

## Inter-Religious Dialogue- Rules & Principles♦

After a long thinking over the inter-religious dialogue \_rules and principles, the following resolutions are unanimously passed in the meeting of proposal committee on 07/02/2016:

1. Inter-religious dialogues can be performed on religious, social and political basis on the condition that the Muslims' faiths and beliefs should not be affected by such dialogues. These dialogues should be taken into practice to establish tolerance, peace and mutual lifestyle, and to preach religion, to remove misconceptions and to solve social and political problems.
2. Some values are common in various religions. Therefore, getting benefits from the books of other religions and referring to them are allowed for good goals.
3. Participation in the rites and acts of the people of other religions is not allowed.
4. In order to maintain harmony and to get saved from riot and violence, giving up the lawful acts which are parts of Muslims' inherited culture is not right.
5. Muslims are religiously asked to introduce the faith of "Oneness and Messenger ship" to the people of the world and to announce that they have nothing to do with each types of rites and acts of infidelity and association (Kufr and Shirk). But, they should try not to express their acquittal in a way that offends the people of other faiths.
6. In order to form a healthy human society, it is need of the time to have dialogue with the people of various religions on common social issues like poverty, corruption, lewdness, inappropriate way of dealing with women, labours and aged people, etc. and Muslims should take part in such activities.
7. For the safety of Muslims' religious, national and social interests, having dialogues with various political parties, religious organizations and personalities at the time of need while caring for the principles of Islam is not only allowed rather it is preferred.
8. The following steps can be useful for a fruitful result of inter-religious dialogue:

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- a. A federation of Muslim scholars having the ability of dialogue should be formed.
- b. An especial attention should be paid to the “Comparative Study of Religion” in the distinguished religious institutions and universities of every states and a special department should be set up.
- c. A contact should be made with the departments of various universities and research institutions and benefit should be fully availed.
- d. A united platform of the leaders of various religions should be managed and its conventions should be held in various important areas of the country.
- e. Practical steps should be taken to commence direct dialogue with various religious organizations and institutions of the country.
- f. An effort should be made to create the zeal of human service among Muslims and N.G.Os should be established to meet the goal and benefits should be taken from the experiences of the institutions established for the very purpose.