***Israel-Hamas War***

***What is the witness of the church?***

**Presentation and Power Point – Amgad Beblawi,** Ministry and Mission Executive

for the Presbytery of Des Moines (\*Bio below)

**Thursday, FEB. 8, 2024; 7:00 PM**

**NW Community Center, 5110 Franklin Ave. DM**

Amgad, with a Presbyterian delegation on Mount of Olives over-looking Jerusalem.

**“…we respond to Christ’s call to − be peacemakers, to speak the truth in love, to speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves, and to do so in ways that point to Christ who sent us into the world to exhibit the kingdom of God.”**

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Amgad will share his expertise, and his power point photos, to give witness to the unfolding crisis in Gaza through the lens of history, theology, and his numerous visits in Palestine-Israel.

The presentation will be followed with a Q & A period.

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