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MISSOULA--

The Rev. Lawrence L. Gruman, former pastor of the University Congregational Church in Missoula will give an illustrated talk Tuesday, April 29, on the UM campus.

The Rev. Mr. Gruman will discuss his 1968 trip to the Middle East at the lecture, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Title of the lecture is "A Visit to a Troubled Land."

His special interest in Israel began in 1947 in New York when the U.N. was debating the formation of the State of Israel at the end of the Mandate period.

Biblical study of archeological sites intensified the Rev. Mr. Gruman's concern, and his trip to Israel in 1968 was basically an archeological research venture. However, he was able to spend some time visiting friends in Israel and to observe the attitudes of the State during the celebrations marking its 20th birthday. He saw how the conflicts in the Middle East had served to unify the country.

The Rev. Mr. Gruman, currently pastor of the First Congregational Church in Madison, Wis., received his education at Carleton College, Union Seminary, Columbia University, the University of Chicago and the University of Minnesota. In addition to his service as a pastor to churches in Bronxville and Fairport, N.Y., Missoula and Madison, he has served as dean of men at Berea College in Berea, Ky.

His talk will be open to the public without charge. The Rev. Mr. Gruman's visit to the University in Missoula is sponsored by the University Public Exercises Committee.

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