

What has been the outcome and impact of viewing programmes on TeleLumiere's audience which has enabled it to contribute to peace and reconciliation processes? This should not be answered in terms of statistics, but in a narrative form that relates programme content to building greater awareness and contributing to positive change.

The voice of the Christians in the Middle East is heard through a station fighting for the Word of God, Love, Peace and human rights.

After 18 years of broadcast, TeleLumiere and Noursat have become a daily bread and hope for the Christian minority in Lebanon and the neighboring countries, as well as a friend and a source of peace for many viewers from different denominations.

Being the only Christian TV station broadcasting from the Middle East, and supervised by the Assembly of the Catholic Bishops and Patriarchs in Lebanon, the station is promoting the Culture of Peace and understanding; it has produced numerous programs and campaigns to fight against terrorism, in a region storming with conflicts and shattered by wars, while many satellite and TV channels focus on terrorism, political turmoil, fanaticism, and have become event-oriented and limited to amusement, scandals and hatred.

Through its variety of programs targeted towards coexistence and peace, it plays a major role in strengthening and promoting the multi-cultural understanding and religious dialogue in the Middle East.

The openness and the strategy of the station have encouraged a large amount of Muslim viewers to watch and react to the programs by participating in the religious and social programs.

TeleLumiere's message is neither exclusive nor sectarian. This station's stated goals include eliminating fanaticism and discrimination, enhancing openness, providing a platform for free exchange and establishing peace and dignity.

Not only does it broadcast programs promoting love, justice and human rights, but it is also the only station daring to conduct campaigns against every violation of human rights and every illegal action taken.

It has always been known as a fighter for human rights, and is distinguished by the courage to claim the truth, and confront with its available means all kinds of horror, violence and pornography, emphasizing strongly on family values and Christian morals.

The way to God passes through men; TeleLumiere, through its programs, focuses on building man and promoting the values of reconciliation, peace and the acceptance of others.

It is not a political or a commercial TV, but a cultural, spiritual and humanitarian project, using the new means of communication to spread principles of justice, love, freedom and human rights, values called for by Christianity everywhere.

As the whole world is becoming more culturally diverse, intercultural dialogue has an increasingly important role to play.

Our programs revolve around one goal, which is the human being. They target all ages and all aspirations.

TeleLumiere is the TV of religions:

It is God's TV, it is the TV of the religions that believe in him and call upon his name. We have in store hundreds of programs and episodes that focus on dialogue and coexistence.

TeleLumiere is a station of Christianity:

It is present in all Christians' hearts, feasts and rituals. TeleLumiere is testifying and always striving for Christian unity through its programs.

TeleLumiere is a station of love and values:

These are the reasons behind its existence and withstanding... without them TeleLumiere becomes like any other TV station. Only with love and values it confirms the message of reconciliation, peace and forgiveness. Thousands of episodes and programs serve this aim.

TeleLumiere is a TV of knowledge and culture:

Knowledge is our way to the Lord and man; culture is our identity. This is translated in educational and cultural programs, addressed to all ages especially youth and childhood, families and parishes, programs that deal with science, arts, society, nation, politics, entertainment, health, sports and other subjects.

TeleLumiere is the TV of all countries:

Ever since its onset, TeleLumiere has believed in its shining image even outside Lebanon; it is aware that it is a mean of communication between several cultures.

TeleLumiere remains an effective and necessary tool in spreading peace and charity, and in feeding the souls that are thirsty for the Word of God, especially the youth born outside Lebanon.

In a world full of violent and chronic conflicts, here is a peace project that shines from the Middle East, aiming for a better world...

Testimonies

TeleLumiere is a message of Light since its name is composed of Light. It crosses all borders to reach the spectators & deliver them its unique message.

The spectators of TeleLumiere are increasing day by day and that's why its message is becoming the message of the masses, the voice of the Church, the voice of the shepherds, the voice of the Word of God and the voice of hope in the hearts.

We pray for the executives with the Church's prayer: "Oh Christ, true Light, illuminate me through the intercession of the mother of God and save me". With Jesus we address them: You are the Light of the world. Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven.

Gregarious the third Lahham, Patriarch of the Catholic Greeks.

On TeleLumiere's anniversary, we bless the constructive efforts performed by the trustees in all spiritual, ecumenical and moral domains, wishing them perpetual success and progress.

*Ignatius Zaka 1st Ewas.
Patriarch of Antioch and the Orient. Supreme head of the Syriac church.*

Greetings, best wishes and apostolic blessings in Jesus Christ.

