



In October of 2017 Pastor Bahkou was invited by two Christian Arabic Outreach Organizations, Slam Allah (Peace of God) and Mahbat al-Masih (The Love of Christ) for a conference and book signing in Montreal Canada.

**Upcoming Events:** Please pray as Pastor Bahkou travels to Europe from December 26, 2017– to January 8, 2018. He will travel through Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Sweden to promote and distribute Life with God to Arab Immigrants. He is being hosted by the International Christian Satellite, *Soryoy Sat*, located in Stockholm Sweden.

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**ARABIC LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

Arabic Lutheran Ministries (ALM) is an LCMS outreach to Arabic-speaking people, both Christian and Muslim. Locally we partner with the District of Texas Congregations; globally through publications and world-wide Social Media Ministry.



In January of 2017 Pastor Bahkou was asked by Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis, MO to travel to Kenya and lead a continuing education course on Muslim Evangelism to the LCMS missionaries in East Africa.



**Antiochian Apostolic Church, Easter, 2017**

More than 70 people from all over North Texas celebrated with us this year. We would like to thank Peace Lutheran Church in Hurst for providing a place for us to worship and reach out to Arab immigrants in North Texas.



Pastor Bahkou was hosted by the largest Christian International Satellite, al-Karma in Huntington Beach, California. The internationally renowned program, Ana Moosh Kafer (I am not an Infidel) reaches Muslims with the Gospel (October 2017).





July 26<sup>th</sup> 2017, Pastors Jim Muller, Morgan Hamilton, and Wichiang Wetnyangran praying over Pastor Bahkou as he continues to serve the Arabic Communities in North Texas and partner with Peace Lutheran Church, Hurst TX.

Life with God is used to teach Sunday School with the Arabic Speaking Congregation at Peace Lutheran Church, Hurst Texas.



Sharing the Gospel through Life with God's Arabic Lutheran catechism with Matbule, an Arab Muslim from Egypt, and owner of restaurant Café Medi in Hurst, Texas.



Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou with Mumen a former Muslim. has been distributing copies of Life with God to his Muslim friends in the DFW Area. Many thanks to the American Churches who sponsored this material to reach out to our Muslim Friends.



One of the most blessed moments this past year was the blessing of Jordan Nimri. He was born in Texas; his Mom and Dad are from Jordan.



## The Need

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* (Matthew 9: 37-38).

For the last 10-years Pastor Bahkou has been bi-vocational. He is a full-time professor at Baylor University in Waco, Texas and has been leading Arabic Lutheran Ministries in North Texas. As we plan for the growth for ALM we anticipate Pastor Bahkou's resignation from his full-time position at Baylor University by mid-2018 to allow his family to relocate to North Texas to be full time in this ever-growing ministry.

Please pray how you can partner with us in this growing ministry through

- Raising Funds to Relocate Pastor Abjar and his family to North Texas
- Raising Pastors to Minister to Arab Speaking Congregations
- Planting Arabic Speaking Churches in Texas

Facts about Texas Immigrants from the Middle East...



State's Rank by Arab American Population: **5**  
 Census Estimated Arab American Population: **91,567\***

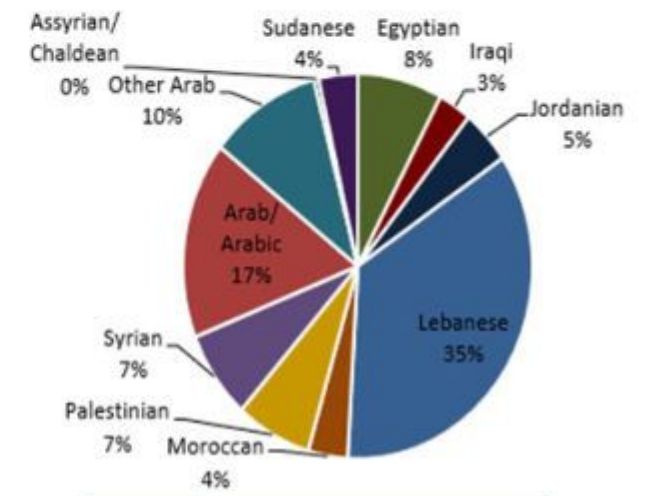


### Growth Trends

The population who identified as having Arabic-speaking ancestry in the U.S. Census grew by more than 45% between 2000 and 2010. The number of Texans who claim an Arab ancestry more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1980 and is among the fastest growing Arab populations in the country. It is estimated that the statewide population, adjusting for under-reporting\*, is close to 274,701.

### Immigration

The largest number of new Arab immigrants to Texas came from Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan.



This graph is taken from Texas Demographic information found at <http://www.aaiusa.org/demographics>