

# MAPS-AMEN Report



## OVERVIEW

As an outreach and advocacy organization, MAPS-AMEN seeks to fulfill the justice mandate in Islam and empower the community by focusing on four areas: education, engagement, encouragement (of media change), and empowerment. Led by Executive Director Aneelah Afzali and Community Organizer Theresa Crecelius – and of course, with divine mercy and blessing – MAPS-AMEN has established itself as an active and effective frontline grassroots organization for Muslims and other marginalized communities, with impact locally, regionally and even nationally.

As you will see from this report, it has been an extremely busy – yet tremendously exciting and successful – year for MAPS-AMEN. In three short years (and countless long days and nights!), MAPS-AMEN has amplified the voice of the local Muslim community and demonstrated, through social action, the egalitarian spirit and justice teachings of Islam. Today, we are the premier go-to organization for many groups, the local press, faith and non-faith entities, public bureaus and private corporations, who need a Muslim voice at their table. Our collective effort is bearing fruit. We have informed audiences far and wide about our faith and our values (ed-

## BY THE NUMBERS



250,000+

people that MAPS-AMEN has reached through its work



5,000+

people received training from MAPS-AMEN



500+

events MAPS-AMEN has organized or participated in



50+

media mentions

ucation); we have been very visible, have added value and created positive change in society (engagement); we have taken charge of our own narrative in regular media appearances (encouragement); and we are charting a path where Muslims, young and old, can lean on their faith to create public good without fear and with pride (empowerment).

These achievements would not have been possible without the mercy of Allah (God) and the gracious support, through prayers, volunteer hours and financial assistance, of the local Muslim community and friends of the community. For that, we at MAPS-AMEN are ever grateful to all of you. As you read through this report, hopefully you will agree that we have much potential and opportunities ahead of us. With your continued support, you can be part of the MAPS-AMEN mission of creating everlasting positive change in society.



## OUR VISION

- Educate fellow Americans about Islam and their Muslim neighbors;
- Engage friends and allies to take effective action against Islamophobia and other forms of hate, bigotry and injustice;
- Encourage positive changes in media to counter the double standards and negative portrayal of Islam and Muslims; and
- Empower American Muslims to represent and serve their communities



## OUR MISSION

Building bridges of understanding and unity to advocate for justice together





## 20 CITIES

Faith over Fear Roadshow events have been held in over 20 cities across Washington state,



“In working collaboratively to **bring together faith leaders** of all backgrounds to combat anti-Muslim sentiment and bigotry in their communities, MAPS-AMEN has helped to **build a network of change makers** who understand and ally with Muslim communities nationwide.”

— Meira Neggaz, Executive Director, Institute for Social Policy & Understanding (ISPU)

## MAPS-AMEN Report (cont.)



### EDUCATION

#### FACTS OVER FEAR CAMPAIGN

In partnership with Neighbors in Faith, MAPS-AMEN launched a national “Facts Over Fear” Video Campaign in February 2020 to counter myths and misconceptions about Islam and Muslims. These are animated videos exposing the Islamophobia industry and addressing the themes of Islam and Peace, Islam and Women’s Rights, Islam and Other Faith Traditions, and What is Shariah? The videos were supported by a grant from Islamic Relief USA, and **even won the national “End Extreme Hate” \$5,000 contest** by America Indivisible, ISPU, Southern Poverty Law Center, and Western States Center! People across the country have viewed and benefited from the videos. Many local and national leaders also posted about the campaign. Learn more here: [www.facts-overfear.org](http://www.facts-overfear.org).

#### FAITH OVER FEAR ROADSHOW

MAPS-AMEN continued its popular “Faith Over Fear” Roadshow events with Neighbors in Faith, to combat Islamophobia and help leaders be effective allies to their Muslim neighbors. These Roadshow events have been held in over 20 cities across Washington state, targeting smaller, rural towns that might not have large Muslim populations. This past year we also launched a longer Faith Over Fear Ally Training in Spokane and Everett. A retired journalist described this in-depth ally training as “**jiu jitsu conversational techniques for politely counteracting Islamophobia.**”

### SEE WHAT THEY ARE SAYING



Doug Constantine  
@DougC

The #FactsOverFear campaign is setting the record straight — and it couldn’t come at a better time. We must all ensure that we’re ready to confront anti-Muslim rhetoric. Fantastic work by #MAPS, the Muslim Association of #PugetSound.



Adam Smith  
@adamsmith

Today, the #FactsOverFear campaign launches to confront anti-Muslim bigotry and misinformation. Our country is stronger when we come together to reject hatred intended to divide us - join me in standing with our Muslim neighbors.



