

UPF Beirut, Lebanon Clergy Voice Support for Interfaith Collaboration

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Beirut, Lebanon – At the Palm Beach Hotel near the seafront in Beirut, UPF-Lebanon organized an interreligious gathering on February 11, 2026, to commemorate World Interfaith Harmony Week. Among those in attendance were eight distinguished clergy leaders from different backgrounds.



These included **Sheikh Mohamad About Zeid**, a judge of the Sunni court in Saida, and **Sheikh Abou Al Kotaa**, who is registered with Dar Al Fatwa, the central authority of Islamic law, and also serves as imam at a mosque.



Mr. Thomas Schellen, president of UPF-Lebanon, gave the welcoming remarks and highlighted the importance of interreligious gatherings in order to build a strong foundation for peace in the society and nation. Following his speech, the clergy leaders each shared their perspective and experiences in interfaith collaboration.

The speakers expressed their respect for one another's beliefs, as well as their appreciation for the value of interreligious collaboration. The event concluded with further discussion and fellowship over lunch.