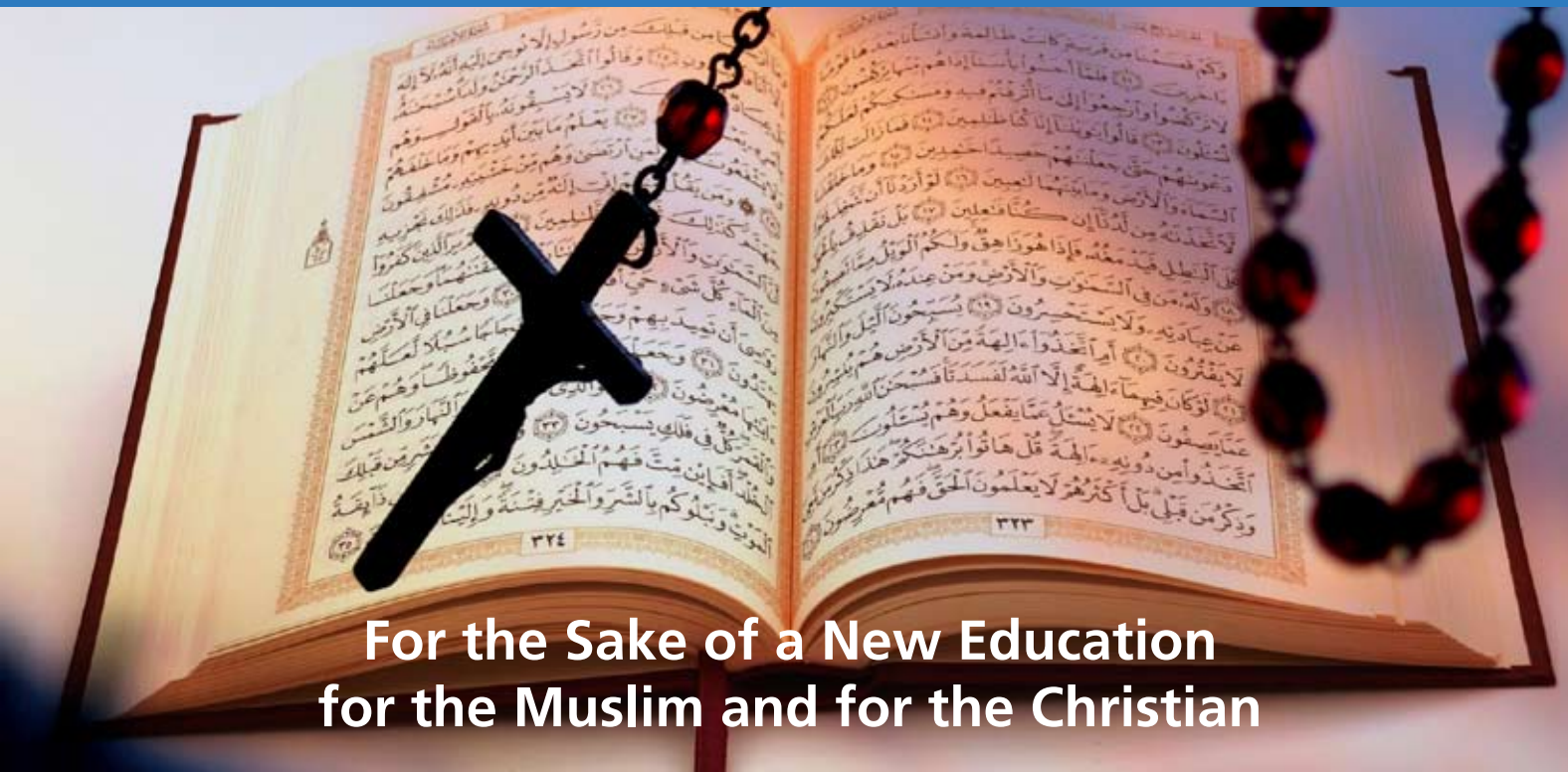


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For the Sake of a New Education for the Muslim and for the Christian

Editorial

H. B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah

1. What is the meaning of a new education? It is the application of human and religious values and traditions on the time in which we live, and according to the spirit of the time in which we live. So the present is not an identical copy of the past, but rather it has its character of its own, with honesty to human and religious principles. Education is knowledge and a method of life. A method of life in the relationship of man with his God,



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and in the relationship of man with his brother the man, with his country and with the world.

