



In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate

O humankind! Truly We created you from a male and a female, and We made you peoples and tribes that you may come to know one another. Surely the most noble of you before God are the most reverent of you. (49:13)

This verse of the Quran establishes an important principle in the Islamic faith, that diversity and differences is an inherent feature of our creation and that God wants us to come together and create a common good in our world. Most assuredly, in the sight of God, it is our reverence to Him which marks our true value, not any of the natural differences which define us, be it race, tribe, language or place of origin.

The recent tragic killing of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer in Minnesota is yet another example of the injustice and racism that has been experienced by Black Americans in the United States of America. CCI stands united with the black community in the United States and Canada and is asking for justice to prevail in combatting anti-black racism. No one should have to fear for their lives because of their race.

CCI condemns this tragic killing of George Floyd and we extend our hands in solidarity and partnership to the Black Canadian community to work together to put an end to anti-black racism in our society. Together, we can eradicate these evil traits and work for a better, more harmonious society. Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said: All mankind is from Adam (and Eve), an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has any superiority over white except by piety and good action.

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