His Excellency Bishop Suheil Dawani
Episcopal Church of Jerusalem

Bishop Suheil Dawani was born in Nablus-West Bank and married to Shafeeqa Fu'ad Massad; they have three daughters Sama, Tala, and Luban. He completed his primary and secondary education in Nablus, obtained his AA from Bir-Zeit College (1973), and B TH from the New East School of Theology in Beirut (1975). In 1976 he was ordained as deacon, and in 1977 ordained to priesthood, serving Ramallah and Bir-Zeit parishes in the West Bank.

In 1985 he enrolled at Virginia Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master in Theology. In 1987 he was moved to Haifa to serve the community of St. John's Episcopal Church. In 1992, he was moved again to serve the community in Ramallah, and Bir-Zeit, where he founded the ecumenical center, started a housing project for young Christian couples, worked with the leaders of the Churches in Ramallah to unite the main Christian feasts, and established the first evangelical scouts group with the Lutheran Church.

In 1989, he again enrolled in Virginia Theological Seminary where he did three summers of work towards the Doctor of Ministry degree, not completed because of frequent moves. In the year 1997, he was moved to serve St. George's Cathedral, and was elected as the General Secretary of the Diocese; he is still the secretary. His accomplishments there have included: strengthening the ecumenical fellowship with the Lutheran and Catholic Churches; sponsoring six summer camps attended by Moslem and Christian children; the first scholarship fund established in 1998 with the generous contribution of the Habibi family, benefiting hundreds of Christian students.

In 2001 he led the first Jewish Arab group to Camp Allen in Houston Texas, under the name 'Kids for Peace'. He is chairman of the Helen Keller board in Jerusalem, a member in the Clergy for Peace Group, in the council of the Dialogue between Faiths, and served for six years on the Central Synod of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. He was consecrated on January 6, 2006 as the Coadjutor Bishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East.