2. Every human being, and we in this Holy Land, in Palestine, and in the entire Arab World, and like every human being in the world, are in need to develop ourselves. The present time in which we are living here and in the entire Middle East is a political, local and an international one, but it is in the first place developing ourselves and qualifying ourselves to confront our present reality with its local and international requirements.

In order to qualify ourselves for addressing the world, to understand its language and to make it understand our language and to impose on it what we want, we need to review ourselves: Our virtues are many, as individuals and as a society. However, when we see what is happening to us, it is inevitable that we see that we lack a lot. Man should know himself, and this is the virtue, and this is the source of strength.

3. We need new religious and human education. What is the meaning of new? It is to learn to live our human values and our religious values today, and in the circumstances of today. Religion does not change and man is not different today in his humanity from the man of yesterday. The nature of man is one, a generation after a generation. Also religion is one, a generation after a generation. However man is not an inanimate body, rather he is a living being who changes, gets adapted and develops, and he has to know how to live his human values and his religious values according to the successive stages of history, and according to the current stage in which he lives.
4. Our present reality in the Middle East and here in Palestine is that religious fanaticism, that is, transforming religion into human

and aggressive fanaticism, is increasing, and also the fears of people and their sectarian sensitivities are increasing. And this is not the state which will transform our steadfastness into what we want. There is a dire need for a new Arab man, Christian and Muslim. New in his correct vision of his religion. New in the boldness of every one of us to ask himself: Am I truly believing in my religion? And what are my hidden sectarian sensitivities in me? If the question is posited, healing begins. We need an awakening and in the right direction.

School curricula and religious education curricula seem to be an untouchable topic. It is difficult to modify them in a way which responds to the current reality. The current reality is that, around us who are gathering in amicability, people are increasing in fear or hatred for each other. Sectarian sensitivities are increasing. School books, that is, which educate and form generations do not say anything to replace this present reality. For the sake of new education, it is inevitable to have a new vision in the curricula which qualifies man to know himself be he a Muslim or a Christian, and to open up his eyes, his mind and his heart to see and to feel with the other who is different from him as he feels himself, whether in this Christian or the Muslim.

5. Our question today, in our Islamic and Christian Arab countries, is not a Christian question which demands a place for it in the Islamic countries, and it is not an Islamic question only. Rather, it is one Arab and human question. Together we have to confront the present in order to live in it with all our effective religious values, the first of which is respecting man, every man no matter what his religion is. Our need, Muslims and Christians, is one, before the present reality which we live. We are seeing what has become of religion in our

countries. It has become a source of wars and fighting, and a death for many, not only for non-Muslims that is, for Christians, but for the Muslim too. We are fighting, and we kill each other. This is what is happening in Iraq and Syria where the Muslim and the Christian are, and this is what is happening in Yemen and Saudi Arabia, and all of them there are Muslim Arabs.

Time has taken us by surprise, and now we are before two options: either we stay straying in religious fanaticism and so we kill each other, and others control us, and we continue in a

religious education in which the Muslim or the Christian does not see except himself, and he does not feel in need for more openness on the other, or we renew our education and get opened on the other, and so we take our destiny in our hands and posit the right questions to ourselves, questions by the nature of which renew us and make us human beings who are capable of confronting the present despite its cruelty and despite all of its complexities. This is the new thing which is that we see the other, feel him, and respect him and that we work together.

Al-Liqa's Annual Joint Christmas Celebration

12 December 2014 | Bethlehem Hotel - Bethlehem



Hundreds of invitees from throughout the Holy Land, Christians and Muslims, church leaders, academicians and community leaders attended this annual spiritual gathering in Bethlehem, the Birthplace of our Lord to celebrate together this solemn occasion. The celebration began with a Christian and Muslim meditations by Mrs. Hanadi Soudah Younan and Mr. Fathi Fourani, followed by Christmas Carols

by chanters Ashraf Da'oud and Brothers from Galilee. Mrs. Luna Amin, from Bethlehem chanted Christmas carols while Mr. Lawrence Sammour of Al-Liqa' and Bethlehem chanted also Christmas carols. In addition, a Galilee child, Rita Khourieh, also chanted Christmas carols. In addition, all were invited for dinner following the annual Christmas Celebrations.





