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Archbishop of Canterbury visits St. George's

Greetings!

The Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani, Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem spoke at a recent luncheon in his honor at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria VA. He spoke of the shrinking Christian population which acts as a buffer in a volatile region. He spoke of the difficult choices that families must make every day. But he made two comments that struck me hard.

"You can't make peace with hungry people," he said. How can you argue with that? How can our world-wide Christian family accept a situation where hunger and violence go hand in hand? And in the Holy Land! We need to help insure that there is no hunger in the Diocese.

He also noted that, based on his trip to Gaza with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the children in Gaza do not smile. We must do everything in our power to change that. Please be part of the solution. Support our brothers and sisters today with your gifts and with your prayers.

Many thanks.

Anne Lynn, Executive Director



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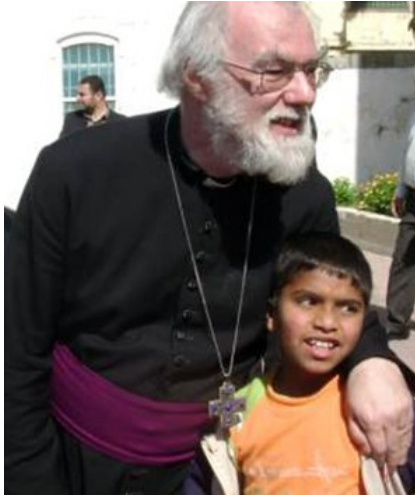
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The Archbishop hears from a St. George's School student

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Archbishop of

Canterbury Rowan Williams visited Jordan, Gaza and Jesus' baptismal site among many stops on his recent visit to Jerusalem. But for many, the most poignant moment came when a graduate of St. George's School in East Jerusalem spoke about his days at the school. His words perfectly capture the goal of our Christian institutions which are beacons of hope for children of every faith.

Mohammed El Alamy shared this, "Some fifty years ago, and as a school boy I used to attend morning prayers in this Hall, recite the Lords Prayers and sing hymns. This did not make me less a Moslem, for am still very proud of Islam. The reality was that the school never intended anyone to change his faith.

"But what St. Georges did to me and others was indeed most valuable. The spirit of the school education was not merely an enhancement of our home upbringing. It also taught us to accept religions and more significantly look for the common values that we all shared. It taught us not to ignore our prejudices but to tame them. Above all it taught us to respect each other without sacrificing aspects of our faith or cultural backgrounds. That was the Jerusalem spirit; the spirit of a town that was and still is dear to all faiths."

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Events and Activities

Now through March 21 in New York, Najla Said, daughter of author and activist Edward Said, performs a one-woman memoir of her life as a young Palestinian-American. Twilight Theater Company on East 4th Street or www.twilighttheatrecompany.org.

Saturday March 20 in Cambridge MA attend an evening of Classical Arabic Music at the Monastery of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist in their chapel. Students from the Berklee College of Music will perform at 7:30.

Tuesday, March 23 in Bethesda MD attend a panel and a series of speakers on Managing Fear Through Faith at the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church from 1:00 to 6:00. Prominent speakers from the Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities will discuss interfaith dialogue and fear. Small group discussions and visioning are included. More info at www.bradleyhillchurch.org

Monday March 26 to April 7 in Jerusalem take the Easter course "Risen with Christ!" at St. George's College. Some spots still available; tuition of \$2,200 includes room on campus, meals and course -- not transportation. Contact registrar@stgeorges.org.il or www.sgcjerusalem.org

April 8 through April 17 join the Sabeel Witness visit, "A Contemporary Way of the Cross" which will include Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth with visits to the West Bank. Visit www.fosna.org for more information and to register.

Wednesday, May 26 to June 8 consider following in St. Paul's footsteps in Turkey. St. George's College is offering a course that begins in Ankara and ends in Istanbul. Tuition of \$4,400 includes travel within Turkey, hotel, meals, entrance fees and instruction. Contact www.sgcjerusalem.org for more information.

June 18 to June 30 there's a pilgrimage leaving from Pasadena CA, but you can meet up with them in Jerusalem. Lead by Bishop Jon Bruno, Rev. Anne Tumilty, Rev. John Peterson and Iyad Qumri, you can get more information from sssmockjr@aol.com.

July 21 to August 1 in Jerusalem is Sabeel's Fifth Annual Young Adult Conference for those 18 to 35 years old. Tour holy sites, visit Israeli and Palestinian communities, study and workshops. This Conference is looking for sponsors to underwrite scholarships for the \$1100 cost. To sponsor or register, email youth@sabeel.org or visit www.sabeel.org.

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