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## Muslim Women of the Carolinas host a follow-up discussion



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Last November, more than 100 women gathered to follow [In the Footsteps of Abraham](#)—an event presented by the [Muslim Women of the Carolinas](#) (MWOC). On Sunday, women gathered at the [Mint Museum of Art](#) to continue the discussion.

The gathering was a mixture of religions, including Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Baha'i. Despite these differences, the women in attendance learned that they had more in

common with each other than they had imagined. One woman in attendance noted that she was "moved by how many of us are searching for a connection with God."

The Muslim Women of the Carolinas was formed more than 10 years ago so that Muslim women could work together, do good works and counteract the stereotypical portrayal of Muslims.

"I think this event, as always, went very well," said Wakeelah Salahuddin, MWOC president. "I think there was very open, honest and sincere dialogue. We all came here with heart and an intent of searching for the truth and learning from each other."

The event, put on with the help of a [Front Porch Grant](#), was important to the Muslim community, Salahuddin said, because the Muslim community is diverse and from many different places; that's also part of the reason why Muslim Women of the Carolinas was formed. She added that the event also gives Muslims a chance to step out of their comfort zone and that it's important for Muslims to learn more about other people in order to become more tolerant of other people.

"I would like to thank Crossroads Charlotte for the Front Porch Grant that allowed us to go a little beyond what we would usually do to put on this program," Salahuddin said. "It's given us a lot more exposure and I think the more exposure that we get the better the perception of who Muslims are in Charlotte will change."



Wakeelah Salahuddin, far right, discusses Abraham and faith with people at her table.

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