



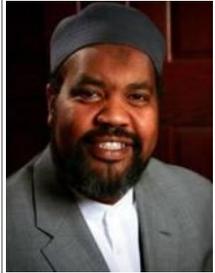
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Don't Miss Out



This year's Faith-in-Action Award dinner is an event you will not want to miss! Join us on May 12 at 6:30 pm at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA to celebrate the renowned religious and civic leadership of Imam Mohamed Magid. As an added ingredient to this year's dinner, we will be holding a silent auction which, among other things, will include a lunch for two couples with New York Times reporter Tom Friedman, one of the world's leading journalists. For further details and to RSVP for the dinner, call Michael Braeuninger at 202-331-9404 (Mon-Fri 9am-6pm), or email at michael@icrd.org.

Brave New Worlds

Last month, ICRD in partnership with the PAIMAN Alumni Trust in Pakistan conducted a workshop for empowering Pakistani women to counter violent extremism (CVE) in their local communities. The five-day workshop brought together female madrasa teachers and civil society leaders from Baluchistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Islamabad, Punjab, and the United States in order to build understanding, capacity, and cross-cultural collaboration in the fight against violent extremism. At the end of the workshop, participants from each province in Pakistan designed locally-relevant pilot projects to address CVE in their respective communities. Over the course of the year, ICRD and PAIMAN will support the implementation of these projects.

The goal of this project is to support the unique, but often overlooked, the role that women can play in combating extremism, while simultaneously facilitating collaboration between sectors of Pakistani society that do not often interact.

My mind changed. Before the workshop, I felt Americans and Afghans and outsiders were just causing problems in Pakistan. But now I feel we're also responsible. Now I feel Americans, Afghans, and people of other faiths are all human beings, and we are one, and we have a common mission of peace.

--Female madrasa teacher from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



With best wishes,

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