Palestinian Contextual Theology Conference (PCT) 22nd Session Titled

“Is Christianity about to Vanish in the Arab East?”

12 – 14 December 2014
Bethlehem Hotel - Bethlehem

A very crowded lecture hall with hundreds of Palestinians, men and women, young and old, Christians and Muslims, church leaders, academicians, community leaders, from Galilee, the Triangle, the Bethlehem Governorate and Jerusalem attended the proceedings of the conference, 12-14 December 2014.

Dr. Geris S. Khoury inaugurated the proceedings in the first day, Friday 12 December with introductory remarks concerning Christian presence in Palestine and the Arab East and Al-Liqa's mission of stressing national unity. He focused as well on Al-Liqa's publishing activities and its various programs.

The proceedings of the conference began with a panel moderated by Mr. Ziad Shlewit from Galilee concerning “**Normal emigration in the 19th Century**”. Panelist Dr. Adnan Musallam from Bethlehem focused on Immigration to the Americas while Dr. Shukri 'Arraf from Galilee

focused on Immigration to Palestine.

The second day of the conference the proceedings began with prayer and meditation by Bishop Boutros Mu'alleh of Galilee and was followed by a panel on “**The Emigration of Christians from Lebanon and Palestine in the last two decades**” which was moderated by Mr. Yousef Matar from Galilee. Panelist Rev. Dr. Khalil Maroun who spoke on behalf of Maronite Bishop Musa Al-Haj of Lebanon stressed developments in Lebanon, while Dr. Bernard Sabella of Jerusalem focused on Palestine.

Following a coffee break a panel focusing on emigration from Iraq, Syria and Egypt was moderated by Mrs. Sawzan Bitar of Jerusalem. Panelist Bishop Sewirios Malki Murad of the Syrian Orthodox Church spoke on the present situation in Syria and Iraq while the Franciscan Father 'Abd al-Masih Fahim discussed the present situation of the Christian Copts of Egypt.





Following lunch, Al-Liqa' organized an excursion for the conferees revolving around visits to monasteries in the Bethlehem Governorate and which lasted for three hours including the visits to the monastery of St. Theodosius, the Shepherd Field, St. Mary's Sanctuary (Ortas: Hotus Conclusus). Teacher and tour guide Gloria Nasser of Bethlehem led the group. 145 participate in this field trip, and prayers and meditation were performed in each location.

The last panel of the second day of the conference which was moderated by Ms. Noura Kirt of Jerusalem focused on **"The impact of the prevailing culture in our societies on the shared living"**. Panelist Dr. 'Atallah Qupti of Haifa University spoke about the present situation in Galilee, while panelist Prof. Dr. Qustandi Shomali of Beit Sahur focused on theoretical aspect of the theme.

Dinner followed this panel.

In the third day of the conference proceedings began with prayers and meditation by Bishop Boutros Mu'allem, and the Shafa 'Amr quire chanted some hymns.

The first panel of the day revolved around the theme **"Christians and Muslims together in facing the Takfiri thoughts"** and was moderated by Mrs. Noura Karmi of Jerusalem. Panelist Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Swai of Jerusalem presented an Islamic view of the subject while panelist Rev.



Dr. Jamal Khader of the Latin Seminary in Beit Jala presented a Christian perspective. Panelist Dr. Mahdi Abd El-Hadi of Jerusalem presented a nationalist view.



Following a coffee break, the final panel was held revolving around the theme **"The Christian Arabs in affliction: What to do?"**. This session was moderated by Attorney Badira Khourieh of Galilee. Panelist H.B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah emphasized on what kind of faith for the present stage? While panelist Rev. Dr. Mitri Rahib of the Lutheran Church in Bethlehem discussed the idea that despite everything we have to show our committed presence. Panelist Rev. Dr. Rafiq Khoury of Jerusalem discussed the question, is there any significance for the affliction of the Christians and their peoples in the Arab East?

It should be noted that each panel was followed with detailed question and an answer session and discussion by conferees and panelists.





