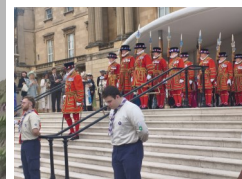




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A MESSAGE FROM

The Revd Dr. h. c Nadim Nassar, The Executive Director

Thank You for Standing with Us

My heartfelt gratitude goes to everyone who has supported Awareness Foundation over the years through prayers, generosity, volunteering, encouragement, or simply being a friend. These have enabled us to continue our vital ministry among children, young people and women in Syria and across the Middle East.



Today the region is passing through a critical and painful time. Christians face especially enormous pressures that are forcing many to leave their ancestral homelands. Even so, Awareness Foundation remains convinced that Christians in the Middle East have a sacred responsibility and a living mission. We are called not simply to survive, but to remain, serve, and be a light to the whole of society.

This is the mission that Jesus Christ himself began when he lived among us. Today, he calls on us to continue his ministry by bringing hope where there is despair, peace where there is conflict, and love where fear and division threaten our communities.

Please continue to pray for our ministry, for the people we serve and love, and especially for the Christian presence in the Middle East. With your faithful support, we can help a new generation remain rooted in faith, equipped for service and committed to building a more peaceful future for everyone. Next issue of our newsletter Harvest, we will tell you all about our last amazing trip to Syria.

OUR ROYAL Appointment



We are deeply grateful and truly honoured for the Foundation to once more be invited to the King's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, in recognition of its work.

Our Executive Director, Fr Nadim Nassar DTh (h.c.), and Middle East Director, Huda Nassar, were proud to represent the Foundation at this special occasion. It was a particularly special moment when our patron, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh, took a moment to stop and chat with them.



Friends Summer Gathering



A big thank you to everyone who attended our summer gathering in August. It was a wonderful opportunity to chat, catch up, and share updates about the work of the Foundation.

We certainly hadn't realised that we had chosen the hottest day of the summer so far! Thankfully, we managed to enjoy the beautiful weather, sit in the garden, and relax with some drinks and delicious snacks.



It was lovely to spend time together, and we truly appreciate the friendliness and enthusiasm of everyone who joined us and made the afternoon so special.

The Executive Director Trip to North America

The Revd Dr. h.c Nadim Nassar

Canada 2026: A Journey of Peace and Partnership At Parkdale United Church, Ottawa



In May and early June 2026, Fr Nadim visited Canada on behalf of the Foundation, travelling to Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal.

At Parkdale United Church in Ottawa, he was warmly welcomed by the congregation and its new minister. The church organised a wonderful Peace Walk, visiting several local churches and sharing the Foundation's message of peace and reconciliation.

Fr Nadim also preached, spoke about our work with children and young people in the Middle East, and signed copies of his new book, The Middle Eastern Jesus.



He was especially grateful to Huda Kandalaft Kanawati, originally from Syria and now Minister for Youth and Families at Parkdale, whose careful organisation made the visit so successful.

In Toronto, he received another generous and warm welcome at Grace Church on-the-Hill by their new priest Fr Don Beyers. He again preached, presented the work of the Foundation, and met members of the congregation during another book signing. His heartfelt thanks go to Tony Whittingham for hosting in Toronto, and to our dear friend and trustee James Appleyard for his faithful support.

His journey concluded in Montreal, where he attended the graduation of one of our Ambassadors for Peace, who completed theological studies through McGill University and The Presbyterian College. It was a proud and moving moment. He also met members of the Presbyterian community and explored possibilities for future cooperation.

Fr Nadim is so grateful to everyone who helped make this journey a memorable pilgrimage of friendship, faith, and hope.



A Sunday at Grace Church on the Hill, Toronto

During Revd Nadim's visit to Toronto, he had the joy of spending a Sunday at Grace Church on the Hill, where he received a warm welcome from the Rector, Fr Don Beyers.

Fr Don kindly invited Revd Nadim to preach at the service and later gave him the opportunity to speak to the congregation about the situation of Christians in the Middle East and his new book, *The Middle Eastern Jesus*. Following the talk, Revd Nadim was delighted to meet members of the church and sign copies of the book.

It was a wonderful occasion of fellowship, conversation, and generous hospitality. Revd Nadim remains deeply grateful to Fr Don and the whole community at Grace Church on the Hill for their warm welcome and for making his visit such a memorable and meaningful occasion.



