

August 27, 2015

Mr. Rateb Y. Rabie, President Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation Bethesda, MD 20815

Dear Rateb,

The staff and Board of the Arab American Institute and AAI Foundation extend our heartfelt Congratulations on the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation's 17th International Conference.

The increased threat of violence facing Christian communities across the Middle East, especially in Iraq, Syria and the Holy Land, underscores the urgency and centrality of your work. Your conference's theme this year, "Our Faith is Commitment to Justice, Peace and Coexistence," is an important statement affirming the vital role the Christian community has in fighting for peace and dignity for all faith communities at this critical time.

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation's leadership in these pursuits has been essential, and I rust that this year's conference will advance our unity and passion moving forward. Congratulations and best wishes for another successful conference.

Best personal regards,

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