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The Royal Aal Al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought
2013 World Interfaith Harmony Week Prize

Dear Esteemed Selection Committee,

I wanted to take a moment and recommend the DC Young Adult Faith Leaders Summit for the World Interfaith Harmony Week Grand Prize.

Under Jack Gordon's tireless work, I have watched Faith in Action DC grow rapidly, culminating in the DC Young Adult Faith Leaders Summit. The event was a great success, and the first of its kind that I can recall. Our own staff member at Catholic Charities, Kathy Haines, attended the event. She spends her days coordinating services among Catholic parishes.

The recently concluded Summit provided a unique opportunity for young leaders to learn about other faiths, and how each one tries to provide services in the world, especially for the most vulnerable. The connecting of these individuals through many different faiths and backgrounds provides the potential of greater sharing of critical resources for service projects, and the best quality of help for our neighbors in need.

We are living in a religiously diverse culture, and the bringing together of young people of faith to experience other religions and their own community work is crucial in building a strong network of supportive allies in our Nation's Capital. I applaud Jack and his team of organizers of Faith in Action DC's Young Adult Faith Leaders Summit for having the foresight to make this wonderful event happen and strongly encourage their selection for the World Faith Harmony Week Grand Prize.

Sincerely,

Monsignor Rev. John Enzler
President /CEO