

**Bethlehem University**

**Department of Religious Studies**

**Second International Conference on Christian Muslim Relations**

**October 15-17, 2008**

“The Influence of Media and Education on Christian-Muslim Relations”

<b>Day One: Wednesday, October 15, 2008</b>	
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	Registration
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Opening Session</b> ( <i>Cardinal Carlo Furno Hall, Millennium Hall</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fr. Jamal Khader, D.D.</b> Dean of the Faculty of Arts Chairperson of the Department of Religious Studies Bethlehem University</li><li>• <b>Br. Robert Smith, FSC, PhD.</b> Interim Vice Chancellor Vice President for Academic Affairs. Bethlehem University</li><li>• <b>H.B Michael Sabbah.</b> Latin Patriarch</li><li>• <b>H.E. Sheikh Jamal Bawatneh</b> Minister of Religious Affairs Palestinian Authority</li></ul>
10:45am-11:00am	<u>Coffee Break</u>
11:00am-12:30pm	<b>Session 1</b> ( <i>Cardinal Carlo Furno Hall, Millennium Hall</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Adnan Mussallam</b> Chairperson of the Department of Humanities Bethlehem University</li><li>• <b>Dr. Sari Nuseibeh</b> President Al-Quds University, Jerusalem <i>"Religions and their Interpreters: Barriers or Bridges?"</i></li></ul>
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b> Conference Presenters and Moderators invited to the Hotel Management Restaurant, Bethlehem University

14:00-15:30	<p><b>Session 2</b> (Cardinal Carlo Furno Hall, Millennium Hall)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Sami Basha</b> Faculty of Education Bethlehem University</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Barakat Fawzi</b> Al-Quds University Palestinian Ministry of Education "A Reading in the Textbooks of Islamic Religious Education: Who is the Christian?"</li> <li>• <b>Rev. Ibrahim Nairouz</b> Educator Episcopal Church "A Reading in the Textbooks of Christian Religious Education: Who is the Muslim?"</li> </ul>
<b>Day Two: Thursday, October 16, 2008</b>	
09:00-10:30	<p><b>Session 3</b> (Cardinal Carlo Furno Hall, Millennium Hall )</p> <p><b>Dr. Hazem Najjar</b> Chairperson of the Department of English, Bethlehem University</p> <p><b>Dr. Samih Muhsen</b> Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies <i>"Christians and Christianity in the Palestinian Media"</i></p> <p><b>Paulo Naso</b> Journalist Professor of Political Science La Sapienza University of Rome Pontifical Gregorian University <i>"Interfaith dialogue in immigration societies"</i></p>
10:30-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<p><b>Session 4</b> (Cardinal Carlo Furno Hall, Millennium Hall)</p> <p><b>Dr. Walid Mustafa</b> Faculty of Arts, Former Dean Bethlehem University</p> <p><b>Dr. Sai'd Al-Qeeq</b> The Faculty of Quran and Islamic Studies Al Quds University, Jerusalem <i>"Teaching Future Imams on Interreligious Dialogue"</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Muhamad Ali Al-Sleibi</b></p>

	<p>Al-Najah National University, Nablus  <i>"The Positive Role of the Palestinian Curricula in Fighting Stereotypes and Developing Interreligious Relations between Christians and Muslims"</i></p> <p><b>Isidoros Panchoundakis</b>  University of Athens, Greece  <i>"Christian-Muslim Relations at Education of Theological Faculties in Greece"</i></p>
<b>13:00-13:30</b>	Discussion
<b>13:30-14:30</b>	Lunch Break
<b>14:30-16:00</b>	<p><b>Session 5</b> (Cardinal Carlo Furno Hall, Millennium Hall)</p> <p><b>The Michael Prior Memorial Lecture</b>  <b>Sponsored by the Living Stones Foundation, UK</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Fr. David Neuhaus, s.j.</b>  Department of Religious Studies  Bethlehem University</p> <p><b>Victoria Clark</b>  Author and Journalist  London, England  <i>"The Influence of the Evangelical Zionist Lobby on Perceptions of Islam in the Western Media"</i></p>
<b>Day Three: Friday, October 17, 2008</b>	
<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<p><b>Session 6</b> (Cardinal Carlo Furno Hall, Millennium Hall)</p> <p><b>Dr. Moin Halloun</b>  Chairperson of the Department of Arabic  Bethlehem University</p> <p><b>Prof. Costandi Shomali</b>  Department of Arabic  Bethlehem University  <i>"A Semiotic Analysis of the Christian Media in the Holy Land"</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Khalid Amayreh</b>  Hebron  <i>"The Negative Role of the Media in Treating Muslim-Christian Issues"</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Ahmad Hammad</b>  Al-Aqsa University, Gaza  <i>"The Role of Media Institutions in Building Social Unity in Gaza Strip: A Field Study"</i>  (Live video-teleconference from Gaza Strip)</p>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	Coffee Break

11:00-12:30	<p><b>Session 7</b> (Cardinal Carlo Furno Hall, Millennium Hall)</p> <p><b>Mr. Rizeq Sleibi</b> Dean of the Faculty of Education Bethlehem University</p> <p><b>Dr. Josef Freise</b> The Catholic University of Applied Science, Cologne, Germany</p> <p><b>Dr. Sami Adwan</b> Faculty of Education Bethlehem University <i>“Religion as an Indicator of Behavior for German and Palestinian Youth: Towards Interreligious Models of Education in Germany and Palestine”</i></p> <p><b>Rita Rached</b> Université Jean Moulin, Lyon III, France <i>“A Lexico-Semantic Method used as a means to Explore Global Values in the Lebanese Curricula”</i></p>
12:30 : 13:00	Prayer Hour
13:30-13:30	Lunch Break
14:15-16:00	<p><b>Br. Peter Iorlano, FSC</b> Coordinator of Institutional Values Bethlehem University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Experiences of Co-Existence and Dialogue”</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Michel Sansour</b> Freres College, Bethlehem</p> <p><b>Mrs. Widad Khoury</b> Beit Sahour Public High School for Girls</p> <p><b>Mr. Nasser Lahham</b> Maan News Agency</p> <p><b>Ms. Paula Caridi</b> Italian Journalist</p> <p>All Conference Attendees and Presenters are invited to submit an Evaluation and Recommendations</p>
16:00 - 16:30	<p><u>Closing Session</u> Cardinal Carlo, Furno Hall, Millennium Hall</p>