

## **Trip Report of PCSW&HR Chairman Muhammad Ijaz Noori to USA**

Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights visited USA from 9<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 accompanied with Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Executive Director PCSW&HR. During their visit to USA Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed did various official engagements as per detail given below.

### **September 14, 2011**

Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Executive Director visited United State Institute of Peace Washington DC on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011. During their visit to US Institute of Peace Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR and Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Executive Director PCSW&HR held meeting with Barmak Pazhwak Senior program Officer Grants Program Pakistan and Afghanistan United States Institute of Peace and Jeremy D. Moore program Assistant Officer Grants Program Pakistan and Afghanistan United States Institute of Peace. During the meeting bilateral issues were discussed by both sides.



**A Group Photo of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR and Executive Director Mr. Mansoor Ahmed with Mr. Barmak Pazhwak Senior program Officer Mr. Jeremy D. Moore Assistant Programme Officer during their visit to United State Institute of Peace at Washington DC USA**

While expressing his views during the meeting Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori said that interfaith harmony & promotion of interfaith dialogues and respect of all religions is need of hour to secure the peace sustainable development and elimination of terrorism & extremism at global level. He also said that Fair democracy is surety of sustainable development for each country including Pakistan. Mr. Noori further said that USA should play his leading role for international sustainable development and to eradicate the poverty so that terrorism and extremism may be eliminated from its roots. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori also briefed the Mr. Barmak Pazhwak and Jeremy D. Moore regarding the Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights initiatives for the promotion of primary education, protection of human rights, minorities rights, women & child rights, promotion of interfaith harmony & dialogues etc. Mr. Barmak Pazhwak Senior program Officer, Grants Program for Pakistan and Afghanistan and Mr. Jeremy D. Moore program Assistant Officer, Grants Program for Pakistan and Afghanistan Untied States Institute of Peace lauded the efforts of Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights and said that secure of peace and its sustainability is not need of followers of any religion it is need of human beings. They assured that United State Institute of Peace would have been playing its role for peace. At the end of the meeting it was determined that Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights and United States Institute of Peace will mutual cooperate of peace, justice, sustainable development, human rights, interfaith and cultural harmony and democracy etc. Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights and Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Executive Director PCSW&HR also presented souvenir to Mr. Barmak Pazhwak Senior program Officer Grants Program Pakistan and Afghanistan Untied States Institute of Peace and Jeremy D. Moore program Assistant Officer Grants Program Pakistan and Afghanistan Untied States Institute of Peace.



**Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Executive Director PCSW&HR presenting souvenir to Mr. Barmak Pazhwak and Jeremy D. Moore during their visit to United State Institute of Peace USA**

### **September 21, 2011**

As International Day of Peace was observed on September 21, 2011 at global level. Chairman PCSW&HR Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Executive Director PCSW&HR those were on their visit to USA also have chance to attend the International Day of Peace (IDP) ceremony held at UN Church Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Opposite UN building New York organized by Committee of Religious NGO working with UN. Lot of organization from all around the world working on various humanitarian and peace related issues participated in the ceremony.

During the IDP ceremony at New York Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori & Mr. Mansoor Ahmed shared the mutual work of Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights with different International organizations on various issues like interfaith harmony, peace & justice, sustainable development etc, which was very much appraised and acknowledged as



**A view of Flags of UN Members Countries during the IDP Ceremony**



**Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR offering the Peace Prayer during the Peace Prayer Ceremony on the Eve of International Day of Peace at New York USA. Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also seen in the picture**

example and also urged that to secure peace, justice, eradication of terrorism & extremism at global level we should adopt this example of mutual work done by PCSW&HR and different International organizations which promoted the interfaith and religious harmony, respect of each religion, mutual humanitarian work by the followers of different religions purely on humanitarian basis with out any discrimination of religion, regions, creeds, color etc which is beacon of light that one day with interfaith harmony, religious tolerance and respect we will crushed the terrorism and extremism at global level. On the eve of International day of peace at New York peace prayer ceremony was also organized and PCSW&HR has also honored to lead the peace prayer ceremony in which prayers were offered to prevail the peace on earth through out the world. During the peace prayer Pakistani delegation initiated the special peace prayer for India and its was much appreciated by the participants particularly Indian delegates and its was expressed by the others and Indian delegates that such kind of gesture could be helpful to promote the durable peace and normalization of Indo Pak relations. Candles were also lightning for peace during the ceremony.



**Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed  
Lighting the candles for Peace during the IDP  
Ceremony at New York**

During the International Day of Peace ceremony at New York Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also held short meetings with the following dignities from different organizations those participated in the IDP ceremony.

- 1- Mr. Ilari Rantakari, Ambassador of Finland
- 2- Rev. Masafumi Nakanishi, The International Shinto Foundation New York
- 3- Mr. Meg Gardinier Director Arigatou International New York
- 4- Dr. Verena Beittinger-Lee Research Associate University of Kent UK
- 5- Ms. Celine Paramunda Representative to United Nation by Medical Mission Sisters USA
- 6- Ms. Deborah Moldow The UN International Day of Peace Co
- 7- Dr. Thomas Uthup Research and Education Manger United Nations Alliance of Civilizations New York
- 8- M. Nasir Community Liaison Member Community Board
- 9- Mr. Rabbi Roger Ross, Chair & CFO ISIS International Seminary for Interfaith Studies New York USA
- 10- Mr. Michael O, Malley Programme Associate Soka Gakkai International United Nation Liaison Office New York USA
- 11- Fr. Michael Lasky, OFM Conv. Regional Director Franciscans International USA.



**View of Meeting between Chairman PCSW&HR Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Dr. Thomas Uthup Research and Education Manger United Nations Alliance of Civilizations New York. Mr. Mansoor Ahmed also present in the meeting**



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**Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori talking with Mr. Dr. Thomas Uthup Research and Education Manger United Nations Alliance of Civilizations New York. Mr. Ilari Rantakari, Ambassador of Finland and Dr. Verena Beitinger-Lee Research Associate University of Kent UK were also present during the meeting**



**Indian Delegates Ms. Celine Paramunda Representative to United Nation by Medical Mission Sisters USA with Pakistan Delegates Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed on the eve of International Day of Peace Ceremony 2011 at New York**



**Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Presenting Souvenir to Ms. Deborah Moldow The UN International Day of Peace Co Chair and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Presenting the Souvenir to Ms. Monica URI UN NGO Representative on the eve of International Day of Peace 2011 at New York**



During the meetings with the above mentioned dignities by Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed bilateral issues were discussed and possibilities were explored for mutual collaboration and cooperation between PCSW&HR and these organizations.

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