United States 2026: Strengthening Friendships and Partnerships

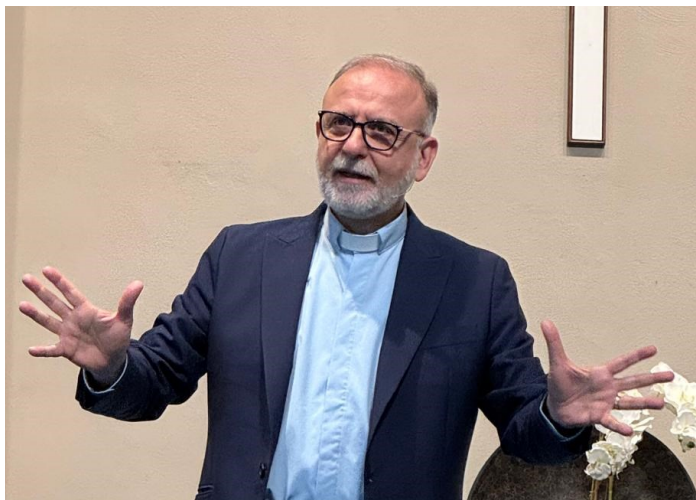
In June, Fr Nadim visited the United States on behalf of the Foundation, travelling to New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago.

In New York, he was hosted and warmly welcomed by Fr John David van Dooren, Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration. He had the privilege of preaching and speaking to the congregation about the Foundation.

In Philadelphia he was hosted by Amin Al-Laty, Chairman of Awareness Foundation America, and his wife, Sabah.

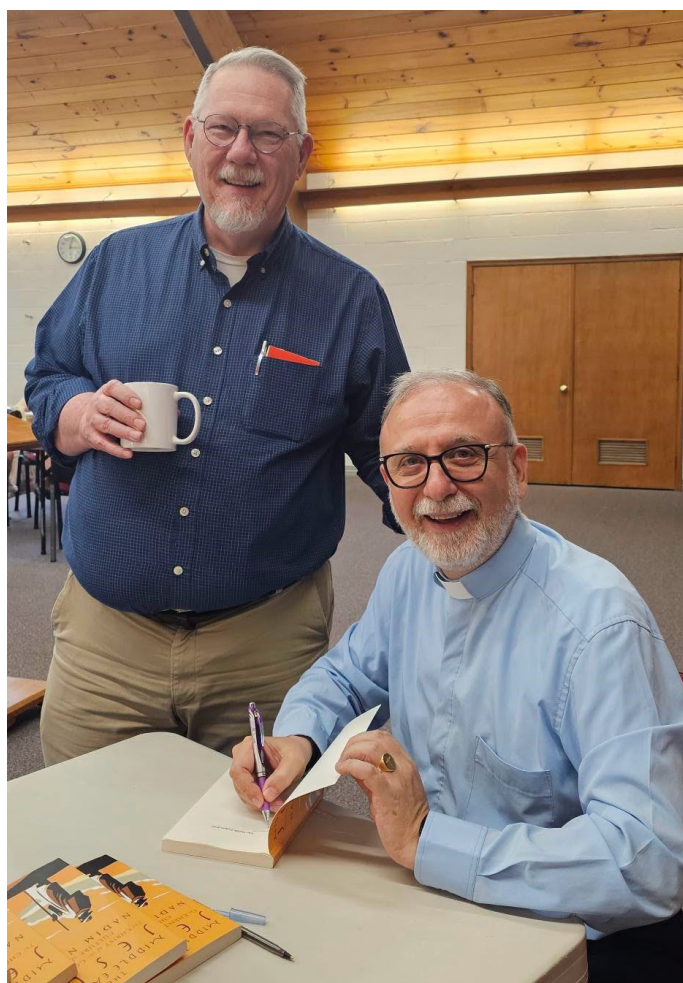
They organised and sponsored a special lunch at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, where Fr Nadim spoke about the Foundation and signed copies of his new book.





Pastor David Prince, one of our US directors, was there to welcome him and organised a wonderful book-signing event. He also preached and presented the ministry of the Foundation.

He also had the joy of preaching to the congregation.



His final visit was to Living Word Church in Lansing, Illinois, near Chicago.



He is deeply grateful to everyone who made this journey so successful.

The visit raised awareness of our work, strengthened existing friendships, and opened new possibilities for partnerships with churches, friends, and supporters in the United States.

Calendar

Future Events

We have up-coming events. Please make a note in your diary:

Awareness Foundation Annual Gala Dinner

3rd November 2026, our annual Gala Dinner at Lansdowne Club.



Christmas Tree Festival

5th December 2-26 at St Marry Magdelene,

210 Trinity Road, Wandsworth Common, London SW17 7HP

Christmas Thanksgiving Service

10th December 2026 Christmas Thanksgiving Service.

The Sanctuary,
St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe,
St Andrew's Hill, Queen Victoria
St, London EC4V 5DE



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 by making a donation. Please scan the QR to donate.



- 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>

Or send cheques, made payable to:

In UK: Awareness Foundation, 134C London Road, SM6 7HF.

In US: TFCC America, Amin Al-Laty, Secretary

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