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Ramallah students graduate, dance, advocate and learn



Like all the schools of the ELCJHL, the Lutheran School of Hope in Ramallah is a busy place, even during the summer break. In recent months, it awarded diplomas to 37 young people, its 30th graduating class. Its environmental club organized activities on World Water Day. It hosted “Expo 17,” a vocational, technological, scientific and art exhibition.

The Al Raja Dance Troupe, perhaps the school’s best known group, was active as well. The troupe’s 30

dabka dancers, who range in age from 7th grade to 11th grade, showed off their considerable talents to a large audience of appreciative parents, distinguished guest, family members and peers at the Ramallah Cultural Palace in June.

Dabka is the traditional Palestinian dance that reflects daily life in Palestine. Dabka dance weaves Palestinian culture, history, tradition and national identity into this lively, joyful form of line dance. For the students, it is an expression of their hopes for freedom and a just peace.

After a busy summer, everyone at the School of Hope is preparing and looking forward to another successful school year.

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God of all: We thank you for giving us the ability to learn. Be with all those who begin studies this month, giving them curious, creative minds and talented educators. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.