



Civilizations Exchange & Cooperation Foundation

AMBASSADORS OF PEACE **JORDAN & EGYPT**

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This program was developed by CECF particularly for the members of
The Council for the Advancement of Muslim Professionals “CAMP”



It is more crucial than ever before to reach out in the search of paths leading to peace and understanding through interaction and discussions.

As stated by the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, “**The need for dialogue among civilizations is as old as civilization itself. But today, the need is more acute than ever. Individuals who live in fear and lack of comprehension of other cultures are more likely to resort to acts of hatred, violence and destruction against a perceived “enemy.” Those who are exposed to the cultures of others and learn about them through Communications across cultural divides are more likely to see diversity as strength and to celebrate it as a gift.**

In shaping this endeavor, we are not starting from scratch. There is a set of common values that humanity has shared over centuries. The United Nations itself was founded in the belief that dialogue can triumph over discord, that diversity is a gift to be celebrated and that the world’s peoples are united by their common humanity far more than they are divided by their separate identities. Indeed, the principles of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights could be considered a common denominator for humankind.”

Crossing the Divide; Dialogue among Civilizations

Join us in our *Ambassadors of Peace* program and represent your community during this unique opportunity. Engage in dialogue and exchange of ideas. Bring back different views from abroad and personal experiences. Enjoy the biblical sights of the land of ancient civilizations, the cradle of Islam, Christianity and Judaism.

Participants: Professionals from communities throughout the USA and members of the Council for the Advancement of Muslim Professionals (CAMP).

Goals:

- Enable participants to compare concepts of freedom and democracy in various regions vs. those concepts in the United States
- Facilitate mutual understanding and appreciation between America and the Muslim World
- Discuss the role of interfaith, diversity and religious freedom
- Facilitate seminars and workshops in which the participants will meet and interact with their regional professional counterparts
- Expose participants to elements causing extremism and fanaticism

In each country meet with:

- Religious leaders of the Abrahamic Faiths - Share their experiences of the century's long religious tolerance in the region and discuss why opposite impressions exist in the world today
- Politicians and Government Officials - Learn about the obstacles to peace processes
- Business Community - Discuss obstacles and possible opportunities for advancement and development on an economic level
- Academics, Professionals - Visit universities, professional groups and civic organizations

Meetings in Jordan:

- Minister of Al Awqaf " Islamic Affairs"
- Representative of the Foreign Ministry
- President of Al Albayt University
- H. R. H. Prince Hassan Ibn Talal
- Interaction with local individuals in their daily lives
- Forum with members of the business community in Amman
- Visits to the historic sites of Jordan

Meetings in Egypt:

- Dr. Ali Jum'ah, Grand Mufti of Egypt
- Pope Shanoda
- Prominent members of the Coptic Community
- Meeting with a representative of the Egyptian Parliament
- Seminar by Cultural Attaché of the US Embassy in Cairo
- Forum with the League of Arab States "*Towards Building Bridges of Understanding*"
- Sheikh Fawzi al-Zafzaf, President of Egyptian Religious Dialogue Committee
- Ambassador Taher Khalifa, The Library of Alexandria
- Forum at the American Cultural Center in Alexandria
- Dr. Ahmad Al Tayeb, President of Al Azhar University
- Seminar and dialogue with students of Cairo University
- Forum with members of the business community in Cairo
- Visits to the historic sites of Egypt

NOTE: Final list of the confirmed meetings will be available 30 days before the program.