



## 13th International Conference & 2nd Investment & Business Conference 1st Annual Youth Conference

Friday, October 28 through Sunday October 30, 2011

**National Presbyterian Church**  
4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016

**Washington Marriott**  
1221 22nd Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20037



**INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY  
BUILDING OUR FUTURE**



**Dr. Hanan M. Ashrawi**  
*Keynote Speaker*  
Palestinian  
Legislative Council

**Dr. Jihad Al Wazir**  
Governor, Palestine  
Monetary Authority

**Hashim Shawa**  
Board Chairman &  
General Manager  
Bank of Palestine

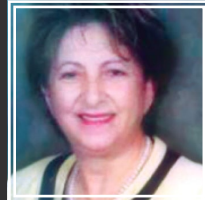
**Ammar Aker**  
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**Reverend Samer Azar**  
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Lutheran Church of  
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President, Arab  
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(AAI)  
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Chief Representative  
General Delegation of  
the Palestine Liberation  
Organization to the U.S.

**Dr. Saliba Sarsar**  
Associate Vice President  
& Professor, Political  
Science, Monmouth  
University  
Secretary, HCEF Board  
of Directors

Featuring a DVD Presentation by HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal

### 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE DISCUSSION TOPICS

The Christians of the Holy Land / The Long Overdue State of Palestine/Know Thy Heritage: Youth Presentation and Visual/Investing in Our People, Investing in Our Future/Investment Environment and Business Opportunities/  
Know Thy Heritage: Youth Leaders/Peace Building /Interfaith Voices of Peace/Visual Presentation:  
HCEF ~ Investing in Our Community, Building the Future

### 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOCUS

Highlights on the Palestinian cause to increase American awareness and build solidarity for Palestinians, promote justice and peace, and advance Muslim-Christian understanding.

A Youth Conference for Palestinian-Americans and Americans to highlight their roles as youth and their limitless, potential contributions as Ambassadors of Peace, as well as connecting them with their heritage and roots through the Know Thy Heritage Program (KTH).

Specific emphasis on the investment and business sectors to promote investments in Palestine, such as International and Domestic Banking | Financial and Brokerage Produces | Mortgage and Real Estate | Tourism and Related Sectors | Information and Telecommunication Technology | General and Business Manufacturing Investments and more

Additional focus will be placed on the Information Technology and its development in Palestine.

For online conference registration and to learn more about HCEF visit us at [www.hcef.org](http://www.hcef.org), or contact us at [conf@hcef.org](mailto:conf@hcef.org) or by phone at 301 951 9400

### AWARDS BANQUET

**Washington Marriott**  
Friday, October 28, 2011  
6:00 pm

### 2011 HCEF AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Path of Peace Award:**  
**Dr. James Zogby**, President,  
Arab American Institute (AAI)  
**Living Stones Solidarity  
Award:**  
**The Ajram Family Foundation**  
**HCEF Award:** Mr. Raja  
**Khoury**,  
President, Pillar Construction  
**HCEF President's Award:**  
Mr. Elias & Mrs. May Shomali,  
KCHS/LCHS



# The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation

October 28-30, 2011



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY  
BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach our **13th International Conference and Awards Banquet** we are delighted to feature dynamic speakers and presenters to focus on various topics and perspectives to bring you another educational, informative, and dynamic conference!

HCEF is progressive in expanding our outreach and this year's conference theme is **'Investing in our Community and Building our Future!'** Our conference focus includes:

1. Specific emphasis on the investment and business sectors to promote investments in Palestine.
2. Additional focus on the Information Technology and its development in Palestine
3. Highlights on the Palestinian cause to increase American awareness and build solidarity for Palestinians, promote justice and peace, & advance Muslim-Christian understanding.
4. A Youth Conference for Palestinian-Americans and Americans to highlight their roles as youth and their limitless, potential contributions as Ambassadors for the Palestinian cause, as well as connecting them with their heritage and roots through the Know Thy Heritage Program (KTH)

Our **2nd Investment and Business Conference** will build on the accomplishments of last year's conference which resulted in successful partnerships and started various ventures and business relations among the Americans, Palestinians-Americans and businesses in Palestine. Additionally, it will continue to provide the forum and feature business opportunities in Palestine through the participation and showcasing of indigenous Palestinian corporations covering broader spectrum of sectors and business activities, as well as provide a wider range of potential institutional and individual investors on the American side.

We urge you to show your support for our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land by:

- Registering and attending the conference and / or the awards banquet
- Sponsoring the Conference
- Sponsoring a table at the awards banquet
- Honoring the award recipients and supporting the conference by placing an ad or salutations in the conference program book

By choosing one or more of these expressions of support you will help HCEF to continue to replace despair with hope, fear with security and humiliation with human dignity as we invest in community and Build for the future!

Your presence is always an inspiration and will surely add to the success of this 13th International Conference. Please take a moment to complete and return the included registration form or simply visit us online at [www.hcef.org](http://www.hcef.org). The Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and I wish to thank you for all you do throughout each year to help us bring the best level of support to those we seek to serve.



