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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

Established through the hard work of a dedicated staff and a dynamic Board of Directors, Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC) has existed for over a decade. CIC strives to bring our religious communities together in a unique relationship. Our primary goal is to raise awareness and share the joy that comes from our diverse faith traditions. CIC is also eager to seek opportunities to work together and improve the lives of our neighbors throughout central Indiana and beyond. We encourage you, through our many programs and events, to join us in this journey. We are confident that your participation will help to increase understanding in our community while enriching your spiritual journey along the way.

Sincerely,



Imam Ahmed Alamine
Board Chair





VISION

A community that pursues peace through interfaith understanding and cooperation.

MISSION

Center for Interfaith Cooperation provides safe environments, resources, and opportunities for service to increase religious literacy, build empathy between faiths, and facilitate interfaith encounters.



VALUES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD IN 2021

The Board, Officers and Staff of Center for Interfaith Cooperation (CIC) value and respect people. As a result, we appreciate diversity in gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, nationality, disability, socioeconomic background, age, religious belief, and any other differences that have been used to divide people. We work to ensure that our membership represents the fullness of the community in which we are located. We are dedicated to diversity in our positions of leadership and in decision-making conversations.

CIC emphatically renounces occasions throughout history where faith and religion have been used to encourage and justify antisemitism, racism, white supremacy, war, discrimination, genocide, sexism, violence, poverty, and any other form of bigotry or oppression. CIC recognizes that these practices are antithetical to the teachings of all religious traditions. The Board, Officers, and Staff of CIC acknowledge their own conscious and unconscious biases that perpetuate injustice and commit themselves to continuous learning and actively pursuing behavior that demonstrates the intrinsic value of all people.

CIC is focused on education and service. It is not an advocacy organization and does not typically track or comment on legislation or lobby for political action at the local, national, or international level. However, CIC believes in seeking equity, diversity, and inclusion. We will collaborate with individuals, faith communities, and organizations that share its values and support interfaith initiatives that build relationships, support the vulnerable in our community, and create hospitable spaces for dialogue and service. CIC recognizes the wisdom, reflected in all religious traditions, of treating others as we would like to be treated.

CIC recognizes, respects, and celebrates the fact that each of the world's faith traditions is unique and that many of the differences between those traditions are irreconcilable. However, CIC is also aware that there is commonality across all faith traditions that share a deep longing for a more peaceful, just, and verdant community, both in central Indiana and across the globe. The Board, Officers and Staff of CIC understand that differences in our religious traditions can make it challenging to find consensus, but we believe that there is strength in these differences. We do not seek to dictate specific policies for the governance of organizations and groups with which we are associated. However, we do commit to certain behaviors within CIC:

- We are actively working to eradicate racism and discrimination from our organization, striving to vigilantly address macro and microaggressions.
 - We strive to operate with transparency.
 - We seek to listen actively and share openly.
 - We are adaptable, understanding that change is integral to growth.
- We are dedicated to the wellness of our community, including our staff, board, volunteers, and AmeriCorps members. We aim to provide a workplace that fosters physical and mental health.
- We value hospitality. We extend invitations openly, and we strive to provide accommodations where necessary to ensure equitable experiences.

CELEBRATION AND SERVICE

Festival of Faiths

In 2022, CIC hosted the 10th annual Festival of Faiths, Indiana's largest one-day celebration of our diverse religious landscape. Coming out of the pandemic, the Festival welcomed approximately 750 people of all faiths at Military Park in downtown Indianapolis.

