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FOREWORD

In 2015 Muslims for Progressive Values experienced a growth spurt. From a 100% volunteer grassroots organization, we now also have eight salaried staff members. We have expanded our presence from eight cities in four countries to 12 cities in eight countries. In 2016, our family will include the U.K., Switzerland, Tanzania, Burundi, and Tunisia.

The world today is in a state of despair. Even the most hopeful and determined human rights defenders we work with find themselves disheartened.

But as a grassroots organizer, I can attest to the desire for change, and change will happen when we change the circumstances in which we find ourselves. For just as the Quran states:

"Verily Allah does not change a people's condition unless they change their inner selves." (Quran 13:11)

I am very proud of the work we have accomplished this year. Our small, American-based 4-member staff and 4-member staff in Malaysia have produced volumes of content, challenging the status quo and debunking much of what is accepted as "Islam." We have produced an MPV commercial, a UN Lecture Series of our events at the institution, Human Rights Council (HRC) statements, press releases, social media campaigns and maintained a strong media presence with Op-Eds and interviews in numerous media outlets.

We have been especially blessed with a team of research fellows: Sahar Mediha al-Naas, Lina Safa, Reem Sweid, Monica Islam, Emily Zell, Kayla Jones, Aynur Jafar, Tania Reza, and Chaka Bachmann, all who gave and continue to give their best works to producing a soon-to-be published Daesh comparative report, position statements and shadow reports for the Universal Periodic Review at the HRC in Geneva. Our shadow reports are sought out by foreign ministries and embassies of several countries as a new language tool, i.e. Islamic terminology and concepts, in defending human rights.

The work we do at the HRC primarily challenges Muslim-majority countries' use of Sharia Law in justifying its human rights abuses. We are visceral and unapologetic in our approach and the good news is that we have many allies rooting for us on the sidelines, some conspicuously and some silently.

We know our human rights initiatives such as [#ImamsForShe](#) and [#FatwaForFEAR](#) and the social media campaigns we launch resonate. For many Muslims it is realizing an alternative, loving, and inclusive interpretation of Islam. Equally important is that to non-Muslims it is an Islam that dispels distrust, removes fear, and softens any anti-Islam/Muslim sentiment.

Allowing communities to have a space to express themselves freely is integral to our mission. The MPV-Bangladesh's podcast series by youth for youth, garnered MPV's Research Fellow Monica Islam a nomination for the "Top 100 Index Free Speech Heroes" by Index on Censorship. In Los Angeles, we continue to promote freedom of speech with our monthly open mics for folks to showcase their creative poetry, spoken-words, and musical talents.

A hardened heart leads to the path of intolerance and hate. At MPV, we channel the transformative power of the arts and music through programming that touches people's hearts and minds. As a singer, I have seen people's hardened hearts melt, and grown men cry as the music dissipates their hatred. We will continue these activities as the arts are the heart and soul of spirituality.

When Muslims in the Muslim world are jailed, tortured or killed for defending human rights, including LGBTQI rights, freedom of expression, freedom of and from religion and belief, it is MPV they turn to. When minorities like Ahmadiyyas and Shia Muslims are persecuted in Sunni majority countries, we protest. As progressive Muslims, we believe there is beauty in diversity, and we will continue to advocate for the rights of all peoples.

We believe that it is due to our niyat, our intention, as well as our uncompromising, focused, and hard-working team that has resulted in the success of 2015. But above all, we believe that when an injustice is justified in the name of Islam that we must challenge ourselves and all others to live by the Quranic verse:

Oh you who have attained faith! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be against rich or poor: for God can best protect both. Follow not the desires of your hearts, lest you swerve from justice, and if you distort or decline to do justice, verily God is ever aware of all that you do. (4:135)

It is only when we work together toward a just world will we be able to attain it. On this note, whether your support has been by way of kind words, a helping hand, an opening of a door or financial, on behalf of Muslims for Progressive Values' board, communities and myself, I thank you.

In Peace,



Ani Zonneveld



President and Founder
Muslims for Progressive Values

WHO WE ARE

ABOUT US



In a world that has been plagued by terror and Islamophobia, Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV) seeks to counter radicalization, hate, and misunderstanding of Islam by fostering intercultural and interreligious dialogue on a global platform.

MPV is guided by ten principles, namely collective identity, equality, the separation of religious and state authorities, freedom of speech, universal human rights, gender equality, LGBTQI inclusion, critical analysis and interpretation, compassion and diversity. Based on these principles, services MPV provides to the Muslim community include interfaith marriages, same-sex marriages, female-led prayers and the provision of avant-garde educational materials.

The main focus of MPV's work is to stimulate critical thinking of sacred texts and to promote the implementation of progressive values, such as human rights, gender equality, freedom of expression, and freedom of and from belief, which are all deeply rooted in both Islamic and democratic principles.

MPV also provides advocacy work on a high policy level at the United Nations in order to promote inclusive and tolerant understandings of Islam based on universal human rights, peace and justice.

HISTORY

The progressive Muslim movement in the United States of America (US) came about as a result of the events of 9-11. Many Muslims started reflecting on Islam, its teachings and felt it was time to get organized in promoting a progressive and inclusive interpretation of Islam against the backdrop of extremism as played out by al-Qaeda and conservatism as played out by the influence of Wahhabism in the US.

Through social media, the discovery of like-minded progressive Muslim individuals and communities in the US coalesced into the founding of MPV in July 2007 at Sarah Lawrence College, New York and the incorporation into a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization later that year.

MPV's MISSION is to embody and be an effective voice of the traditional Qur'anic ideals of human dignity, egalitarianism, compassion and social justice.

MPV envisions Islam and an Islamic community that embodies the 10 principles of MPV.

Further, MPV envisions a future where Islam is understood as a source of dignity, justice, compassion and love for all humanity and the world.



WHO WE ARE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

MPV IS GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING 10 PRINCIPLES. Our logo represents MPV's ten principles rooted in Islam.

1 COLLECTIVE IDENTITY
We accept as Muslim anyone who identifies as such. The veracity and integrity of that claim is between the individual and God, and is not a matter for the state nor an issue which other individuals can or should judge. We welcome all who are interested in discussing, promoting and working for the implementation of progressive values – human rights, freedom of expression, and separation of church and state – as well as inclusive and tolerant understandings of Islam.

2 EQUALITY
We affirm the equal worth of all human beings, regardless of race, sex, gender, gender identification, ethnicity, nationality, creed, sexual orientation, or ability. We are committed to work toward global societies that ensure social, political, educational, and economic opportunities for all.

3 SEPARATION OF RELIGIOUS AND STATE AUTHORITIES
We believe that freedom of conscience is not only essential to all human societies but integral to the Qur'anic view of humanity. We believe that secular government is the only way to achieve the Islamic ideal of freedom from compulsion in matters of faith.

4 FREEDOM OF SPEECH
We support freedom of expression and freedom of dissent. No one should be legally prosecuted, imprisoned or detained for declaring or promoting unpopular opinions whether political, artistic, social or religious, even when that expression may be offensive and that dissent may be considered blasphemous.

5 UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS
We are committed to social, economic and environmental justice. We believe that the full self-realization of all people, in a safe and sustainable world, is a prerequisite for freedom, civility, and peace. We support efforts for universal health care, universal public education, the protection of our environment, and the eradication of poverty.

6 GENDER EQUALITY
We support women's agency and self-determination in every aspect of their lives. We believe in women's full participation in society at every level. We affirm our commitment to reproductive justice and empowering women to make healthy decisions regarding their bodies, sexuality and reproduction.

7 LGBTQI INCLUSION
We endorse the human and civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI) individuals. We affirm our commitment to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and we support full equality and inclusion of all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, in society and in the Muslim community.

8 CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION
We promote interpretations that reflect traditional Qur'anic principles of tolerance, inclusiveness, mercy, compassion, and fairness. We call for critical engagement with Islamic scripture, traditional jurisprudence, and current Muslim discourses. We believe that critical thinking is essential to spiritual development.

9 COMPASSION
We affirm that justice and compassion should be the guiding principles for all aspects of human conduct. We repudiate violence, whether on an individual, organizational, or national level.

10 DIVERSITY
We embrace pluralism and the diversity of inspirations that motivate people to embrace justice. We affirm that one's religion and belief system is not the exclusive source of truth. We engage with a diversity of philosophical and spiritual traditions to pursue a more just, peaceful and sustainable world.

WHO WE ARE

BOARD MEMBERS



ANI ZONNEVELD
President and Founder

ANI ZONNEVELD is founder and President. Since inception, Ani has presided over MPV's expansion to include chapters and affiliates in Los Angeles, Washington DC, Atlanta, New York, Chicago, Columbus (OH), Ottawa and Toronto, Canada as well as Paris, France, Chile and Australia. She has organized numerous interfaith arts and music festivals, participated in many interfaith dialogues and is a strong supporter of women and LGBTQ rights. She is the brainchild of Literary Zikr – a project that counters radical Islam on-line and co-editor of MPV's first book, an anthology titled "Progressive Muslim Identities – Personal Stories from the U.S. and Canada". Ani is a singer/songwriter/producer and is the first woman to release an English Islamic pop album in the U.S. Ani performs Islamic wedding services for mixed faith and gay couples and in 2006, she was named a Muslim Leader of Tomorrow by the American Society for Muslim Advancement. Born in Malaysia, Ani, a Muslim since birth, spent a good portion of her formative years raised in Germany, Egypt and India as an Ambassador's daughter. Her exposure to different politics, religions and cultures has shaped her inclusive worldview.

