

# BETHLEHEM

# NOMINATION FILE

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Bethlehem Nomination File “Birthplace of Jesus, Church of the Nativity and the pilgrimage route” was a special project to Palestine in general and Bethlehem in specific. Bethlehem was the first city nominated in the Palestinian territories to the UNESCO world heritage list, and hoping that this process would include more heritage sites including, Ancient Jericho (Tell El Sultan, The religious routes in the holy land, Mount Gerizim and the Samaritans ...etc

The process in getting Bethlehem accepted as a world heritage site will take time till next year July 2012, where it will be voted through the world heritage Committee. However, inscribing Bethlehem at the UNESCO list should happen a long time ago, but due to political tensions between Palestinians and Israelis’ the inscribing was held backwards several time.

The Nominations file was a big chance for Palestinians to demonstrate their outstanding culture heritage that was damaged during Israeli’s occupations, especially the Israeli invasion

of Bethlehem in 2002 and surrounding Church of Nativity for 40 days. Israel had bombarded the church more than one time which caused damages to it that could be seen today.

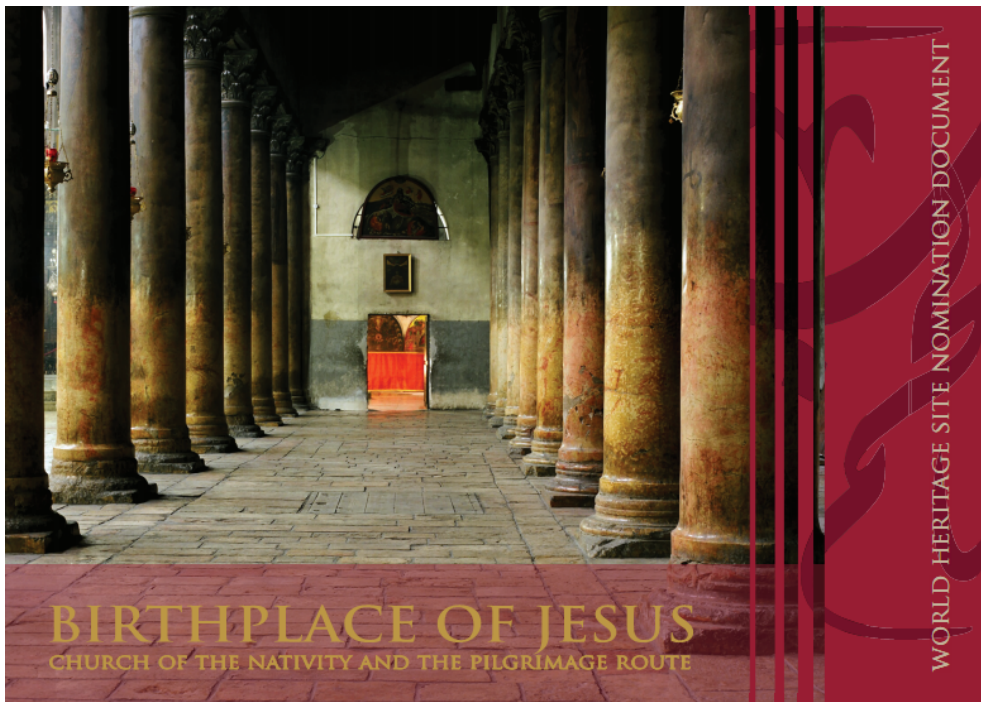
The Nomination file was prepared by Center for Culture Heritage Preservation , Bethlehem (CCHP) in corporation with, Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Bethlehem Municipality and UNESCO office in Ramallah. It consists of nine parts; each one of them deals with a specific matter.

They are as follow:

1. Identification of Property
2. Description
3. Justification for Inscription
4. State of Conservation and Factors Affecting the property.
5. Protection and Management of the Property.
6. Monitoring
7. Documentation
8. Contact Information of Responsible Authorities
9. 9. Signature on behalf of the State Party

My job was mainly focused at the second chapter "Description" I've worked as a researcher in (CCHP) in the project helping the team in the historical and archaeological perspective of the nativity church. I would like here to thanks both coordinator of the project, Arch. Nada Al Atrash from CCHP, and my friend Geroge Al Ama (from CCHP) for their fantastic and outstanding work in the project, where it push forward the Nomination file to its final stages.

Thanks you very much!



I hope you have enjoy it

Regards, Haytham Dieck