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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 would like to extend our heartfelt Congratulations on the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation's 18th International Conference.

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation's leadership in bringing together churches and communities around the world is noteworthy and befitting of this year's theme "Forging a New Bond of Solidarity for Equality, Prosperity, and Peace." HCEF's work and attention to the plight of Arab Christians in the Holy Land is much needed especially now where so many voices choose to divide rather than unite and where the hardships faced by Palestinians both Christian and Muslim are too often ignored here in the United States. Your work has always been important but now more than ever.

Congratulations and best wishes for another successful conference.

Best personal regards,

James Zogby  
President  
Arab American Institute

George R. Salem  
Chairman of the Board Arab  
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