CREATING A MORE WELCOMING MOSQUE

Did You Know?

Frequent mosque attendance is linked to:
- Greater Volunteerism
- Increased Civic Engagement
- Better Mental Health

Yet, mosques can be alienating to many people, especially:
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-Judgmental Environment
Ensures no one feels frowned upon or criticized when attending the mosque

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.”

Activities that Help People Get Acquainted
Helps attendees better know one another and establish lasting relationships

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

Interested in reimagining your Muslim space? Visit: www.ispu.org/RMS.