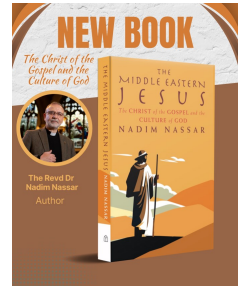




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Easter Message from The Revd Dr. h. c Nadim Nassar, The Executive Director

Easter, this year, enters our world marked by violence, injustice, and deep human suffering.

The Middle East – the very land of the Incarnation – bears profound wounds from Years of war.

During my recent visit to Syria, I encountered stories of families separated, livelihoods destroyed and many young people longing to leave for a better life. But I also witnessed something else; a resilience that refuses to disappear, and a faith that continues to endure under immense pressure. Many Christians in the region find themselves caught between the devastation of war and the rise of religious fanaticism, a fanaticism stoked by political powers.



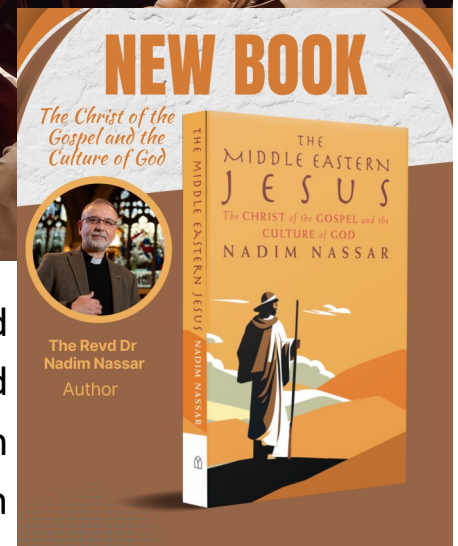
The Resurrection of Christ reveals that even when violence, injustice, and hatred seem overwhelming, they are not ultimate. And so, for Christians in the region, Easter is not simply a celebration, it is an act of courage. It calls us to examine our own faith, and to stand in genuine solidarity. Solidarity not only in prayer, but in advocacy, and tangible support. It invites us to challenge every misuse of religion and to reaffirm the dignity of every human being.

As we celebrate the Resurrection, may we carry in our hearts the people of the Middle East. May we honour the courage of its Christians, stand with them in their struggle, and commit ourselves to being instruments of peace in a world so deeply in need of resurrection.

Christ is risen. This is not only a declaration, but also a calling, a calling to resist despair, to reject hatred, and to live as witnesses of a hope that no violence can extinguish.

Book Launch At The Sanctuary, St Andrew by the Wardrobe

‘The Middle Eastern Jesus: The Christ of The Gospel and The Culture of God’



The latest book by Awareness Foundation founder and Executive Director, Nadim Nassar, offers a timely and thought-provoking reflection on the origins of Christian peace. It reminds us that the message of Jesus was born in a specific place, in a Middle East that today faces ongoing conflict, fractured communities, and profound suffering.

The book was launched at St Andrew by the Wardrobe in the City of London, where special guests were Coptic Archbishop Angaelos and former Bishop of Woolwich Michael Marshall. Bishop Michael, spoke of the book’s significance, highlighting the importance of recognising both the Universal Christ and Jesus as a man deeply rooted in a particular cultural and historical context.

The Middle Eastern Jesus is available from [Canterbury Press](#). A portion of all proceeds will support the Awareness Foundation’s mission to promote peace through education.

The Executive Director Trip to Syria

The Revd Dr. h.c Nadim Nassar



Ambassadors for Peace in Syria

Aleppo and Latakia

As conflict once more sweeps across the Middle East, Fr Nadim met with an inspiring group of young people in Aleppo and Latakia who are committed to placing faith at the heart of positive transformation.



The two events brought together more than 125 young men and women from a variety of Christian denominations for a time of reflection, thoughtful discussion, and shared learning.



Fr Nadim helped lead the event in Latakia, alongside Fr Firas Lotfi, OFM, with Fr Fadi Azar of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Latin Church, and Fr Vasken Koshkerian, of the Armenian Orthodox Church of the Holy Mother of God.