Rep. Pramila Jayapal  
@PJayapal

We must combat Islamophobia both at home, across the nation & around the world.

Thank you, Neighbors in Faith & the Muslim Association of Puget Sound, for your critical #FactsOverFear campaign.

Proud to stand with you & all those who put love over hate & #FactsOverFear!



Susan DeBene  
February 10

This week, the #FactsOverFear campaign launched right here in #WASH, to confront anti-Muslim hate and bigotry. I am proud to stand with Neighbors in Faith and the Muslim Association of Puget Sound to combat Islamophobia here at home and across the country. We must support our Muslim neighbors and reject hateful division on the campaign trail and beyond.





**“Faith Action Network gives thanks for the presence of MAPS-AMEN in our **work together for justice!** During these challenging years, MAPS-AMEN has continued to bring important **Muslim perspectives and leadership** to advocacy and community-building.**

-- Elise DeGooyer, Co-Director, Faith Action Network

#### NATIONAL FAITH OVER FEAR TRAININGS

In addition to the Washington State trainings, MAPS-AMEN continued to participate in the national “Faith Over Fear” trainings that Aneelah helped create (and first launched at MAPS in January 2018). Led by Shoulder to Shoulder, the national Faith Over Fear trainings have been to a dozen cities across our country, and Aneelah presented at the trainings in Willmar, Minnesota and Hickory, North Carolina.



#### SHARING OUR STORIES CAMPAIGN

Weber Shandwick, a global communications firm, selected MAPS-AMEN and CAIR-WA for its 2018 Impact Project. That honor included \$100,000 worth of pro bono service hours, which were used to create three short videos telling the stories of diverse American Muslims. With those videos, MAPS-AMEN and CAIR-WA launched a campaign to bring Washingtonians together through interactive small group storytelling events. More info here: [www.sharingourstories.org](http://www.sharingourstories.org).



#### BRIDGE-BUILDING WITH EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

Studies show that Evangelical Christians hold the most negative views of Muslims/Islam. MAPS-AMEN has made a proactive effort to reach them. In April 2019, Aneelah was the opening speaker at the Peace Catalyst International “Seeking the Peace” Consultation with Evangelical Christians and Muslims.



#### MAPS-AMEN Report (cont.)

“We are proud of our collaborative work advancing civil liberties in the areas of technology, surveillance, and immigrant rights, among other topics, in partnership with MAPS-AMEN. We are excited about what the future will bring as we continue to work together.”

-- Michele Storms, Executive Director, ACLU-WA



In October, working with Baraka House and Evangelical leaders, MAPS-AMEN provided a special opportunity for local Evangelical Christians to visit a mosque for the first time. The event featured talks by Aneelah and Dr. Jeff Burns, an Evangelical pastor who used to hate Muslims but had his life transformed by a Muslim child. Attendees left the event with noticeable change in their views, with some even planning coffee follow ups with their new Muslim friends! As Dr. Burns said, **“I don’t know how anyone could walk away from an event like this one without having to rethink and reflect upon their lives.”**



In February 2020, Aneelah participated in a lunch gathering with local Imams, Rabbis, and Evangelical Pastors, with special guest Evangelical Pastor Bob Roberts from Dallas, Texas.

In March 2020, by invitation, Aneelah joined a national Aspen Institute day-long meeting with Muslim and Evangelical leaders addressing ways to use religious freedom as a bridging tool, as inspired by Asma Uddin’s book “When Islam is Not a Religion.”

MAPS-AMEN has also continued to participate in a “Three Practices Circle” that includes Evangelical Christians.

#### ISLAMOPHOBIA WORKSHOPS AND ISLAM PRESENTATIONS

Like prior years, MAPS-AMEN provided presentations on combating Islamophobia, Islam, women’s rights, and more at faith institutions, community organizations, college campuses, non-profit groups, and more. One notable venue was the Port of Seattle, where Aneelah provided two-days of training to Port staff/employees at both SeaTac Airport and the Port of Seattle offices.







## MAPS-AMEN Report (cont.)

Theresa also spoke at adult education programs and church study groups, while Aneelah continued to deliver sermons at Sunday church services. Both Aneelah and Theresa spoke at interfaith Iftar events (at MAPS and Islamic Center of Bothell).

### RACISM AND PARALLELS IN PREJUDICE

Aneelah was a key speaker at several conferences and events where she spoke against racism, xenophobia, and other forms of hate and bigotry, including King County's largest MLK Day Rally; the 8th Annual North Puget Sound Conference on Race; the 56th Commemoration of the 1963 March on Washington; OneAmerica's Annual Banquet; the Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day Rally; and more. She also received the Aki Kurose Award for Education from the Seattle Japanese-American Citizens League (JACL) at their 97th Annual Banquet.