KELLY WENTWORTH was inspired by her strong belief in an open and inclusive worship space to create the American Islamic Fellowship (AIF) in Atlanta, GA in 2007. In 2011, AIF became a part of Muslims for Progressive Values and Kelly joined its board. In Atlanta, she has helped create a mosque space with continuous activities, educational programs, and chaplaincy and officiant services. Kelly received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Language from Tennessee Technological University. She spent two years in Yemen and worked as an EFL Instructor where she received a diplomacy citation from the U.S. Department of State. She currently works as a Training Developer for a software company and a Content Developer for a web design firm. Kelly actively participates in human rights, women's rights and LGBT rights efforts everywhere she can. She is a part of various projects that promote music and arts in the community. Kelly is a fellow at the Muslim Institute, which exists to promote and support the growth of thought, knowledge, research, creativity, and open debate.



KELLY WENTWORTH
MPV Secretary/MPV Atlanta President



BARZA DIAZ
MPV Treasurer/MPV New York President

BARZA DIAZ is one the founding steering committee members of MPV-NY. She was born in Pakistan and raised in New Jersey. As an eldest child of first generation immigrants in the US, Barza was encouraged to continue to appreciate her religious and cultural background. After graduating from Saint Peter's University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Barza actively sought a progressive Muslim community that would accept people judgment-free and found MPV. Barza previously worked as an auditor for CohnReznick to review financial integrity of her clients' financials. Today she works as a Cost Accountant for Benjamin Moore.

WHO WE ARE



MAHFUZUL ISLAM
MPV UN Youth Representative

MAHFUZUL ISLAM was born and raised in Queens, New York. He has a BA in International Political Economy and Economics from Fordham University. Currently an intern with the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, where he helps coordinate the Youth Assembly at the United Nations and other international projects. He's been active abroad in South Africa, the Philippines, Bosnia, Turkey, and Bangladesh. He has aspirations of higher education and a career in the International Relations. He believes an inclusive community will naturally gravitate towards progress for mankind as a whole.

FRANK PARMIR is a lifetime native of Columbus, Ohio. He is a retired carpenter and anti-nuclear weapons activist. Because he experienced such a common and casual tolerance for war and poverty within his society, Frank spent most of his adult life publically agitating for better ethics, but identifying himself as an atheist. After a visit to Konya on the eight hundredth anniversary of Rumi's Union with God, Frank became deeply interested in Islamic Sufism. With subsequent readings of the Qur'an he found an 'utterly magnificent description of the Infinite Power and Perfect Goodness of The One Reality.' Frank and his wife took shahada at Masjid Omar in 2008. Visiting various nearby Mosques and finding none that would be welcoming of their two lesbian daughters (should they embrace Islam) with full equality. Frank started MPV- Columbus which is the only inclusive mosque in Ohio, and perhaps the whole Midwest, with a regularly scheduled female khateeb.



FRANK PARMIR
MPV Columbus President



AHMED KARRAR
MPV Chicago President

AHMED KARRAR is a 2nd year law student at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. He was born in Coventry, England and has been living in America since 1996. He grew up in Grand Blanc, Michigan and attended University of Michigan-Flint for undergrad; currently a civil rights law clerk at the Council of American Islamic Relations in Chicago and has aspirations of going to business school after attaining his law degree. He has always been an advocate for progressive values within the Muslim world and looks forward to working with MPV to building Muslim communities in which inclusion and open dialogue are promoted.

WHO WE ARE

SCHOLARLY ADVISORY BOARD



DR. REZA ASLAN, an internationally acclaimed writer and scholar of religions, is author of the #1 New York Times Bestseller *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*. He is the founder of AslanMedia.com, an online journal for news and entertainment about the Middle East and the world, and co-founder and Chief Creative Officer of BoomGen Studios, the premier entertainment brand for creative content from and about the Greater Middle East. Aslan's degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Santa Clara University (Major focus: New Testament; Minor: Greek), a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard University (Major focus: History of Religions), a PhD in the Sociology of Religions from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa, where he was named the Truman Capote Fellow in Fiction. An Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, he is also a member of the Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities and the Pacific Council on International Policy. He serves on the board of directors of the Ploughshares Fund, which gives grants for peace and security issues; Narrative Four, which connects people through the exchange of stories; PEN USA, which champions the rights of writers under siege around the world; and the Levantine Cultural Center, which builds bridges between Americans and the Arab/-Muslim world through the arts.

Aslan's first book is the International Bestseller, *No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam*, which has been translated into thirteen languages, and named one of the 100 most important books of the last decade. He is also the author of *How to Win a Cosmic War* (published in paperback as *Beyond Fundamentalism: Confronting Religious Extremism in a Globalized Age*), as well as editor of two volumes: *Tablet and Pen: Literary Landscapes from the Modern Middle East*, and *Muslims and Jews in America: Commonalties, Contentions, and Complexities*. Born in Iran, he lives in Los Angeles with his wife (author and entrepreneur Jessica Jackley) where he is Associate Professor of Creative Writing and Cooperating Faculty in the Department of Religion at the University of California, Riverside. His previous academic positions include the Wallerstein Distinguished Professor of Religion, Community and Conflict at Drew University in New Jersey (2012-2013), and Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion at the University of Iowa (2000-2003).



KARIMA BENNOUNE is the UN Special Rapporteur in the Field of Cultural Rights and is a professor of international law at the University of California–Davis School of Law. She grew up in Algeria and the United States and now lives in northern California.

She has published widely in many leading academic journals, as well as in the *Guardian*, *The New York Times*, *Comment is Free*, the website of Al Jazeera English, *The Nation* and is a Dayton Literary Peace Prize award winning author of 'Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here'. She has served as a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law and on the board of directors of Amnesty International USA. Currently, she sits on the Board of the Network of Women Living Under Muslim Laws. She has also been a consultant on human rights issues for the International Council on Human Rights Policy, the Soros Foundation, the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers, and for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Her human rights field missions have included Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, Lebanon, Pakistan, South Korea, southern Thailand, and Tunisia.



DR. AMIR HUSSAIN is Associate Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he teaches courses on world religions. His own particular speciality is the study of Islam, focusing on contemporary Muslim societies in North America. Although born in Pakistan, Amir immigrated to Canada with his family when he was four. His academic degrees (BSc, MA, PhD) are all from the University of Toronto where he received a number of awards, including the university's highest award for alumni service. Amir's PhD dissertation was on Muslim communities in Toronto. In 2008, Amir was chosen by vote of LMU students as the Professor of the Year. Amir's new book is an introduction to Islam for North Americans entitled *Oil and Water: Two Faiths, One God* (Kelowna: Copper House, 2006). He is currently working on a scholarly book on Islam in Canada entitled *Canadian Faces of Islam*; and a textbook entitled *Muslims: Islam in the West in the 21st Century*.

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ACTIVIST ADVISORY BOARD



DAYIEE ABDULLAH is a prominent sexuality rights activist within Muslim and interfaith contexts, and Imam of Masjid el-Tawhid An-Nur Al-Isslaah (Mosque for Enlightenment and Reform), and affiliated with the California-based organization MPV (Muslims for Progressive Values) as MPV-Washington, DC co-chapter leader. Dayiee is a scholar, a former public interest lawyer and a specialist in Shari'ah Sciences/Quranic Interpretation. He frequently lectures internationally on progressive Muslim concepts, interfaith networking and the development of inclusive revisions of Islamic theological thought and interpretations of shari'ah. He has also long been involved in actively promoting understanding and awareness of issues of racial, sexual and gender equality both within and beyond Muslim communities.



SALEEMAH ABDUL-GHAFUR is part of a national movement to end gender discrimination in the American Muslim community by participating in a civil action to give women space and voice in American mosques where they have traditionally been banned. In addition to working to establish women as prayer leaders and co-organizing a historic woman-led prayer in New York City, Abdul-Ghafur edited *LIVING ISLAM OUT LOUD: American Muslim Women Speak*, the first anthology collecting the voices of American Muslim women. The book presents American Muslim women dealing with the complexities of forging their own identities while contributing powerfully to public life. She is a graduate of Columbia University.



ZAINAH ANWAR is a founding member of Sisters in Islam (SIS) and currently the Director of Musawah, the global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family. She is at the forefront of the women's movement pushing for an end to the use of Islam to justify discrimination against women. The pioneering work of SIS in understanding Islam from a rights perspective and creating an alternative public voice of Muslim women demanding equality and justice led it to initiate Musawah in 2009. This knowledge building movement brings together activists and scholars to create new feminist knowledge in Islam to break the binary between Islam and human rights and the disconnect between law and reality. Zainah also writes a monthly newspaper column on politics, religion and women's rights, called *Sharing the Nation*. She is a former member of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia. Her book, *Islamic Revivalism in Malaysia: Dakwah Among the Students*, has become a standard reference in the study of Islam in Malaysia.



