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Orthodox Church Leaders Gather with Fletcher School Faculty, Foreign Affairs Institute, and U.S. Embassy to Explore Leadership in a Turbulent World

The Office of Executive Education and the Initiative on Religion, Law, and Diplomacy at The Fletcher School at Tufts University, in collaboration with the Foreign Affairs Institute of Athens and with generous support from the U.S. Embassy in Greece, hosted a leadership program for a diverse, multinational cohort of clergy and lay leaders belonging to the Orthodox Church of Greece, the Orthodox Church of Cyprus, and the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria, including hierarchs, clergy, and lay experts from diverse professional contexts. The program also featured sessions by faculty from the American College of Thessaloniki and Sciences Po, Paris.

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The executive program in "Faith-Based Leadership in a Turbulent World" offered a unique opportunity for leaders to engage with new research and applied approaches to conflict resolution, organizational change, and key geopolitical issues, such as climate change, migration, public health, poverty, and cyber risks in a global context.

"You all are united by a shared motivation to serve others," <u>said U.S. Ambassador Geoffrey</u> <u>Pyatt in his remarks to participants on May 4</u>. "I hope the leadership training you receive this week will give you the opportunity to reflect on the trends and challenges that are impacting our world and how you as leaders can influence the future of all of your communities."

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