

2. COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN – MUSLIM RELATIONS BY-LAWS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1ST 2004

These by-laws are revisions and amendments of the by-laws
Of 2003 and passed unanimously on September 1st 2004

Statement of Purpose

The Commission on Christian Muslim Relations of the Muslim Community of the Greater Rochester Area, through the Council of Masajid (GRCM) and the Greater Rochester Community of Churches (GRCC) has the purpose of deepening mutual understanding and appreciation between the Christian and Muslim communities. Our objective is to broaden mutual respect and to enhance active participation within the Greater Rochester Area. We understand one another as peoples who are grounded in Abrahamic faith traditions. Together we will address ethical, social, and moral issues.

The above stated purposes will be accomplished through:

- 1) Education
- 2) Social interaction
- 3) Monitor and response to media
- 4) Advocating

Our mission is to increase understanding, improve dialogue, and dispel fear. The commission shall foster interaction, defend civil and human rights, and challenge perceived public notions of our respective faith communities.

1. Membership

Each community will have a minimum of six and a maximum
Of nine members. The Commission encourages the sponsoring
bodies to strive for diversity and gender representation.

2. Officers

The Commission will elect a Chair and Vice-chair alternating
between Muslims and Christians.

The Commission will elect a Recording Secretary/Treasurer to
Record and distribute minutes and to receive, record, and
Distribute funds as directed.

Officers will serve two year terms beginning January 1st.

Officers' terms may or may not be renewable as executive
and Commission members choose.

3. Accountability

The Commission will submit an annual report to GRCM and

GRCC every December.

4. **Finance**

GRCM and GRCC, the sponsoring organizations, will provide a minimal budget. Extra funding for special events is the responsibility of the Commission.

5. **Amendments**

Amendments to these by-laws may be made by a majority vote Of the Commission members following consideration at two Successive meetings. At least four members of each community must be in favor of the amendment under consideration.

6. **Honorary Life Membership**

The Commission may grant, in recognition of long time exemplary service to the cause of

Christian/Muslim relations, a non-voting Honorary Life Membership.

*These amended by-laws were suggested by the Commission and discussed at two separate meetings before being unanimously adopted on Sept 1st 2004