EL-FAROUK KHAKI is a refugee and immigration lawyer. His practice primarily involves representing women fleeing gender violence, LGBTQI People fleeing persecution because of their sexual orientation and or gender identity, as well as people fleeing persecution because of their HIV status. A human rights and social justice advocate, his leadership has been recognized by the awards he has received including: 2006 "Excellence in Spirituality" Award – Pride Toronto; 2007 Hero Award, Canadian Bar Association The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conference; 2007 Steinert & Ferreiro Award from the Lesbian & Gay Community Appeal. In 2009 in addition to being the Grand Marshall for the 2009 Toronto Pride Parade, he was also the recipient of the "Can't Stop, Won't Stop", Pride Toronto Theme Award. In 2008, he ran for Canadian Federal Parliament in two elections for the New Democratic Party of Canada. El-Farouk is the founder of Salaam: Queer Muslim community, an organization he originally started in 1991. In May 2009, he co-founded the el-Tawhid Juma Circle with his partner Troy Jackson and dear friend, Dr. Laury Silvers. He is also co-founder of Canadian Muslim Union of which he is Secretary General, as well as co-Founder of the Muslim AIDS Project. El-Farouk has set on many boards and is a public speaker on Islam, the Immigration and Refugee system, human rights, racism, politics and HIV/AIDS.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

KEY POSITIONS

1 VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN THE NAME OF ISLAM

MPV is strongly opposed to acts of terror and violence carried out in the name of Islam. Yet, we believe that radicalization can be prevented when basic human rights, dialogue, tolerance and freedom of expression are promoted within Muslim communities and when youth has access to education that promotes progressive understandings of Islam. As such, MPV advocates for an inclusive Muslim community, accepting of freedom of expression and a diversity of philosophical and spiritual traditions, while promoting universal human rights. Moreover, MPV believes that it is imperative that progressive and innovative educational materials are accessible to Muslims around the world in order to counter radical content, which is particularly prevalent online.

2 WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY

MPV is strongly against the oppression of women, particularly in the name of Sharia law. We believe that women should be in complete control of her thought, expression and sexuality rather than the current gradient from silencing a woman's voice to complete control of thought, of expression, of sexuality. We condemn violations of women's rights carried out in the name of Islam as baseless, such as female genital mutilation and cutting, forced marriages, acid attacks, honour killings, and others.

3 LGBTQI RIGHTS

MPV believes in an inclusive community and we endorse the human and civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (LGBTQI) individuals. We affirm our commitment to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and we support full equality and inclusion of all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, in society and in the Muslim community. We stand firmly against laws in Muslim-majority countries that criminalize homosexuality.

4 FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

MPV advocates for freedom of expression and freedom of dissent. No one should be legally prosecuted, imprisoned or detained for declaring or promoting unpopular opinions whether political, artistic, social or religious, even when said expression may be offensive or aforementioned dissent may be considered blasphemous.

5 FREEDOM OF AND FROM RELIGION AND BELIEF

MPV upholds the Qu'ranic mandate "let there be no compulsion in religion" (Q:2:256), that freedom of conscience is not only essential to all human societies, but integral to the Qu'ranic view of humanity.



MPV MALAYSIA, KNOWN AS
KOMUNITI MUSLIM UNIVERSAL (KMU)

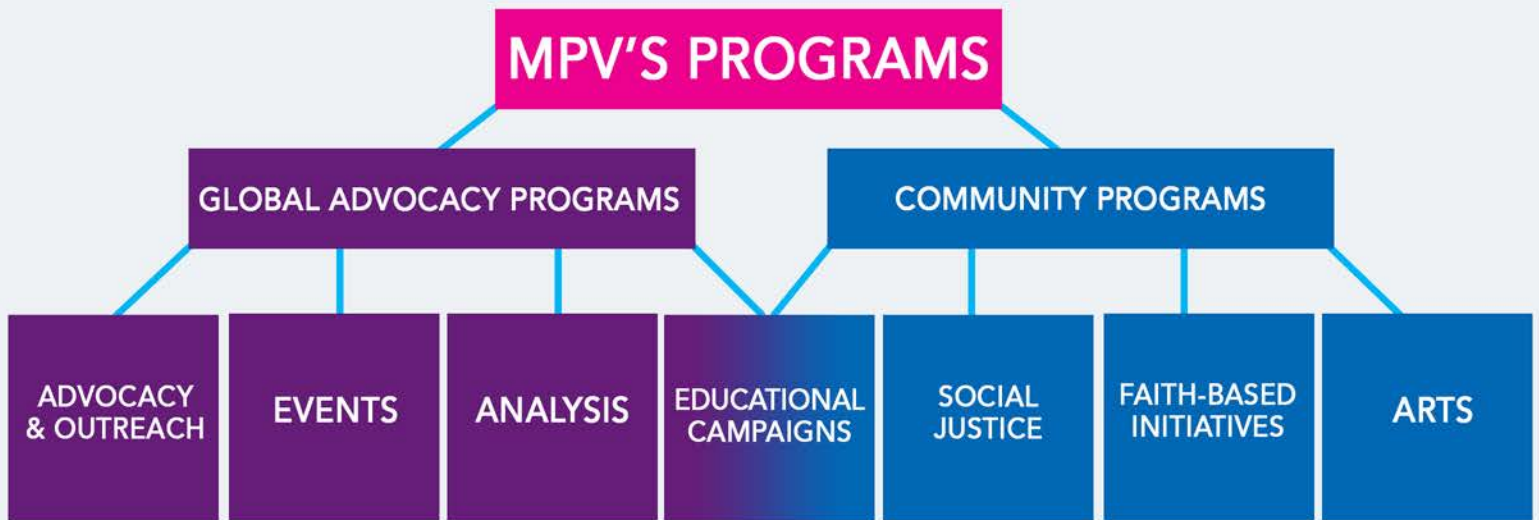


MPV NEW YORK



MPV ATLANTA AT THE PARLIAMENT
OF WORLD RELIGIONS

WORK STRUCTURE



PROGRAMMING

ARTS

- Creation of progressive ijthad content targeted to youth and distributed via social media, forums, lectures, YouTube, music and arts festivals.
- Sponsoring and hosting arts, music and theater events that promote egalitarianism and an inclusive Islamic worldview.

FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES

- Supporting the Unity Mosques in their religious activities.
- Conducting marriages, including interfaith and same-sex Islamic marriages.
- Engaging and collaborating with progressive interfaith groups and scholars of Islam in disseminating sound progressive Qur'anic theology.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Commemoration of International Women's Day, Human Rights Day and Pride celebrations.
- Advocating for key social justice reforms within Muslim communities both in Muslim-majority countries and in the West.

EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

- Production, translation and dissemination of innovative educational materials, such as infographics, social media content and short videos.

ANALYSIS

- Production, translation and dissemination of statements, policy briefs and shadow reports.
- Monitoring of human rights issues in Muslim-majority countries.
- Collection of grassroots information on human rights issues in Muslim-majority countries.

EVENTS

- Organizing, attending and participating in debates, interactive dialogues, panel discussions and informal meetings with relevant UN Member States, civil society leaders and like-minded faith and non-religious non-governmental organizations.

ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH

- Building bridges and MPV's network with like minded women's rights advocates, LGBTQI rights advocates, UN Member States, human rights NGOs and policy makers through joint events, statements and advocacy campaigns.
- Disseminating and sharing MPV's work and analyses at the United Nations and with NGOs involved in international advocacy.

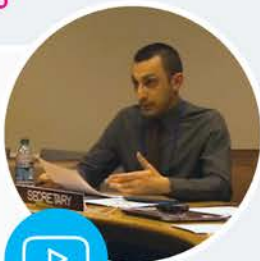
WHAT WE DID IN 2015

MPV EVENTS

TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA: DEFYING DISCRIMINATORY LAWS AND DECONSTRUCTING CULTURAL NORMS - FEBRUARY 2015

"The Cost of Homophobia": Key Points

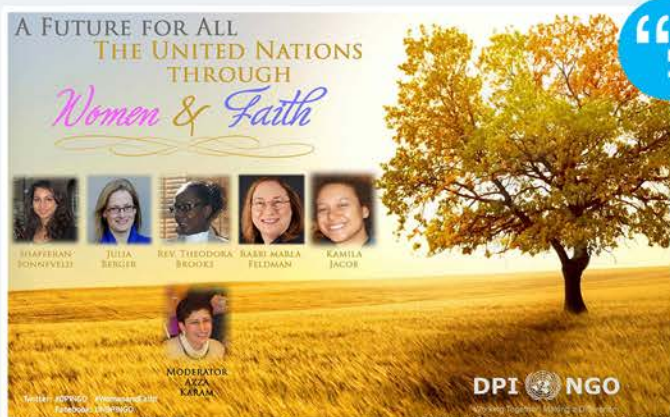
- ▶ "Lost Productivity = lost wages (10%) x average earnings x LGBT workforce = lost labor output → lost GDP"
- ▶ "Estimated labor related loss/partial cost of homophobia in India (2012) as "lost GDP": 1.2 billion (low) ~ 7.7 billion (high)"
- ▶ "A focus on India allows a low/high estimate of the cost of homophobia, although not all costs can be quantified: 0.1 (low) ~ 1.7 (high) % of GDP"



See the video at [Youtube.com/ProgressiveMuslims](https://www.youtube.com/ProgressiveMuslims)

On February 17, 2015, MPV hosted its United Nations Lecture Series Event titled "Towards Inclusive Post-2015 Development: Defying Discriminatory Laws and Deconstructing Cultural Norms" with Chris Dekki, Marianne Mollmann, Bruce Knotts and MPV's Omair Paul. The event fleshed out a comprehensive discourse that sought to contextualize human rights within the Post-2015 Development Agenda, with particular emphasis on the correlations between discriminatory laws, policies, and social practices on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) and detriment to economic development, especially in culturally and/or religiously conservative states.

WOMEN OF FAITH - FEBRUARY 2015



On February 5, 2015, MPV's Global Advocacy Director Shafferan Sonneveld spoke on a panel as part of the Focus on Faith Series, titled "A Future for All: The United Nations through Women & Faith". This event was organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (UNDPI/NGO) and was held at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium (DHL Auditorium) of the UN Headquarters in New York. The session was organized as part of a series of briefings at the UN focusing on the work of faith-based organizations in relation to the work of the UN.