We are pleased to offer sincere congratulations to the founders of TeleLumiere in Lebanon, who continues to sponsor it and develop it in order to fulfill its blessed message. It is the only catholic TV network in the Middle East, that helps spreading the news of the Catholic church, her principles and teachings and Christian morals, in an interesting and modern way through attractive TV programs, as I have witnessed during my visits to Lebanon in the past few years to attend the meetings of the council of the Catholic Patriarchs of the Orient.

We wish TeleLumiere a significant progress, so it can reach all the Arab countries including our beloved Egypt, because we are in dire need to watch it and listen to its teachings, news and programs.

Good luck

*Cardinal Stephen 2nd
Patriarch of Alexandria for the Catholic Copts.*

TeleLumiere succeeded in its cultural programs and its TV debates that assembled the elite of the Intellectuals and thus made the society in whole benefit from the ensuing dialogue.

TeleLumiere succeeded in its national, social and human programs, and has been promoting moral values in the lives of the Lebanese. It has supported the religious authorities in Lebanon that confronted numerous attacks on our morals, cultures and societies, especially in the realm of immorality that is wide spread in the mass media and the advertisements, and also in reestablishing religious education to the public schools.

We confirm the role of communication in consolidating the national and social dialogue and fostering the reconciliation among the Lebanese.

*Cheikh Mohammad Rachid Ragheb Kabbani
Mufti of the Lebanese Republic*

2000 years after Jesus Christ's message and the passing of humanity in the long awaited historical moment. The Christian communication is facing the responsibility of reviving the light of Christian salvation in a world full of black despair from miracles. We wish for the Christian communication in the world and in Lebanon particularly to focus on the essentials in Jesus message, and especially charity, which might serve the humanity as a whole regardless, of religious identity.

Religious communication nowadays is regarded as the cross of salvation, amid the mass media revolution that swept the whole world bringing it together and tore down old obstacles, and amid scenes and voices of violence and immorality that is broadcasted daily by the mass media. Only the religious communication can cope

with the struggle that unites the human kind, which is the struggle taking place within the human soul, center of all the conflicts and contradictions generated by differences between different religious, peoples and civilizations.

The Christian communication in Lebanon is called to be the corner stone in dealing with such a struggle, giving the experience that the Lebanese had to endure.

Lebanon is considered truly to be the international laboratory for the interaction between civilizations and religions, the fruit of which could have a very unique flavor that the whole world could savor. Therefore, we wish to the station of the light to remain at the level of responsibility laid upon her by the enlightened Christian message and her values, and to be the pioneer in promoting the enhancement of the Islamic Christian dialogue to achieve more openness and frankness and to shun fanaticism.

The Christian communication could enrich the human imagination with the splendor of the Christian experience.

We wish for TeleLumiere to be the very bread of this experience on the eve of this millennium feast. There is no life without a body, and only the brethren of faith from all nations and religions could fathom the true meaning of the bread of the eternal life.

Cheikh Bahjat Ghaith
Cheikh of the Druze

We do value your constructive efforts and look forward to a bright future full of openness on others and on every civilization and tradition capable of upholding the living, cultural and social standards of the human being.

We wish for TeleLumiere, in addition to its richness and its diversity which appeals to many, to remain a stronghold of the truth, that cannot be hidden underground but should be kept alight to show the way for the human being of the third millennium, and a driving force to all men of good will to build the kingdom of heaven, just, open and loving, providing for all a decent and honorable living.

We pray Jesus through the intercession of his mother and our mother, the Virgin Mary to make TeleLumiere a ray of hope for Lebanon and for a better world to bring to every home a Christian message centered on the gospel and to take root in the hearts of all human beings as salt for life, peace and tranquility.

May his blessing descends on all your endeavors and projects and makes it fruitful with faith, hope and charity.

*His Beatitude Nerces Bedros XIX
Patriarch of Cilicia of the Catholic Armenians*

The enormous services that you render to the Christian communication in Lebanon and Syria through religious and cultural programs are visible to all. You are the light put on a stand to illuminate every man thirsty to hear the word of God.

Keep up at the service of the word, in planting it and spreading the evangelical good news to the thirsty souls for the divine water springs. May God reward you on your efforts and grant you the joy of harvest. We reiterate our blessings and our sincere love.

*Ignatius Peter 8th Abdel Ahad
Patriarch of Antioch for the Catholic Syriac*

My friend the prince Hareth Chehab came to me at Beirut International Airport and told me and my friends that a female employee told her colleague, pointing at me: “this bishop is very open to dialogue since I listen to him at the Television of Light talking with love about Muslims”.

