



# San Francisco Interfaith Council

*Celebrating our diverse faiths & spiritual traditions  
Bringing people together to build understanding  
Serving our community*

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Colleagues and Friends,

The San Francisco Interfaith Council (SFIC) values its longstanding relationship with the Islamic Networks Group (ING) and shares in the joy of its 25th anniversary.

In this post 9/11 era, ING has been a leader and contributed greatly to countering prejudice and discrimination against Muslim Americans, while at the same time helping to educate non-Muslims to the richness of the Muslim faith, teachings and culture.

The SFIC considers ING an important stakeholder and partner in our collective efforts to build bridges among Americans of all backgrounds, especially here in our local community. Whether providing speakers to participate on panels, leading nationwide social media campaigns, educating Muslim youth to speak confidently about their faith, or being present and speaking out at public events aimed at advancing human rights, ING's imprimatur cannot be overstated.

On this auspicious anniversary observance, the San Francisco Interfaith Council lends its name to those offering best wishes and support for continued success in its laudable endeavors.

Sincerely,

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