Shafferan highlighted that women's rights are inherent to Islam, but that patriarchal and harmful cultural traditions that are present in Muslim communities in the West and in Muslim-majority countries often impede the adequate application and protection of women's rights. Highlighting the fundamental difference between Shari'a and Shari'a Law, she stressed the need for critical thinking of religious scriptures and called for the reform of discriminatory laws based on Sharia Law and of misogynist cultural traditions. *The event was broadcast live through UN Web TV.*

#IMAMSFORSHE LAUNCH - MARCH 2015



See the videos, Q&A, and audience feedback at [Youtube.com/ProgressiveMuslims](https://www.youtube.com/ProgressiveMuslims)

This event titled "ImamsForShe: Sharia as a Source of Women's Rights" took place on March 10, 2015 as a parallel event to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations Church Centre in New York. Speaking on the panel were MPV President Ani Zonneveld, Zeinab Eyega (Executive Director of Sauti Yetu, a community organization fighting FGM/C and child marriages in New York) and Imam Shamsi Ali (Chairman of Al-Hikma Mosque and Director of Jamaica Muslim Center in New York). Incredibly well-attended by over 80 guests and well-received by policy makers and women's rights defenders from around the world, the panel discussion shed light on the compatibility between Islam and women's rights. An online launch of #ImamsForShe, which preceded the event, reached more than 115,401 followers on Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr in 24 hours.

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA - MAY 2015

MPV co-organized a panel highlighting the importance of civil society engagement in the context of follow up and review of the UN Post-2015 agenda to be made in September 2015. This event focused on obstacles to the promotion of sexual and reproductive rights and of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

WHAT WE DID IN 2015

In the context of the Sustainable Development Goals negotiations, the panelists highlighted the benefits to society of broad civil society engagement, transparency, and inclusion.

PRIVATE CONSULTATION ON #IMAMSFORSHE - JUNE 2015

MPV hosted an informal, private consultation sponsored by the Kingdom of the Netherlands prior to the 29th Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva on #ImamsForShe. The panelists of the private #ImamsForShe Consultation in Geneva included Dr. Hasan of the Quilliam Foundation, Ani Zonneveld of MPV, Naureen Shameem of AWID, and Ulil Abshar Abdallah of the Indonesian Conference on Religion and Peace. The discussion provided an over-arching power analysis to religious interpretations as well as some of the contextual factors driving anti-rights interpretations of religion that lead to violence and discrimination. It also provided an opportunity for the two imams to share how they counter violence against women and girls, particularly early and forced marriages and female genital mutilation. As a whole, the consultation shed light on ways in which United Nations agencies, civil society organizations (CSOs) and the international community can work together to support the work that #ImamsForShe do and what influence #ImamsForShe could have on the work of UN agencies, CSOs and the international community.

SOGI ROUND TABLE - MAY 2015

"Working in Synergy for Inclusive Sustainable Development - Interfaith and Secular Voices Unite: Strategies for Action in the Post-2015 Development Agenda"

MPV organized a roundtable discussion on Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI) as it pertains to advocacy initiatives at the UN, especially within the Post-2015 Development Agenda (P2015DA), and partnerships between faith-based organizations and secular organizations who are advocating for non-discrimination on the basis of SOGI at the policy level and elsewhere. This discussion was CSO/NGO centric, though participants included member state delegates and representatives of UN Agencies.

PEACE FORUM - OCTOBER 2015



See the videos at [Youtube.com/ProgressiveMuslims](https://www.youtube.com/ProgressiveMuslims)

On October 30, MPV hosted an event during the Peace Forum in New York titled **"Engaging Religious Men and Women Leaders in Empowering Women."** Moderated by MPV's Ani Zonneveld, the panel featured opening and closing remarks by UNFPA's Dr. Azza Karam, Dr. Hind Jalal of UNFPA Morocco, Rosa Rogers, director of the documentary Casablanca Calling. The event shared and discussed grassroots and state-level initiatives underway in changing societal mindsets on gender equality, human rights and women's empowerment and participation in Muslim societies, particularly in working within the Islamic framework to reform discriminatory legislation and to counter harmful cultural practices.

3 CASE STUDIES WERE EXPLORED:

1. The unique work on gender equality carried out by women spiritual leaders called "Morchidats" in Morocco through the screening of parts of Rosa Rogers' documentary Casablanca Calling.
2. MPV's global initiative #ImamsForShe that collaborates with religious leaders in debunking misogynist interpretations of Islamic Scripture.
3. UNFPA Morocco's work in advocating for youth-specific policies, services and information, sexual and reproductive health, and gender equality.

The event examined ways to foster these multi-faceted approaches to sustainably deconstruct patriarchal structures and build societies based on peace and gender parity. Women's full access to meaningful participation in all realms of societal, economic and political life - as called for by the Women, Peace and Security Agenda - is only possible when the causes for gender discrimination and violence are dealt with at their root.

WHEN COMING OUT IS A DEATH SENTENCE: POLICY STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE PERSECUTION OF LGBT PERSONS UNDER ISIS - NOVEMBER 2015



See the video at [Livestream.com/accounts/565635/events/4518508](https://www.livestream.com/accounts/565635/events/4518508)

UN Representative Omair Paul delivered a presentation on countering extremist narratives at a discussion on the current threat to gender non-conforming individuals persecuted by Daesh. The event, entitled "When Coming Out Is A Death Sentence: Policy Strategies to Address the Persecution of LGBT Persons Under ISIS" took place on Tuesday, November 24th and was co-organized by our colleagues at MADRE, OutRight Action International, the CUNY School of Law, the Roosevelt House at Hunter College, and the LGBT Social Science and Public Policy Center.

WHAT WE DID IN 2015

OTHER EVENTS

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - DECEMBER 2015

Organized by our friends and colleagues at OutRight Action International (formerly International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission), the OutSummit which was a one day conference held on December 12th in the wake of Human Rights Day, brought together international and US-based activists for a day of panels and workshops on rights relating to sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex issues. MPV's United Nations representative spoke about the advocacy and work MPV conducts on a panel entitled "Faith-Based Organizing and Fighting Fundamentalisms."

STATEMENTS

MPV delivered various statements in 2015 at the Security Council, the Human Rights Council, via its press releases and in supporting statements of other human rights organizations.

AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon returning from the Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security, Amman, Jordan, our UN Representative Omair Paul was able to make an intervention at the first ever Arria-Formula Security Council Session at UNHQ in New York on violence against LGBTI demographics in Iraq and Syria. The gathering was convened by the governments of the United States and Chile, and featured jarring and heartbreaking presentations from two men who escaped violence and persecution in Iraq and Syria, as well statements from our friends at the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. MPV's intervention was well received by the room, and can be found on our website at mpvusa.org.

AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

MARCH 2015 SESSION

Interactive Dialogue with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief Statement by the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) in partnership with Muslims for Progressive Values.

JUNE 2015 SESSION

Panel Discussion on Realizing the Equal Enjoyment of the Right to Education by Every Girl Statement with the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) in consultation with Muslims for Progressive Values, Organization Intersex International Australia Limited and United and Strong Inc.

Interactive Dialogue with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences Statement with the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) in consultation with Muslims for Progressive Values, Organization Intersex International Australia Limited and United and Strong Inc.

SEPTEMBER 2015 SESSION

Statement by the Allied Rainbow Communities International in Consultation with Muslims for Progressive Values the Item 4 – Report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic



PRESS RELEASES

JANUARY 8, 2015 – MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES CONDEMNS THE FLOGGING OF RAIIF BADAWI

JUNE 26, 2015 - MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES: REJOICING THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 - LAUNCH OF MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES' UPR STAKEHOLDER REPORT ON SOMALIA

OCTOBER 13, 2015 - LAUNCH OF MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES' UPR STAKEHOLDER REPORT ON SUDAN

NOVEMBER 18, 2015 - MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE STONING OF ROKSHANA

NOVEMBER 30, 2015 - MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES STRONGLY CONDEMNS CHARGES AGAINST DR. ISLAM BEHERY

WHAT WE DID IN 2015

STATEMENTS CONTINUED

IN SUPPORT OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

MPV has signed the following statements in 2015:

NGO JOINT STATEMENT - ITEM 8 GENERAL DEBATE ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY AT THE 29TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - **JUNE 2015**

JOINT ORAL STATEMENT BY ARAB AND ASIAN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TO FORTY-EIGHT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT - **APRIL 2015**

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY GROUP STATEMENT ON POLITICAL DECLARATION AND FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW MECHANISMS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ZERO DRAFT OUTCOME DOCUMENT - **APRIL 2015**

RED LINES IN THE DECLARATION FOR VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS - **JULY 2015**

AN AGENDA FOR, BY AND WITH THE PEOPLE - REINFORCING PARTICIPATION AT THE POST-2015 OUTCOME DOCUMENT - **JULY 2015**

SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE DECLARATION DURING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE POST 2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA - **JULY 2015**

STATEMENT ON ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH IN POST 2015 - **JULY 2015**

JOINT OPEN LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH - **AUGUST 2015**

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS STAND WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD - **SEPTEMBER 2015**

OPEN LETTER TO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UN: RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL OPEN DEBATE ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AND THE HIGH LEVEL REVIEW OF SCR 1325 (2000) - **OCTOBER 2015**

JOINT STATEMENT BY FAMILY EDUCATION SERVICES FOUNDATION (FESF); AMERICAN PAKISTAN FOUNDATION (APF); AND MUSLIMS WITH PROGRESSIVE VALUES (MPV) ON THE COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN 60 ON THE THEMATIC ISSUES CONSIDERED BY CSW, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1996/31 - **OCTOBER 2015**