*"I noticed the comfort and ease of everyone participating. No judgement, no hatred, just love."
~ Anonymous Festival Attendee*



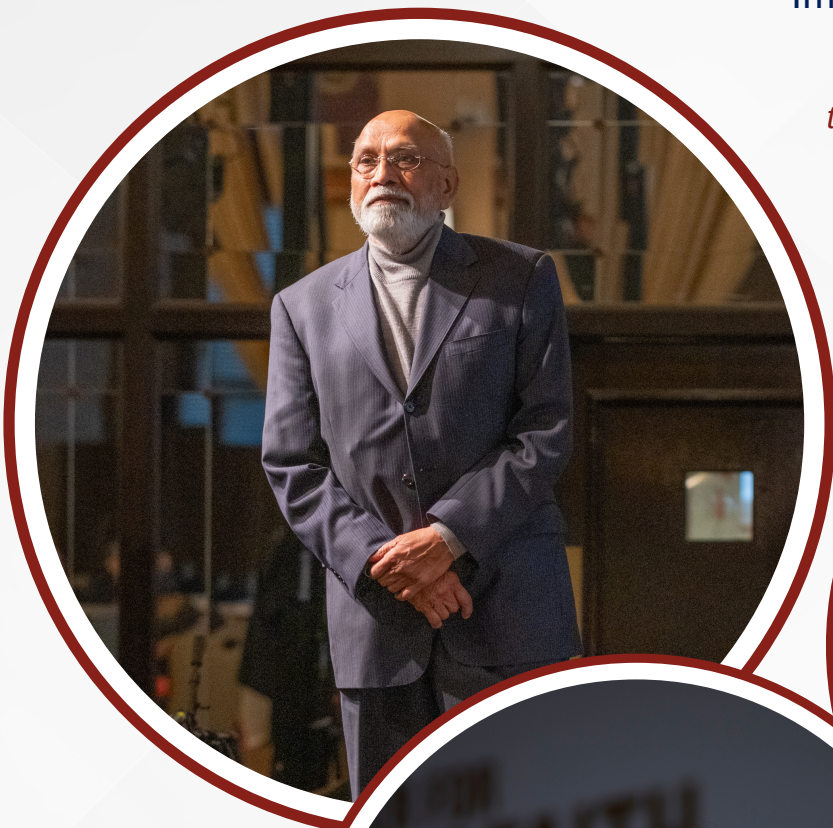
*"The diversity in religious practitioners around the Indianapolis area is so vast, and it is amazing what perspective can be gained through these types of interfaith interactions."
~ Anonymous Festival Attendee*

CELEBRATION AND SERVICE

Interfaith Banquet

The 8th Annual Interfaith Banquet was held on Sunday, March 13th in honor of Interfaith Ambassador of the Year, Dr. Vimal Patel and two Youth Interfaith Ambassadors, Imaan Mirza and Trace Held.

*"Religiousness in everyday living that remind us that we are all interconnected and interdependent."
~ Anonymous Festival Attendee*



CELEBRATION AND SERVICE

Interfaith Enrichment Corps

CIC's Interfaith Enrichment Corps allows members to learn and connect with cultural services, faith communities, and community resources along with a cohort of service members. Members are given the opportunity to build quality interfaith relationships that explore community solutions in an asset-based approach. Specific service activities vary per site. The IEC program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, political affiliation, or, in most instances, religion.



Top row from left to right: Van Thawng (Hope for Tomorrow), George Batcheldor (Cancer Support Community of Indiana), Ashley Mager (Mothers on the Rise). Bottom row from left to right: Nina Porter (Mothers on the Rise), David Love (Center for Interfaith Cooperation), Rashida Abdulhaqq (Masjid Al Mumineen). Not pictured, Robert Sanchez (King of Glory Lutheran Church)



AmeriCorps

8,943 hours

EDUCATION

Religious Diversity Workshops

Religious diversity workshops and Sacred Space tours helped 111 people gain insight, bridge communication gaps, and empowered them to become leaders in interfaith diversity and for social change.



Emerging Interfaith Leaders

Formerly the Youth Dialogue Series, the Emerging Interfaith Leaders program returned from its pandemic hiatus in November. 16 young people embarked on a journey to visit five sacred spaces and lead dialogue amongst their peers.

A New View Film Series

The Butler University Center for Faith and Vocation and Center for Interfaith Cooperation continued their partnership by promoting understanding and fostering respect for differences through the lenses of interfaith understanding, diversity, civil discourse, and social justice. This program had approximately 250 attendees who participated in meaningful discussions, many sharing their own personal experiences related to the topics raised in each film.



