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# The Ecclesial cybernated amalgamation: New perspectives in the Ecclesial management in Lebanon



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Mario JADE - Lebanon

# TO MY NATIVE COUNTRY LEBANON... A TRIBUTE!



Lebanese  
...& proud!

For the sun to rise  
It begs the darkness  
Habib Younes

والشَّمْسُ تَ تَشْرُقُ  
بِتَرْجَى العَتَمِ.

حبيب يونس

A tribute to my Native Country Lebanon during these critical crises to have its shiny Sun rising over the dark days. Lebanon has always been and will remain the land of Saints, blessed Cedars and glorified People.

I make this message to support ALL PEACE ACTIVITIES over the world standing strongly with the Ukrainian People during this sensitive period, especially my Mentor Prof. Sergey Bushuyev.

# Who Am I?



Lebanese  
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Dad & Mom



26/06/1979



Lebanese  
(mother tongue)  
French  
English

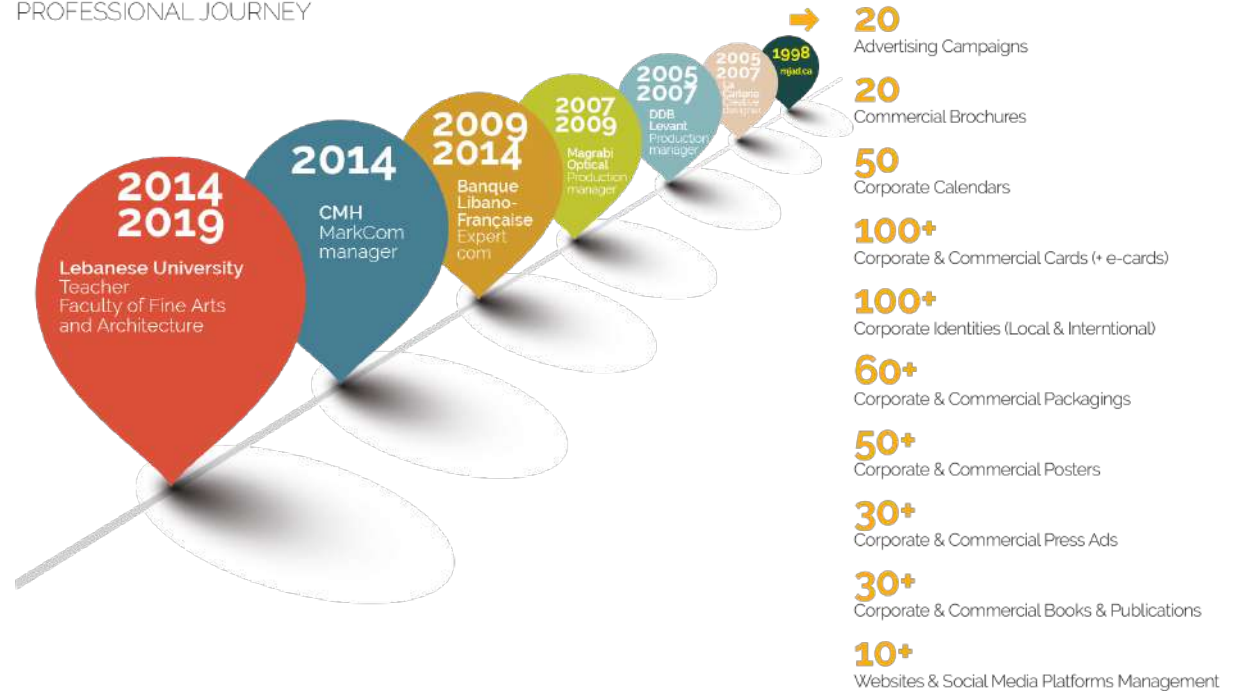


I'm the 3rd of 4 boys



Jeita - Kesserwen

## PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY



## EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

1998 Experimental Sciences

2003 Superior Studies in Graphic Design  
5 years equivalent to M1

2015 Executive Masters in Corporate Communication (EMCC) at School of communication Madrid - Spain

## AWARDS

July 2013 (1<sup>st</sup> Prize) 4<sup>th</sup> worldwide challenge in Masters of Corporate Communications at IE - Spain

Sept. 2013 (1<sup>st</sup> prize) "Éparchie Maronite Notre-Dame de Paris" France

Mar. 2015 (1<sup>st</sup> Prize) Best group project of the world Executive Master in Corporate Communication (EMCC 2014 - 2015)

## INTRO

- Digital ecclesiology showed up as a new terminology in the Christian community as a description to the numerical process of sharing all ecclesial activities via numerical/digital platforms
- Due to the various crisis that hit Lebanon, mainly the covid-19
- This approach to reform the Church strategy was typically driven by the social, economic and political situation in Lebanon.