At the conclusion of the conference, Dr. Gerios S. Khoury summarized the proceedings and thanked all participants for their participation and thanked also the Patriarchs and bishops who attended the conference and among them was patriarch Fu'ad



Twal, Patriarch M. Sabbah, Bishop Butrus Mu'llem, Bishop Elias Chaccour and Bishop Sewirius Malki Murad. Dr. Khoury was followed by Mr. Ziad Shlewit of Galilee who read the recommendations of the final communiqué of the conference.



Al-Liqa's Youth

The Civil Defense Workshop Graduation

Thursday 21 May 2015

The Civil Defense in the Bethlehem Governorate offered Al-Liqa' youth ten training sessions at Al-Liqa' Center.

Graduation ceremonies took place at Al-Liqa' and were attended by Dr. Gerios S. Khoury and Mr. Mousa Darwish and the Director of Civil Defense, Commander Khalifa Al-Talahmi and other officers as well as Al-Liqa's youth supervisors, Mrs. Sima al-Ghawali, Mr. George Maria and Ms. Marian Bassous.

Ceremony began when Mrs. Sima al-Ghawali thanked the Civil Defense officers and the great efforts they had exerted in the training sessions. Dr. Gerios S. Khoury, likewise, thanked civil defense officers and especially Mr. Hassan Abu 'Alia who trained Al-Liqa's youth and the Commander of the Civil Defense forces.

Mr. Ishaq Al-Hroub spoke on behalf of Al-Liqa's youth thanking the Civil Defense and those in charge of Al-Liqa's youth.



Following the various speeches, the ceremonies of distributing Civil Defense certificates to Al-Liqa's graduating youth. Certificates, as well, were given to the supervisors of Al-Liqa's youth program. Likewise, Al-Liqa's Center presented a Shield of appreciation to the Civil Defense forces in the Governorate for their excellent efforts.

Wednesday Evening Forums

Tuesday 24 March 2015



Al-Liqa' Center held a panel titled **"Israeli Elections 2015 and its consequences on the Palestinian Problem"**. Leading members of the community including academicians and others attended this gathering. Dr. Geris S. Khoury introduced the subject with a power point presentation of facts and figures concerning the result of this election. He mentioned that the United Arab List was able to attract 65% of Arab votes and to gain 13 members to the Knesset. Dr. Khoury said because of the present political situation in Israel, the Palestinians need to develop a strategy of national unity in order to face the new realities resulting from the Israeli elections. Following his introductory remarks and discussions followed by the attendees.

Wednesday 13 May 2015

Al-Liqa's Wednesday Evening Forum took place on Wednesday 13 May 2015 and was attended



as usual by community leaders, academicians and friends of Al-Liqa'. The main speaker Dr. Adnan A. Musallam presented a power-point lecture titled "Oral History and World War I in Palestine."

His lecture revolved around Dr. Musallam's students of history's oral interviews in the spring of 1993 with the elderlies who lived through World War I or who learned about the war from their parents.

Students' interviews focused on several issues which faced the Palestinian elderlies: hunger, diseases and forced military conscription, 1914-1918.

Thursday 4 June 2015



Al-Liqa' Center organized a lecture by Dr. Saleem Zoughbi titled: "Economic and Social Background of Sectarian Fragmentation in Arab Countries and its Impact on Palestinian Liberation Movement". Dr. Saleem underlined the great conspiracy's aim is to fragment Arab countries and regimes and to create small states within that to fight each other on religious and sectarian bases. This will lead to the destruction of Arab societies and their armies. Israel will be as a result the only strong and stable country. These conflicts, in addition, led to the destruction of Arab economies and the resulting dependence on foreign aid. He said also that all these developments will affect negatively the shared living between Muslims and Christians.

Local Activities

24 December 2014

Dr. Geries S. Khoury participated at the University of Haifa's conference titled "Inter-religious Dialogue, Peace Building and Non-Violence." which was organized by Dr. Ithamar Theodor of Asian Studies at the University.

The conference was attended by university professors as well as the General Secretary of "The World Council of Religious Leaders", Mr. Bawa Jain who came from India in order to deliver a lecture at the conference.



Dr. Geries S. Khoury delivered a lecture titled "The Values of Justice and Peace in Christianity", in which he focused on the values of justice and peace in the Holy Bible and especially on the New Testament and the teachings of the church.

