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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.