CONFERENCE DECLARATION ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF IN SOUTHEAST ASIA - **OCTOBER 2015**

WOMEN LIVING UNDER MUSLIMS LAWS STATEMENT "WE STRONGLY CONDEMN THE TERRORIST ATTACKS TAKING PLACE IN THE NAME OF "ISLAM"
- **NOVEMBER 2015**

MPV HAS SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS IN 2015:

- #AddAFemaleReciter
- Ensure Women Peacebuilders Have a Seat at the Table
- Adopt a Resolution on Youth, Peace and Security
- Saudi Arabia: Stop Stoning Sri Lankan Domestic Worker



WHAT WE DID IN 2015

PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2015

#IMAMSFORSHE



#ImamsForShe is a global MPV-initiative launched in March 2015 to address misogynist interpretations of Islamic scripture and traditions that have led to human rights violations carried out in the name of Islam against women and girls and the sub-human status of women and girls across Muslim-majority countries and within Muslim communities in the West. In spirit of the recently launched #HeForShe campaign by UN Women, the initiative's purpose is to support and provide solidarity for Imams, Muslim leaders and Islamic scholars who actively advocate for women's rights, women's empowerment and gender equality, labeled collectively as #ImamsForShe. This year, we hosted a launch event at the UN Commission on the Status of Women Session 59, which was preceded by an online campaign that reached over 115,401 supporters worldwide; we hosted an informal, private consultation on #ImamsForShe at the UN in Geneva; and we hosted a public event at the Peace Forum in New York highlighting the relevance in collaborating with #ImamsForShe in empowering women. #ImamsForShe sparked a social media buzz on Twitter, highlighting that #ImamsForShe are Daesh' worst nightmare. #ImamsForShe was also featured in mainstream media, namely in the Danish newspaper Berlingske, on BBC and through a video interview on Voices of New York.

MPV UNITED NATIONS LECTURE SERIES

Part of its Global Advocacy Programme, Muslims for Progressive Values hosts panel discussions, workshops, lectures and side events in and around the United Nations in Geneva and New York to promote egalitarian expressions of Islam through cross-cutting thematic topics based on women's rights, LGBTQI rights, freedom of expression and freedom of and from religion. Through the MPV UN Lecture Series, we empower community leaders, progressive religious voices, women's rights advocates and LGBTQI advocates. We also hope to provide policy makers a fresh perspective on prevalent issues, while sharing the unheard stories and the courageous voices who speak truth to power on various subject matter with the global audience through our YouTube channel.

MPV POSITION STATEMENTS

MPV produced four short position statements, succinctly debunking human rights violations in the name of Islam:

MPV POSITION STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG)

MPV POSITION STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI)

MPV POSITION STATEMENT ON APOSTASY AND BLASPHEMY

MPV POSITION STATEMENT ON POLYGAMY

MPV YOUTH PODCAST SERIES

On the occasion of International Youth Day, MPV launched its exclusive Podcast Series, created by youth for youth. The MPV Youth Podcast series is a series of podcasts empowering the voices of youth in the Global South. It provides youth a platform to express themselves freely on all matters that interest them: from music to freedom of expression, from politics to sexual reproductive and health rights and from religion to the arts. Produced by Monica Islam, hailing from Bangladesh, the MPV Podcast Series serve to raise youthvoices! As a result of her work on the Podcast Series, Monica has been featured on the Index on Censorship's Freedom of Expression Awards as a Free Speech Hero!

The first podcast's topic was on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), features Rand Jarallah, a Young Leader at Women Deliver and the Co-founder, Deputy Director, and Youth Ambassador (Palestine) of the organization named Youth to End Sexual Violence. The second podcast provides a discussion on on freedom of expression freedom of expression in Islam. The third podcast discusses was a Global Voice Anthology and is featured on the AWID Young Feminist Wire. This episode provides insight from young feminist advocates from around the world on their experience engaging with the Post-2015 Development Framework.



LISTEN TO THE PODCASTS AT MPVUSA.ORG/MPV-PODCAST-SERIES/

WHAT WE DID IN 2015

IN SUPPORT OF OHCHR SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

In support of the work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, MPV seeks to raise greater awareness among Muslim youth in the West and in the Islamic world about OHCHR's work to protect human rights around the world. In mid 2015, MPV launched a social media campaign, which features important quotes and positions of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al-Husseini.

NATIONAL ANNUAL RETREAT

MPV Atlanta hosted MPV's Annual Retreat in Atlanta this year on October 9 - 11. The Annual Retreat offered a unique opportunity for MPV members to reconnect with each other and to learn more about MPV's activities at community and global level. The highlight of the Annual Retreat was MPV's participation in Atlanta's Pride Parade, with MPV member Trina Jackson as Grand Marshall.

"IT'S YOUR MIC"

A monthly open mic event with a mission to create a safe space for youth to feel valued, empowered and celebrated, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, religion, race, and/or any other aspect of their identity. Activities include free coaching in poetry and spoken-word craftsmanship.

GLOBAL FORUM ON YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY

Omar Paul, representing Muslims for Progressive Values, attended the Global Forum on Youth, Peace, and Security, which was hosted by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan under the Patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II. This Forum was envisaged as a turning point towards a new international agenda on Youth, Peace and Security. Stemming from the thematic debate organized by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan during its presidency of the Security Council in April 2015, the Forum built on continuing efforts by a multiplicity of actors to decisively step-up global attention to young people's contribution to peace and chart a common agenda.

For the first gathering of this kind, young people, youth-led organizations, non-governmental organizations, governments and UN entities came together to agree on a common vision and a roadmap to partner with young people to prevent conflict, counter violent extremism and build lasting peace. Omar Paul was on the drafting committee of the outcome document of the forum, entitled the Amman Declaration which led to the first ever Youth, Peace and Security Resolution at the Security Council, ensuring that youth in all of their diverse identities as well as socially inclusive faith-based organizations and faith leaders will be considered as part of the global peace and security debate. In addition, at a Plenary session of the Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security (GFYPS), Omar Paul raised the point that it is imperative to engage socially inclusive faith-based organizations in changing hearts and minds, and in countering violent extremism.

MENENGAGE NAMED WEBINAR

MPV's Omar Paul and Shafferan Sonneveld participated in MenEngage's NAMED Webinar on men's accountability in working to end men's violence against women and girls -- and against other men. Shafferan Sonneveld spoke on holding men accountable in Muslim communities for spreading bigotry and how MPV tackle misogynist interpretations of the Qur'an at the grassroots and global level with its #ImamsForShe initiative. Watch the webinar here to also hear the incredible insight of Emiliano Diaz de Leon from the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and of Chuck Derry, co-founder of the Gender Violence Institute in Clearwater, Minnesota on how they prevent gender violence and promote gender equality.

#FATWAONFEAR

MPV launched a campaign called [#FatwaOnFEAR](#), uniting all Muslims to support [Freedom of Expression And Religion](#). The campaign's petition was initiated by Jamal Mahmood, and you can show your support by signing here: change.org/organizations/muslims_for_progressive_values

STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

Through its stakeholder reports, MPV addresses intolerant positions and assaults on human rights that are being justified in the name of Islam. MPV does this by engaging in constructive dialogue on human rights issues with various stakeholders at global policy platforms, while simultaneously raising awareness of such issues in relation to Islam at the grassroots level.

In June, MPV submitted its Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Stakeholder Report on Somalia to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The Report was written by MPV's Research Fellows Tania Reza and Emily Zell. MPV's recommendations can be viewed in English and in Somali. In conjunction with the report, MPV has made available two social media infographics on religious freedom and on Female Genital Mutilation and Cutting (FGM/C), which can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#). In December, Ani Zonneveld delivered a statement at the UPR-Info Session on Somalia in Geneva.

In September, MPV submitted its UPR Stakeholder Report on Sudan to the OHCHR. The Report was written by MPV's Research Fellows Chaka Bachmann and Kayla Jones. MPV's recommendations can be viewed [here](#). In addition, MPV released complementary infographics on religious freedom, LGBTQI rights, women's rights and gender equality and freedom of expression.

WHAT WE DID IN 2015

IN THE MEDIA

MPV was featured over 75 times in the media this year, including the following:



ALJAZEERA



The
New York
Times



THE
HUFFINGTON
POST

[THE YOUNG TURKS](#) | ANI ZONNEVELD: A MODERATE MUSLIM SPEAKS OUT | DECEMBER 15, 2015

[MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO](#) | WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE MUSLIM IN AMERICA? | DECEMBER 14, 2015

[THE AUSTRALIAN](#) | TONY ABBOTT STARTS DEBATE ABOUT ISLAM THE NATION NEEDS | DECEMBER 12, 2015

[PBS SOCAL](#) | WHY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MUSLIMS ARE FRIGHTENED BY ISIS | DECEMBER 11, 2015

[INDEPENDENT JOURNAL](#) | MUSLIM IMAM GOES ON FOX TO TALK TRUMP'S MUSLIM BAN AND SAYS THE LAST THING YOU'D EVER EXPECT | DECEMBER 11, 2015

[BIZPAC REVIEW](#) | MUSLIM LEADER AGREES WITH TRUMP; SAYS PLAN DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH TO KEEP US SAFE | DECEMBER 10, 2015

[FOX NEWS](#) | MUSLIM COMMUNITY LEADER SUPPORTS TRUMP'S PROPOSED BAN | DECEMBER 9, 2015

[THE AGE](#) | MUSLIMS DON'T NEED WESTERN CULTURAL SUPREMACISTS TO TELL THEM WHAT ISLAM NEEDS | DECEMBER 9, 2015

[HUFFINGTON POST](#) | HOW THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT ARE GETTING SAN BERNARDINO WRONG | DECEMBER 7, 2015

