

# Kanata Muslim Association visits Stittsville United with message of thanks

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On Sunday, June 25 **Stittsville United Church** received an unexpected visit from members of the **Kanata Muslim Association (KMA)**. They came to deliver a gift of sweets and a letter of appreciation to Stittsville United Church for their support following the tragic shooting at the Quebec City Mosque in January 2017.

June 25 was a special day for Muslims around the world as they marked the end of the holy month of **Ramadan** by celebrating **Eid al Fitr**. **Imam Sikander Ziad Hashmi** and more than a dozen adults and children from the KMA took time on their holy day to visit a number of churches who had offered them support in recent months, including Stittsville United. The KMA members happened to arrive during the time of the Sunday morning worship service and were invited to the front of the sanctuary to bring greetings.

In the days following the Quebec City Mosque tragedy Stittsville United Church prepared cards which were signed by adults and children from the congregation which were then sent to several members of the Muslim community in the Ottawa area and in Quebec City. Stittsville United also held a memorial vigil on February 3 to offer prayers and support to the members of the Muslim community. In appreciation for these efforts, Imam Sikander Hashmi offered Stittsville United Church a framed copy of their letter of appreciation, which states:

*"As we celebrate the end of Ramadan, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your friendship and support following the Quebec City mosque shooting on January 29, 2017. Your kind words along with the outpouring of support across our country helped lift the cloud of sadness, shock, fear and anxiety that had weighted heavily upon the hearts and minds of many members of our*