



# Conveners of Imams



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## Statement Concerning the Recent Events Impacting Muslims in America and Throughout the World

Recent events in America and throughout the world that have involved and/or impacted Muslims have compelled us to make an official statement to continue to address these issues.

يٰۤاَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اِنَّا خَلَقْتَكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَّاُنْثٰى وَجَعَلْنٰكُمْ شُعُوْبًا وَّقَبٰىلَ لِتَعَارَفُوْا اِنَّ اَكْرَمَكُمْ

عِنْدَ اللّٰهِ اَتْقٰىكُمْ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ عَلِيْمٌ خَبِيْرٌ ﴿١٣﴾

*“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you nations and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of G-d is the best in conduct. Indeed, G-d is full of knowledge and well acquainted.” (Qur’an 49:13)*

### Terrorism

The Conveners of Imams associated with the Community of Imam W. Deen Mohammed continue to stand in solidarity with those who are appalled and condemn the brutal murder and violence against innocent men, women, and children! We further condemn the un-Islamic extremism of individuals and groups, including ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Boko Haram, etc., perpetrated in the name of Al-Islam and Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). This includes the invitation to Muslims to join their inhuman and un-Islamic terror campaigns that murder and commit acts of violence against innocent people.

The religion of Al-Islam and the example of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) promote human excellence, religious freedom, social justice, and tolerance of human and religious diversity. The recent horrific examples of crimes against humanity by those individuals claiming the banner of Al-Islam and/or affiliated with these groups are totally contrary to these universal principles which are embraced in the religion of Al-Islam. We continue to urge Muslims in America and throughout the world to actively oppose and expose these un-Islamic individuals and *death cults*.

**We categorically denounce and condemn these actions, as we express our profound sympathies and condolences to the families of victims of these atrocities.**

### Hate Speech, Fear-Mongering, Demagoguery, and Discrimination Against Muslims

We also stand with those voices of decent and fair-minded people in America and throughout the world that have condemned the hate speech, fear-mongering, demagoguery, and discrimination against Muslims, especially by individuals aspiring to become the President of the United States.

Recent events have exposed these individuals in leadership roles that have fabricated stories, ignored or distorted fact and reason, slandered Muslims, and proposed discriminatory public policies that are illegal, immoral, and un-constitutional. These individuals have intentionally sought to divide, for political advantage, one group of citizens from another, based on religious affiliation. These despicable actions are both un-American and contrary to the principles upon which America was founded. Recently, domestic hate groups have also allied themselves with these bigoted expressions and there have been numerous threats and attempts of malicious action toward individual Muslims and Muslim American organizations.

As Americans it is important to note that:

- America presently contains over three million Muslims;
- The religion of Al-Islam has been a part of the American experience since its earliest days;
- Muslims have served and died for this country in our military; and further serve our nation, states and communities as police officers, fire fighters, public servants, and elected officials;
- Muslims have presently and historically made contributions to American culture, sports, government, education, and business;
- Millions of Muslims in America live, work, serve, and interact with others, and contribute to the collective good of the country on a daily basis.

Bigotry that seeks to associate millions of good, decent, and productive Muslim Americans with the actions of a few deranged individuals, then seek to conflate the evil actions of the few with the entire group of millions, has been seen as blatantly wrong to most Americans. As a result, a majority of Americans have rejected this thinking, including responsible political leaders from both parties and many government, media, community, and faith leaders in America and around the world.

We stand with these people of good-will that have rejected the expressions of bigotry and proposals for blatant discrimination. We also pray that people of reason, faith, and good-will can continue to work together for the common good, based upon the principles of mutual respect, fairness, justice and peace.