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Nazareth School of Nursing preparing for the future



Last year Dr. Salam Hadid became the new director of the Nazareth School of Nursing. She came with a vision for growth but also faced the challenging realities of nursing education during the Covid-19 pandemic.

“The pandemic gives us the opportunity to rethink education,” Dr. Salam explains. “It forces all those working in education to learn new ways of teaching. Teachers and lecturers have been teaching online – something they were reluctant to do before.

“We have learned that it is possible and we need to use this and other lessons we have learned to our advantage after the pandemic.”

Dr. Salam is also leading an expansion of the school. The Israeli Ministry of Health recently pledged \$850,000 to an expansion of the School of Nursing. The new space will create more classrooms and study space for students. There will be expanded practice areas where students apply their learning with manikins.

Staff of Nazareth Hospital and School of Nursing met on February 12, 2021 to remember Dr. Nancy Martin and the many ways that she contributed to the growth of the School. Nancy's successor, Dr. Amal Khazin, is fifth from the right. Current director, Dr. Salam Hadid, is third from the right.

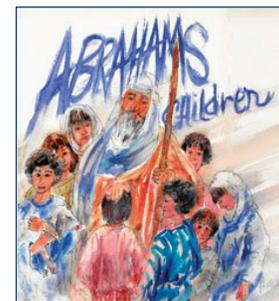
Nursing students face difficulties

During the pandemic, students at Nazareth School of Nursing have done most of their work from their homes. Some have had inadequate internet or needed to share a computer with other family members. Because they only go to the School for exams or special meetings, nursing students have missed the normal collegiality that develops within each new cohort.

Many students face financial hardships because they come from families with limited financial means. When resources are available the School provides scholarships from

the Bursary Fund. However, that fund is currently depleted.

To meet this need, we at NPI have established the Nancy Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund, intended to provide an annual infusion into the School's Bursary. Our Board has set the goal of surpassing \$100,000 before the end of 2021.



Abraham's Children pledges \$15,000 to the NMMSF

A faith-based organization from Wheaton,

Illinois has pledged \$15,000 to the Nancy Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund if we can match the pledge. Abraham's Children has supported a variety of education and medical projects in Israel/Palestine since 1995. **Your contributions will help us to match the pledge and to reach our \$100,000 goal!**



SAVE THE DATE! May 8, 2021 at 11am (Eastern)

NPI and Abraham's Children will co-sponsor a Zoom presentation and conversation about the Nazareth School of Nursing. Dr. Salam and former director, Dr. Amal Khazin, will give updates and impressions from the past year. Two scholarship recipients will tell their stories.

Email npi@nazareth.org to register for the free webinar.

NPI marks 30 years of support to Nazareth



Dr. Bob Martin, left, stands with H. A. Penner in front of the new wing of Nazareth Hospital in June 1993.

In late 1990 our founding board of directors met to initiate the work of this new organization. The creation of NPI was largely the work of Dr. Darryl Landis and Sue Shirk. Landis, who volunteered in Nazareth as a medical student, chaired the board from 1990-1996. Shirk chaired the board from 1996-2000 and led tours to Israel/Palestine in 1993 and 1995.

The first NPI newsletter (December 1990) highlighted a major task for the new board:

“...to raise the necessary funds to enable the Nazareth Hospital to complete construction of the new (hospital) wing in a timely fashion.” Several months later NPI received official IRS-designation as a 501c3 charitable organization.

During the next five years NPI contributed to the new hospital wing through private gifts, fundraising events and a \$450,000 grant from the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) program of USAID.

H.A. Penner, who served as NPI’s first executive director from 1992-1997, recently reflected on the experience:

“As NPI’s first Executive Director it was meaningful to build on the entrepreneurial efforts of Dr. Darryl Landis and Sue Shirk in support of the healing and educational ministries of Nazareth Hospital and the Nazareth School of Nursing.

“It continues to be gratifying to see NPI participate in the ongoing mission of the Nazareth Hospital in Jesus’ hometown—a Christian ministry there since 1861 that serves all people in the region with the highest levels of healthcare, medical education and research. Moreover, the Hospital and School continue their vital witness to how various religious groups can live and work together in the Galilee.

“Together we engaged to identify financial resources for Nazareth Hospital’s renovation and expansion

including early grants from ASHA. We facilitated short-term service at the Hospital by healthcare professionals and others with special gifts. We enabled numerous bikers from the U.S. to join others from Europe to experience the land of the Bible both historically and contemporarily while financially supporting the hospital.

“Being directly involved with the mission of NPI provided many wonderfully significant personal growth opportunities that resonate to this day! I was enriched in my understanding of and appreciation for the Biblical stories and vividly exposed to the life, ministry and message of Jesus—all of which enlarged and strengthened my Christian faith. Thank you, NPI!”



*(L to R)
Co-hosts
Sue Shirk,
Elaine and
Joe Haines
stand with the
tour guide and
bus driver for
the “Living
Stones” tour in
October 1993.*

As the Covid-19 pandemic diminishes...

See Nazareth during November 2021

Nazareth Hospital marks its 160th anniversary this year! You can help celebrate by participating in any of the following three events:

- ✓ Join the NPI tour to Israel/Palestine during November 11-23. Tour members will have the opportunity to participate in anniversary events on November 12, 13 and 14 interspersed with visits to historical sites near Nazareth. The group will spend six days/nights in Nazareth and the northern Galilee region while staying at the Golden Crown Old City Hotel. On November 18 we will travel to Jerusalem and spend five days/nights in the Old City, West Bank locations, Bethlehem, Qumran, Masada, Church of the Holy Sepulcher and more. The group will stay at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem.
- ✓ Participate in the Cycle the Three Seas bike ride during October 31 – November 6.
- ✓ Hike the Jesus Trail during November 7 – 13.

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Nazareth Hospital to launch volunteer chaplaincy program

Beginning in late 2021, Nazareth Hospital will incorporate international volunteers in the Spiritual Care program. Chaplains, pastors or others are encouraged to apply for a volunteer assignment of six weeks or longer.

Frank Kantor, Spiritual Director of Nazareth Trust, describes the program: “Whether it’s 1pm or 1am, at the Intensive Care or at Outpatient Clinic, if someone would like somebody to sit with them and possibly pray with them, we want to be there.

“We want to provide a ministry of presence to all those who desire it, to provide a reassuring hand at a difficult time. Often in times of crisis, the offer of prayer can make a huge difference to someone and we want that option to be available for everyone and anyone.”

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Rev. Suheil Bathisk, chaplain at Nazareth Hospital



On February 27, 40 people joined Zoom sessions about cross-cultural chaplaincy facilitated by Cate Desjardins of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship



Frank Kantor, Spiritual Director



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- **\$3,000 gift**—
\$100 for each of the 30 years
- **\$1,500 gift**—
\$50 for each of the 30 years
- **\$750 gift**—
\$25 for each of the 30 years

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