

1. Invitation

**The International Network of
Leaders in Faith Based Health Care
invites to**

The East Jerusalem Conference 2011

We would like to invite you to a global conference for leaders of faith based healthcare organizations. This event will bring together leaders serving communities around the world to inspire and inform each other to strengthen their institutions. We will together draw from best practices in leadership to transform the health of our communities.

Specifically, the conference will expand and strengthen a global faith based leadership network. Together we will engage in a participatory learning process that will reveal distinctive innovative practices to more effectively face the challenges of our faith based health care organizations.

This unique conference will take place in East Jerusalem November 13 – 16th 2011 at the Augusta Victoria Hospital on the Mount of Olives (www.avh.org). The three days focus sharply on challenges we all face: our context, our identity and innovation. We will have global key notes on each broad theme and the multifaith witness and worship you would expect in this most remarkable global crossroad. Within those themes, we will have tracks even more tightly focused on your particular role and interest.

You are requested to nominate potential participants from your institution. We expect every institution to contribute at least one well-prepared paper or case study contributing to the participatory learning of one of these streams. The abstract of this paper will need to be submitted to the organizing committee for review by 15. September.

The navigation bar on top of this page contains information about the conference concept and streams, which will give you a platform to work with.

We want to fully anticipate your needs appropriately. In order to do that we will need you to fill out the preregistration form for each nominated participant by 15. September. Information about conference fee, hotel accommodation and other practical details can be found under “Registration” above.

Together we will be planting seeds that will bear fruit far beyond the days in East Jerusalem. Please let us know if you sense the same and want to join us.

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2. Organizers

Organizers

The FBHC 2011 international conference is organized by the International Network of Leaders in Faith-based Health Care (FBHC network). It was established in November 2008 as leaders of a number of such institutions met at The Carter Center in Atlanta (USA), coming from different countries and representing different faith traditions. The network sees its work in the tradition of the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches.

Organizing committee:

Leaders from three institutions have taken the role of inviting to the conference on behalf of the network. They are:

- Dr Tawfiq Nasser, Augusta Victoria Hospital, East Jerusalem
- Dr Morten Skjørshammer, Diakonhjemmet Hospital, Norway
- Dr Gary Gundersen, Methodist Health Care, Memphis, USA

The organizing committee also include representatives from

- Difäm (Deutsches Institut für Ärztliche Mission), Tübingen, Germany,
- World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland
- The Anglican Health Network, Geneva, Switzerland

The program is organized along four streams

- Stream 1 – Faith base, values, diaconal identity
- Stream 2 – Religious Health Assets (RHAs)
- Stream 3 – Leadership
- Stream 4 – Capacity building, education

Goal of FBHC 2011

Leaders of faith based health care institutions will be inspired by the values of their faith to strengthen their institutions. They will draw from best practice in leadership to transform the health of their communities. It is intended that the network after the East Jerusalem conference will have a role as longititude operational tool in focusing on questions related to value based leadership, reflection on identity and religious health assets, and innovative practices.

Objectives

1. Leaders will engage in participatory learning processes that reveal distinctive innovative practice to more effectively face the challenges in faith-based health care.
2. Participants will experience and learn from the multi-faith context in East Jerusalem.

3. The FBHC network will be expanded and strengthened, and participants' commitment and ability to use the resources of the network will also be strengthened. Steps will be taken for bilateral and regional follow-up activities for sharing of experiences and best practices. This will also be accompanied by web-based communication and reporting.

Methodology

The program will be organized along four streams:

- Faith base, values, diaconal identity
- Religious Health Assets (RHAs)
- Leadership
- Capacity building, education

All streams will follow a three step model, which connects them to the cross cutting theme of each day (identity – context – innovation): The first working day will thus focus on faith based identity as expressed and performed in the present situation. The second day attention will be given to the challenges and opportunities related to the context; both the external context (political, cultural, religious and social environment) and the internal context (mindset and belief patterns). The third day will focus on innovative practices. Participants will be invited to submit papers or reports from their institutional experiences contributing to the participatory learning process. Main findings, concerns and recommendations will be collected and brought to the plenary. A final report will be produced and shared widely.

Participants

The FBHC network brings together practitioners, mainly in leadership positions, and researchers from different parts of the world, representing a variety of faith traditions (mainly Christian) and contexts. All of them are strongly involved in innovative processes within health services.

The conference is planned to have around 110 participants, 30 of which come from faith based health care institutions in Palestine and Israel. Participation will be upon invitation, in a way that guarantees balance between different continents and secures the presence of practitioners and researchers from the global South. Participating institutions are requested to ensure gender balance.

3. Conference Concept

Churches along with other faith communities are deeply committed to the provision of comprehensive health care to all. Faith based health institutions are an expression of this tradition and commitment.

The FBHC Network

The organizers of the Jerusalem conference belong to the International Network of Leaders in Faith-based Health Care (FBHC) focusing on local expressions of leadership practice. It was

established in November 2008 as leaders of a number of such institutions met at The Carter Center in Atlanta (USA), coming from different countries and representing different faith traditions. The network sees its work in the tradition of the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches.

The main objective of the network is to facilitate an exchange of leadership ideas, experiences and practices, to mutually reflect on the distinct identity and role of faith based health care institutions, and to join efforts in developing innovative models of leadership. The network seeks to create space for engaging both practitioners and researchers to meet and reflect together. It also seeks to facilitate dialogue and cooperation between institutions in different social and cultural contexts, paying special attention to the challenges and experiences of faith based health care institutions in the global South and North.

The East Jerusalem Conference

The East Jerusalem conference will be hosted by the Augusta Victoria Hospital, an institution through which mission and performance in an eminent way illustrates the concerns and objectives of the FBHC Network.

The theme of the conference is: *Identity, Context and Innovation – Building Capacity and Leadership in FBHC.*

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Objectives

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2. Participants will experience and learn from the multi-faith context in East Jerusalem.
3. The FBHC network will be expanded and strengthened.

The conference is planned to have around 150 participants, 30 of which come from faith based health care institutions in Palestine and Israel. Participation will be upon invitation, in a way that guarantees balance between different continents and secures the presence of practitioners and researchers from the global South. Participating institutions are requested to ensure gender balance.

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Expected outcome

It is expected that the conference will have an outcome at different levels:

- All participants have acquired a more profound understanding of their role as leaders of faith based health care institutions, and have become better equipped for initiating innovative practices. New insights have been given to crucial themes such as faith based identity, multi-faith reality and religious health assets.
- Participants have been able to learn from the East Jerusalem context, share experiences and to strategize on how to perform as responsible actors within health care and in civil society.
- The FBHC network has been strengthened and expanded. More partners in the global South are included and their agendas given attention. Needs and opportunities for capacity building have been discussed and considered for future strategies being worked out.

Organization

The conference is planned and organized by the network. A organizing and program committee have been established. Preparation costs are covered by the participating organizations and institutions. The event management is taken care of by the Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem.