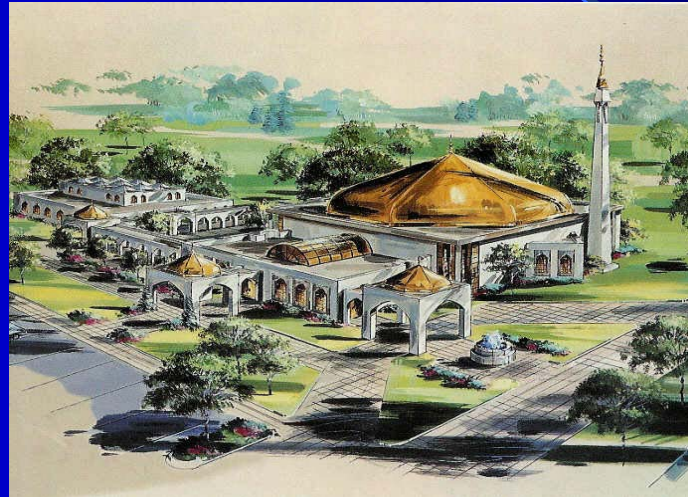


Cincinnati Community Outreach and Education



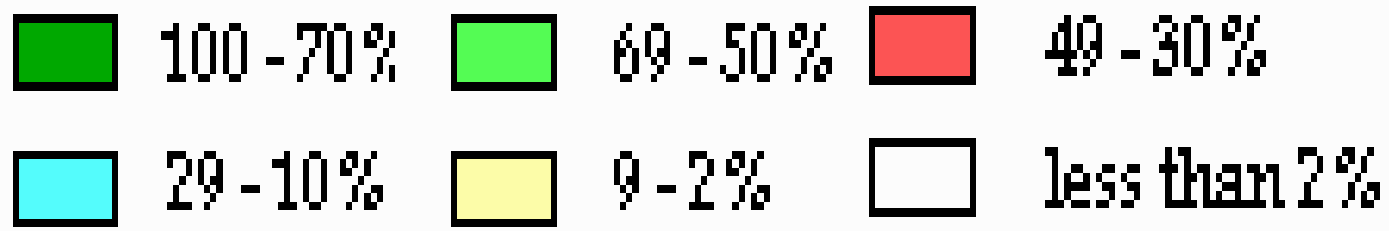
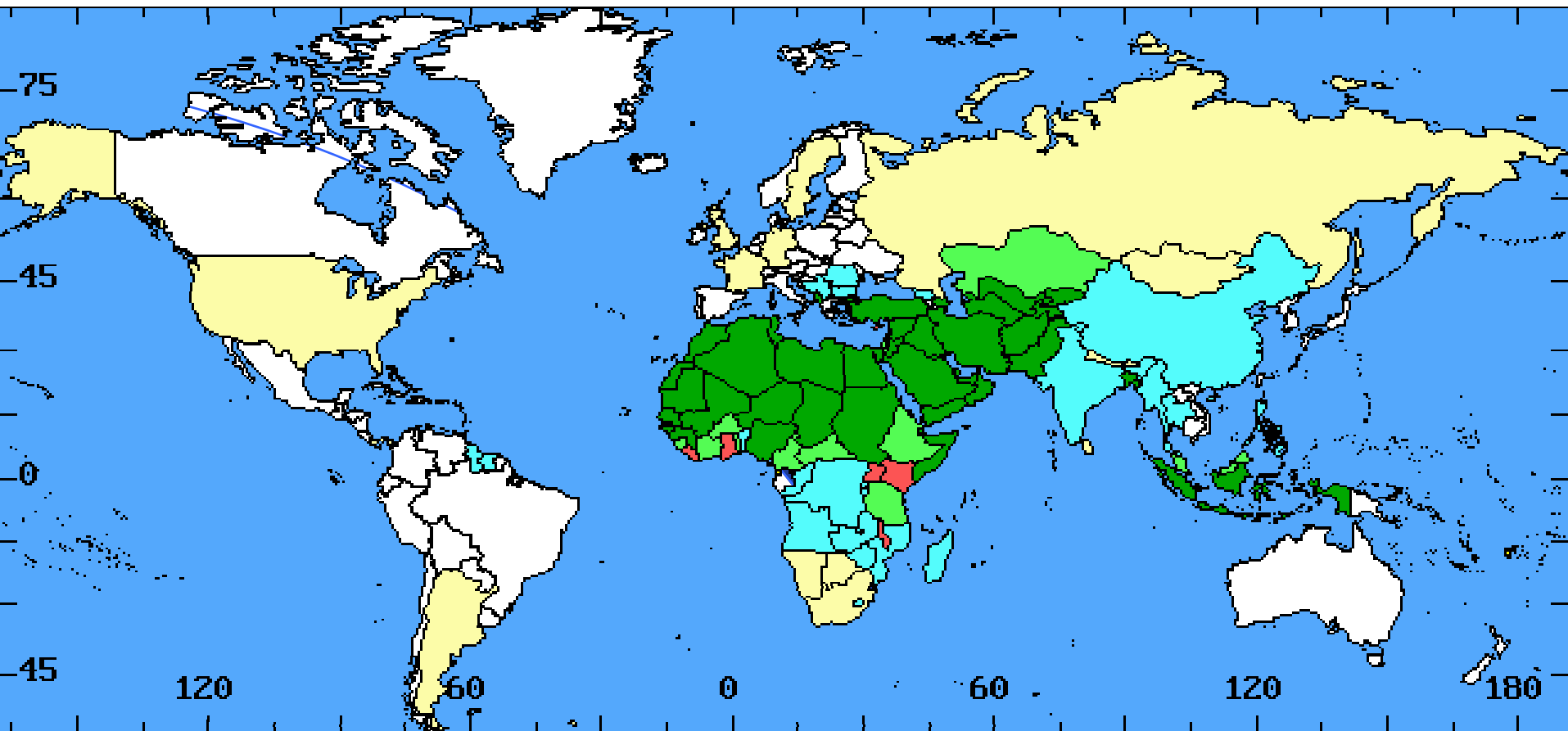
Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati

8092 Plantation Drive

West Chester, Ohio 45069

513-755-3280

Islam: A Global Civilization



Demographics of the American Islamic Community

- 7+ million Muslims in the United States
- Ethnicity of US Muslims:
 - 33%-South Central Asian
 - 25%-Arab descent
 - 30%-African-American
 - 12%-Other (European, African...)
- Ethnicity of converts to Islam:
 - 64%-African-American
 - 6%-Hispanic
 - 27%-Caucasian
 - 3%-Other

Sources: Council on American-Islamic Relations (www.cair-net.org) and The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati

Greater Cincinnati Muslim Community

- 15,000+ in the Greater Cincinnati area
- Muslim presence since mid 1900s
- Large wave of immigrants in late '60 to early 70s
- Initial Immigrants primarily from South Asian countries, secondly from Middle East
- Unique in initial wave being highly educated and respected professional fields – doctors, engineers, educators, etc.
- Current wave of immigrants from African, South Asian, and others parts.

Greater Cincinnati Muslim Community

Two Main Areas of Focus for Community

- Maintain own identity (cultural & religious)
- Cooperate and harmoniously coexist in Greater Community

ICGC Outreach

- In-bound Guided Tours of Islamic Center.
- Out-bound speakers scheduled.
- Out-bound special event participation.
- Community/Township relationships.
- Outbound educational seminars (special request).
- In-house educational seminars.
 - Teacher's Workshops
 - College level discussions
 - Community forums

ICGC Outreach

Guided Tours

- Open Door policy from opening of Center.
- Groups or individuals can request a Tour.
- Trained Muslim volunteers conduct Tours.
- Tours scheduled through ICGC office.
- Cover Islam, community, and architecture.
- Open House and special group Tours.

Average ~ 6,000 or more visitors per year

ICGC Outreach *Talks*

- Requests for speakers on Islam come to office.
- Trained Muslim speakers scheduled .
- Resources available: PowerPoint presentation, Islam educational materials, and visual aids (posters, etc.)

**Over 300 speakers requests fulfilled
in 2001/2002**

ICGC Outreach

Workshops/Seminars

- Discussion groups for University groups as a part of the Tour available on request.
- Women's groups have often come for panel discussion and Tour.
- Community forums held at special times/events and as needed.
- Various Educator's or community workshops offered every year.



ICGC Outreach

Workshops/Seminars

Examples of Workshops or Classes that have/are being offered at the Islamic Center

- Teaching About Islam and the Muslim World
- Know Thy Neighbor-an exploration of the monotheistic cultures
- Islamic Civilizations and the Muslim People
- Understanding your Islamic Neighbor
- Doorways to Islamic Art
- Artistic Expression of Faith - *Interfaith Series*

ICGC Outreach

Workshops/Seminars

Some collaborating organizations:

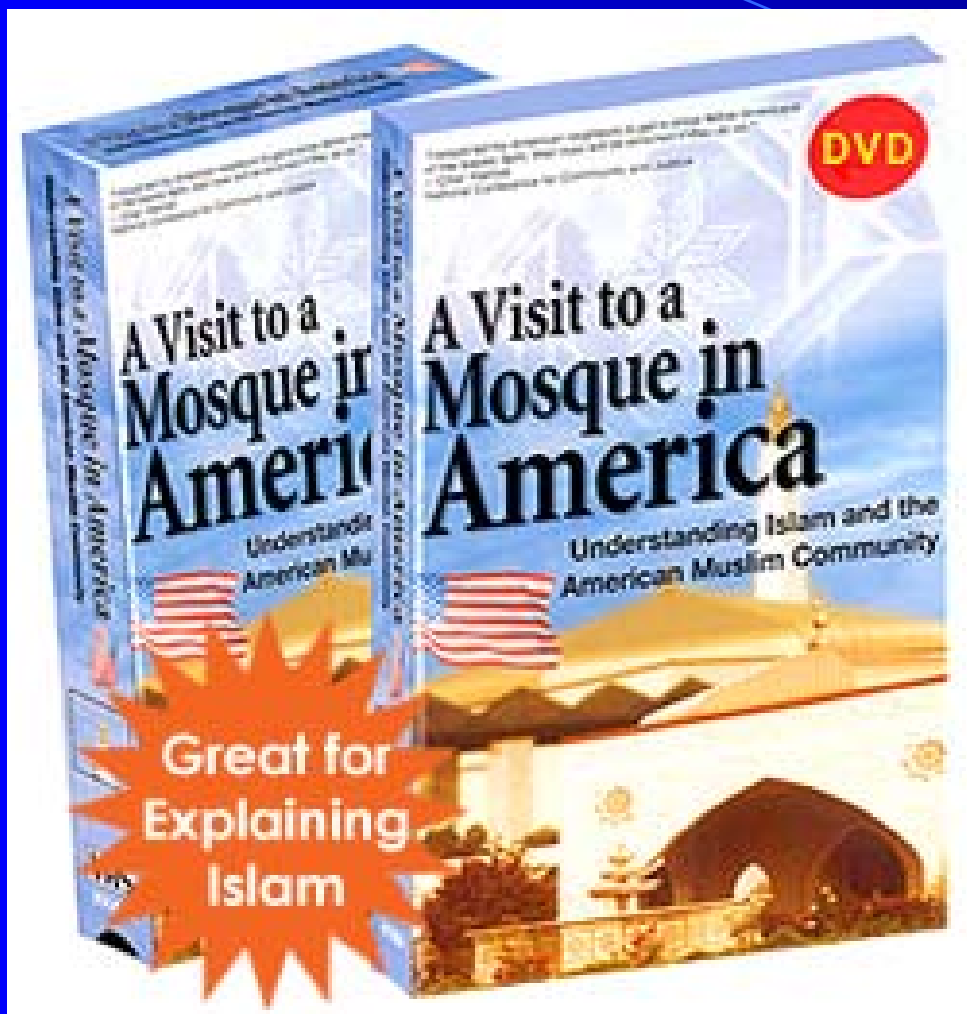
- AWAIR – Arab World and Islamic Resources
- Hamilton County Educational Services Center
- Miami University
- Xavier University
- Hebrew Union College
- Cincinnati Art Museum
- Cincinnati Taft Museum of Art



ICGC Outreach

Other Educational Vehicles

- Educational material on Islam sent to schools.
- Educational material on Islam made available to libraries.
- Special lectures and series on Islam offered.
- Media outreach at times of educational programs and events around Islam and Muslim community.
- “A Visit to a Mosque in America” educational video/DVD produced with Astrolabe Pictures.



Take an intimate look inside the life of an American Muslim community. This 40-minute production, entitled, *A Visit to a Mosque in America: Understanding Islam and the American Muslim Community* is combined with a 15-minute featurette entitled, *The Art of the Mosque*.

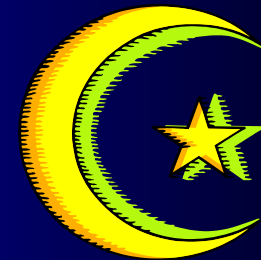
With so much misunderstanding about Islam, these productions introduce Islam to a broad American audience by letting Muslims tell the story of who they are and what they believe, as a positive message to the world.

Members of the community, from the Islamic Center and beyond, teach viewers about Islamic beliefs and worship in the Mosque, common misconceptions about Islam (women, violence, etc.), Islamic education, interaction with other faiths and Islam in America. Filmed at the Islamic Center of Greater Cinti.

In *The Art of the Mosque*, Islamic architecture found in a mosque is discussed in a simple manner, touching on its religious and historical significance.

ICGC Outreach *Objectives*

- Educate public on correct information about Islam and Muslims.
- Clear misconceptions about Islam.
- Eliminate/minimize fear and misunderstanding around Islam/Muslims.
- Be better American neighbors and build a healthy community.
- *All objectives and approaches consistent with teaching of Islam and example of the Prophet (PBUH)*



Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati

Programs and Resources

- For Guided Tours or requesting a Speaker
 - Complete Request form on icgc.info and fax to the Islamic Center at 513-755-3283
- For scheduling or obtaining workshop information
 - Call the Islamic Center at 513-755-3280
- “A Visit to a Mosque in America” video or DVD
 - Available through the Islamic Center
 - Order from www.astrolabe.com or 800-392-7876