They explored the challenges of navigating freedom in an age marked by uncertainty, rapid change, and the growing influence of digital culture. Conversations centred on identity, responsibility, and the role of faith in shaping their response to today's world.

They also reflected on how Christ reveals God's presence in everyday life, and how the Kingdom of God can act as a beacon of hope empowering individuals to contribute to positive transformation in their communities.



Elza Nasra, the Awareness Foundation's Middle East Coordinator, shared: ***"The participants worked in groups and later presented their reflections, expressing a sincere desire to renew their Christian lives and to live their faith with clarity, responsibility, and hopeful influence."***



Farewell

Ditta Deeb (Ambassador for Peace)



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العطاء و الخدمة و الإخلاص.
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انطلقى نحو النور، عاتقى رب القيامة لأنك تستحقين الحياة. سنشتاق
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الطريق و الحق و الحياة

Farewell, Ditta Deeb — Ambassador for Peace and joy, a dear friend and sister, a beautiful example of generosity and faithful service.

Farewell, our beloved sister in Christ. Your life made a true difference.

Go into the light and embrace the Lord of the Resurrection.

We will miss you, yet we are comforted knowing you are where there is no pain or sorrow, with Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Dialogue Gathering on Identity and Citizenship



In partnership with Nabed Watan Group (Pulse of the Nation), we hosted a meaningful session as part of our ongoing dialogue series dedicated to Christian families in Syria. Fr Nadim and Fr Firas Lotfi, OFM led a thought-provoking talk entitled, ‘The Role of the Syrian Christian in the New Syria: Identity and Citizenship.’

The gathering brought together a distinguished group of participants and was marked by thoughtful, respectful, and sophisticated engagement. Attendees contributed valuable perspectives, enriching the discussion and highlighting the importance of dialogue in shaping a shared vision for the future.



The session featured an open discussion addressing the most pressing concerns of Christian families in the region today. Conversations explored the motivations behind emigration and the subsequent, often unseen, costs. The possibilities of remaining in Syria as a strategic choice were also examined, a decision that calls for greater awareness, intentional action, and a renewed sense of the effectiveness of staying.

We remain committed to fostering spaces for open conversation and reflection that support community resilience and active citizenship in the Middle East.

Become a Friend

Keep Making a Difference



From our wonderful volunteers and partners to regular supporters and one-off donors, we are eternally grateful to everyone who helps to transform lives in the Middle East.

Now, to help us better plan our vital programmes, we're inviting anyone who'd like to donate any amount on a regular basis to become a Friend of Awareness Foundation.

As a Friend your regular gift allows us to train programme leaders well in advance, purchase essential materials, and let those children, young people and women who are desperate for our support know that a lifeline is on the way. It's simple, you can pledge any amount, and you can cancel at any time. Become a Friend of Awareness Foundation, it really is the gift that keeps on giving



I wish to join the Friends of Awareness Foundation



Yearly membership:	
Standard Friend monthly	£25
Standard Friend one payment	£250
Joint Friends (Two adults at one address)	£300+

- **Please do let us know if we can claim gift aid of your donation.**

Why we need your support:

Please help in supporting our Ambassadors for Peace programme in Syria and Iraq. It enables young people in those places to develop their own creative peace-building activities and initiatives, so that they promote peace and reconciliation in their diverse and wounded communities.



You can also support our groundbreaking Little Heroes children's programme in Syria, which builds the youngster's sense of wellbeing, self-esteem, resilience, and emotional health.



Support our brand-new programme, Pioneers. Its aim is to care for teenagers, and to take them on a journey that builds their mental and physical wellbeing, self-confidence, resilience, competence, identity and relationships.



Women can be a force of good and stability in any society, and especially in war zones. So, stand with us in support our Pioneering Women Programme, aimed at empowering young women to strengthen their lives socially, psychologically and economically.



Thank you

We are endlessly grateful to all our friends around the world, without whom we would never be able to carry out our mission and help thousands of young people and children in the Middle East. Your support and donations, large and small, help us to keep going so that we can continue the ministry that God entrusted to us. Please visit our website and donate to any programme you choose, and together, let's make a difference in the lives of those who are seriously disadvantaged.

How to donate:

You can donate through our website: <https://www.awareness-foundation.com/donate>

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