

## 2012 FOX VALLEY INTERFAITH GATHERING

The Fox Valley Islamic Society held its annual Interfaith Gathering on Sunday, September 23. This year's topic was "Coming Together as People of Faith to Build a More Civil Society." In spite of the cool weather, about 200 people attended and the program was inspiring and uplifting, as it has been in each of the last 15 years. The Gathering began with several short talks on this year's topic by representatives of various religious congregations in the Fox Valley, including Muslim, Christian, Jewish and, for the first time, the Sikhs. The speakers were Rev. Steve Savides from First Congregational UCC, Nihal Shahbandar from the Fox Valley Islamic Society, David Haas from Moses Montefiore Synagogue, Bhagwant Singh from the Sikh Temple and Mohammed Isa Sadlon from the Milwaukee Islamic Society. All of the speakers stressed the things our different faiths have in common.

Following the talks, there was a period of lively and interesting table discussions which produced a number of concrete ideas for ways in which we can get to know each other better. Each table then described for the rest of the participants the ideas it had produced.

After the meeting we all shared a meal provided by the Fox Valley Islamic Society. As always, the delicious food was a highlight of the day.