In addition, MAPS-AMEN organized, with numerous co-sponsors (including ACLU, NAACP, Poor People's Campaign, OneAmerica, and more), a sold-out event that featured Aneelah along with Rabbi David Basior and Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown speaking about the real threat of antisemitism but how charges of antisemitism are also at times

weaponized against people of color who stand in solidarity with Palestinians. The reaction by some to this event (including attacks on the women of color speakers) reinforced the point of the event in the first place!



### SECRET LIFE OF MUSLIMS

In July, MAPS-AMEN co-hosted another screening of Secret Life of Muslims with World Without Hate to a packed audience at Women's University Club. Aneelah moderated the discussion, and the event highlighted the transformative power of love over hate with Rais Bhuiyan, Richard McKinney, and series filmmaker Joshua Seftel.

“Through education and advocacy, MAPS-AMEN not only broadens understanding of Islam in Washington, but also **builds a better America** where everyone can thrive.”

### ROUNDTABLE WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

When U.S. Senator Kamala Harris came to Washington State in September as a presidential candidate, she held a public event on gun safety. Six people joined her on stage, including Aneelah as the faith voice (along with Attorney General Bob Ferguson, State Rep. Kristine Reeves, two indigenous leaders from local tribes, and a March For Our Lives representative).

### TECHNOLOGY AND FAITH

In November, the International Association for Moral Education conference was held in Seattle, with guests from around the world. Aneelah spoke at a panel on Faith Values & Artificial Intelligence. She also moderated a panel at a King County Bar Association seminar on Artificial Intelligence, which included business leaders (Microsoft, Amazon), governmental officials and community activists. And in April 2020, MAPS-AMEN hosted a “Protect Your Digital Security” workshop with Equality Labs. This workshop received a 100% “Excellent” rating (highest possible) by all those who completed the survey, with strong interest in having MAPS-AMEN host additional workshops like it.

### STATE LABOR COUNCIL INVOCATION

Aneelah delivered the opening invocation at the Washington State Labor Council Convention – the first for a Muslim woman (and likely the first for any Muslim) at this large annual labor gathering!

### OTHER TALKS

MAPS-AMEN spoke at several other educational events, including a Washington State Bar Association CLE on hate crimes; a community discussion on hate and violence following the documentary “Emanuel”; Multi-Faith Summit on the Platinum Rule; a memorial service for the late Rep. Elijah Cummings; a Washington Women Lawyers panel on tokenism, diversity and inclusion; a Save the Uyghurs event; and the “Uplifting Sisterhood” Conference at MAPS.





MAPS-AMEN Report (cont.)

ENGAGEMENT

COALITION-BUILDING AND ADVOCACY

In the past year, MAPS-AMEN has continued building coalitions, expanding relationships, and mobilizing faith leaders, community activists, advocacy groups, elected officials, and more toward action. These efforts include:



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Actively working with WAISN (WA Immigrant Solidarity Network; Aneelah is on the Steering Committee) and other immigrant rights' advocacy groups to protect the rights of immigrants and refugees;

Taking a leadership role with the Faith Action Network (Aneelah is a Governing Board member, and MAPS is a participating faith community) and working with faith leaders/organizations to advocate for justice;

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Serving on the Interfaith Leaders' Council to promote collaboration between different faith communities;

Collaborating with community/advocacy groups including Neighbors in Faith/Paths to Understanding, CAIR, Seattle Indivisible, Seattle Womxn Marching Forward, OneAmerica, and many others to raise awareness and co-organize events;

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Participating as part of the Technology Fairness Coalition with the ACLU and other partners to challenge surveillance tools that disproportionately target and hurt Muslim and other minority communities; and

Serving as part of the Countering Islamophobia Roundtable with leading national organizations and American Muslim leaders across the country.

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IMMIGRANT/REFUGEE ACTIVISM

With its leadership role on the statewide WAISN Steering Committee and commitment to the rights and dignity of all, MAPS-AMEN has remained active in standing for justice for immigrants and refugees through co-organizing and participating in rallies, meetings, press conferences, and more to raise awareness and challenge policies and proposals that hurt immigrant communities. Some of those actions, whether either Aneelah, Theresa, or both actively participated/spoke, include:

- "Lights for Liberty" vigils across the nation to counter cruel family separation policies, inhumane detention conditions, and planned raids;
- "Home is Here" action to support the DACA/ Dreamers program;
- Support for a local immigrant who sought sanctuary inside a church;
- "Never Again Is Now" rally at the Seattle ICE office organized by the Jewish community and allies after the nation's largest single-day mass immigration raid;
- Seattle CityClub rally to counter Department of Homeland Security speaker responsible for deportation of millions of immigrants;
- "Migration - An Act of Courage" event to hear personal insight on conditions on our Southern border because of U.S. immigration policies;
- Work with partners to address ICE raids and CBP showing up at a Redmond church, as well as the detention of Iranian-Americans at our Northern border; and
- Advocating for immigrants/refugees, including those who are undocumented, to be included in state and federal COVID-19 relief funds.