## INTRO

- Ecclesial reconversion to be integrated in the digital world.
- The presence of the digital platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube made this integration easier because of the friendly manipulation of their process and the simple usage of their functions.



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- The conceptualization of the digital ecclesiology created a turning point in the Lebanese society via a critical procedure to convince the community of its process, its supportive effect and its unconditional integration.
- Accept this situation was balanced between “theology” and “new media”.



## INTRO

- This change might have constructive effects and influences on the community, but with a confident guarantee of usage awareness for the new media.
- The ecclesial management more sensitive to media interaction and to its powerful content.



## Lebanese situation and the ecclesial management reaction

- The ecclesial management encourage then the usage of social media after several trainings, seminars and meetings for the people in charge of the media, in each sector.
- The media will only be a supportive resource that provides the delivery of the messages regarding sociological, ethnographic and media content about the church, the theology and believes.





## Lebanese situation and the ecclesial management reaction

- It pushed the ecclesial management to think more about the way and form that should the Churches institutions and Christian community engage ad react to digital media and numeric culture.
- This situation is directly related to the background of the person in charge, mainly the Priest responsible of the Parish, his hierarchical superior and the fundamental learnings and values of the Church.



# FAN OF WORK 1/6



## CHURCH MANAGEMENT

We are facing the crisis in Lebanon with its different aspects, by creating multiple channels for different solutions. We aim to maintain the liturgical and cultural aspect of the Christian community without hurting the fundamental learnings, the ecclesial management and the core values of faith and believing's.

## WHEN

It is time to step into the new e-communication's world, and other different coming modernity to reach out all community members and provide them the core values of the theological learnings and liturgical guidance.  
The situation seems alarming for the some churches as it won't be able to control the e-system and its content.

## MANAGERIAL STRATEGY

- 1- We encourage the ecclesial management to invest more in the e-communication surrounding knowing it is the leader of these days. This might support the expansion of our humanitarian and liturgical mission.
- 2- We ask for more supportive awareness (trainings, seminars, workshops) regarding the usage of social media and e-communication and their pros and cons. This might drive out the efficient and real liturgical mission. This awareness should start from the ecclesial management then pass to the community.
- 3- We do not want to lose the power of the "manuscripts" [Gospel, Bible, prayers, liturgical letters, etcetera], but we have to value their content and provided to the whole community.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

Since 2010, we have established a special unity that works on the development of the communication strategies and which follow the media development, the trend and the content creation of our platforms. It is not limited to well-known social media platforms only, but attached to the website, the generic e-communication and some targeted platform. We surely follow the ecclesial guidance and refer to the superior hierarchical structures. The multi-crises pushed us to manage quickly but carefully the process of integration.

## IN NUMBERS

### E-integration

- 40% of the churches started the early e-integration
- 60% of the churches developed the e-com starting the crisis

### Coping with the system

- 70% of the churches coped quickly with the system on its technical side
- 30% of the churches faced critical issues due to the economic and financial crisis

