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All together for a vision of the future

On the 4 and 5 July 2010, Caritas Lebanon held a two-day seminar entitled *All together for a vision of the future* to which it has invited its partners in the Caritas network, in presence of Caritas Internationalis Secretary General, Mrs. Lesley Anne Knight and CI Vice president-MENA President Attorney Joseph Farah.



The seminar opened with a mass celebrated by His Beatitude Mar Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir, President of the Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops in Lebanon, at the Maronite Patriarchate in Bkerke on Sunday 4 July 2010, in presence of Mgr Dominique Mamberti Mgr Alberto Ortega, respectively Secretary for Relations with States and Secretary General, Mgr Gabriele Caccia, Apostolic Nuncio to Lebanon, Mr. Gabriele Checchia, Italian Ambassador to Lebanon, as well as prominent guests, Caritas Lebanon Chiefs of regional structures and employees.

At Caritas Lebanon's head office, Father President Simon Faddoul, Bureau and Council members, heads of departments and projects as well as representatives from Caritas MENA agencies actively participated to scheduled meetings in view of setting up ways of cooperation.

Humanitarian and development programs and projects of Caritas Lebanon as well as all services provided by the Migrants Center were exposed, along with proposals to improve their outcome, based on their strengths and weaknesses.

Rev. Faddoul exposed Caritas Lebanon's new vision of the future regarding internal reorganization, relations with the government and local NGO's, with partners and foreign governments and with the Lebanese Diaspora. He also mentioned the introduction or adjustment of some programs and projects with the purpose of reaching a larger number of needy people in the Lebanese regions.



Visits

Lebanese Minister for Social Affairs, **Mr. Selim Sayegh**, visited Caritas Lebanon on July 2, 2010. Along with Father President Simon Faddoul, president and vice-president of Municipality of Dekwaneh, Mr. Antoine Chakhtoura and Mr. Georges Sader, he shared the lunch of the disfavored elderly at the Friendship Meal.



Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington and former president of CRS, met with Father Simon Faddoul, CRS's representative in Lebanon, Mr. Mark Schnelbaecher and its head of programs, Mrs. Viviane Manneh during a two-day visit to Caritas Lebanon in view of following up joint projects. Cardinal McCarrick stressed on the importance of the presence of Christians in the Middle East and more specifically in Lebanon.



Caritas Lebanon's General Assembly

On Saturday 26 June, Caritas Lebanon held in its head office its annual General Assembly for the approval of the budget for the year 2010-2011 in presence of the Maronite Bishop of Australia, His Excellency Aad Abi Karam, APECL's representatives, members of the Council, the affiliated, Chiefs of Regions and Sectors. Bishop Abi Karam handed over to Caritas Lebanon a donation from the Lebanese Community in Australia.