At the conclusion of his lecture, Dr. Khoury reiterated that justice and peace will not be realized unless each of us live his real faith in every seconds of his life and in his treatment of others.

Friday, 13 March 2015

Dr. Geries S. Khoury focused on his lecture to a group of Christian young people at **Sabeel Center** on repercussion of what is taking place in the Arab countries, suppression and killings on shared living. Dr. Khoury stressed the importance of knowing our Arab Christian identity and the role of Christians and Muslims in crystalizing the foundation of Arab history and in building



the foundation of Arab civilization and shared living even though there were dark pages in this history.

Saturday, 14 March 2015

At the invitation of Dr. Charlie Abu Sa'da of World Vision, Mr. Mousa Darwish and Dr. Geries S. Khoury of Al-Liqa' met at 8:30 p.m. a group from World Vision who came from Austria, New Zealand and other countries. Both spoke about the experience of Al-Liqa' Center in interfaith dialogue between Muslims and Christians in the Holy Land since 1982 to the present, and both stressed the importance of education and mass media in a life together.

3 April 2015



Prof. 'Abd Al-Rahman 'Abbad, member of Al-Liqa's Board of Trustees, was honored in Jericho by H. E. President Mahmoud 'Abbas' representative Dr. Sa'eb Erekat was awarded a distinguished medal for science, culture and arts. The audience was greeted by Bishop 'Atallah Hanna who represented Al-Liqa' Center.

Mr. Musa Darwish, Vice Director of Al-Liqa Center attended also the event.

Thursday 28-5-2015

At the invitation of the Swedish Christian Center in Jerusalem, Dr. Geries S. Khoury lectured on the life of Sophronius and the many challenges facing him before and after his election as Patriarch of Jerusalem focusing as well on Al-Liqa's 2015 publication titled "Sophronius: Book of Evidence

on Confirming Faith” by Dr. Geris S. Khoury. The author’s study and critical edition of Sophronius’ life, works and Omar’s Covenant was a major focus of Dr. Geris’ lecture.

Al-Liqa’ Center in Nablus

4th of June 2015

Dr. Geris S. Khoury addressed Imams of the mosques in the Nablus area



Dr. Geris spoke about the phenomenon of Christian emigration in the last one hundred years. He focused on Al-Liqa’s special conference on emigration and the questionnaire and other field studies concerning reasons for emigration. Clearly, Israeli occupation is the main factor behind emigration. He denied that religious factors are leading to emigration, and he added that only few Christians underline this factor. The majority of Muslims are not extremists. This meeting is one of several meetings that are being organized by Al-Liqa’ Center.

5 June 2015

A Meeting of Christian clergy Members

Dr. Geris S. Khoury took part in Sabeel’s gathering at the Latin Church’s Hall in Beit Sahour. Several priests including Bishop ‘Atallah Hanna listened to H. B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah’s lecture



concerning Christian presence in our country and in the East. Patriarch Sabbah underlined the importance of “Faith” which should make the Christian an apostle in his society and not only for himself. In order to be a Christian, one needs to read the Bible, especially and the New Testament. The meeting began with a reading from Saint Paul’s First Letter to Timothy by Father Ya’qub Abu Sa’da.

Sunday, 26 April 2015

Field trip and study day in Galilee



Al-Liqa’ Center’s Shared Living program organized this study day in Galilee where tens of Palestinians representing various sectors of society, academicians, physicians, teachers, community leaders and young people took part in this program.

The first stop was the Roman and Byzantine relics of Caesarea, then the group travelled north to Haifa and visited the Church of Mar Elias – **Elijah**, and from there the group visited the Baha'i gardens and listened to the Baha'i Center's history.

Following Haifa the group visited Acres (Akka) and was hosted by the Imam of the Mosque, Sheikh Sameer Muhammad Al-'Asi who stressed Muslim Christian shared living and national unity and the common work for peace and justice in the Holy Land and warned of religious extremism and fanaticism.

Dr. Nasri Qumsieh, and Prof. Thiab 'Ayyoush, the Vice President of Al-Liqa's Board of Trustees thanked the Imam for his hospitality and told him that many of his principles are common to Al-Liqa' Center as well.

