

Roddy Edwards, Jim Lynn, and Moral Rearmament President Ramez Salamé visit LERC and Museum

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At the suggestion of Dr. Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous, LERC's Adjunct Research Associate, Mr. Roddy Edwards, and Mr. Jim Lynn visited the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum with Mr. Ramez Salamé from Moral Rearmament after telling their life story during a religion class at NDU.

At the Museum Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lynn, and Mr. Salamé met with Mrs. Liliane Haddad, Chief Indexer and Archivist, who explained to them more about the Center and the materials archived. Mr. Lynn spoke about Irish emigration to the United States as having a similar pattern and integration challenges as Lebanese Emigration and Mr. Edwards pointed out that there is a big Lebanese community in Jamaica.

They later met with Director Hourani and Mr. Salamé said that a Center like this was of great need for Lebanon and the youth of Lebanon today and he was glad to see Ms. Shereen Mahshi, a member of Moral Rearmament, as part of LERC.



From left to right: Mr. Ramez Salamé, Mrs. Liliane Haddad, Mr. Jim Lynn, Ms. Shereen Mahshi, Mr. Roddy Edwards, and Director Hourani.

Mr. Roddy Edwards was a pioneer in the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and business ethics long before it became mainstream internationally. He is the descendent of a long

line of British colonial planters in Jamaica; he helped establish the now internationally renowned Walkerswood Caribbean Foods in the early 1970s.

Mr. Jim Lynn is a Catholic from Belfast; he was unable to work as a Catholic so he got his training as a watchmaker and technician in England. When he returned to Belfast, he and his family were evicted onto the street at gunpoint by a Protestant mob in 1969 at the start of 'The Troubles'. He followed his first bible study at a Catholic monastery situated between Protestant and Catholic Belfast, where he met Protestant George Dallas, who was moved by his story. So that was when Jim Lynn accepted himself as a Irish rather than British.

Mr. Ramez Salamé is a lawyer who left a Christian militia and risked his life to cross Beirut's 'Green Line' of control to re-establish links with Muslims during the war and is now the president of the Moral Rearmament/Initiatives of Change in Lebanon.