### Community engagement

- 73% of the churches succeeded to engage their community in the ecclesial e-com
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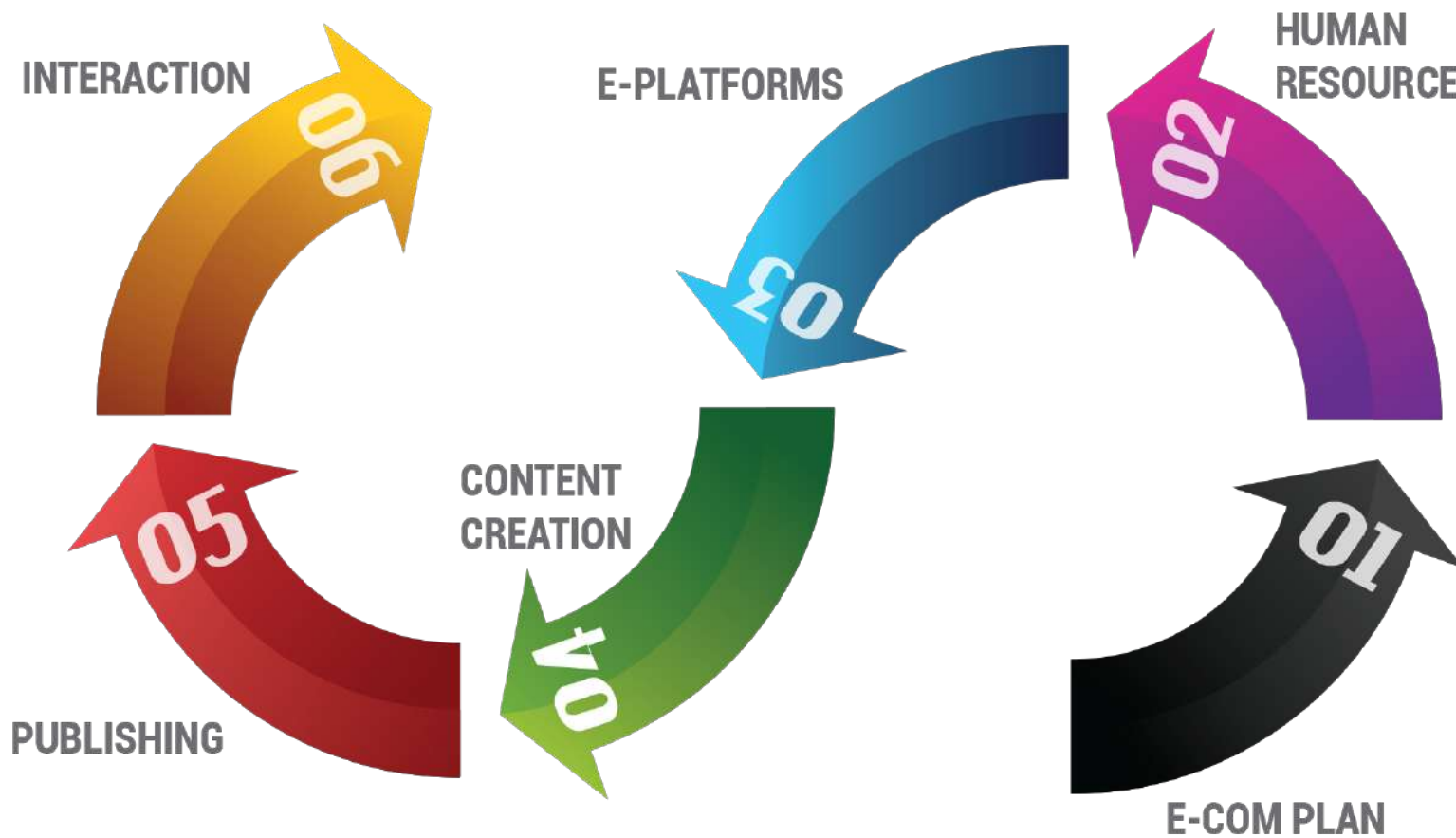
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- Nowadays, the technology imposed itself to this liturgical area and church management is confident to maintain the same level of communication between all Christian cultural believes.
- Lebanese church created a kind of ethical guide to follow measuring all the aspects of freedom of expression, of communication and of values considerations. This falls in the multi-religious existence in our country.



## CONCRETE IMPLEMENTATION 2/2



## IMPACT OF THE DIGITAL ECCLESIOLOGY



	Standard	Engagement	Accuracy	Cost value (not necessary paid money) v/s result	Satisfaction	Value	Impact	Credibility
Strategic Plan	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	5
Human Resources	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	4
E-platforms	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
Content Creation	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4
Publishing	4	3	3	5	4	4	4	4
Interaction	3	3	3	-	4	4	4	3

THANK YOU