Following Acres, the group went to Al-Jish Village in the north which is very close to the Lebanese borders and on the way the group saw many cities and villages inhabited by Christians, Muslims, Druze and Jews.

The study day was concluded by a visit to the uprooted villages such as Kufur Bar'am, al-Mansura and Iqrit.

Al-Liqa Center organized several distinguished cultural evenings in which two new books published by Al-Liqa' were inaugurated

**"Christian Presence in the Arab East:
Past, Present and Future"** by Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury

&

**"Book of Evidence on Confirming Faith: Sophronius
Patriarch of Jerusalem"** by Dr. Geris S. Khoury



The first meeting was in Shafa 'Amr under the auspices of the churches of in the city and with the co-operation of "Rusul al-Mustaqbal" organization. This was on 28 February 2015 at the Virgin Mary Hall. The second meeting was in Jerusalem on 5 March. Al-Liqa Center held an evening culture in Bethlehem on 14 March. The fourth meeting was at the Church Parish Hall in Fassouta village on 24 March. This was followed by another meeting in Mi'ilya village on Monday 23 March 2015. The sixth meeting was in Ramallah on 26 March. The following book launching was in Ramah village on 1 April 2015 and was followed by another cultural evening in Haifa on 7 April 2015. The eighth meeting was on 11 June 2015 at the Latin parish hall in Beir Zeit. All these cultural evenings were organized with the help of parish priests, NGO's and cultural centers.

(For more details see al-Liqa Website)



A Distinguished Interfaith Encounter in Haifa honored H.E. Bishop Butros Al-Mu'allem

Monday, 20 April 2015

Hundreds took part in a Distinguished Interfaith Encounter in Haifa in which H.E. Bishop Butros Al-Mu'allem was honored

Tens of leading religious leaders and personalities: Christians, Muslims and Druze, as well as academicians, community leaders including Mayors and members of municipalities, cultural and educational leaders attended this distinguished interfaith gathering in which H. E. Bishop Al-Mu'allem was honored.

The evening was inaugurated by the president of Al-Liqa' Center, H. B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah who focused briefly on the work of Al-Liqa and on the accomplishments of Bishop Al-Mu'allem. He was followed by H. E. George Baq'uni, Bishop of the Melkite Catholic Church in Galilee, spiritual leader of the Druze community, Sheikh Muwaffaq Tarif, the Imam of Haifa Mosque, Knesset member Mr. Ayman 'Odeh, the Mayor of 'Aylaboun, Mr. Geris Mater.

Dr. Geris S. Khoury, Al-Liqa's Director focused on the unique relations between Bishop Mu'llem and al-Liqa programs. Dr. Johnny Mansour focused on Al-Mu'allem's writings and thought. Several friends of the Bishop greeted him warmly. Among the friends was Bishop Elias Chaccour, Bishop

Marcuzzo, Fr. Atallah Makhoul, Attorney 'Ali Rafa', Rev. Fu'ad Dagher and a message sent by Fr. George Khawwam, the Superior of the Missionary Society of Saint Paul- Harissa / Lebanon

This great and distinguished evening was moderated by Attorney Badera Khourieh and Mr. Ziad Shlewit.



At the end of the meeting, H. E. Bishop Butros thanked Al-Liqa' Center and all those who greeted and honored him. He added: "My message to you is that we must not be silent... on this day, I weep on the values and the human that we have lost. Jesus is for all of us and we must carry His Message."

Al-Liqa' Center, in addition, presented H. E. Bishop Butros with a distinguished mother of Pearl shield. Al-Mu'allem Family, likewise, presented Al-Liqa' Center with a shield of appreciation.



Thursday, 12 March 2015

In cooperation with the department of Religious Studies at Bethlehem University, A panel was held to present the book **"Peaceful Resistance in Islam and Christianity"** that was published by Al-Liqa' and Sabeel Centers. Panelists included Fr. Dr. Rafiq Khoury and Dr. Barakat Hasan. Fr. Dr. Iyad Twal, chair of the Department of Religious Studies moderated the panel.



Tuesday 12 May 2015



The book, **"Peaceful Resistance in Islam and Christianity"**, which was published by Al-Liqa' Center and Sabeel Center, was introduced to lecturers and employees of the University of Birzeit.

