

UPF Côte d'Ivoire gathering with Muslim leaders at Cocody Angré, in Abidjan

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On May 29, 2018 we had a gathering with the Muslim leaders here at Cocody Angré, in Abidjan. The gathering was at the private residence of the President of UPF Côte d'Ivoire, Lazare AKA SAYE, looks like a mosque of great days. Several Muslim Peace Ambassadors dressed in rich boubous richly embroidered, have just offered their evening prayer, which is an important pillar of the principles of Islam. It is Muslim's fasting month of Ramadan that is why, Muslim who were fasting during the day, will eat after their evening prayer.

Responding to the invitation of the President of the UPF Côte d'Ivoire, Peace Ambassadors of various religions have come together to share a meal of breaking the fast with their Muslim counterparts.

"Bringing our support to our Muslim brothers in this period of penance is the best way to show them our love," said Reverend MAMBO, an Ambassador of Peace.

The atmosphere was warm and really friendly. Here, there were no barriers between religions. Christians and Muslims, Reverend Pastors and Imams shared tea, fruit juice, porridge and all kinds of delicious food.

Harmony and interreligious cooperation are easy to make if we have the will to do so. And the Peace Ambassadors prove it well through the meeting.

Speeches were made by some personalities present. The Vice Consul of Liberia (special guest at this meeting) who thanked the UPF for all the peace initiatives promoted in Côte d'Ivoire and in her country Liberia. Imam Sy Savane offered a beautiful chant of Qur'an verses and Imam Naromy KEITA gave a explanation on the value and benefits of the Muslim fast.

The gathering ended at around 9 pm with a note of general satisfaction, and participants wished that such interfaith cooperation actions would be frequent within their organization.

