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“The believers are but brethren, therefore make peace between your brethren and be careful of (your duty to) Allah that mercy may be had on you.” **Q, 49:10**

“...And help one another in goodness and piety, and do not help one another in sin and aggression; and be careful (of your duty to) Allah; surely Allah is severe in requiting (evil).” **Q, 5:2**

“Anyone who goes to make peace between two persons, the angels of Allah send blessings upon him until he returns and he will be given the reward of the Night of Destiny (Laylat al-Qadr).” --**The Prophet Muhammed (S)**

Focus on Intrafaith...A Ramadan Call for Solidarity and Reconciliation

ST. PETERSBURG, FL — In honor of the Blessed Month of Ramadan, CWSC has turned its attention to intrafaith following the successful Never Again International Interfaith Letter Campaign that placed American Muslims and other faith believers front and center in calling for responsible legislation to protect children, families and communities nationwide.

Now the faith-based nonprofit is encouraging a Month of *intrafaith unity* marked by an unconditional positive regard and reconciliation among all Muslims in America.

Beginning the first day of Ramadan and throughout the entire Month, CWSC is encouraging A *Return to Innocence - Sharing the Spirit of Ramadan*, a campaign asking all American Muslim institutions and communities to include at least one intrafaith event with another Islamic organization in the same metropolitan area and preferably with an organization that represents a new or renewed relationship that may cross cultural, ethnic or language barriers.

In other words, all of us are being asked to share time together in a way we may never have done before. We're asking all to mark Ramadan with an unprecedented and demonstrated intrafaith unity, unconditional positive regard, and reconciliation.

Examples of joint events might be:

- Praying together on the occasion of Jumah or another congregational prayer.
- One Joint Iftar.
- A Masjid Movie Day.
- A Youth Appreciation Day.

- Joint Press Conference.
- Joint Resolution to the City Welcoming & Explaining Ramadan with Joint Open House Invite.
- A Joint Day of Community Service or Outreach such as a neighborhood clean-up or food drive.
- And of course, the ultimate, a Joint Eid celebration!

The second part of the Return to Innocence Campaign is *Reconciliation*, and it applies to any circumstance in which independent local institutions in the same city have suffered a breach between their organizations as a result of a past grievance or misunderstanding.

We're asking leaders of those institutions to meet first in private with a commitment to heal the division, followed by action to bring their entire communities together for just one event during the Blessed Month.

Finally CWSC is asking you to share with us your events, success stories and photos so we can share them with the entire American Muslim Community. Include how events were successfully initiated and executed and what was achieved including plans for follow-on actions to develop sustainable relationships. Email info@cwsc.us. We may feature your intrafaith unity success story in a national interview on the #1 Islamic radio station in the nation, AM360.org!

Imagine the power of coming together, as brothers and sisters solely for the sake of Allah (SWT) during Ramadan. Imagine what the Angels will say to our Lord and what He will say to us.

We believe the spirit of local communities and the entire national community's spirit can be raised. We respectfully invite and call on all Islamic Institutions to participate. Let the Angels take account of our intentions and acts before our Lord that we may receive His Highest Favor.

The CWSC Public Affairs, Human Relations, and Ambassador Programs Departments will coordinate *A Return to Innocence... Sharing the Spirit of Ramadan* Campaign and can be reached at (910) 317-0297 or info@cwsc.us. Or contact the Public Affairs Director.

According to the National Conveners of Imams - The Community of Imam W. Deen Mohammed, Ramadan is expected to arrive the eve of May 16 with the first day of the Fast perhaps being May 17. By tradition, however, Muslims around the world will be searching for the hilal starting Tuesday evening, May 15th. See more about the sighting at the [National Conveners of Imams-IWDM](#). Please share this Press Release with widest dissemination.

We wish you, your families, and communities the Most Blessed Ramadan ever.

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