MUSLIM BAN

MAPS-AMEN has continued its efforts to challenge the religiously discriminatory Muslim travel ban, including through working with local leaders, elected officials, and national coalitions to promote the NO BAN Act and raise awareness of the continued harms of this discriminatory ban.

STATEWIDE ADVOCACY

In September 2019, hundreds of advocates came together at Central Washington University for the WAISN Statewide Gathering to strengthen partnerships and set priorities for 2020. Aneelah was the keynote speaker at this two-day event. MAPS-AMEN further co-sponsored WAISN's Annual Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day in February 2020, where over 250 people showed up in Olympia to advocate for immigrant and refugee rights. Aneelah was a presenter at this event, as well as a speaker at the Advocacy Day rally. MAPS-AMEN also participated in FAN's Interfaith Advocacy Day.

"LOVE BEYOND BORDERS" TRIP

In December, Aneelah joined an interfaith delegation of Women of Color on a trip to personally witness the injustices on our Southern Border, and bring back resources, information and insight on how to help. The group raised about \$20,000 to support families on the border and the organizations serving them. At a moving "Love Beyond Borders: Report Back and Call to Action" event in March 2020, the group shared their experience, lessons and action calls.



“America will be a greater nation because AMEN saw a problem and **became the solution**. Thank you MAPS-AMEN for your devotion and commitment.”

–Imam Abdul Malik

#### RESPONDING TO HATE

MAPS-AMEN has responded to acts of hate and violence with love and solidarity, and shown support for impacted communities. This included the Vigil at St. James Cathedral after the Sri Lanka Easter attack, the service at Eastside Torah Center – Chabad of Bellevue after the Poway synagogue attack, the vigil at United Christian Church in Renton after their sign was vandalized, and more. Aneelah further participated in the Yom HaShoah/ Day of Remembrance Service at Temple B’nai Torah.

#### MAPS-AMEN Report (cont.)

##### HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

Working with other groups, MAPS-AMEN provided input on and advocated for passage of a Washington Hate Crimes Bill last year. MAPS-AMEN also helped stop the Seattle City Council from passing a harmful hate crimes bill. Instead, MAPS-AMEN provided input to the City of Seattle, and Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan issued an executive order in February 2020 to combat the rise of hate crimes and bias incidents in Seattle.

##### BLACK LIVES MATTER

MAPS-AMEN continued to speak out against racism, and specifically, anti-Black racism. For MLK Day, MAPS-AMEN organized a group of American Muslims to march together, while Aneelah also was the keynote speaker at that rally. When police killed another Black woman, MAPS-AMEN participated in the National Day of Outrage. And throughout other events – whether rallies or Black History Month or the Uplifting Sisterhood conference at MAPS – MAPS-AMEN has emphasized the message of Black Lives Matter.

##### DISPLACEMENT OF SEATAC BUSINESSES

In August, MAPS-AMEN joined a press conference with community, labor and faith leaders to raise awareness of the arbitrary and cruel eviction of SeaTac immigrant business owners (mostly Muslim) by the City of SeaTac. Aneelah spoke there, and also coordinated volunteers to help the displaced businesses move on short notice.

##### WOMEN’S MARCH

This past year, Aneelah – who has been a speaker in prior Seattle Women’s March events – took on a lead organizing role with other women of color. Because of COVID-19, the program (“Seattle Women’s March: The Next Revolutionaries”) was livestreamed nationally and featured powerful youth of color voices, including several young Muslim women. People across the nation heard the powerful voices of Seattle youth talking about the issues that impact them, including racism, Islamophobia, indigenous rights, environmental justice, and more. It was a beautiful sight to see.







## MAPS-AMEN Report (cont.)

### TECHNOLOGY FAIRNESS

Technology Fairness. As part of the Technology Fairness Coalition led by the ACLU, MAPS-AMEN has helped challenge facial recognition and other technologies, and the Coalition successfully prevented passage of a problematic Data Privacy bill in Washington state. MAPS-AMEN also spoke at a #DropAnyVision rally at the Microsoft campus to raise awareness about, and encourage Microsoft to divest from, an Israeli facial recognition company (AnyVision) that violates Palestinians' human rights, privacy and basic dignity. Thanks to this event and other advocacy with partners like Jewish Voice for Peace, MPower Change, and SumOfUs, Microsoft announced in March 2020 that it was dropping its \$74 million from AnyVision.

