$10
12. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> 2011 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 27, no. 4, 2012)	\$10

Palestinian Contextual Theology Conference (1987-2010)	
Proceedings of the First Conference, <i>Jerusalem</i> 1983 to the Eighth Conference, Jerusalem 1995	\$7
Ninth Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1996 (Contained in Al-Liqa' Journal, Vol. 9/10, (1997)	\$7
10 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , December 1998 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 19, vol 1+2, 2004)	\$10
11 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , June 2003 (There are no published proceedings)	\$10
12 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>the Galilee</i> , 2004 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 20, vol 1+2, 2005)	\$10
13 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2006 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 21, vol 3+4, 2006)	\$10
14 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Ibillin</i>	\$10
15 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Ibillin</i> (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 23, vol. 1, 2008)	\$10
16 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> 2009 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 24, vol. 1, 2009)	\$10
17 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Haifa</i> 2010 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 25, vol 3+4 2010)	\$10
18 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Haifa</i> 2011 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 27, vol 3, 2012)	\$10
19 <sup>th</sup> Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> 2011 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 28, vol 1, 2013)	\$10

## Annual subscription:

Individuals	\$20
Institutions	\$30
Price per one issue	\$8 + postage

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 p.)	\$5
5. <i>Western Christian Zionism</i> , (43 pages)	\$3
6. <i>Jerusalem Between Religious Freedom and Political Sovereignty, (in English)</i> (78pages)	\$5
7. <i>Christian Feasts between Unity and Pluralism</i> , (96 pages).	\$5
8. Qustandi Shomali, <i>El-Carmel</i> (534 pages)	\$10
9. Jerusalem: <i>Palestinian Muslim- Christian Studies</i> (600 ps.)	\$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)	\$10
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 S. Khoury, <i>Arab Christians: Rootedness... Presence... Openness</i> (278 pages)	\$10
18. Geries S. Khoury, <i>Arab Christians and Muslims: Past... Present... Future</i> (272 pages)	\$10
19. 'Abd Al-Rahman 'Abbad, <i>Dialogue in Islam</i> (188 pages)	\$10
20. <i>Al-Liqa' quarterly review indexes, 1985-2010</i> (266 pages.)	\$10
21. Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury, <i>Open Borders between Time and Eternity: Toward Contextual Theology in Our Native Soil.</i> (547 pages)	\$15
22. Qustandi Shomali, <i>Palestinian Folk Heritage: A Historical and A Bibliografical Study</i> , (76 pages)	\$ 8
23. Fathi Fourani, <i>Arab Muslims and Christians Under One Tent</i> , (103 pages)	\$ 8
24. <i>Dirasat Islamiyya (Islamic Studies)</i> , (199 pages)	\$ 8

## 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

## Al-Liqa' Arabic Language - Quarterly Review (1985 - 2013)

Year 1-Year 3 (3 issues each year)	\$20 per Year
Year 4-Year 28 (4 issues each year)	\$40 per Year
Price per one issue	\$10

## Al- Liqa' Journal (in English) 1992 – 2013

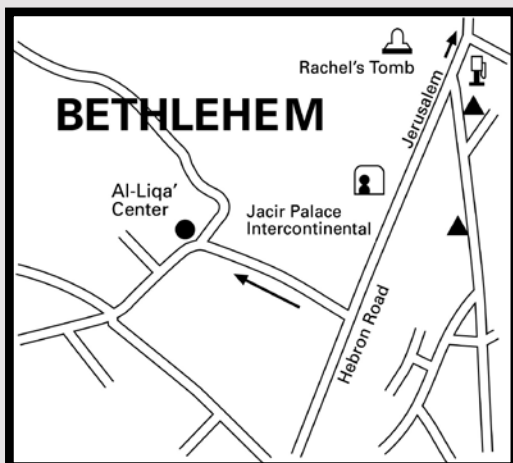
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### Al-Liqa' Center

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 Michel Sabbah, President, Board of Trustees; and Dr. Geries S. Khoury, Director.



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

The Center is 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.

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been realized including the dismantling for ever the dictatorships. People expected these goals to be achieved and the revolution to continue. Days and months have passed but expectations from the Arab Spring were never realized. The revolutions, instead, were stolen by opportunists leading to chaos and to absence of personal and public security. The countries witnessing Arab Spring soon were afflicted by sectarianism and the polarization of the people into pro and against the existing regime. Governments were formed but were unable to solve problems or crystalize priorities in order to solve pressing issues such as security and food. As a result, arms were carried by the strong and tribal and religious fanaticisms were deepened and those accusing others of disbelief grew in numbers. As a result, freedom of thought and respect of the other disappeared. Total chaos has prevailed. This month of Ramadan is calling all sides in the Arab nation to stop fighting. At least there must be a truce throughout this Holy Month in which the faithful can pray and reflect. Hopefully, public welfare will prevail over selfish personal interest; all I hope is that God the Almighty will inspire leaders and revolutionaries into the right path throughout the Arab nation.

### Upcomming Events

Conference on Palestinian  
Contextual Theology (PCT 2013)  
21<sup>st</sup> Session

### "On the Steps of the Arab Christian Heritage in Palestine"

13-15 December 2013, Bethlehem

The Christian-Muslim Dialogue Conference  
The 25<sup>th</sup> session

### The Palestinian National Scheme and the Modern State

19-21 September 2013, Bethlehem

Website of Al-Liqa' Center

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and to send us your reflections