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Our Shared Inheritance: Muslims and Christians Collaborate on Creation Care

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There are signs of hope in our midst. Tragedy surrounds us, yet God continues to bring people together. This sign of hope started when someone had an idea...

What if Muslims and Christians came together, not just for interfaith dialogue, but to do something as people of faith? What if our faith commitments could motivate us toward common goals, even when our beliefs differ?

This idea produced the IDEA (Interfaith Dialogue and Entrepreneurial Activity) Generators Conference. The inaugural conference was held May 27-30, 2016. It brought together 32 Muslim and Christian students, professors and professionals to collaborate for creation care initiatives on university campuses. Interfaith teams competed for one of two awards that will fund their initiative through the Issachar Fund. Dr. Abdullah Antepli, Chief Representative of Muslim Affairs at Duke University and a Duke Divinity School faculty member teaching courses on Islam and Muslim cultures, led the winning team which received a \$15,000 award for their creation care project. Dr. Antepli has co-led seminars at the Center for Reconciliation's Summer Institutes on Muslim/Christian relations.

Hope splashes out of this gathering. There is rampant degradation of the earth, and there is news of religious strife and extremism. Yet, God is bringing people together to love

the earth, our shared inheritance, and to love each other. Participants noted the significance of collaborating together as Muslims and Christians. Although four of the teams did not win an award to implement their creation care project, all of the participants had the opportunity network with people of faith.

Click [here](#) to learn about the hope this conference is bringing through interfaith projects.

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