LEADERS' GUIDE INSERT
HELP IN USING THE FILM AND STUDY

To use this video with a group it may be helpful to look at it first as well as the information on the study guide attached. Information about the present situation in Nigeria and the work of the two peacemakers could be gleaned from the internet on www.iofc.org/imam-pastor-news.
It is a serious and sensitive subject that could bring up issues relating to race, gender, poverty, religion and politics.
To set the scene before the session, give out the 4 page handout. Look at the map and the information on Nigeria's history and conflict. Then introduce the film as follows:
This documentary film brings to life the astonishing real life reconciliation that occurred between the Muslim Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Christian Pastor James Wuye and tells of the peace initiatives in their country and beyond that followed. Both men were leaders of militant groups involved in conflict between Muslims and Christians in Kaduna, northern Nigeria. Both men suffered deep and personal loss at the hands of violence from each other's group. After much anguish, soul searching and guidance they are now working together in bold initiatives to promote cooperation and conflict resolution. The film, narrated by Rager Omaar, shows that it is possible for the perpetrators of inter religious violence to become instigators of peace. It is a story of forgiveness and reconciliation and shows how grass root initiatives can rebuild communities which were torn apart.
If you do not have time for the whole film in one setting make sure the section covers the initial conflict and the coming to work together of the two men. For the discussion feel free to use any of the nine questions on p.1 of the guide. The first question is always important as it helps the participants debrief how they are feeling.

It may lead into the other questions in any order. Feel free to use the ones only that fit your situation. First set a safe space.

Making a safe place for discussion

As religious and cultural differences sometimes cause people to feel strongly and heatedly ask the group what needs to happen to make this a safe place for discussing openly.

Such guidelines may be suggested and even written up so it can be agreed upon.

- Everything said is confidential

- You don't have to speak

- Listen to others with respect for their experience.

- Clarify if you don't understand

- Speak without judgments and blaming "you" statements", instead just speak as it is for yourself with "I" statements. I feel, I think etc.

Further Questions:

If you are working in a study group specific to Christians or Muslims it is still valuable to use questions 1 and 2 on p.1 as a debrief from the film before moving to the four questions on p.4. It is important that you prepare with references from the Bible or Quran to support this discussion. Some examples are given.

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