The moderator was Dr. 'Abd Al-Rahman Al-Haj Ibrahim, Chairperson of Political Science at the university. Likewise, Mrs. Samia Khoury introduced the panelists Dr. Geris S. Khoury and Sheikh Zuheir Al-Dab'i.

Al-Liqa' Center's Visitors

20 January 2015

Al-Liqa' Center hosted a group of American Church representatives accompanied by Dr. Charlie Abu Sa'da from the World Vision. The group's aim was to become acquainted with the programs and activities of the Center as well as the local church and challenges which face Christians in the Arab East. Dr. Geris S. Khoury met the group focusing in the process of his talk on the history of the Center and the development of its programs and on the situation in the occupied territories and the aggression on Christians and others.





Al-Liqa' Center for Religious and Heritage Studies in the Holy Land
Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center

"For a New Education for Muslims and Christians" and A Joint Iftar

25 June 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Tens of Palestinians Christians and Muslims from the major Governorate area in Palestine attended a panel in which panelists H.B. Patriarch Michael Sabbah and Dr. Hamzeh Theeb Mustafa discussed the topic "For a New Education for Muslims and Christians", which was moderated by Dr. Geris S. Khoury of Al-Liqa'. Dr. Khoury welcomed the invitees wishing them "a holy month of Ramadan" and hoping that peace and justice will prevail in Palestine and in Arab countries as well as in the whole world. At the end of the panel, invitees as well as Al-Liqa'

and Sabeel centers issued a public announcement calling for an end to bloodshed in the Arab nation. Likewise, they protested the violation of the sanctity of Muslim and Christian sanctuaries in Palestine from Zionists who only know hatred the latest of which was the violation of the sanctity of the Church of Tabgha (Tiberias) and the total burning of all its content of holy books, documents, icons and sacred vessels. Following the panel the Mufti of Bethlehem did the required prayers before the Christian Muslim Joint Iftar.



Most Recent Publications

Book title

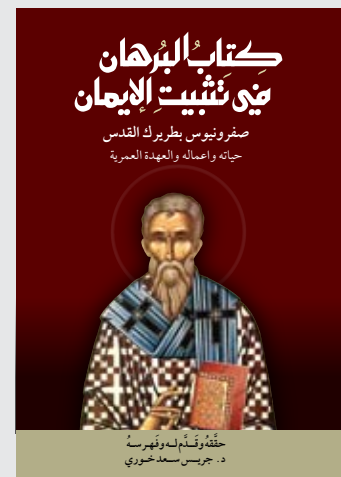
"Book of Evidence on Confirming Faith Sophronius Patriarch of Jerusalem, His life, Works and Omar's Covenant"

by Dr. Gerjes S. Khoury,

2015, 494 pages.

Al-Liqa' Center for Religious and Heritage Studies in the Holy Land issued a qualitative book which has a special characteristics entitled **"Kitab Al-Burhan Fi Tathbeet Al-Iman"** (The Book of Evidence on Confirming Faith) by the Patriarch of Jerusalem Sophronius (+638 A.D.). In it there is new information about his life and his character which has not been known before. The author also discusses the meeting between the Patriarch and Caliph Omar. He presents a new reading and a contemporary analysis of the Caliph Omar's Covenant indicating the considerations which were given in it and their importance at that time and in our present days in which declaring persons as infidels dominate.

The book contains an accurately and scientifically edited study of a manuscript which is attributed to Sophronius in faith and Christian creed. The book also contains the translation of "The Synodical letter of Sophronius" into Arabic which he sent to his brothers the Patriarchs after he was appointed as Patriarch of Jerusalem in (634 A.D.).



Al-Liqa' Journal (in English), volume 44, June 2015

The content comprised research articles on Sophronius and Omar's Covenant, ecumenical horizons, and Palestinian Christians in late Ottoman period, and Egyptian – Palestinian relations. It included opinions, reports, a book review and documents.



Al-Liqa' quarterly review (in Arabic), Volume 1, year 2015

This issue contains the second part of the proceedings of the Al-Liqa' yearly theological conference on the Arab Christian Heritage in the Holy Land which took place in January 2014. In addition this issue contains two articles, documents and a book review.



