



# CREATING A MORE WELCOMING MOSQUE

REIMAGINING  
**MUSLIM  
SPACES**

## Did You Know?

Frequent mosque attendance is linked to:

Yet, mosques can be alienating to many people, especially:



**GREATER VOLUNTEERISM**



**INCREASED CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**



**BETTER MENTAL HEALTH**

1. WOMEN
2. YOUNG ADULTS
3. CONVERTS

ISPU researchers asked American Muslims:  
“What would a more welcoming mosque look like?”

**Welcoming Committee**

To meet and greet people as they enter the mosque

**Welcoming Culture**

Where all attendees are encouraged to spread salam and welcome people

**Non-Judgemental Environment**

Ensures no one feels frowned upon or criticized when attending the mosque

**Activities that Help People Get Acquainted**

Helps attendees better know one another and establish lasting relationships

**Why Mosques Matter**

American mosques are not just places of prayer; they are the nexus of the Muslim community.

Mosques can better fulfill this role by becoming more welcoming and inclusive to all.

As one participant said, it shouldn't matter **“if you're new or you're not one of us. You're one of us because you're here.”**

**Welcome Packets for Newcomers**

With helpful information available in paper form and on the mosque website

**Opportunities for Socializing and Developing Friendships**

Focus group participants mentioned these opportunities among their most valued mosque experiences

**Good Signage**

A good sign is one of the first indicators of a welcoming mosque

**Wellness Committee**

To distribute health-related news in the community