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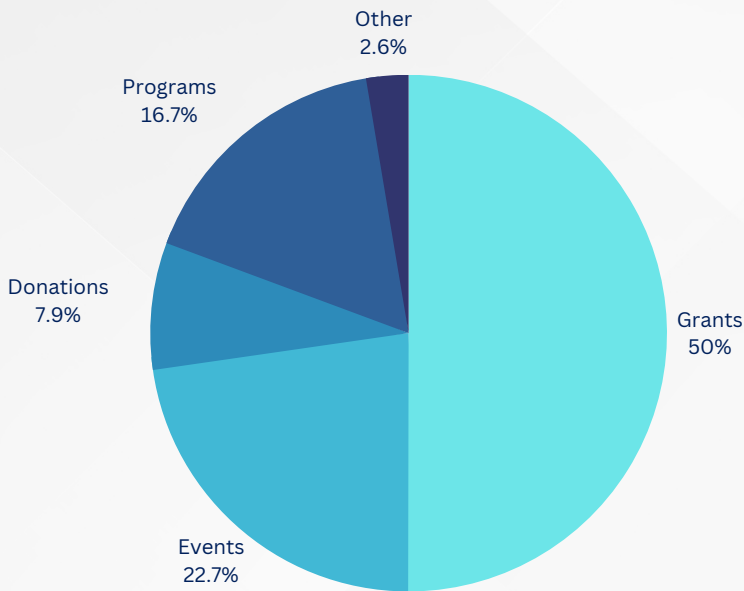
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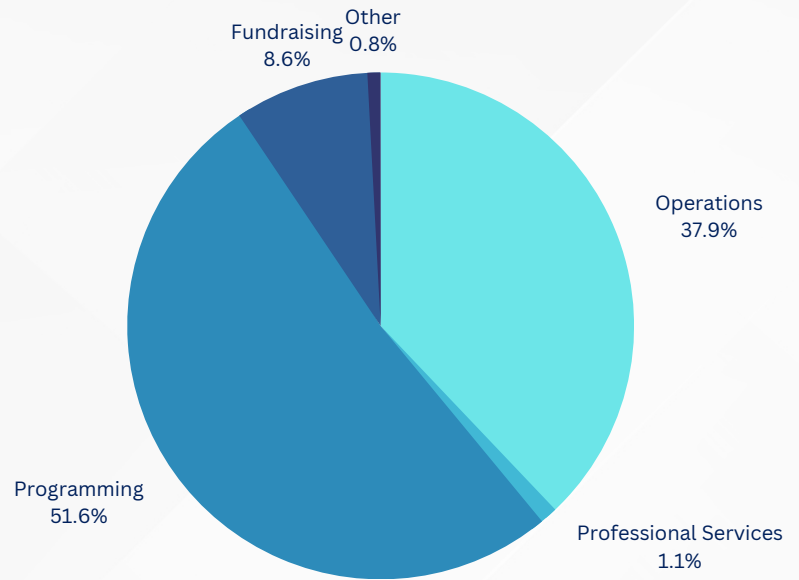
THANK YOU!

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

Summary will be coming from Final CIC Financial Narrative as of 12/31/2022



2022 Income
Total Revenue: \$471,464



2022 Expenses
Total Expenses: \$458,330



2022 ended with CIC financially solvent and well positioned for the years ahead thanks to the stewardship of Karen Friss, outgoing Treasurer, the Fiscal Committee, and staff. Great strides were made to expand funding opportunities. Additionally, we solidified procedural accounting and fiscal oversight policies, and planned for seamless transitions of leadership and administration. I am confident in our fiscal position and am excited to see the compounded efforts to increase CIC's resources and initiatives for the coming year. ~ Ben Horner, Ph.D., Treasurer

IRS Form 990, prepared by the accounting firm of Harding & Madden, Inc., is available upon request.



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