[HUFFINGTON POST](#) | CONSERVATIVE MUSLIMS MUST STOP BACKING PREACHERS OF HATE | DECEMBER 7, 2015

[SVERIGE RADIO](#) | HON VILL SE MUSLIMER IFRÅGASÄTTA KONSERVATIVA TOLKNINGAR | NOVEMBER 24, 2015

[TRUTHOUT](#) | OPENLY GAY IMAM CREATES ONLINE SCHOOL FOR LGBTQ-FRIENDLY ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY | NOVEMBER 22, 2015

[LIFE AFTER GOD](#) | INTERVIEW WITH ANI ZONNEVELD | NOVEMBER 18, 2015

[VOICEAMERICA](#) | INNER REVOLUTION IN ISLAM | NOVEMBER 5, 2015

[MOROCCAN WORLD NEWS](#) | ANI ZONNEVELD'S VISIT TO MOROCCO CREATES CONTROVERSY OVER WOMAN IMAM | NOVEMBER 3, 2015

[RUSSIA TODAY \(RT\)](#) | THE BIG PICTURE | NOVEMBER 3, 2015

[KCRW](#) | TO THE POINT: SOME MUSLIMS CALL FOR A BOYCOTT OF SAUDI ARABIA | OCTOBER 5, 2015

[CNN](#) | TIME TO BOYCOTT SAUDI ARABIA | SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

[RELIGION NEWS SERVICE](#) | NATIONAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS SUPPORT PLANNED PARENTHOOD | SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

[THE NEW YORK TIMES](#) | A GAY MUSLIM FILMMAKER GOES INSIDE THE HAJJ | SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

[AHEWAR](#) | THE GOVERNANCE OF ISIS & MUCH OF THE MUSLIM WORLD ARE UNCOMFORTABLY SIMILAR - IN ARABIC | SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

[DHAKA TRIBUNE](#) | 'WE ARE ALL BORN WITH GOD'S CREATIVE EXPRESSION', SAYS ANI ZONNEVELD, FOUNDER OF MPV | SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

[THE HUFFINGTON POST](#) | DOES ISLAM SCARE YOU? IF SO, HERE'S WHY | SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

[THE DAILY BEAST](#) | TOPLESS PROTESTERS EXPOSE RADICAL ISLAM'S REAL BOOBS | SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

[HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN](#) | LGBT MUSLIMS IN THE U.S. MUSLIM NARRATIVE | SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

[PHOENIX NEW TIMES](#) | TRANSGENDER WOMAN BARRED FROM TEMPE MOSQUE UNLESS SHE DRESSES AS A MAN OR CAN "PROVE" SHE'S A WOMAN | AUGUST 28, 2015

[CHRISTIANITY DAILY](#) | 130 ORGANIZATIONS PETITION FOR THE END OF HIRING DISCRIMINATION BY FAITH-BASED GROUPS | AUGUST 25, 2015

[THE HUFFINGTON POST KOREA](#) | ISIS 와 무슬림 세계의 거버넌스는 불편할 정도로 비슷하다 | AUGUST 22, 2015

[RUSSIA TODAY \(RT\)](#) | THE BIG PICTURE | AUGUST 19, 2015

[THE HUFFINGTON POST GERMANY](#) | DIE FÜHRERSCHAFT VON ISIS UND VON VIELEN MUSLIMISCHEN LÄNDERN WEISEN ERSCHRECKENDE ÄHNLICHKEITEN AUF | AUGUST 20, 2015

[THE DAILY STAR](#) | OPEN LETTER URGES ARREST OF 'BLOGGER-KILLERS' | AUGUST 19, 2015

[THE HUFFINGTON POST](#) | THE GOVERNANCE OF ISIS AND MUCH OF THE MUSLIM WORLD ARE UNCOMFORTABLY SIMILAR | AUGUST 18, 2015

[BARBARA FALCONER NEWHALL](#) | DOES ISLAM SCARE YOU? IF SO, HERE'S WHY | JULY 30, 2015

[MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO](#) | WHY ISLAM IS ON THE RISE WORLDWIDE | JULY 23, 2015

[SPUTNIK](#) | US SHOULD BACK MODERATE MUSLIMS TO DETER HOMEOWN EXTREMISM | JULY 20, 2015

WHAT WE DID IN 2015

[ALTURI](#) | ANI ZONNEVELD OF MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES ON HOMOSEXUALITY IN ISLAM | JULY 19, 2015

[PUBLIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL](#) | SHE'S AN IMAM IN LA AND DOESN'T HAVE PATIENCE FOR A STRICT INTERPRETATION OF ISLAM | JULY 17, 2015

[BBC](#) | BREAKING THE MOULD EPISODE 2 | JULY 11, 2015

[RUSSIA TODAY \(RT\) AMERICA](#) | THE BIG PICTURE | JULY 10, 2015

[BUSTLE](#) | THESE YOUNG AMERICAN MUSLIMS ARE AS OVERJOYED ABOUT GAY MARRIAGE BEING A LEGAL RIGHT AS YOU ARE | JUNE 29, 2015

[HUFFINGTON POST](#) | CONSERVATIVE MUSLIMS HARM THEMSELVES THROUGH HETEROSEXIST OUTBURSTS | JUNE 29, 2015

[DAILY PAKISTAN GLOBAL](#) | 'HOLY AND HOMO': AMERICA'S FIRST GAY 'IMAM' | JUNE 29, 2015

[THE MALAY MAIL ONLINE](#) | 'UN-ISLAMIC' TO CRIMINALISE HOMOSEXUALITY, MUSLIM GROUP WITH MALAYSIAN LINKS SAYS | JUNE 28, 2015

[THE MALAY MAIL ONLINE](#) | MUSLIM GROUP WITH MALAYSIAN LINKS PRAISES US COURT'S DECISION TO LEGALISE GAY MARRIAGE | JUNE 27, 2015

[PROJECT Q ATLANTA](#) | MEET YOUR 12 ATLANTA PRIDE PARADE GRAND MARSHALS | JUNE 17, 2015

[INSTITUTE FOR ETHICS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY](#) | FAITH LEADERS SEEK SAFE ABORTION FOR RAPE VICTIMS IN CONFLICT ZONES | JUNE 16, 2015

[NATIONAL SECULAR SOCIETY](#) | GOVERNMENT URGED TO TACKLE SHARIA 'COURTS' AND RELIGIOUS TRIBUNALS BY WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND SECULAR CAMPAIGNERS | JUNE 10, 2015

[ERASING 76 CRIMES](#) | FINDING LGBTI ALLIES AMONG MUSLIMS, CATHOLICS AND MORE | JUNE 10, 2015

[BUSTLE](#) | RELIGIOUS LEADERS URGE OBAMA TO FUND ABORTION FOR WOMEN RAPED IN CONFLICT — BUT THE HELMS' AMENDMENT STANDS IN THEIR WAY | JUNE 6, 2015

[CHRISTIAN TODAY](#) | RELIGIOUS LEADERS CALL ON US TO SUPPORT ABORTIONS FOR ISIS AND BOKO HARAM RAPE VICTIMS | JUNE 5, 2015

[NEW YORK TIMES](#) | RELIGIOUS LEADERS URGE U.S. TO FUND ABORTIONS FOR RAPE VICTIMS IN CONFLICTS ABROAD | JUNE 4, 2015

[RELIGION NEWS SERVICE](#) | FAITH LEADERS WANT US TO FUND ABORTIONS OF WOMEN RAPED BY TERRORISTS OVERSEAS | JUNE 3, 2015

[THE AUSTRALIAN](#) | CIVILISED DISCOURSE IS THE PASSPORT TO CITIZENSHIP | JUNE 2, 2015

[THE AGE](#) | CITIZENSHIP: NO TIME FOR MIXED MESSAGES | MAY 30, 2015

[DAGBLADET](#) | NORSK MUSLIM: - JEG SKAL GIFTE MEG I KIRKEN | MAY 20, 2015

[CHEEK MAGAZINE](#) | CHEZ NOUS, IL PEUT Y AVOIR UN FEMME IMAM OU UN IMAM GAY | MAY 10, 2015

[THE DAILY BEAST](#) | THE U.S. MUSLIM HONOR BRIGADE STRIKES AGAIN | APRIL 21, 2015

[VOICES OF NY](#) | 'IMAMS FOR SHE' LAUNCHED | APRIL 2, 2015

[THE SUNDIAL](#) | PANEL EVALUATES BALANCE BETWEEN FAITH AND SEXUALITY WITHIN MINORITY LGBTQA COMMUNITY | MARCH 27, 2015

[HUFFINGTON POST](#) | MODERATE MUSLIMS ARE EVERYWHERE, JUST NOT IN THE NEWS | MARCH 25, 2015

[BERLINGSKE](#) | DEN NØDVENDIGE REFORM | MARCH 14, 2015

[THINK PROGRESS](#) | HOW MARRIAGE EQUALITY OPPONENTS' ARGUMENTS ARE GETTING TURNED AGAINST THEM | MARCH 13, 2015

[PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH \(USA\) BLOGS](#) | #IMAMSFORSHE | MARCH 11, 2015

