

## 2014 HCEF Award Recipients



### Path of Peace Award

**Her Excellency Dr. Hanan Ashrawi**  
Member of the Executive Committee of the Palestinian Liberation Organization



### Faith & Tolerance Award

**His Excellency Archbishop Theodosios "Atallah" Hanna**  
Archbishop of Sebastia the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem



### The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation Award

**Rev. Richard H. Graham**  
Bishop, Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



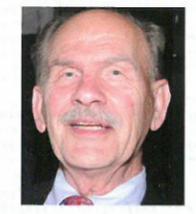
### The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Award

**Mr. Hashim Hani Shawa**  
Chairman of the Board & General Manager Bank of Palestine



### HCEF Palestinian Diaspora Award

**Mr. Farouk Shami**  
Inventor & Founder of Farouk Systems Houston, Texas



### President's Award

**Mr. Frank Carroll**  
HCEF Volunteer

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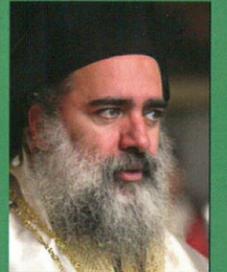
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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 17- 18, 2014

### AWARDS BANQUET

Friday, October 17th, 2014



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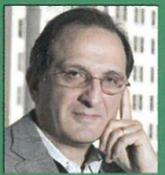
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**Father Michael McDonagh**  
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## HCEF Awards Banquet

Friday, October 17, 2014 • Washington Marriott Georgetown  
Reception 6:00 pm • Dinner 7:00 pm

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**SATURDAY'S PROGRAM will include:**

**Keynote Address by H.E. Dr. Hanan Ashrawi:**  
*Framing the Current Situation in Palestine*

**Challenges Facing the Palestinian Christians:**

Palestinian Christians are passing through hard times in the Holy Land, especially as their lives are negatively affected by the Israeli occupation and by extremism. This session will discuss the conditions currently affecting the Palestinian Christians and look at signs of hope for the future, such as Pope Francis' pilgrimage there in May 2014 and his meeting with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople.

**Arab Christians Under Fire:**

Arab Christians live under duress in the Middle East, with many being victims of extremism, occupation, and civil war. A case in point is the Islamic State that controls or claims to control large areas of Iraq and Syria, and which is imposing discriminatory rules and practices against anyone different from them. The panelists will discuss the past and current status of Arab Christians, especially in Syria and Iraq, and suggest ways we can assist.

**Engaging the Palestinian Diaspora in Nation-Building:**

Palestinians in the diaspora have a major role in nation-building. This is more important today than ever before. The panelists will discuss their experiences in the diaspora, the motivation for their return, and the impact of their lasting connection with Palestine. In addition, they will explore what Palestinians in the diaspora can achieve for their home country through job creation, investment, capacity building, and the cultivation of human capital.

**Empowering Women in Palestinian Society:**

Women play a critical role in Palestinian politics, civil society, and the media. This panel will elaborate on the important contributions women are making to Palestine in all of these fields and more. The panelists will also explore the unique qualities and social circumstances which have positioned women for leadership in Palestine, and how the empowerment of women benefits all of Palestinian Society.

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**Energizing Youth for Positive Change:** Palestinian youth in the diaspora spark a contagious energy of hope for their fellow Palestinians. As future leaders, they have great potential and also a great responsibility to share their energy and vitality. This discussion by alumni of HCEF's Know Thy Heritage Leadership Program will explore ways to encourage more Palestinian youth in the diaspora to learn about their heritage, facilitate networking among them in different countries, empower them to support Palestinian communities around the world, and ultimately reward them for collaboration and innovation.

**Tourism in the Holy Land: The Beauty of Bethlehem:** Bethlehem is an under-discovered destination, rich in history, culture, cuisine, and creativity. Exploring this historical town beyond the Church of the Nativity, panelists will introduce features including the Bethlehem Museum, new places to eat, cultural festivals, arts, and entertainment.

**Giving Palestinian-Israeli Peace a Chance:** The U.S. diplomatic effort to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli impasse during 2013-14 reached a dead end and was followed by a devastating Israel-Hamas War. This session will examine what must happen on the ground in Israel and Palestine and elsewhere in order for peace negotiations to resume and to succeed.

**Know Thy Heritage YOUTH SYMPOSIUM AND NETWORKER**



The alumni of HCEF's Know Thy Heritage Leadership Program invite other students and young professionals who are interested in Palestine to join them for this conference. Join them to hear the story of these 150 young leaders who returned to their homeland through KTH.



*Come to connect, brainstorm, build solidarity, advance professionally, and have fun! More details on the youth elements of this conference will follow!*

Dear brothers and sisters,

It is my great pleasure to greet you with the announcement of HCEF's 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference, *Together in Faith for the Common Good*. I ask you to come and join us on October 17-18, 2014, for another informative, empowering, inspiring occasion. But don't just come to our events; rather, make this conference theme into something much greater; a way of life.

As we look around at the troubled Middle East, and in particular the violence, displacement and privation which have beset our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, we feel called to join together, overcoming our lesser differences and seeking together a future which is rooted in justice and illuminated by peace.

Conflict poses a growing threat to the Christian presence in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East in Iraq, Syria, and Egypt. We are particularly called to action by the recent assault on Gaza. Regardless of our political affiliations or government policies, we know this assault to be a great sin, because of the thousands of innocent civilians—men, women and children—who have been killed. We insist that a non-violent solution through dialogue is the only solution to this problem; Israel cannot get rid of Palestinians through extermination, nor can Palestinians do the reverse. We **MUST** work together for the common good of Christians, Muslims and Jews. This is why our 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference is so important! We will host a variety of expert speakers representing religion, politics, business and civil society. All of them will focus on the Christians of the Middle East, who today are an endangered people.

We've made great strides in our advocacy, which we conduct on every level, from individuals and parishes, all the way to the White House! We remember Pope Francis' historical visit to Bethlehem this past spring, his courageous recognition of the state of Palestine, and his fervent prayer at the Separation wall—a prayer that was felt around the world.

Momentous changes are taking place! Come and learn from our outstanding panel discussions, highlighting the crucial roles that various groups (pilgrims, youth, women, business-people etc.) can play in the preservation of the Palestinian Christians and Arab Christians throughout the Middle East! I assure you that you will be enlightened and inspired by our extraordinary speakers and panelists from across the world. Every day our movement continues to grow with more and more people of good will; volunteers, sponsors, supporters, and partners from all walks of life. I invite you to come and be one of us! There is no better time or place than at our 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference. I hope to see you there, and to join with you in faith for the common good.

May God bless you,

*Rateb Rabie*

Sir Rateb Rabie, KCHS  
HCEF President/CEO

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**16<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE and Awards Banquet**

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**Dates**  
October 16 -19, 2014

**Room rate**  
169.00 /NIGHT

**Cutoff Date: October 10, 2014**

16 <sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE	Ticket Cost	After 10/7/2014	Tickets #	Total
General Session, Saturday Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am- 5:30 pm	\$25	\$45	_____	\$_____
Awards Banquet, Friday Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> No Banquet Ticket Sales at the Door	\$120	\$140	_____	\$_____
Conference and Awards Banquet Friday Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$145	\$170	_____	\$_____
Awards Banquet Table Sponsor (reserves 10 seats) Includes acknowledgment at Banquet	\$1500	\$1600	_____	\$_____
Clergy and Students General Session Sat. Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$20	\$40	_____	\$_____

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