



# YOU ARE WELCOME AT TANTUR

## THE TANTUR EXPERIENCE

You may be a member of a religious community or organization, a scholar in theology or history, a student of business or diplomacy, or a spiritual sojourner moved by the mysteries of The Holy Land and its peoples. Tantur strives to offer an overall organic and enriching experience in The Holy Land which encompasses:

- Opportunities for scholars to shape for themselves special periods of research and collaboration in their own disciplines
- Opportunities for archaeological study tours and on-site lectures to deepen your understanding of biblical texts and Church tradition
- Study projects on the texts and times of the Bible
- Paths to a better understanding of fellow Christians who have long lived in The Holy Land—opportunities that range from use of a superb library to the sharing of study, worship, and recreation
- Getting to know the “living stones” of the land—Christians from other traditions, Jews, and Muslims
- Touring the most important holy sites in the region
- Depending on your time and goals, Tantur may offer what you are looking for. You may wish to take a sabbatical that best suits you, spend time exploring The Holy Land or use Tantur as base for scholarly research.

## THE JERUSALEM EXPERIENCE

Jerusalem is a mosaic of cultures and nationalities, of peoples and neighborhoods, interesting architecture both old and new. It is a patchwork of religions with a vibrant character. Its churches, mosques and synagogues reflect the varied and rich history that this city has experienced and it is easy to immerse oneself in the sights, sounds and unique beauty of The Old City. Christian, Muslim & Jewish traditions intermingle and contrast throughout the city and this is reflected in the wide array of architectural styles, artwork, traditional dress and culinary delights of this historical gem. Be amazed in Jerusalem.

## OUR TEACHING STAFF

More than a dozen experienced teachers, drawn from different religions, continents, and backgrounds, are an integral part of the Tantur community experience that can transform your perceptions. Members of the staff have made it their life's work to support the work of Christian ecumenism, and to help people better understand The Holy Land, while bringing faith and reason into play in people's journeys of personal development.

## YOUR TIME AT TANTUR

### PROGRAMS

- **Scholars Program**  
From two months to one academic year in duration. Tantur welcomes scholars from around the world to enhance their research and collaboration in disciplines such as theology, biblical studies, church history, and interreligious dialogue. Our library is one of the largest in the region.
- **Continuing Education Programs**  
One-month or three-month sabbaticals designed for those wishing to experience life in The Holy Land. Our programs encompass courses in biblical studies; guided field trips; study of Jewish and Islamic thought and life; insight into the social, political, and religious situation in The Holy Land; and the practice of ecumenical and interreligious relations. There is lots of free time for personal study, reflection and exploration.
- **Enrichment Programs**  
Three-week programs offered at Christmas and Easter; designed as extended educational pilgrimages focusing on the land and the Abrahamic faiths and the celebration of the Christian feasts.
- **Conferences and Special Programs**  
New opportunities, under development, to learn while sharing ideas and experiences.

## COSTS

There are different cost structures for different programs, but prices, while subject to change, are kept reasonable. Some financial assistance may be available in special circumstances. Please visit [tantur.org](http://tantur.org) for current pricing structures.

## PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

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## REFLECTIONS FROM TANTUR

“Tantur provides a wonderful setting for scholars wanting to pursue their own research with its excellent library and research facilities, as well as access to regional libraries. But Tantur offers so much more. It opens up many avenues for exploration—ecumenical, interfaith, archaeological, biblical, and opportunities to reflect on the contemporary political situation in the context of a stimulating and diverse community.”

