

## Report on Interfaith Harmony Study Circle at BZU Multan

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<b>Venue</b>	BZU MULTAN				
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>No of Male</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>No of Female</b>	<b>8</b>

### Overview

The Youth Development Foundation (YDF) initiated a program to promote interfaith harmony, engaging youth in educational activities. As part of this initiative, Ali Hassan delivered a lecture on interfaith harmony in the classroom of the Saraki department at Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU) Multan. The lecture attracted several male and female students. The agenda focused on discussing the importance of interfaith harmony. All the participants appreciated the activity and shared that today we have learned so many things from this study circle.

### Objective

- To understand beliefs from diverse faiths.
- To promote understanding and tolerance among different religious communities

### Proceeding

Ali Hassan commenced the session with an introduction to interfaith harmony, setting the tone for the discussion. He elaborated on the significance of respecting and understanding various religious perspectives. Subsequently, he invited questions from the students, encouraging an interactive dialogue. The interactive nature of the session, driven by Ali Hassan's encouragement of questions, enhanced the overall learning experience for the students. It not only provided them with the opportunity to seek clarification but also promoted a sense of inclusivity and engagement. This approach aligns with the broader goals of promoting interfaith harmony by actively involving participants in the conversation and encouraging a mutual exchange of ideas.

In conclusion, the Interfaith Harmony Study Circle at BZU Multan, organized by Team YDF and led by Ali Hassan, was successful in promoting dialogue and understanding among youth from diverse religious backgrounds. Continued efforts in this direction are essential for fostering a more harmonious and tolerant society.

### Outcome

The different faiths came close together and got an understanding that interfaith harmony is important for a peaceful state.

### Challenges

Despite the overall success of the activity, challenges were encountered. Convincing youth to participate actively was difficult due to prevalent stereotypes in society. Additionally, gaining the trust of participants was a hurdle, as some individuals were apprehensive about the intentions behind the initiative, fearing it may promote religious conversion.

### **Suggestion and Recommendation**

This type of lecture, discussion, and seminar should be conducted for smooth religious relate. To further promote interfaith harmony, it is recommended to continue organizing similar lectures, discussions, and seminars. These initiatives should aim to create a conducive environment for open dialogue and mutual understanding. Efforts should be made to address stereotypes and build trust among participants. Additionally, involving religious leaders and community influencers could enhance the effectiveness of such programs.

### **Picture Gallery**

