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To The Judges for the 2013 World Interfaith Harmony Week Prize:

It is with great pleasure that I write this strong letter of support and convey my sincerest appreciation for Faith in Action DC's outstanding contribution in working towards interfaith community engagement. I strongly encourage The Royal Aal Al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought to select Faith in Action DC's recent event, the first ever "DC Young Adult Faith Leaders Summit" (DCYAFLS), held on February 9th, 2013 for the World Interfaith Harmony Week Grand Prize.

DCYAFLS gave an opportunity to young adult faith leaders from their respective communities to engage in an intellectual dialogue which fostered meaningful relationships. Along with building bridges, the event provided a platform for people to identify common beliefs and advance collaboration efforts, manifesting the essence of interfaith harmony and religious understanding envisioned by your organization.

The event laid the foundation for increasing awareness among different faith traditions and acknowledged their involvement in many community service projects throughout nation's capital region. The dialogue on interfaith cooperation amplified in spirit because of deep interest demonstrated by participants in mobilizing young adult faith leaders toward active community engagement, offering a vision of mutual respect, greater peace and religious tolerance.

Keynote addresses by Washington DC's Mayor Vincent Gray and Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships inspired many to consciously promote positive spiritual relationships among different faiths and cultures which extend beyond the boundaries of racial, ethnic or religious differences. Equally impacting was the dialogue that called for strong action for the intersection of interfaith partnership and environmental stewardship, while successively nurturing personal growth.

The event proved to be an uplifting experience for the participants as evident from numerous testimonies shared at the conclusion of the event and through social media. Sikh community is a strong advocate of interfaith association efforts such as this one, and looks forward to being an active participant in future projects. On behalf of Sikh community, I congratulate the entire team of this event for their thoughtfulness, contribution and achievement, and provide my highest recommendation for their selection for the World Interfaith Harmony Week Grand Prize.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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