

2013 HCEF Award Recipients

Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation Award



His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington

Path of Peace Award



His Excellency Dr. Salam Fayyad
Former Prime Minister of Palestine

Palestinian Diaspora Award



Said T. Khoury
Co-founder and Chairman
Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC)



Mrs. Jamilah Aranky
HCEF Representative in Birzeit

HCEF President's Award



Mary Ann Flannery
HCEF Volunteer
Rockville, MD



THE HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

15th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT

1221 22nd Street, NW • Washington, DC 20037

ONE HUMANITY DIFFERENT FAITHS



Friday, October 18, 2013

AWARDS BANQUET

Reception/Dinner 6:00 pm

Friday and Saturday, October 18-19, 2013

15TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Dr. James Zogby
President, Arab American Institute (AAI)



Dr. Jad Daniel
Partner & Vice President
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Tal Harris
Executive Director,
OneVoice Israel (OVI)

HCEF Awards Banquet • Washington Marriott: Reception 6:00 pm • Dinner 7:00 pm

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Of the 1,000,000 charities operating in the U.S. today, it is estimated that fewer than 5% have been awarded this seal. HCEF is one of the top 2,000 or (5%) of U.S. charities to meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness and cost effectiveness.



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“One Humanity, Different Faiths - Walking Together to Restore Dignity, Justice and Prosperity.” As stated above in the theme of our 15th International Conference HCEF remains persistent in our mission and commitment to the continued presence, empowerment and well-being of Arab Christians in the Holy Land and to developing the bonds of solidarity between them and Christians elsewhere.

On behalf of the **Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF)** Board of Directors and Staff, I invite you to join us for our 15th International Conference & Awards Banquet! Our annual international conferences are specifically designed to promote peace, educate and empower through interreligious dialogue, and promote partnerships to encourage job creation and prosperity for our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land. With more than 16 programs in place, HCEF is progressive and proactive in achieving this goal.

We are pleased this year to honor all of our awardees, including **His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington**, with the **Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation Award**, **HE Dr. Salam Fayyad, Prime Minister of Palestine** with the **Path of Peace Award** and **Mr. Said Khoury, Co-Founder and Chairman of Consolidated Contractors Company** with the **Palestinian Diaspora Award**.

I urge you to plan to be with us **Friday and Saturday, October 18 - 19, 2013!** We have exciting and informed people from all over the world, from different faiths and walks of life, with vital information and knowledge about the Holy Land converging in one place for this inspiring weekend.

Come out and join us! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others who want to network and learn more about the Holy Land and what we can do on this end to lend our support. **Together, we do make a difference.**

I look forward to seeing you there!
God bless,



Rateb Rateb Rabie, KCHS
President/CEO

HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION

A Few of our CONFERENCE TOPICS—

15TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Arab Christians under Hard Times in the Holy Land

Many Arab Christians in the Holy Land are caught between the rock of Israeli security policies and Israeli Jewish extremism and the hard place of Islamic radicalism. This session will discuss the difficulties under which Arab Christians live and explain what is being done to secure their presence and future. A special focus will be placed on religious leaders and institutions as they walk together to restore dignity, justice, and prosperity in the Holy Land.

The Nation-Building Role of Palestinian Youth in Diaspora

The youth—males and females alike—play a significant role in nation-building. They are important today and tomorrow. They are the future. This panel will elucidate the goals of the “Know Thy Heritage” Leadership Program and the role the youth can play in Palestine and the Diaspora. Testimonies of youth who have visited or returned to Palestine will be shared, mainly the motivation for their participation and the impact of their homecoming.

Interfaith Dialogue

Interfaith dialogue is a key catalyst for justice, conflict resolution, and peace. Our voice and touch are essential for promoting and sustaining it. This panel will emphasize the development of lasting commitments to interfaith dialogue, strong national harmony, and personal dedication to building a healthy network of friends and fellow Palestinians.

Will Palestinian-Israeli Peace Be Given a Chance?

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has recently revived U.S. interest in a diplomatic solution to the Palestinian-Israeli impasse. The path ahead will be hard and long. Imaginative and durable answers will have to be developed. This session will examine the obstacles ahead and the prospects for a successful conclusion to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. A special focus will be placed on the public peace process and the role that peace groups, e.g., the One Voice Movement, play in influencing the desired outcome of peace.

Positive Investments and Business Opportunities in Palestine

Positive investments, while not sufficient in and of themselves, are necessary means that help to create a viable economy and the needed infrastructure in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The future will remain bleak without them. This workshop will review current efforts of positive investments and how these can promote socioeconomic justice and peace as well as examine the Palestinian business environment in which positive investments are being made.

Religious Tourism

The Holy Land is one of the most sacred spots on earth, which has deep meaning for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. By taking a pilgrimage, followers of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, whether fully observant or not, fulfill important spiritual and personal needs. This workshop will explain the meaning and importance of religious tourism to the Holy Land as well as the business environment that promotes or distracts from pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

VISUAL PRESENTATION: HCEF DVD

The conference will feature a variety of panels to focus on Job Creation, Business, Tourism, Interfaith, Palestinian Youth in Diaspora, Peace & Justice, and other issues

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE and Awards Banquet



Washington Marriott

1221 22nd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

Please register before October 11, 2013 AND mention HCEF 15th International Conference to receive this great rate!

Dates
October 17 -20, 2013

Room rate
159.00 /NIGHT

CONFERENCE AND BANQUET RATES

	Ticket Cost	After 10/11/2013
AWARDS BANQUET // Friday, October 18th		
Awards Banquet Only	\$120	\$140
Awards Banquet Table Sponsor (reserves 10 seats)	\$1500	
Includes acknowledgement at Banquet		
No Banquet Ticket Sales at the Door		
CONFERENCE // Friday & Saturday, October 18th -19th		
General Conference Session	\$25	\$40
Conference Package: Saturday & Awards Banquet	\$145	\$180
Clergy and Students: Saturday General Session only	\$20	



Clergy and youth scholarships are available!
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