We look forward to having you with us!  
Warmest regards,

*Ratab Rabie*

Ratab Rabie, KCHS  
President/CEO

## 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, October 28, 2011

- 10:00-4:00 pm **IT Sector Forum**  
 9:00-3:00 pm **Youth Conference**  
 6:00 pm **Awards Banquet Reception**  
 7:00 pm **Awards Banquet Dinner**

### Saturday, October 29, 2011 13th International Conference

- 8:00-8:30 am **Registration, Refreshments, Exhibits Open**  
 8:30-9:00 am **Opening Prayer:**  
**Welcoming Remarks:**  
**Sir Ratab Y. Rabie, KCHS, HCEF President/CEO**  
**Introduction to the Conference**  
**Dr. Hugh Dempsey, K.M. Ob., KHS, Vice President, HCEF**  
**Dr. Saliba Sarsar, Secretary, HCEF Board of Directors and Professor of Political Science and Associate Vice President, Monmouth University**
- 9:00-9:45 am **The Christians of the Holy Land**  
 Clergy and church leaders in the Holy Land and the U.S. will review the current challenges facing Christians in Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, and ways to overcome them.  
**Moderator:**  
**Fr. Drew Christiansen, S.J., Editor-in-Chief, America Magazine, HCEF Co-Founder and Advisory Board Member**  
**Speakers:**  
**Auxiliary Bishop William Shomali, Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem**  
**Rev. Samer Azar, Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Amman, Jordan**
- 9:45-10:00 am **DVD Presentation by Prince El Hassan bin Talal of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**
- 10:00 -11:00 am **Peace Building/Interfaith Voices of Peace**  
 Speakers will elaborate on their efforts in advocating peace; how their faith encourages peace and their perspective on why peace is possible, even in and especially during this critical juncture in time.  
**Moderator:**  
**Claudette Habesch, Secretary General, CARITAS Jerusalem, HCEF Advisory Board**  
**Speakers:**  
**Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu Akel, AMIS Executive Director, Peachtree Presbyterian Church; Moderator 214th General Assembly Presbyterian Church, HCEF Advisory Board**  
**Imam Yahya Hendi, Muslim Chaplain, Georgetown University; Clergy Beyond Borders**  
**Rabbi Arthur Blecher, Beth Chai, The Greater Washington Jewish Humanist Congregation**
- 11:00-11:30 am **Know Thy Heritage: Youth Presentation & Visual (Youth Conference)**  
 "Know Thy Heritage" Palestinian American youth leaders who have "visited and lived Palestine" in July-August 2011 will share their experience. KTH is an annual HCEF program that empowers Palestinian youth in the Diaspora by strengthening their knowledge of their Palestinian identity, culture, history, traditions, as well as their understanding of Palestinian economic environment, political landscape, and social structures and conditions.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### Hotel Reservations

Washington Marriott  
1221 22nd Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20037

\$149.00 Special room rate- October 27-30, 2011

Registrations must be received by October 20, 2011 to guarantee receiving this rate

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When making reservations by phone please specify 'HCEF International Conference.'



## 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

- 11:30-12:45 pm **Investing in Our People, Investing in Our Future**  
*(2nd Investment and Business Conference Panel Discussion)*  
People are at the heart of society. Investing in people pumps positive energy into society and brings hope to the future. This panel will review actions underway in Palestine, which advance a vision of investment, leadership for investment, and resources for investment in people. These build on the strong foundations of financial management and transparency that are necessary for promoting economic well-being & prosperity.
- Speakers:**  
**Dr. Jihad Wazir**, Governor, Palestine Monetary Authority  
**Hashim Hani Shawa**, Chairman of the Board, General Manager, Bank of Palestine  
**Ammar Aker**, CEO, Paltel Group
- 12:45-1:45 pm **Lunch**
- 1:45-2:00 pm **Visual Presentation: HCEF ~ Investing in Our Community, Building the Future**
- 2:00-2:30 pm **Keynote Speaker: Looking and Moving Forward in Palestine**  
**Dr. Hanan Ashrawi**, Palestinian Legislative Council
- 2:30-4:00 pm **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**
- 1. Investment Environment and Business Opportunities**  
*(2nd Investment and Business Conference Workshop)*  
This workshop will examine business opportunities, especially investments, job creation, and international development as they relate to Palestine.
- Speakers:**  
**Dr. Jihad Wazir**, Governor, Palestine Monetary Authority  
**Hashim Hani Shawa**, Chairman of the Board, General Manager, Bank of Palestine  
**Ammar Aker**, CEO, Paltel Group
- 2. Know Thy Heritage: Youth Leaders (Youth Conference)**  
This workshop will include presentations by KTH Delegates, Palestinian American youth leaders who have "visited and lived Palestine" during July-August 2011. They will share their life changing experience of going to Palestine for the very first time.
- 3. Religious Tourism**  
As HCEF's official Living Stones Pilgrimage Coordinators and Managers, Select Travel International and the Ministry of Tourism Antiquities (MOTA) will focus on the importance of promoting pilgrimages to the Holy Land making Palestinian Territories as the tourism destination.
- Speakers:**  
**Edita Kronic**, President, Select International, Official HCEF Living Stones Pilgrimage Operatore  
**Representative**, Ministry of Tourism Antiquities (MOTA)
- 4:00-5:15 pm **The Long Overdue State of Palestine**  
A majority of Palestinians live in the occupied territories without citizenship or enfranchisement of any kind, self-determination or independence, and are subject to the arbitrary rule of the Israeli military. They watch as their land is steadily colonized by Israeli settlements, which are both a violation of international law and a human rights abuse against those living under occupation according to the Fourth Geneva Convention. This panel will assess the recent UN vote on Palestine and explain necessary steps to actualize the State of Palestine.
- Moderator:**  
**Dr. Saliba Sarsar**, Secretary, HCEF Board of Directors and Professor of Political Science and Associate Vice President, Monmouth University
- Speakers:**  
**Dr. James Zogby**, President, Arab American Institute  
**Dr. Shibley Telhami**, Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, University of Maryland, College Park  
**Ambassador Maen Areikat**, Chief of Mission, General Delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United States
- 5:15-5:30 pm **Closing Remarks & Prayer**
- 5:30-7:00 pm **Reception:** All conference participants are cordially invited to the reception. This affords an excellent opportunity for all to meet and network at all levels as individuals, educators, and business leaders.

