

Muslims at American Muslim Institution reflect on 9/11

American Muslim Institution is a proactive voice for American Muslims and actively engage in building a safe America.

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PRESS RELEASE

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Washington, DC, <u>September 11</u>, 2016 – On the day of the 15th Anniversary of 9/11, the Board Members and Staff of American Muslim Institution, a proactive

voice for American Muslims share the following reflections.

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As American Muslims, along with fellow Americans we mourn the loss of life of 2,996 of our men and women on that inauspicious day, and continuously pray for them and their families.



Our vision is "An America in which all religious and ethnic communities contribute to her success while living in peace and harmony, free from prejudice and discrimination."

Ambassador Islam Siddiqui

The world is not the same since the fateful event of 9/11/2001. It has changed how we travel, how we relate with each other and how nations conduct their business.

Muslims, like all other people of faith had rarely questioned their own understanding of their faith. Thank God, most of the Muslims have taken the time to understand their own faith in today's context and are committed to building a safe and secure America for everyone. The Islam they had always believed reaffirms their faith in building cohesive societies

where all humans are to be treated with dignity and on equal basis.

There is indeed improved understanding among faiths since 9/11. But at the same time, there is deepening suspicion among fellow Americans. One is spiritually motivated and the other is political.

The interfaith community has stood in solidarity with Muslims for which we continue to thank them and stand by them. Indeed, they are the blessed peacemakers.

In the wake of the election cycle, we have chosen to beef up our work on building bridges. After the success of Countering the violent Extremism event in August, we have scheduled a powerful event on Co-existence on September 20; what can the Rabbis, Pastors, Imams and the clergy do to shape an America toward co-existence. Please check the events section of our website www.AmericanMuslimInstituion.org

AMI is committed to be a proactive voice for American Muslims, and our actions, writings and talks are geared to achieve the ultimate goal; where fellow "Americans will see Muslims as their neighbors and fellow citizens, committed to fighting against violent extremism and protecting the homeland." Our vision is "An America in which all religious and ethnic communities contribute to her success while living in peace and harmony, free from prejudice and discrimination."

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