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IONA Calls for Immediate Humanitarian Intervention in Gaza: “Silence is No Longer an Option”

[Warren, Michigan] — The Islamic Organization of North America (IONA) issues an urgent appeal to the international community, civil society, faith leaders, and people of conscience everywhere to break the silence and take immediate action in response to the unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Gaza.

The people of Gaza are enduring unspeakable suffering under a relentless and unlawful blockade that has led to the total collapse of essential services. The United Nations has now classified the situation as the final stage of famine. Starvation, disease, and indiscriminate violence have become daily realities. Infants, women, and the elderly are perishing not due to natural causes, but because of man-made inaction and imposed deprivation.

The recent strike on the Holy Family Catholic Church (July 17, 2025) is one among many attacks on houses of worship, hospitals, and refugee shelters. These attacks represent a blatant violation of international law and moral norms. The targeting of sacred spaces and unarmed civilians exemplifies the unchecked impunity that has characterized this ongoing assault.

IONA condemns these actions in the strongest possible terms. We call for:

- An immediate and unconditional ceasefire.
- The immediate entry of humanitarian aid and medical supplies.
- The restoration of water, electricity, and health services.
- International accountability for violations of humanitarian law.

This is not merely a political crisis—it is a moral emergency. The magnitude of Gaza’s suffering transcends borders, ideologies, and affiliations. It is a test of our shared humanity.

“What is happening in Gaza is not just a tragedy—it is a moral collapse of the global conscience.” Imam Steve Mustapha Elturk, President of IONA said. “As people of faith, we are commanded to stand with the oppressed, not just with our prayers but with our voices and our actions. Silence is complicity. We must demand an end to this suffering—now,” He added.

We appeal to faith communities across traditions to raise their voices, to pray not only with words but with action. To all governments and institutions with influence: history will remember what you did—or failed to do—in this moment.

The children of Gaza do not need your sympathy. They need your solidarity.

Break the silence. Demand justice. Deliver aid. Now.

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The Islamic Organization of North America (IONA) is a faith-based organization committed to promoting justice, peace, and spiritual development. We believe that faith must be accompanied by action, especially in the face of oppression and human suffering.

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