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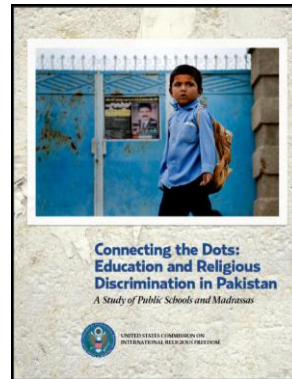
“A pragmatic blueprint, one that relies on building trust and finding common ground between vastly different cultures.”
-James A. Baker, III
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Monthly Update

Connecting the Dots

Last month, ICRD in partnership with the Pakistan-based Sustainable Policy Institute completed an in-depth study of the Pakistani public school and madrasa educational systems titled *Connecting the Dots: Education and Religious Discrimination in Pakistan*. The task, which was undertaken at the request of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, involved examining school textbooks for discriminatory content relating to religious minorities and providing recommendations to combat the problem. Over 100 textbooks were analyzed, and 558 madrasa and public school teachers and students were interviewed. While the study found systemic and widespread prejudice against religious minorities, it also found encouraging signs of progress in addressing these biases. The findings have been briefed to the State Department, the Congress, and the Atlantic Council.



Ship of State Rudder Adjustments

The publication of *Religion, Terror, and Error* has cemented the Center’s reputation as a thought leader in the field of religion and international affairs. This is reflected both in the reviews of the book and in the central role ICRD has been asked to play in the new White House/Department of State Working Group on Religion and Foreign Policy. You can link to the two most recent reviews, one by *Foreign Affairs*, the leading journal for foreign policy practitioners, and the other by *American Diplomacy*, an on-line journal for retired American diplomats. The latter, which was written by a former Ambassador, provides a penetrating analysis of the substantive recommendations, concluding with “an important and thoughtful book that deserves to be read and considered carefully by policy-makers and implementers alike.”

Year-end Opportunity

We wish you every blessing in this Holy Season, including the opportunity to give to your favorite non-profit. At this point in our history, enhancing headquarters capacity to support more work in the field has become a major priority. Any help you can give will be deeply appreciated.