When we are confounded with one another on the religious level in the minds of our citizens, for national purposes, we would have avoided the most important trap, in order to sustain our common values and national unity.

The communication that is rooted in faith and promotes unity is the most noble and secure way to achieve this beautiful confusion.

I was blessed from my relationship with your TV by the honour of this confusion. Therefore my testimony to it is fulfilled through its testimony to me, in the opportunity it gave me to testify to him. We are exchanging testimonies, without forgetting that your TV was the pioneer on the road of Lebanon the message and the coexistence.

Hany Faheth, Shiite Leader

We welcome the gigantic and distinguished task of TeleLumiere in Lebanon. It goes beyond providing TV broadcasting; it is a full religious and humanitarian message. TeleLumiere is eager to spread moral and religious values and its purpose is to create a dialogue among the different religions which leads to a better mutual comprehension. We wish it prosperity and success in its special mission.

*Aram 1st.
Catholicos of Cilicia for the Orthodox Armenians*

TeleLumiere is called to spread the good news to every soul thirsty to the living springs of the Lord, with objectivity in order to help the Christians take root in this orient and discard migration in search for a better future.

I pray the Lord to bless those in charge of this institution, its staff and those who support it, so they may continue fulfilling their testimony to the Lord Jesus through it.

*Elias Audi
Bishop of Beirut for the Greek Orthodox*

TeleLumiere is a prophetic mean, one of God's graces on our church in Lebanon. It carries the good tidings of the gospel and his spiritual and moral essence. This is evidenced by the fact that TeleLumiere conquered our homes, minds and hearts. The people in Lebanon and abroad are watching its programs eagerly, because it feed their faith, strengthen their hope and light their love. Everybody anticipates the upgrading of its broadcast and the launching of the satellite network so it could reach anywhere in Lebanon and abroad.

I thank those in charge of TeleLumiere as well as the supporters; and sincerely wish that the Friends of TeleLumiere who support it financially and morally would multiply in order for it to fulfill the expectations.

*Bechara Al Raii
Bishop of Byblos*

The big event accomplished after the war in Lebanon was the creation of a Christian TV station that is set apart to broadcast religious moral and social programs, as a mean of dialogue and communication and to foster the holy values, and the way to relate to God and to men in the spirit of prayer, charity and hope. The great miracle was that there were people who believed in this holy work and they are still carrying the burden of this costly enterprise.

I implore every one who loves TeleLumiere to become a member of FTL, so he can help spreading joy and peace and make this station survive to serve the future generations, grow and multiply to reach the whole world. Blessed is Lebanon, the country of miracles.

Georges Riachi
Bishop of Tripoli for the Greek Catholics

TeleLumiere could be very proud to be:
The companion of him who suffers, at his hours of pain.
The light of him who prays, at his hours of darkness.
And the guide of him who wanders, at his hours of doubt.

At this age of globalization and fast communication, we look forward to the day that this lantern would light on every light house and in every sky, to implement in every home the good news of salvation and the joy of hope, so that the name of the Lord would be hallowed and his kingdom would come.

Father Khalil Alwan
Secretary General of the Catholic Patriarchs Council
The Head of the congregation of the Maronite Lebanese Missionary.

TeleLumiere has purity in it, and holiness too.

This television is unique among all others worldwide in its freedom from reliance on advertisement for its survival. When you would survive on advertisement, you have to compromise with advertisers.

I foresee this television as the beginning of the great dream I always had. The great values that we harbor we should retransmit to the Orient.

The best thing that could happen to this Orient is to have a satellite TV station that would transmit the values of Lebanon and not the politics of Lebanon, so full of foolishness.

We have to scatter the values of Lebanon in the Orient. This orient will be responsive to our call and this would generate a tremendous Renaissance.

Said Akl
A great Poet

We are very pleased as Christians of this region to be able to watch your TV stations and benefit from its programs.

We need these guidance and information that benefit us spiritually and strength our faith and put us on a constant contact with the Christians all over the world through your interesting programs.

Hind Al Chammas
Jal Al Arab, Province of Soueidaa, Syria

I send you this letter from Dumiat, in the North East of Egypt... I considered all religions communities like colored flowers in the garden of the same Jesus... may God reward you in promoting the good news to the whole world and I hope that your satellite broadcasting may materialize soon enough.

Imad Karam Yan
Egypt