Implementation

Muslim Catholic Alliance Pairings Project

These are suggested steps to get you started. Develop your own timeline based on the needs and availability of your group and the nature of your project.

Step 1

Identify and gather leaders from both communities to meet, get to know each other, discuss and choose a project. After an initial gathering or two make sure specific people are responsible for follow up. You may want to establish a regular meeting time.

Step 2

Continue to reach out to others who might be interested in helping to plan and carry out the project. Develop your own timeline for your project. Who needs to do what by when? Talk about publicity.

Step 3

Publicize your project. Sign people up to come. Continue to meet with your planning team and make sure specific people are responsible for each area of the project.

Step 4

Carry out your plan! Hold your event. Take pictures so you can inform people who weren't there and use them to publicize your next event. Ask participants to fill out an evaluation form about what they liked or didn't like and what they might like to do together next.

Step 5

Review evaluations. Make plans for the future. Keep adding people to your team.

A few more tips:

- Taking time to get to know each other at the beginning will help planning go more smoothly. Don't be afraid to start each meeting with a little time for interfaith dialogue
- Remember that not everyone will want to sit in a meeting and plan. Some people would rather just help make the event happen. Keep a list of people who are willing to set up, clean up, bake, babysit, and do other 'non-planning' tasks.
- Talk about the best ways for your committee to communicate with each other. Email works for some groups but other groups rely on phone calls.
- Have at least one person from each community (one Muslim, one Catholic) be responsible for your publicity. They will know best how to share information with the rest of their community.
- Consider repeating your program or doing something very similar to it. Sometimes it takes a few tries to get it right. Just because it wasn't perfect the first time doesn't mean it was the wrong idea.