[ATRIA ONTMOET](#) | CSW59: DAY 2 LEADERSHIP FOR GENDER EQUALITY | MARCH 11, 2015

[FUSION](#) | LOOK WHO'S TELLING THE SUPREME COURT TO APPROVE GAY MARRIAGE | MARCH 9, 2015

[SAN DIEGO GAY & LESBIAN NEWS](#) | RGOD2: LBT WOMEN ARE STILL GLOBALLY INVISIBLE, EVEN TO OTHER WOMEN | MARCH 6, 2015

[AL JAZEERA AMERICA](#) | OPEN LETTER TO SAUDI KING SALMAN BIN ABDUL-AZIZ | FEBRUARY 20, 2015

[PATHEOS](#) | MUSLIMS FOR LENT? – TRUE STORY | FEBRUARY 19, 2015

[THE LOS ANGELES TIMES](#) | DOWNTOWN L.A. MOSQUE IMAGINES EMPOWERED ROLE FOR MUSLIM WOMEN | JANUARY 30, 2015

[NEW YORK DAILY NEWS](#) | GUEST COLUMN: MICHELLE OBAMA, BY UNVEILING HER HAIR, STANDS UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN SAUDI ARABIA | JANUARY 28, 2015

[OPEN DEMOCRACY](#) | TO TAKE A STAND IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TO TAKE A DISTANCE | JANUARY 23, 2015

[JEWISH JOURNAL](#) | AS L.A.'S MUSLIMS CONDEMN FRENCH ATTACKS, A GAP ON WHAT'S TO BLAME | JANUARY 22, 2015

[ON THE MEDIA](#) | COUNTERING RADICAL ISLAM | JANUARY 16, 2015

[COMMON DREAMS](#) | 'FAILURE OF CONSCIENCE': GROUPS URGE CONGRESS TO FUND SOCIAL WELL-BEING, NOT FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY | JANUARY 13, 2015

[OPEN DEMOCRACY](#) | FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION: A SACRED RIGHT | JANUARY 9, 2015

WHERE WE WORK

AROUND THE WORLD

In 2015, MPV gained a regional office in Malaysia, called Komuniti Muslim Universal (KMU) Malaysia and an office in Australia, called MPV Australia.

As of 2015, MPV now has chapters and affiliates in the locations below!



2015 MPV-LOS ANGELES' ORGANIZING COMMITTEE POSING FOR A SELFIE!

WHERE WE WORK

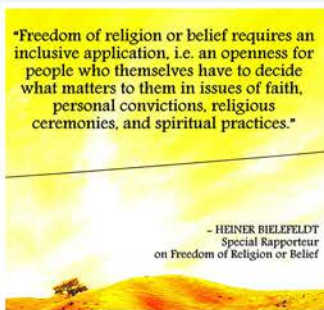
HERE ARE SUMMARIES OF SOME OF OUR GRASSROOTS ACTIVITIES:



MPV AUSTRALIA

2015 was a big year for MPV Australia welcoming its new director Reem Sweid. MPV Australia launched its own website on mpv-australia.org, and has gained over 450 likes on Facebook. Melbourne MPV ran three meet ups and has over 80 members. After receiving strong demand from Sydney, a meet up group was launched on December 21 and already boasts 25 members. This represents the desire from many Australians to participate in the progressive Islamic movement that is taking place around the world. In 2016, MPV will be running a monthly Quran book club which will seek to understand the Quran through the prism of human dignity and compassion. We will also be hosting lectures and regular events as well as aiming to set up meet ups in other capital cities including Adelaide, Brisbane and Canberra.

MPV Australia was fortunate to be able to attend and participate in the anti-radicalisation conference held by Komuniti Muslim Universal (MPV - Malaysia). We have also increased the awareness of our activities through attending conferences in Australia including a conference held by Deakin University in Melbourne titled "The 'Muslim Question' Citizenship and Racism in Australia," and a conference held by the Islamic Scientific Research Association at Charles Sturt University in Sydney titled "Radicalisation & Islamophobia" Roots, relationships and implications in religiously diverse societies.



MPV BANGLADESH

MPV Bangladesh (MPV-BD) was launched in mid-2015 with a view to protect religious minorities in the country; to combat youth radicalism; and to operate within the universal human rights framework, including the gender equality perspectives. Since its inception, it has assisted the parent organization MPV in the production of the Youth Podcast Series aimed at fostering dialogue and critical thinking. The host of the series, Monica Islam, has been selected as one of the 100 Finalists for the #Index100 World's Freedom of Expression Award 2016. One of its episodes has been featured in AWID's website, and translated into French and Spanish. To supplement its audio content, MPV-BD also creates pictorials. Learn more about MPV-BD by visiting its Facebook page.



MPV MALAYSIA (KMU)

MPV Malaysia, also known as Komuniti Muslim Universal Malaysia (KMU), is driven by young and optimistic youth who deal with anti-radicalisation discourses by embedding egalitarian values in Islam. Launched in February this year, KMU has been actively engaged with many civil society organisations (CSOs) and youth across the globe. Several campaigns have been developed to create awareness about MPV's four thematic issues, like the Anti Marital Rape Campaign. KMU released a poster and media statement in two languages (Bahasa Malaysia and English) to raise awareness about the prevalence of marital rape. Our representatives also attended Capacity Building and Financial Training sessions to strengthen and strategize the organizations. On a global level, KMU has collaborated with MPV Australia for a session called "Meet & Greet," to meet and discuss with progressive Muslims in Australia. Our founding members also attended an Inclusive Muslim Retreat in Cape Town, South Africa, for international networking and inputs regarding inclusive Islam. Apart from that, KMU director, Mr Aizat Shamsuddin and a fellow researcher went to Bangkok, Thailand to sign the declaration on Freedom of Religion or Belief organized by International Committee of Jurists (ICJ). KMU had organized a conference called Sarasehan KMU in Malaysia to discuss mechanisms to counter religious radicalism. Learn more about KMU by visiting its website and its Facebook page to learn how they are continuing to build compassion and awareness about inclusive Islam among Malaysians.

WHERE WE WORK

AROUND THE WORLD CONTINUED



MPV NEW YORK

In New York City, MPV New York (MPV NY) met on several Saturday afternoons for discussion on topics and lunch to share thoughts and build community dialogue. MPV NY also arranged space for its members for MPV Ramadan Potluck to break fast and pray Maghrib together. Interfaith couples of MPV NY hosted a dinner event where interfaith couples got an opportunity to network. MPV NY also has active members who share content on our social media outlets.

In the coming year, MPV NY will continue to reach out to like minded progressive by creating events that meet the needs of MPV's mission and the current status of being a Muslim in today's world. We want to continue to be a support system for progressive Muslims who seek a judgement free environment.



MPV CHICAGO

This year, MPV-Chicago was able to see substantial growth in membership. This was helped by our formed partnership with Lake Street Church. The church has provided us with space to hold regular Friday Prayers. We were also able to hold a joint service on environmental justice with the church and other religious organizations. We look forward to continuing our prayers and creating more events with our new extended network in the future.



MPV ATLANTA

This year, MPV-Atlanta's focus was on building our community and reaching out to others. We certainly worked hard to accomplish that through various activities throughout the year. For instance: MPV-Atlanta established an ongoing presence at a weekly community zikr hosted by Kaleemi Khanqah Atlanta and Scott Kugle – an inclusive and welcoming group; we rejoined the El-Tawhid Juma Circle and provided access to their weekly Skype Juma, including a visit to Toronto to connect with members of other Unity Mosques/Circle; we continued our relationship with the Cobb Gathering – a monthly Christian/Post-Christian/Progressive discussion environment; we held periodic Qur'an Studies to explore concepts of the Qur'an using the Quranology resources of Farouk Peru; we joined a weekly reading/study of Rumi's Masnavi through the zikr circle; we participated in on-the-ground action with the #BlackLivesMatter campaign, Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, and Georgia Equality; we organized the Vagina Monologues at Emory University, which played from February 20-22 (proceeds went to support the Day League, a community center which provides support and advocacy to survivors of sexual and domestic violence); MPV-Atlanta participated in a Muslim/Jewish dialogue night, including screening parts of the film "Jews and Muslims: Intimate Strangers"; we celebrated Nowruz (Persian New Year) with our regular Sunday zikr group; we participated in an open house to find volunteers for the Global Village Project in Decatur, Georgia, an organization that provides mentoring for girls who are refugees; we participated in the LGBTQI Muslim Retreat Hosted a screening of "He Named Me Malala" at the Tara Theatre in Atlanta; we hosted MPV's Annual Retreat and marched in the Atlanta Pride Parade; and we participated in Parliament of World Religions. In addition, we met with community members from across the world to strengthen bonds and networks within the progressive Muslim movement; we participated in the launch of the Life After God community as a representative of a Muslim community that helps people transitioning out of/through Islam; and throughout the year, we provided community services, including nikah services, funeral arrangements, and resource connections for MPV members. We finished off the year by hosting an event featuring author and interfaith activist, Saadia Faruqi, to speak about her work in the community, her book "Brick Walls", and her role as editor of Blue Minaret Literary Journal. The event was held at the Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters studio and attended by several members of the Atlanta and MPV-Atlanta community.



WHERE WE WORK



MPV COLUMBUS

In Columbus MPV'ers continue to meet for Jumma and lunch on Friday afternoons. We continue to meet Sunday evenings to read Qur'an together. We had a wonderful Eid celebration at a local halal restaurant. We carried the banner for inclusive Islam in the Gay Pride Parade. And, our stalwart couple, Sari and Eve, gave birth to the next generation of MPV-Columbus.

Next year, we are sure, the hoards of young progressive Muslims in Columbus will decide it is time to show up. We're committed to being there to welcome them.



MPV DC

MPV-DC held its annual Ramadan iftar on July 11, 2015 at the Friend's Meeting House in Washington, D.C. There were about 45 attendees. It was a very diverse group including several non-Muslims and a few who were attending an iftar for the first time. Since this was a potluck event, guests brought a variety of dishes. The program included an introduction by Palmer, Maliha, and Imam Daayiee as well as a recitation of poems by one of MPV-DC's members - Aref Dajani. He recited poems by two Muslim female poets. The group prayed together after breaking fast.

