



PEACE★FEAST

Muslims and Christians sharing a meal
and real conversation



Our world is frustratingly divided. But can we build bridges together while recognizing real differences? Yes! The Peace Feast is an opportunity for Muslims and Christians to come together by sharing a delicious meal and having real conversation about the things we care about. It's not a formal dialogue, nor a place to argue. It's a time to share from the heart, listen respectfully, and gain new friends. That's a recipe to change the world!

Peace Feasts are happening on campuses across the country. Here's what students are saying:

"It was pretty obvious that we didn't know each other's faiths that well! This was a great chance to change that."

"It's an opportunity to learn our religions' similarities and differences. In that way we can find sisterhood and brotherhood, and peace."

"It was very rewarding! I learned a lot and I found new friends."

"Everyone's asking if we can do this again next month!"

If you are willing to share a meal, you can be a peacemaker on campus.

This guide has everything you need to plan your Peace Feast!





PLANNING AND INVITING

To the Muslim and Christian coordinators,

Congratulations on taking a step to build bridges and real friendships! Take time to talk through these questions and plan your Peace Feast together.

PLANNING TOGETHER

1. What's one thing you hope to see happen through your Peace Feast?
2. **When** will your Peace Feast be, and what **location** will be best? A room on campus? A local restaurant? Someone's *large* home? Consider a place that feels neutral to everyone, and where you can seat people in small groups of 2-4.
3. Who will each of you **invite** from your community? Aim for a 50/50 balance.
4. What kind of **food** will you serve? Coffee and tea?
5. What **supplies** will help you create a welcoming environment? Tables/chairs, music, lighting, decorations, etc.

SAMPLE CONVERSATION TO INVITE PEOPLE FROM YOUR COMMUNITIES

Here's what you could say when you hand out the invitations (p.4):

"A Muslim/Christian friend and I are planning a meal and conversation night to bring our communities together on *[date]*. I'd like for you to join us! We'll eat dinner and talk in small groups about our faiths, backgrounds, and hopes. It's not a night for arguing or debating, but for listening and learning. The goal is that we'll gain understanding and start new friendships. Will you come?"





WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

"Welcome to our Peace Feast! *[Read the paragraph from page 1 of this guide.]*

"Tonight we'll enjoy fantastic food and deep conversation. We'll sit in small groups of Muslims and Christians, so if you aren't already in a balanced group please change it up. We hope this is the first of many meetings, and at the end of the night we'll encourage you to swap phone numbers and plan coffee/tea together with your new friends soon.

"We'll hand out discussion questions to guide your conversation. Here are three simple ground rules to help you make the most of your time...

"Before we eat, I'd like to say a prayer thanking God for this time and asking His blessing..."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Print a copy of the discussion question handout (p.5) for each table group.

GROUND RULES

Print a copy of the ground rules handout (p.6) for each table group, or one to post on the wall.

AT THE END OF THE EVENING

[If there's time] "Would anyone like to share briefly with the whole group about their experience?" ...

"If you haven't already, now's the time to swap contact info with your friends and set up coffee/tea in the next week. Please fill out this brief evaluation (p.7) to help us plan our next Peace Feast. Thank you all for participating. I'd like to close us with a prayer of gratitude to God." *[if a Muslim prayed earlier, a Christian could pray now, or vice versa]*



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share your name, major, background, and something you love about your culture/country.
2. Tell about a person who has played an important role in your faith journey. How did they influence you?
3. Tell about one of the faith practices that you enjoy (prayer, fasting, study, worship, community...) What do you experience when you participate?
4. What is one of your favorite stories from your holy book, and why?
5. What is the central message or main goal of your faith, and how is it relevant to students on our campus?
6. What is it like being a Muslim / Christian in the United States right now? What's something about your faith that is often misrepresented by the media, and you would like us to understand?
7. Are you interested in learning about other religious traditions? If so, what aspects interest you and why?





GROUND RULES

1. Listen respectfully to the person who is speaking, whether you agree or not. True tolerance means not hiding our differences, but allowing them.
2. Discussing differences is fine, but avoid arguing, proselytizing, or theological debates.
3. Use the questions as a guide, but feel free skip around or go where the conversation takes you!





What was the best part of the night?

How can we improve?

Would you like to participate in the next Peace Feast?

Yes No (circle)

Would you like to be invited to other faith events?

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Anything else you'd like us to know?

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