### Sunday, October 30, 2011

- 10:00-5:00 pm **Investment and Business Forum**

\* Speakers and viewpoints expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical foundation, but are intended solely for the purpose of providing a platform for dialogue

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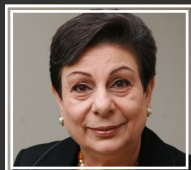
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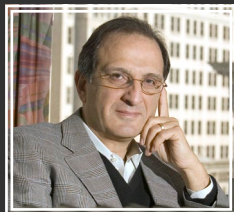
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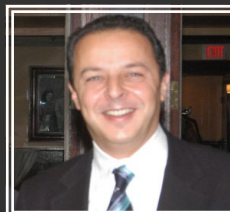
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Mr. Elias and Mrs. May  
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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan  
and the Holy Land & President of the  
Lutheran World Federation

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Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)  
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Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America  
**His Beatitude Patriarch Fouad Twal**  
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Archbishop of Washington  
**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Munib Younan**  
The Lutheran Bishop in Jerusalem  
The President of the Lutheran World Federation

*\* Honorary Committee members are listed alphabetically*

### 1st ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE Friday, October 28, 2011 | 9:00 – 3:00 pm

HCEF's annual youth conference unites and  
inspires Palestinian diaspora youth and adults  
to connect with their origins, and their heritage,  
and to support their nation as one people, re-  
gardless of background, geographic location,  
religion, or political affiliation.

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### THESE EVENTS BY PRIVATE INVITATION ONLY

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SECTOR FORUM | Friday, October 28, 2011 | 10:00 am–4:00 pm

The IT Sector is for those interested in supporting, becoming involved in and knowing more about  
the IT Sector in Palestine, as well as those who would be prospective IT buyers. The Sector forum  
will leverage a highly educated IT workforce in the Palestinian Territories to offer competitive and  
reliable IT services to clients globally, and provide a platform for presentations, brainstorming, ex-  
changing experiences and ownership of activities.

#### INVESTMENT & BUSINESS CONFERENCE | Sunday, October 30, 2011 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

This **Investment & Business Conference** is for those interested in supporting, buying, knowing  
more about and becoming more involved in Investment and Business in Palestine, as it will focus on  
Finances, Real Estate, Manufacturing, IT, Tourism and many other sectors pertaining to investment  
and business in Palestine.

Visit us at [www.hcef.org](http://www.hcef.org) to request your private invitation.

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### EVENTS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### CONFERENCE EVENTS

Register before October 15 to receive the discount!

#### Friday, October 28, 2011

IT Sector	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Youth Conference	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Awards Banquet	6:00 pm Reception 7:00 pm Dinner

Awards Banquet Table Sponsors (Includes reserved table  
for 10 and acknowledgement in Program Book and at Awards Banquet)

#### No Banquet Ticket Sales at the Door

#### Saturday, October 29, 2011

13th International Conference 8:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Student Rate for 13th International Conference ONLY

#### Sunday, October 30, 2011

2nd Investment and Business Conference 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

#### Location

Washington Marriott  
National Presbyterian  
Washington Marriott

#### Before 10/15

**Complementary: By Private Invitation**  
**Complementary: Registration Required**

\$115	\$130
\$1500	\$1500

#### After 10/15

\$35	\$50
\$20	\$20

**Complementary: By Private  
Invitation**

All events include lunch, coffee breaks, and conference materials

**REGISTER: ONLINE** at [www.hcef.org/register](http://www.hcef.org/register), **BY PHONE**, call 301 951 9400 or **BY MAIL** – send registration  
and check to HCEF to 6935 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 518, Bethesda, MD 20815.

For more information please contact us at [conf@hcef.org](mailto:conf@hcef.org) or call 301 951 9400. Thank you!

