

UPF and IAPD Beirut, Lebanon: Clergy Offer Thoughts on Interfaith Harmony

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Beirut, Lebanon - UPF-Lebanon, under the auspices of UPF's Interreligious Association for Peace and Development, held a meeting of 15 clergy leaders.

The meeting took place at the Palm Beach Hotel on September 16, 2023.

UPF-Lebanon President **Thomas Schellen** gave the welcoming remarks. Then each of the religious leaders offered their thoughts about the importance of interreligious harmony and the ways in which their Holy Scripture can serve as a basis for peace.



Sheikh Al Kotaa, an imam from Dar al-Fatwa, Lebanon's Sunni authority, spoke about Islam's perspective on peace.

Then **Sheikh Sohif Alhapli** offered some readings from *Love and Peace*, a book of quotes from UPF founder **Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon** that have been translated into Arabic.

After the clergy leaders spoke, **Umberto Angelucci**, the UPF Middle East regional chairman, spoke about Reverend Moon's efforts to promote interreligious harmony as the foundation for peace.

The IAPD meeting concluded with a pleasant lunch.