

Muslim Community Pledge of Peace, Religious Tolerance, and Human Rights

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Each Islamic Center (or mosque) in the United States and abroad that seeks to be viewed as transparent and respected as community-friendly and tolerant of opposing religious and political beliefs should minimally and publically endorse the following 15 articles:

1. Pledge to List all charities to and from which monies are given and received.
2. Pledge to affirm or deny the status of terror groups enumerated on the U.S. Government terror list (including Hamas, Al Qaeda, etc).
3. Pledge to upload Friday sermons to the Mosque website for public access.
4. Pledge to denounce all violence and terror against the citizens of the United States and others around the world as a legitimate means of religious change.
5. Pledge to articulate the role of Muslims in dealing with radical Islamic violence and terrorism.
6. Affirm the equal religious and humanitarian rights of all human beings to be free in belief and expression without penalty or taxation.
7. Affirm that all women are human beings with equal human rights and status as all men (including Islamic men)..
8. Affirm that all people have the right to freely worship according to their *beliefs*, but not necessarily *practice* what they want if it is contrary to the laws of the United States and its Constitution.
9. Affirm that no particular religion (or its theological tenets) should be established as the governing body of all people within a nation. Affirm that human government and laws should be based in and informed by moral law (e.g Natural Law) and not divine law.
10. Condemn any teaching which justifies killing Muslims who convert to another religion.
11. Condemn any teaching that justifies violence towards women (beating wives and stoning for adultery) and homosexuals.
12. Condemn any teaching that justifies involuntary or coerced servitude/slavery.
13. Condemn anti-semitism and any Islamic teaching advocating a continual fight and killing of Jews and Christians. Any characterization of Jews as animals (e.g. pigs and monkeys) should be denounced.
14. Condemn any religious/political ideology and practice that seeks to dominate the world. This condemnation must include the denouncing of killing, taxing (*Jizya*), or coerced conversions of others based on religious belief, race, gender, national origin, or sexual orientation.
15. Condemn any ideology and practice from Sharia Law, Qur'an, Sira, and Hadith, that contradicts the U.S. Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and its Amendments.