

A Common Word About Our Common Good

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We, heads of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches, gathered together to emphasise our moral obligation to promote the following shared values and principles on the common soil of our common European homeland:

- God is the Creator of all humanity and He made every human being worthy of their dignity and honor;
- He bestowed upon every human being the freedom of choice to choose and follow the path of faith and religion they want;
- The Merciful God gave us the task to get to know each other and join efforts in the pursuit of common good.

Starting from these truths and principles, we commit ourselves to engage together with others in building bridges of understanding and cooperation. We jointly raise our voices against self-isolation and self-sufficiency that distance us from each other. At the same time we condemn and look with concern at the growing violent extremism and intolerance even if they come from our own ranks.

As people of faith we invite our followers and all other people to jointly take responsibility for our common future.

We emphasise the equality of fundamental rights of women and men in our religious traditions and call upon our followers and others to cherish this universal value.

We will devote ourselves to help in the development of the Islamic community of Bosniaks in Switzerland through the shared consideration of democratic principles and secular values that the Swiss hold as an important characteristic of their culture. This understanding shall reinforce Bosniak Imams' capacity to practice their religious mission observing said principles and values.

Once again, from this city of Sarajevo, which is the symbol of struggle for the idea of living in diversity, we encourage ourselves and all people of good will to cherish openness, acceptance of others and peaceful coexistence. Differences should enrich us and not divide us.

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