List and Prices of Al- Liqa's Publications 1982-2015

(All publications are in Arabic unless specified)

Christian - Muslim Dialogue Conference (1982 –2015)	
1. Proceedings of the First Conference, <i>Jerusalem</i> 1983 to 12 th Conference, Bethlehem 1994	\$10
2. 13 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> . 1995. (see no. 9 Miscellaneous)	\$10
3. 14 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1996	\$10
4. 15 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 1998	\$10
5. 16 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2001	\$10
6. 17 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2003	\$10
7. 18 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2005	\$10
8. 19 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2007 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 22, no. 4, 2007)	\$10
9. 20 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2008 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 23, no. 3, 2008)	\$10
10. 21 st Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> 2009 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 25, nos. 1,2, 2010)	\$10
11. 22 nd Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> 2010 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 27, no. 2, 2012)	\$10
12. 23 rd Conference, Bethlehem 2011 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year. 27, no. 4, 2012)	\$10
13. 24 th Conference, Bethlehem, 2012 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 28, nos. 2,3, 2013)	\$10
14. 25 th Conference, Bethlehem, 2013 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 29, nos. 1,2, 2014)	\$10
Palestinian Contextual Theology Conference (1987-2015)	
1.Proceedings of the First Conference, <i>Jerusalem</i> 1983 to the Eighth Conference, Jerusalem 1995	\$7
2.Ninth Conference, Bethlehem, 1996 (Contained in Al-Liqa' Journal, Vol. 9/10, (1997)	\$7
3.10 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , December 1998 (See Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 19, vol 1+2, 2004)	\$10
4.11 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , June 2003 (There are no published proceedings)	\$10
5.12 th Conference, <i>the Galilee</i> , 2004 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 20, vol 1+2, 2005)	\$10
6.13 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> , 2006 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 21, vol 3+4,2006)	\$10
7.14 th Conference, <i>Ibillin</i>	\$10
8.15 th Conference, <i>Ibillin</i> (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 23, vol. 1, 2008)	\$10
9.16 th Conference, <i>Bethlehem</i> 2009 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 24, vol. 1, 2009)	\$10
10.17 th Conference, <i>Haifa</i> 2010 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 25, vol 3+4 2010)	\$10
11.18 th Conference, <i>Haifa</i> 2011 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 27, vol 3, 2012)	\$10
12.19 th Conference, Bethlehem 2011 (contained in Al-Liqa' quarterly review, year 28, vol 1, 2013)	\$10
13.20 th Conference, Bethlehem 2012 (contained in Al-liqa' quarterly review, year 28, vol 4, 2013+ year 30, vol 1, 2015)	\$10

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Miscellaneous	
1. Fr. Peter Madrous, <i>Paul the Apostle and the Man</i> , 1985 (67 pages)	\$5
2. Najib Nassar, <i>Under the Protection of the Arabs</i> , 1986 (91 pages)	\$5
3. Younis Amr, <i>Jerusalem the City of God</i> , 1986 (152pages)	\$5
4. Louis I. Hazboun, <i>Principles of Sociology of Religion</i> , 1987 (162 p.)	\$5
5. <i>Western Christian Zionism</i> , 1991 (43 pages)	\$3
6. <i>Jerusalem Between Religious Freedom and Political Sovereignty</i> , (in English), 1995 (78pages)	\$5
7. <i>Christian Feasts between Unity and Pluralism</i> , 1995 (96 pages).	\$5
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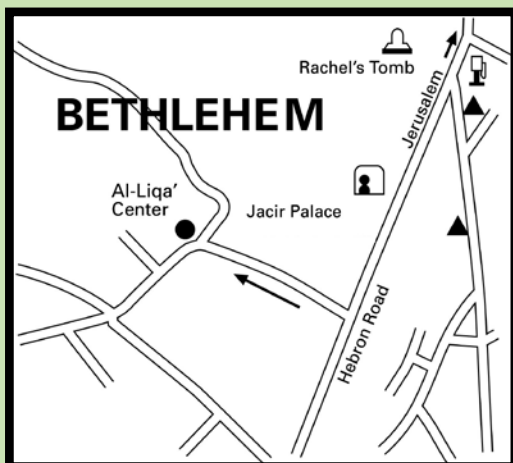
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