

## *Getting to Know Our Muslim Neighbors*



# 10 Things You Can Do

## For greater Awareness and Acceptance of our Muslim Neighbors

1. Take it upon yourself to learn about the religion of Islam ([www.ing.org](http://www.ing.org))
2. Get to know a person of the Islamic faith.
3. Invite a Muslim representative or an interfaith panel to speak to your organization. Call 513-755-3280 (Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati)
4. Speak to your family about the importance of respecting persons of all religious faiths.
5. Schedule a visit to a mosque for your organization. Call 513-755-3280
6. Urge your church or synagogue to partner with a mosque on a civic project, social or athletic event.
7. Invite neighbors and friends into your home to meet a Muslim and to learn about Islam. Call 513-755-3280.
8. When a person speaks disparagingly about Muslims out of ignorance or prejudice, politely challenge him/her with “that is not my experience or my understanding...”
9. Contact your local elected officials urging them to support government policies that respect the religious freedom and civil rights of persons of all religious traditions.
10. If you are out in public and witness a Muslim individual being harassed by a bully or bigot, simply go up to the victim and strike up a conversation, ignoring the perpetrator. Report the incident, call (513) 281-8200 (CAIR-Ohio, Cincinnati, [www.cair.com](http://www.cair.com)).

**“You can coordinate the most sophisticated program, but what changes people is people -- access to relationships they’re otherwise not having.” - Christine Geoghegan**

To learn more: Those desiring more information on our Muslim neighbors and the religion of Islam are encouraged to contact any of the following groups for available speakers, interfaith panels, tours, and other resources. They would welcome hearing from you!

Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati  
Tours & Talks Program  
(513) 755-3280  
[www.cincinnatiislamiccenter.org](http://www.cincinnatiislamiccenter.org)

Bridges of Faith TRIALOGUE  
(513) 806-9650  
[trialoguecincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:trialoguecincinnati@gmail.com)

Cincinnati Islamic Community Center  
Speakers Bureau  
(513) 377-0964/297-1679  
[www.masjdcinti.com](http://www.masjdcinti.com)

Cincinnati Chapter of Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
(513) 281-8200  
[www.cairohio.com](http://www.cairohio.com)

Clifton Mosque  
(513) 221-4003  
[www.cliftonmosque.org](http://www.cliftonmosque.org)

Islamic Networks Group (ING)  
Education, Curriculum and Interfaith Resources  
[www.ing.org](http://www.ing.org)

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center  
Education Department  
(513) 333-7500  
[www.freedomcenter.org](http://www.freedomcenter.org)

The Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue, Xavier University  
(513) 745-3922  
[www.xavier.edu/dialogue](http://www.xavier.edu/dialogue)  
[www.interfaithcincy.org](http://www.interfaithcincy.org)



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