



ICRD Monthly Update

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An Inspiring Evening

This year's annual Faith-in-Action Award dinner was special on a number of fronts. First and foremost, it honored former Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright** for her pioneering work in religion and world affairs. Her acceptance remarks were very inspiring, as was the presentation by Special Guest Speaker Dr. **Bob Roberts**, an evangelical pastor from East Texas who has become a global leader in religious reconciliation and collaboration. And, after five years of exemplary service as the Center's Executive Vice President, **James Patton** relieved me as ICRD's President and CEO. His discussion of the Center's future was very inspiring as well. If you were unable to attend, [link here](#) for a wonderful treat.



The Honorable Madeleine J. K. Albright receives Faith-in-Action Award from ICRD's President Douglas Johnston.



Special Guest Speaker Dr. Bob Roberts with H.E. Hamdullah Mohib, Ambassador of Afghanistan.

"I want to congratulate ICRD for the terrific work that you are doing to promote respect across faith-barriers in the Middle East, South Asia and elsewhere. The work could not be more vital."

Dr. Madeleine Albright

"Prince Turki al-Faisal said: 'Bob, it is great what you are doing with Muslims around the world, but what are you doing back home?'"

Rev. Bob Roberts

A Changing of Conductors



With the Center firing on all cylinders, the time is right for a change of leadership to introduce new ideas and take ICRD to a higher level. For those of you who do not know James, he is an exceedingly capable young leader with solid academic and superb field experience in Africa, Asia, and Latin America (and highly-tuned street smarts to go with it). Although I will continue to oversee our project in Saudi Arabia, James is now running the railroad, and this will be my last update.

I can't sign off, though, without thanking each and every one of you whose never-ending encouragement has led to a number of extraordinary successes in some pretty tough neighborhoods. Clearly, the Center has been blessed, and you have been a big part of that blessing. So, **our deepest thanks for all you have done to advance religious reconciliation as a force for good in a very troubled world.** With your continued support, we will, in fact, take this to the next level.



With best wishes,

Douglas Johnston
President Emeritus



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