

ICRD Monthly Update

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An Opportunity to Support Women in Peacebuilding

A note of thank to everyone who has contributed to our ongoing Global Giving campaign (a crowdsourced, online fundraising platform) to support our work in Yemen. The funds raised thus far have gone toward developing the curriculum materials to train local peacemakers in countering the violent extremism that is running rampant across the country.



ICRD reconciliation training session near Cali, Colombia

We are also pleased to announce the launch of a second Global Giving campaign to support our reintegration work in Colombia. Here, we are seeking funds to mobilize and train 100 female religious and community leaders in

promoting reconciliation at the local level (as a critical first step in facilitating a more effective reintegration of former fighters into civil society). This program is building on the unique strengths of the women's networks and those of influential religious and indigenous spiritual actors in bridging the gaps between the Government of Colombia's individual-oriented reintegration programs and local communities on the one hand, and disarmed combatants and the victims of violence on the other. **To donate or read more about the program**, please click [here](#).

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In Case You Missed It

Last month, ICRD celebrated its 15th anniversary over dinner at the home of Rafat Mahmood, Pakistan's former Ambassador-at-Large to the United States, and his wife Shaista, who serves on the Center's board. The celebration featured *Washington Post* journalist Sally Quinn, who received ICRD's annual

Faith-in-Action Award for her pioneering work in exploring religion's role in society. Her remarks offered inspiring insights both on this topic and on her personal faith journey.

The Center also took the occasion to honor the Chairman of the Executive Committee of its board, John Sandoz, who received the *Being a Difference Award* from the Center for the Public Trust (CPT).



Hostess Shaista Mahmood welcomes guests to the event



Board Chairman Harold Jacobi addresses the audience on why ICRD is so crucial to the nation's future



Awardee Sally Quinn discusses how faith has influenced her life and society around her



ICRD Board Member John Sandoz accepts the Being a Difference Award from the CPT

Thanks to all of you who contributed to making this such a memorable evening.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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