



Al-Liqa' Center for Religious, Heritage and Cultural Studies in the Holy Land
and
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Al-Liqa' 29th Annual International Conference

The Reality of the Church and Christians in the Middle East

Friday November 25, 16:00-19:00 Jerusalem Time
Saturday November 26, 9:00-19:00 Jerusalem Time

Place: The Convention Palace - Bethlehem

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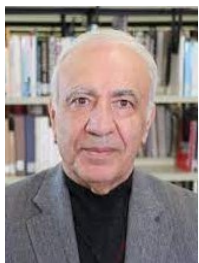
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Friday, November 25 [Times listed are based on Jerusalem Time]

- 16:00 PM **Session One (8:00 AM New York Time)**
Opening: **Dr. Yousef Zaknoun**, *Director of Al-Liqa' Centre of Religious, Heritage & Cultural Studies*
- 16:30 PM **Session Two (8:30 AM New York Time)**
Moderator: Ms. Suad Younan
Panelists: **Bishop Rafic Nahra**, *Latin Patriarchal Vicar of Galilee – Nazareth*
“Conscience and Responsibility in the Church”
- 17:00 PM **Dr. Thomas Walsh**, *Chairman, Universal Peace Federation-International, New York*
“The Position of the Church on Human Rights”
- 17:30 PM Break
- 18:00 PM **Mr. Ziad El Sayegh**, *CEO, The Civic Influence Hub, Beirut*
“The Influence of Social Media on Christian Character”
- 18:30 PM **Discussion – Q & A**
- 19:00 PM Day One Closing

Saturday, November 26 [Times listed are based on Jerusalem Time]

- 9:00 AM **Session One (2:15 AM New York Time)**
Moderators: Dr. Yousef Zaknoun & Ms. Miriam Awad
Panelist: **His Beatitude Pierre Battista Pizzaballa**, *Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem*
“The message of the Patriarch of Jerusalem”
- 9:15 AM **Msgr. Renzo Pegoraro**, *the scientific director of the Lanza Foundation, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Rome*
“Ethical Challenges and Scientific Development Vis-à-vis the Christian Family”
- 9:45 AM **Dr. Maha Karkabi Sabbah**, *Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Family Studies, Shefaram*
“Impact of Demographic Transformations on the Palestinian Family”
- 10:15 AM **Discussion – Q & A**
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:15 AM **Dr. Vera Baboun**, *Member in the Palestinian National Council (PNC) and General Union of Palestinian Women, Bethlehem*
“Women in Church: Challenges and Future Prospects”
- 11:45 AM **Discussion – Q & A**
- 12:30 PM Intermission

- 14:00 PM **Session Two (7:00 AM New York Time)**
Moderator: Dr. Raed Abdel Massih
Panelists: **Bishop Youssef Matta**, *Archbishop of Acre, Haifa, Nazareth and all Galilee of the Melkite Greek Catholics – Haifa*
“The Mission of the Church in Galilee - A future vision”
- 14:30 PM **Bishop Munib Younan**, *Palestinian Emeritus Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land – Jerusalem*
“The Church’s Mission in Palestine - A future vision”
- 15:00 PM **Discussion – Q & A**
- 15:30 AM Break
- 16:00 PM **Session Three (9:00 AM New York Time)**
Moderator: Dr. Waleed Shomali
Panelists: **Dr. Qustandi Shomali**, *Professor of Palestinian Literature, Journalism and Translation, Bethlehem University, Beit-Sahour*
“Christians in the East: Reality and Challenges”
- 16:30 PM **Dr. Bernard Sabella**, *Director of Department of Services to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), Jerusalem*
“Relation of the Political Regime with Christians in the East”
- 17:00 PM **Discussion – Q & A**
- 17:15 PM **Session Four (10:15 AM New York Time)**
Moderator: Ms. Ibtisam Muallem
Panelists: **Mr. Ziad Shlewet**, *journalist, writer and editor in Sunnara paper, Shefaram*
“Identity and Ethnicity: Manifestations of Christian Fragmentation”
- 17:45 PM **Dr. Charlie Haddad**, *Director General of the Evangelical Lutheran Schools in Palestine, Jerusalem*
“Changing the Christian Reality for the Better: Role of Educational Institutions”
- 18:15 PM **Discussion – Q & A**
- 18:30 PM **Closing Statements and Recommendations**