



Terrorism Response

CHURCH CENTER MESSAGES



**Thank You For Your Support.
Sent to Bishop Christopher Epting
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Dear Bishop Epting:

On behalf of the Islamic Schools' League of America I would like to thank you for your kind support.

Unfortunately, it is true that some individuals and organizations within the Muslim communities nationwide have been the object of a threats resulting from the tragic events of September 11. On the other hand, many Muslim schools have reported very positive interactions with non-Muslim members of their communities. In just one of many examples, non-Muslim members of the community stepped forward and volunteered to sit outside of the school, in the yard, during school hours just to keep an eye on things and in another incidence strangers offered to shop for Muslim women who were fearful to go out to the store.

If we ask for His help, God will always show us how to turn a tragic, negative experience into something positive. Personally, I have great confidence in Americans (Christian, Jew, Muslim, and others), the majority of whom are intelligent and caring human beings. Those who react negatively usually do so because of a lack of information and contact. Our community needs to step forward and work harder to reach out to our neighbors, co-workers, and acquaintances and help them to understand the truth about Muslims and Islam.

Again, thank you very much for your efforts to reach out to our community. There is not a Muslim that I know personally who hasn't been profoundly touched by this tragedy, and we all pray for those who perished in these senseless attacks and for their families .

I will share your email with the members of our Islamic educator's listserv. I know they will appreciate and value your words and support.

Sincerely,
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