



CREATING A MORE WELCOMING MOSQUE FOR CONVERTS

REIMAGINING
**MUSLIM
SPACES**

ISPU researchers asked American Muslims:

What would a **DYNAMIC, INCLUSIVE, and WELCOMING** mosque look like?

“A sense of true brotherhood & sisterhood”

“Programming that is relevant & meaningful”

“Caring, supportive, & accessible leadership”

“A place where you feel spiritually & physically safe”

What would this look like for **CONVERTS**?

1. A Convert-Care Committee

A committee helps facilitate the integration of converts into the community. Converts should be well represented on the committee.

Why It Matters

One of the biggest turn-offs for converts is to visit a mosque and then be criticized, frowned upon, or rudely corrected. A welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment is necessary for converts to build lasting friendships and feel truly connected.

2. A Mentoring Program

A mentor helps support a new convert—sharing meals, doing activities together, and answering questions.

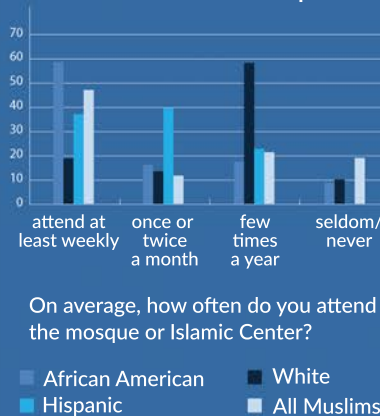


3. Convert Support Groups

Support groups provide a space for discussion of issues that converts might be facing, as well as exploring Islamic knowledge.



How Connected Are Converts to the Mosque?



4. Access to Educational Material

Educational packets that include basic information about Islam and resources should be made available to every convert.



5. Dedicated Social Events for Converts

Convert programs can present the basics of Islam in a consistent and systematic fashion.

6. Educational Programs

Social events help converts develop friendships in the Muslim community.

7. Convert Family Events

Inviting family members to the mosque helps familiarize them with Islam and the Muslim community.