

## Activity Report (Summary version)

Fiscal Year	2020
Code No	19-A-136

Name of Organization	Peace Catalyst International	Applied Amount
		3,000 USD
Project Title	Sacred Seasons Exchange	Granted Amount
		3,000 USD
		Country which project was operated
		<b>United States of America</b>

### About organization and granted activity

#### ■ About organization:

Peace Catalyst International (PCI) was established in 2010 with the vision of Christians and Muslims around the world living in peace and working together with their neighbours to create safe, just, and vibrant communities. PCI now has over 30 staff working throughout the US and internationally. This activity, “Sacred Seasons Exchange,” was patterned after what PCI calls a “Peace Feast” - where Muslims and Christians share a meal, learn more about one another, and develop lasting relationships.

#### ■ Done activity by NPF Grant:

“Sacred Seasons Exchanges” featured reconciliation efforts in 3 US cities: Raleigh, San Diego, California, and Boise. Though social distancing restrictions required us to move events to an online format, each city succeeded in gathering Muslims and Christians virtually to discuss and learn about fasting and religious practices surrounding the Christian season of Lent, eat a meal together delivered by a halal restaurant or share food with someone in need, and pursue follow-up activities for long-term relationship-building across faith divides and coordinated efforts to improve their communities. In collaboration with Muslim co-hosts, PCI staff in Raleigh hosted 3 virtual gatherings (Feb 22, 23, 27); San Diego hosted 3 virtual gatherings as well (Feb 27, Feb 28, and Mar 6); and in Boise, Christian and Muslim volunteers have gathered and will deliver food gift cards to needy refugee families during Ramadan.

#### ■ Outputs and Outcomes:

Raleigh’s gatherings had 26 registered participants; San Diego’s had 30 registered participants; and Boise delivered \$50 food gift cards to 16 refugee families (16 total funded by this grant, 10 additional provided by PCI and its Muslim partner in Boise). The most exciting project outcomes are plans for reciprocal, future events with participants from this project. In each city, the Sacred Seasons Exchanges were a catalyst for further inter-faith relationship development and community engagement, and new opportunities for

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collaboration beyond these plans will be encouraged by PCI staff. Current follow-up events include a virtual gathering during Ramadan in Raleigh (before May 12), three follow-up events during Ramadan in San Diego (Apr 17, 24, and 25), and expanding food distribution to refugees to include a food basket and hygiene items during Ramadan 2022.

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