

As we approach 2025, I wish everyone a year full of joy, health, and success. In challenging times, it is essential to unite as one family, hoping and praying for lasting peace worldwide. With open hearts, let us work together to create understanding and goodwill, allowing harmony to grow in Africa, Asia, and the MENA region. I deeply appreciate everyone's hard work in the past year, leading to great achievements. Looking forward to 2025 and greater initiatives.



## Amman Symposium 2025

We are so excited to report that His Royal Highness Prince Hassan bin Talal has agreed to sponsor the Network's symposium in 2025. This is a remarkable development that will provide invaluable support

and publicity for the Network. With Prince Hassan's backing, the event is poised to attract increased participation from key stakeholders, experts, and decision-makers from across the region. The symposium is scheduled for June 2025, 18–16.





### **Network Logo Creation**

The steering committee took great care in setting the parameters and guidelines for the creation of the Network logo. After much discussion, we established a clear vision and set of criteria to direct the logo design process. The process of creating the Network's logo was a collaboration that involved input from various stakeholders. After the Network enlisted the expertise of four graphic designers, the steering committee evaluated the options, taking into account factors such as brand alignment, visual appeal, and ability to represent the Network's identity across all platforms. The selected logo captures the Network's essence, conveying a sense of unity and professionalism.

## **Professional Development Webinars**

The Network's online workshops provide members with valuable insights and strategies to diversify their funding sources and secure grants effectively. These comprehensive training sessions delve into details of funding cycles, exploring the various stages and processes involved in



grant acquisition. Participants gain a deep understanding of the different types of grants available, the specific regions they target, and the budgetary considerations that come into play. To ensure maximum relevance and impact, the webinar's content is carefully tailored based on a comprehensive questionnaire, addressing the unique challenges faced by individual members. Among the six seminars



conducted, four have provided in-depth coverage of critical topics such as grant cycles, platforms, fundraising strategies, diversification of funding sources, crafting compelling proposals, developing concept notes, and expressing interest effectively.

# A Contextual Dictionary Christian-Muslim Relations

Our aim is that the dictionary becomes a unique resource, distinguished by the diverse perspectives of its contributors. It will feature the insights of theologians, philosophers, practitioners, and thinkers from the Majority World. These are the regions where Christians and Muslims live together. By centering the knowledge of intellectuals from the Majority World, this dictionary will offer a refreshingly different lens from the Western materials that often dominate this discourse. Indeed, by having the practitioners of CMR compose the definitions themselves, we will avoid cultural hegemony or epistemic dominance, and the inclusion of diverse Majority World viewpoints will lend the dictionary a richness and authenticity that is too often lacking in publications on interfaith relations. Overall, the dictionary will present a new understanding of the complex history, theology, and social dynamics of the meeting between Christianity and Islam.

#### **Center's Profile Videos**

Creating promotional videos that highlight the mission, publications, activities, and context of each member center is essential for the Network. These videos serve as independent communication tools, extending the reach of individual centers and being prominently featured on the Network's

website. All videos will be accessible in Arabic, English, and French. They will be uploaded to the Network's website, which will showcase the Network's charter, its members, funders, partners, mission, vision, goals, and initiatives. Each member center will have a dedicated page on the website, linking to their respective websites.







## Diploma Program

We are thrilled to announce the commencement of a diploma program in Christian-Muslim Relations at Domuni Universitas, in collaboration with the Network. Students from Asia, the Middle East, and Africa will be served by this curriculum, which will provide them with useful abilities for interfaith communication. On October 7, 2024, we signed the Memorandum of Understanding. English is the language of teaching for the diploma. We are currently finalizing administrative details with Domuni Universitas. We plan on launching the program in June 2025.