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NEWS RELEASE

REV. NAIM ATEEK TO SPEAK ON CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

DAYTON, Ohio — The Rev. Canon Naim Ateek, an internationally known formulator of Palestinian liberation theology, will talk about Christians in the Holy Land in two October addresses at the University of Dayton.

In a session designed for Dayton-area ministers, Ateek will talk about today's Christian communities in the Holy Land from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in Sears Recital Hall in the Jesse Philips Humanities Center on campus. Registration is not required for this session, which is sponsored by the Greater Dayton Christian Connection and UD. Attendees should stop at the main entrance information center for a parking pass.

Ateek will talk about the future for Holy Land Christians at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in Sears Recital Hall. Admission to the evening talk, sponsored by UD, is free and open to the public. There are no parking restrictions for the evening session.

Ateek is director of the Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Center in Jerusalem, where he founded it in 1992. He is co-chair of the theology commission of faith and unity for the Middle East Council of Churches and has been a consultant for the World Council of Churches since 1977. He initiated a number of conferences in many countries on a just approach to sharing Jerusalem. From 1985 to 1997 he served as pastor of the Palestinian congregation of St. George's Episcopalian Cathedral in Jerusalem.

Ateek received his doctorate in divinity from the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, Calif. He is the author of *Justice and Only Justice -- A Palestinian Theology of Liberation*, and has lectured around the world on the link between justice and peace in Palestine and Israel. He will present this same address to students in class at UD.

For more information on the addresses by Ateek, call Sister Judith Martin at (937) 229-4438.

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