

**Christianity in the Middle East today:  
Present challenges and future perspectives**



Joint Conference of the Centre for Eastern Christianity, Heythrop College, University of London *and* the Living Stones of the Holy Land Trust in association with the Centre for World Christianity, School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Marie Eugenie Room, Heythrop College, University of London

**Friday**

**Conference Introduction and Welcome 10:50-11:00**

Mary Grey (Chair of Trustees, Living Stones and Emeritus Professor, University of Wales, Lampeter) and Anthony O'Mahony (Director Centre for Eastern Christianity, Heythrop College)

**Christianity in Iraq: Present challenges and future perspectives  
11:00-12:30**

Erica Hunter (School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London), Suha Rassam (ICIN), Kristian Girling (Heythrop College, University of London)

**Lunch 12:30-13:00**

**Contemporary situation for the Christians of Iraq 13:00-14:00**

HG Boutrous Moshe (Syrian Catholic Archbishop of Mosul and Erbil) with contribution from Rev. Fr Ameer Jaje OP

**Coptic Christianity in contemporary Egypt 14:00-15:00**

Mariz Tadros (Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex)

**Break 15:00-15:30**

**Syriac Christianity in the modern Middle East 15:30-16:30**

Sebastian Brock (The Oriental Institute, University of Oxford)

**Reflections on Eastern Christianity and Muslim-Christian relations in Syria - a western Christian perspective 16:30-17:15**

Revd. Andrew Ashdown (Theology Group, Living Stones of the Holy Land Trust)

**Saturday**

**Christianity in Syria: Present challenges and future perspectives  
10:30-12:00**

Rev. Nadim Nassar and Huda Nassar (Awareness Foundation & Theology Group, Living Stones of the Holy Land Trust),

**One More Bridge to cross: Syrian Refugees in Greece on their  
Way to Paradise 12:10-13:00**

Gerasimos Makris (Associate Professor of Social Anthropology at the Panteion University, Athens)

**Lunch 13:00-13:45**

**Christianity in the Holy Land 13:45-14:45**

Sr Bridget Tighe FMDM

**Christian churches in Jordan: political, religious and communal context 15:00-15:50**

Paolo Maggiolini (Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI) and the Catholic University of Milan)

**Break 15:50-16:00**

**Christianity in Jerusalem: social relations, border makings and their crossing 16:00-16:40**

Georgios Tsourous (School of Anthropology, University of Kent)

**Final Reflection – The Future of Christianity in the Middle East 16:40-17:30**

Hratch Tchilingirian (The Oriental Institute, University of Oxford);  
Anthony O'Mahony, (Heythrop College, University of London)

**All are welcome**

**Conference fee £15.00 per day**

(to be paid on the day)

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