



ICRD Monthly Update

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A Tribute to Our Supporters

At our annual dinner last May, White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough had some nice things to say about ICRD. The excerpt below from that presentation is, in many respects, a tribute to those of you who have supported our work financially and to those others who have encouraged our progress in other ways. So take a well-deserved bow, and we will continue doing our best to bridge differences between adversaries through commonly shared religious values:



At a time when so many others try to divide us here at home and overseas, try to divide us as people, to foment conflict, to take innocent life, ICRD does the exact opposite: draws people together, pursues peace and saves lives. While others see religion as part of the problem, you've made religion part of the solution, which, of course, all of us believe to be a fundamental part of the truth. And Doug, you and your team do that often times at great risk, going to places like Afghanistan and Syria and Yemen. You sit down with religious and community leaders, drawing on that shared faith. So you've done the truly hard, painstaking work of listening, nurturing dialogue, building trust, promoting understanding, all of which helps avert conflict and saves lives. **So on behalf of the President and on behalf of the American people, I thank you for that work.**

The Lunch Bunch

The top prize auctioned off at the dinner was lunch for four with Tom Friedman, renown columnist for the New York Times. That lunch took place earlier this month at the National Press Club, and the top bidders are pictured below with the guest of honor.



Left to Right: David Lightfoot, Cathy Greer, Tom Friedman, and Sissel and Peter Bos.



With best wishes,



Douglas Johnston
President, ICRD



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