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## **ARAB SPRING – CHRISTIAN WINTER?** AN ARAB CHRISTIAN VIEW ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

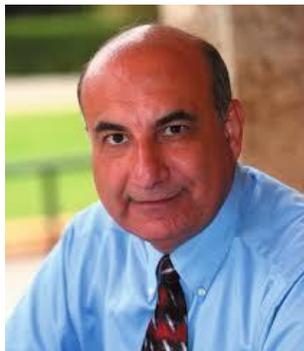
With **Dr. Riad Kassis**

- **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- **Executive Dining Room, Redeemer University College, 777 Garner Rd E., Ancaster**
- **7:00 doors open / 7:30 welcome and lecture**
- **Admission free – a freewill offering will be taken. Space is limited, so early arrival is recommended.**

Decades of conflict and war, punctuated by moments of popular uprising and hope – the Middle East and North Africa region has been in political and religious turmoil as long as most of us can remember.

Many Christians in the West know very little about the existence of Arab and other ancient Christian churches in the region, some tracing their roots back to biblical times. Yet the worshiping communities of our brothers and sisters in Christ in these regions face extinction.

Dr. Riad Kassis will give us a snapshot of Arab Christianity's long history and how things have reached the present crisis. What does the Bible have to say? Do our theological beliefs help, or merely add to the conflict? What are the good and bad results of the so-called 'Arab Spring'? Are there ways in which Canadian Christians can play a positive role in this volatile region?



**Rev. Dr. Riad Kassis** was born in Lebanon, raised in a Presbyterian home and is an ordained Presbyterian pastor. He still lives in his native Lebanon, in the Beqaa Valley. He is the international director for Langham Scholars, one of the three ministries of Langham Partnership, and teaches Old Testament studies at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, in Beirut. Riad has written several books in both English and Arabic, including several Old Testament commentaries. He was a contributing editor of the *Arabic Contemporary Bible Commentary*, published in 2018 by Langham, a one-volume commentary on the whole Bible written entirely by Arab Christian scholars.

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