



**Dr. Rizek Abusharr**

## ***Palestine and Israel: The Role for Christians in the United States***

**Speaker: Dr. Rizek Abusharr**

**Join us for lunch to hear from a Palestinian Christian  
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015, 11:30 a.m.  
Christ United Methodist Church  
Conference Room A  
4530 A Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska**

**Lunch: \$5 for a box lunch or bring your own. Coffee, tea & water provided.  
RSVP if you want a box lunch by October 25, 2015  
to Rev. Lyle Schoen, [lschoen@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:lschoen@greatplainsumc.org).**

**Dr. Rizek Abusharr** retired as Director General of the Jerusalem International YMCA in 2001, having worked there for 46 years in many capacities. He served as a consultant for the Y/USA from 2002 to 2006 and, in 2007, was inducted in the YMCA Hall of Fame. In 1992, the Jerusalem International YMCA was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the Austrian Parliament as a result of work initiated by Dr. Abusharr working with Jewish and Arab youth towards peaceful coexistence in that troubled land. He served for 30 years as Session Clerk; he also served as Clerk of the Presbytery of Jerusalem of the Church of Scotland and as chair of the Tabet Church of Scotland School Board in Jaffa. Among his many community service activities, he was a past president and Paul Harris Fellow of the Jerusalem Rotary Club.

Dr. Abusharr was educated at the Terra Sancta College in Jerusalem and later in Nazareth. He attended George Williams College in Chicago between 1958 and 1961. In 2004, Springfield College awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities. Dr. Rizek and his wife, Alice, now reside at Pilgrim Place (a retirement community founded by the Congregational Church 100 years ago) in Claremont, CA.