

# San Ramon Valley Islamic Center

## Stance on Violence

*(As of April 2015, this statement appears on the website of SRVIC at <http://srvic.org/news-events/denouncement-of-violence/>)*

San Ramon Valley Islamic Center (SRVIC) strongly, publicly, and unequivocally denounces the senseless acts of violence being committed in the name of Islam, particularly by foreign extremist groups such as ISIS and Boko Haram.

We are horrified at the loss of life and property, the destruction of sacred sites including churches and mosques, the forced conversion of religious minorities, the disruption of the lives of Muslims and others, in addition to the ascription of these groups' criminal and grotesque enterprises to Islam. This behavior has no place whatsoever in Islamic theology or practice.

Muslims see these acts as the antithesis of every ideal and belief taught by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and upon all Prophets and Messengers). Indeed, these and other repugnant acts contradict the basic principles of justice, compassion, and tolerance enshrined in the Quran, the Islamic Holy Scripture.

We, San Ramon Valley Islamic Center, therefore unite to state the following:

- We offer our sincere condolences and sympathies to the families of those victimized by ISIS and others of its ilk. We stand with you.
- We stand for justice, we stand for peace, and we will continue to stand for the sanctity of life.
- We also welcome our neighbors of every faith tradition to learn about true Islam by contacting us at [info@srvic.org](mailto:info@srvic.org).

*As God enjoins in the Quran, "Help one another in furthering virtue and God consciousness, and do not help one another in furthering evil and enmity..."*