DR. MARY TANNER, *U.K. Ecumenical Theologian*

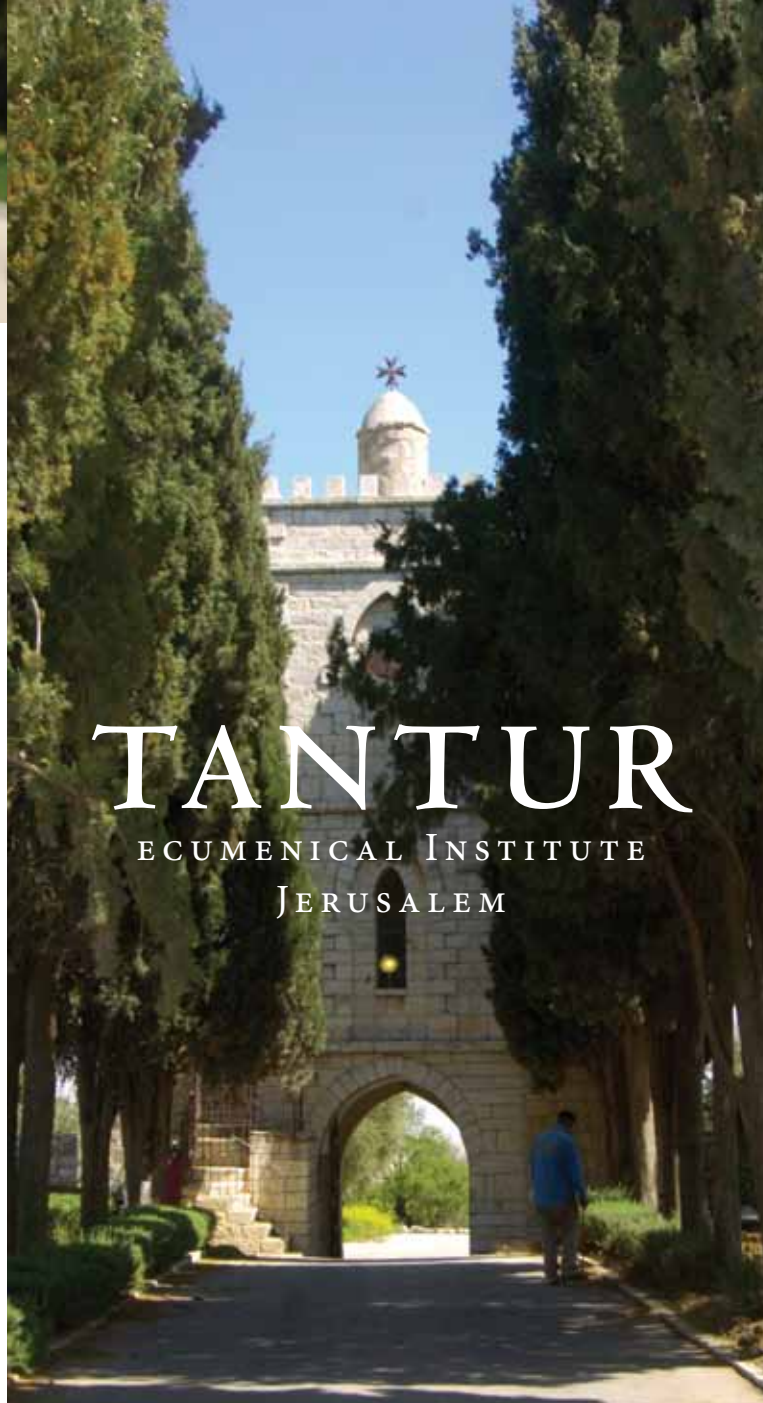
“Tantur has an enviable reputation in leadership in ecumenical and peace projects. It has an excellent staff and wonderful grounds. A steady stream of distinguished ecclesiastical, academic, and other visitors makes Tantur an ideal place to conduct high-level research and discussion.”

JOHN S. KLOPPENBORG, *University of Toronto*

“The conference rooms, dining hall, and gardens of Tantur provide a safe place for discussion and reflection. Many scholars, politicians, and practitioners have found the ability to reach across cultures, religions, and seemingly hardened lines of argument in this special place.”

MARTHA MERRITT, *Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame*

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# TANTUR

ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE  
JERUSALEM

AN OASIS OF LEARNING,  
COMMUNITY, AND HOSPITALITY



## TANTUR: 1972 – 2011

The Tantur Institute for Ecumenical Studies is beautifully situated between the historic cities of Jerusalem and Bethlehem and serves as a welcoming place in The Holy Land for visitors from all over the world, including:

- scholars in a variety of disciplines
- teachers, students, and conference attendees
- spiritual sojourners of all Christian faiths
- those persons seeking sabbaticals for a variety of reasons

Tantur offers programs of continuing education and spiritual renewal for:

- clergy and members of religious communities
- laity seeking enrichment in the land where Jesus lived and taught
- scholars

With access to a library containing over 70,000 publications and 400 journals, this research facility is one of the largest theological institutions in the region, offering visitors the opportunity to study in an enriching learning oasis.

*Fr. Timothy Lowe, Rector*



## THE ESSENCE OF TANTUR

It is difficult to capture the “Essence of Tantur” in a few words. What is special here is the opportunity to live in community with other members of the Christian family. For many people from many parts of the Christian family and many countries of the globe, you may find yourself living, for the first time, with a Canadian Mennonite or a Sri Lankan Anglican or a Romanian Orthodox seminary student or a Latvian Russian Orthodox professor or a Filipina Catholic sister or an American Lutheran pastor or a South African biblical scholar. An incredible spiritual community emerges as we eat, study, pray, and travel to many of the holy sites located throughout this historic region.

## OUR AIMS

- We seek a broader and deeper understanding of each other’s faith and traditions, ethics and social witness, liturgies and pieties.
- We explore the relationships between Christians and peoples of other world faiths, especially Jews and Muslims.
- We participate in the search for world peace and justice, through theological study and exploring human rights and conflict resolution in different religious and social contexts.
- We seek to understand the rich religious and historic landscape of The Holy Land through numerous field trips and visits to holy sites.

