



## Call for Papers

### **Journal of Palestinian Christianity**

Our new peer-reviewed journal is seeking contributions on Palestinian Christianity. The journal explores the unique dynamics of Palestinian Christian communities throughout history and the present day. We welcome articles from a variety of fields ranging from theology and religious studies to anthropology, sociology, political science, history and culture. Likewise, we welcome contributors from all Christian and religious/secular backgrounds, in both historical Palestine and abroad.

Articles can be written in either Arabic or English, and after a full peer review process will be translated into the other language by the editorial team. A conference will be organised to celebrate the published articles and to generate dialogue around them. Potential themes may include, but are not limited to:

- History and Heritage
- Ecumenical relations
- Christian-Muslim relations
- Christian-Jewish relations
- Identity and belonging
- Sacred space
- Worship and practice
- Biblical/textual engagement
- Palestinian contextual and liberation theology
- Migration and transnational relations
- Clergy-laity relations
- Political legacy and engagement
- Law
- Literature and the arts
- Popular culture
- Church history
- Arab Christianity in Palestine

## **Submission Details:**

The call for papers is for two issues: a general issue and special issue.

*General:* Interested authors for the general issue are welcome to submit their articles or consult the editorial committee by sending an abstract to the to the following email [j.munayer@bethbc.edu](mailto:j.munayer@bethbc.edu). Please include your name and any institutional and other affiliation with your proposed title, abstract and article. The editors will contact you and discuss further details on accepted proposals and articles. Any questions may be directed to the email above. Submissions can be made in English (5,000-7,000 words) or Arabic (3,500-5,500 words). Deadline for draft articles: 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. The journal's style guide and other submission guidelines are available at [jpc.beth.edu](http://jpc.beth.edu).

*Special:* The second issue will be a special issue on the history of Christian communities in and of Palestine and the relationship with Empire – be it Ottoman, British or others – between 1850 and 1948. How did Palestinian Christian individuals and communities interact with imperial institutions and forces? In what ways have they suffered from or benefitted by imperial dynamics in the region? And what have the implications of these relations been for internal interactions within Christian communities and institutions themselves? Submissions are welcome from all historical perspectives, including political history, historical anthropology, intellectual history or theological and social histories. Submissions can be made in English (5,000-7,000 words) or Arabic (3,500-5,500 words). Deadline for draft articles: 31st August 2023; initial enquiries are welcome to Dr Sarah Irving at [sarah.irving@staffs.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.irving@staffs.ac.uk). The journal's style guide and other submission guidelines are available at [jpc.beth.edu](http://jpc.beth.edu).

We look forward to hearing from you,

Journal of Palestinian Christianity

## About the Journal

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### *Description*

Palestinian Christians have played an integral part in both Palestinian society and World Christianity. In some circles, Palestinian Christian thinkers have been extremely influential in their research, writing and activism. However, most academic publications by Palestinian Christians or on Palestinian Christians/Christianity have been in English and targeted Western readers. Until today, there is no peer-reviewed journal in the world which specialises in Palestinian Christianity and Christians in Arabic or English.

As a result, Palestinian scholars interested in academic research and writing concerning Palestinian Christianity have been forced to submit papers at Western academic journals and conferences. Due to their specific interests, the availability and space for such research has limited the number of writings. This of course has also limited the publications in Arabic for the local communities in Palestine and the Middle East at large. Likewise, the sensitivities concerning the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the liberative nature of Palestinian writings have closed numerous academic

opportunities for Palestinian academics, and indeed for non-Palestinians who write in a similar manner.

For this reason, the Journal of Palestinian Christianity aims to answer the needs listed above. Through the establishment of an academic and peer-reviewed journal, Palestinian, Arab and international scholars from all over the world will be able to research, write and engage with one another on issues relating to Palestinian Christianity. As such, the journal will host writings in both Arabic and English, and translate the articles from one language to the other, fostering a vibrant and diverse academic discussion between scholars in Palestine and abroad. Palestinians should be leading the work being done on Palestinian Christianity, and not have to wait on Western institutions for their initiatives. Further, we expect this journal not only to advance discussions relating to Palestinian Christianity, but also contribute to global discussions in academia.

### *Objectives*

**Encourage** Palestinians and internationals to write academic research on Christianity in Palestine.

**Nurture** a culture of academic research, critical thinking and dialogue among Palestinian academics interested in Palestinian Christianity.

**Amplify** Palestinian Christian voices in the field of theology, global Christianity, contextual theologies, etc.

**Engage** with Arab and international readers and scholars.

### *Topic/Subjects*

The journal welcomes papers relating to Palestinian Christianity and Theology. We encourage papers to come from diverse academic backgrounds and disciplines such as the humanities, social and political sciences, etc. Cross-disciplinary papers are highly recommended.