In light of the rising anti-Muslim sentiment in the U.S., MPV-DC facilitated an interfaith dinner on December 18, 2015 in Rockville, MD. The dinner was a potluck, attended by about 20 people from various backgrounds – Jewish, Christian, and Muslim. The group shared stories and their thoughts on the current political environment. Learn more about MPV-DC on their Meetup page at www.meetup.com/DC-MPV-USA/ or on their Facebook page at "Muslims for Progressive Values - DC (MPV-DC)."



MPV UN Rep. Omair Paul supporting the #HeForShe Campaign



MPV's Ani Zonneveld with Mona Eltahawy on a panel titled "Feminists, Islamists & Islamophobia," moderated by Nina Burleigh of Newsweek, at Politicon 2015 Convention in Los Angeles



Trina of MPV Atlanta as the Grand Marshall of the Pride Parade in Atlanta

WITH WHOM WE WORK

PARTNERS

MPV has been able to work together with like-minded non-religious and religious organizations who seek to promote respect for human rights and the promotion of human dignity, regardless of culture, religious and non-religious affiliation

IN NORTH AMERICA, SUCH PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Advocates for Youth (Washington D.C., USA)
Alturi (Los Angeles, USA)
Americans United for Separation of Church and State (USA)
ASMA Society, (New York, USA)
AWID (Toronto, Canada)
Canadian Muslim Union (Canada)
Catholics for Choice (USA)
Council of Canadian Muslim Women (Canada)
Human Rights Campaign (USA)
Levantine Culture Center (USA)
Los Angeles LGBT Center (Los Angeles, USA)
Outright Action International (New York, USA)
Muslimah Media Watch (USA)
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (USA)
Network of Spiritual Progressives (Berkeley, CA)
Planned Parenthood (USA)
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (USA)
Salaam Canada (Canada)
Temple Beth Hillel (Studio City, CA)
Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (New York, USA)
New Ground (Los Angeles, USA)
Grand Performance (Los Angeles, USA)

IN THE MUSLIM WORLD AND GLOBAL SOUTH, PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Bedayaa (Egypt and Sudan)
International Arab Group (Muslim World and Global South)
Musawah – For Equality in the Family (Malaysia)
Sisters in Islam (Malaysia)
The Inner Circle (South Africa)



MPV Australia Director, Reem Sweid & MPV Founder, Ani Zonneveld attend the conference run by Komuniti Muslim Universal (MPV Malaysia) on countering radicalization.

IN EUROPE, PARTNERS INCLUDE:

ARC International (Switzerland)
British Muslims for Secular Democracy (United Kingdom)
CALEM (France)
Choice for Youth and Sexuality (The Netherlands)
Forum for Critical Muslims (Denmark)
IMAAAN (United Kingdom)
Inclusive Mosque Initiative (United Kingdom)
International Service for Human Rights (Switzerland)
International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans & Intersex Association (ILGA) (Switzerland)
Liberal Islamischer Bund e.V. (Germany)
Liberal Muslim Network (Norway)
Muslim Institute (United Kingdom)
Pakistanis for Peace (United Kingdom)
Quilliam Foundation (United Kingdom)
Safera Project (United Kingdom)
Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights (RSFL) (Sweden)
The Association of British Muslims (United Kingdom)
The Association of Democratic Muslims (Denmark)
Women Living Under Muslim Laws (United Kingdom)

MPV IS ALSO PART OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE AND CONSTITUENCIES:

United Nations Committee on the Freedom of Religion or Belief (New York, USA)
MenEngage (NAMEN)
Women's Major Group
Faith and Feminism Working Group
Major Group for Children and Youth
Observatory for Universal Rights

ALLIANCE

ALLIANCE OF INCLUSIVE MUSLIMS (AIM):

an umbrella of progressive Muslims across all nationalities, race and sectarian affiliation. The purpose of AIM is to consolidate the efforts of progressive Muslims and progressive Muslim organizations from around the world in order to counter radical, intolerant and supremacist attitudes and behaviours in Muslim communities. AIM seeks to challenge theological justifications for hate and supremacism with the progressive values that we feel to be inherent in Islam, namely:

1. HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL
2. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
3. FREEDOM OF/FROM RELIGION

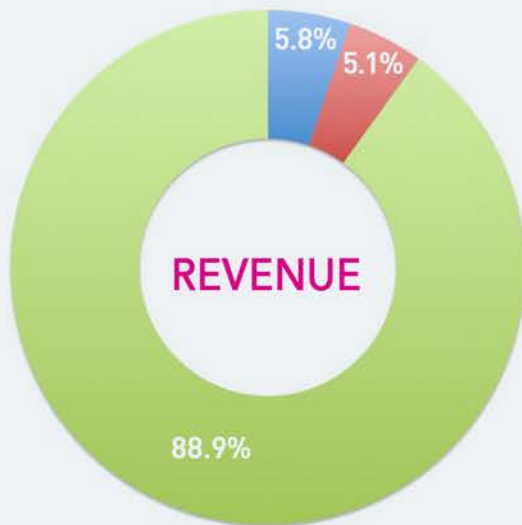
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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MPV would like to kindly thank our generous funders in recognizing the value of our work and in helping us work toward a more peaceful and just world, upholding human rights protection worldwide.



- FOUNDATION GRANTS.....88.9%
- DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS.....5.8%
- NON-GIFT REVENUE.....5.1%

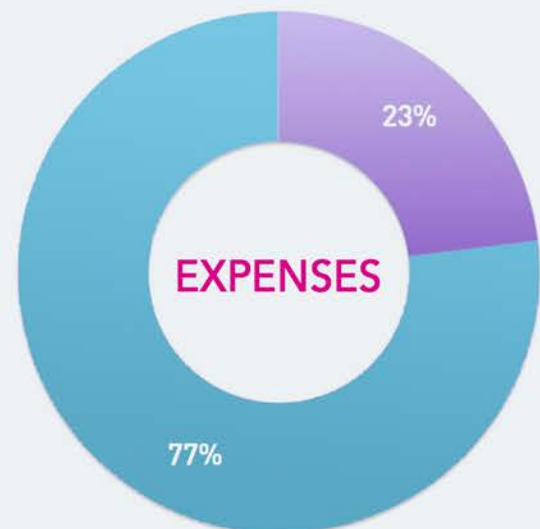
REVENUE

FOUNDATION GRANTS: \$243,000

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS: \$14,000

NON-GIFT REVENUE: \$12,901.25

TOTAL REVENUE: \$269,901.25



- GLOBAL ADVOCACY & PROGRAMMING.....77%
- ADMINISTRATION.....23%

OPERATING EXPENSES

GLOBAL ADVOCACY & PROGRAMMING: \$195,700

ADMINISTRATION: \$58,709

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$254,409

NET INCOME: \$15,492.25

CONNECT WITH US

SOCIAL MEDIA

With a total of 25,000+ followers, MPV shares its mission, work and activities through various social media outlets.

We joined Instagram in 2015! Our members are also active on Meetup.com in different chapters around the world.

CHECK OUT MUSLIMS FOR PROGRESSIVE VALUES ON THE FOLLOWING PLATFORMS:



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Ani Zonneveld and Shafferan Sonneveld meet with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein

TESTIMONIALS

MOW WEHELIE:

"Big love and respect for you Ani and the amazing work you do. If you hadn't taken that initiative to translate from English to Somali and going there in person and presenting MPV's stance to the Somali government... Incredible work and humbling to see that someone cares no matter where the fight is."

A YOUNG MUSLIM WOMAN:

"Dealing with Islamophobia has been very difficult. Additionally, many of the youth are tired -- they are tired from trying to fit in with society, while trying to live the traditional Islamic (unfortunately, not a very open-minded version of Islam) lives their parents expect them to live. Slowly over the years, I've noticed the youth that have grown older, end up leaving or diverging from Islam (many times without ever learning what the Quran messages actually were). I think Muslims of the world, especially this generation of youth and young adults need exposure to your movement -- I know I need it!"

FROM AN LGBT CONVERT TO ISLAM:

"Asalaamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh

I have nothing but love for this organisation and others like it. It is not based in denomination, it is based on Muslims of all sects be they Sunni, Shia, Sufi coming together to combat hatred and spread the love that Allah (awj) has commanded us to spread. LGBT matters are handled with love and care, and the scriptural analysis this group and others like it do is wonderful, it makes sure that LGBT Muslims feel that their actions are not condemned by Allah. I am a convert that came to Islam following the beliefs that homosexuality ISN'T a sin, that gender equality and egalitarianism is something to strive for in all realms of life, that ijihad is something that isn't just limited to scholars. I'm glad to have found an organisation that aligns with my personal viewpoint on Islam."



Ryan Bell reviewed Muslims for Progressive Values — 5★

November 19 at 1:19pm · 🌐

Ani and her staff are doing such important work. Whether you're Muslim or not, or even theist or not, MPV's work deserves all our support!

1 Like

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Hector Mussolini Millan Junior reviewed Muslims for Progressive Values — 5★

June 28 · 🌐

I'm Not Muslim, but your branch of Islam seems to fit what true Islam is suppose to be, tolerance, love and open minded. It's sad that Islamic fundamentalists, jihadists, and radical Islam hijacked Islam and gave true Islam a horrible name.

2 Likes

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share



Aquarian Spirit reviewed Muslims for Progressive Values — 5★

November 23 at 8:07pm · 🌐

Here is an organisation that deserves greater media attention. Help spread the news that Moslems are NOT terrorists and can easily coexist in any society.

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