### CITY ADVOCACY

In February 2020, Seattle made history by being the first city in the nation to pass a resolution against India's bigoted CAA/NRC laws, and standing up as a welcoming city for ALL. Aneelah worked with the coalition of Indian Americans and other activists to support passage of this resolution. In April 2020, Aneelah joined other faith leaders for a press conference on COVID-19 and the "Tax Amazon" legislation before the Seattle City Council. Meanwhile in Burien, Theresa co-led the Burien Community Advisory Council with the Burien Police Chief, and engaged in a Burien Community Conversation about rental housing policy. And in Redmond, Aneelah provided public comment on issues affecting Muslims while celebrating the first American Muslim Councilmember in Redmond.

### OTHER JUSTICE ISSUES

Recognizing the interconnectedness of our various struggles locally and nationally, MAPS-AMEN has also been active local and federal representatives as well as different advocacy organizations on numerous issues affecting the Muslim community, including Kashmir, Palestine, Sudan, Uyghurs, Yemen, and more.

### SHOWING OF SOLIDARITY AT MAPS

Because MAPS-AMEN has been engaged in strong coalition-building in the community, we have the support of allies to call on when we need them to show solidarity. This was exemplified last year when 150 people showed up at MAPS on short notice -- and only by personal calls/emails -- to counter "Patriots of Washington" protesters against Sr. Linda Sarsour.







**“This extraordinary program and movement spearheaded by the deeply courageous, passionate, and impeccably articulate Aneelah Afzali is **a vital gift to our region.**”** -- Jessica Bhuiyan, *Executive Director, World Without Hate*



## MAPS-AMEN Report (cont.)

### POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

MAPS-AMEN seeks to engage the American Muslim community in advocacy through the political process, and Aneelah held meetings, press conferences and/or events with many elected officials and their staff. This included organizing and leading a Muscommunity meeting with U.S. Rep. Dr. Kim Schrier at MAPS; a Faith Leaders' meeting with Sen. Patty Murray; and a meeting with WA Senatorial staff to save the Uyghur Muslims. Aneelah also participated in other meetings with elected officials including Governor Jay Inslee, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, the WA Members of Color Caucus, WA Rep. Vandana Slatter, and more.

### SEATAC PRAYER ROOM

In addition, MAPS-AMEN was part of the team advocating for – and providing input to – the Port of Seattle Commission about a new prayer room at SeaTac Airport.

### COVID-19 RESPONSE

In response to COVID-19, MAPS-AMEN has taken on the additional task of working with county and state officials to ensure understanding of and proper implementation of public health directives; funders (seeking and applying for grants for MAPS' relief work), and media (helping communicate MAPS services to the wider community). Aneelah also drafted guidelines for faith communities used by King County, and continues to collaborate with public health officials and Muslim leaders to manage/coordinate the implementation of public health guidance in response to the pandemic.





## MAPS-AMEN Report (cont.)

### ENCOURAGEMENT (MEDIA CHANGE)



One of MAPS-AMEN's focus areas is encouraging positive change in media, as coverage about Muslims/Islam tends to be negative and even defamatory. Through its work, MAPS-AMEN's has generated positive media coverage, and helped shape perceptions about Muslims and Islam. MAPS-AMEN has specifically pitched stories to journalists about the Muslim community, such as the struggles faced by SeaTac businesses when they faced displacement, along with positive stories such as the work of the Muslim community in response to COVID-19 or related to the month of Ramadan.

In addition, MAPS-AMEN has helped prepare individuals to speak to media, and co-hosted a two-day media training led by ReThink Media for Muslims and allies in July 2019. This training included a roundtable with local journalists and reporters from major news networks, along with interview practice inside a recording studio.

MAPS-AMEN further appeared in several TV/video, radio and podcast interviews. Some of the more extensive ones include KUOW/NPR's "Are We Going To Be OK? #Faith Edition (featuring Aneelah); KUOW/NPR's "Prime(d)" Interview (featuring Theresa); and multiple "Challenge 2.0" TV series, which broadcasts on local television (featuring both Aneelah and Theresa separately).

As part of the National Countering Islamophobia Roundtable, Aneelah also works with the Communications sub-group to address media change.

“This year was the first time that the Port of Seattle had any direct training on Islamophobia... [and] I'm so glad we were able to get this caliber of training. We received very positive responses from Port of Seattle employees ... and many department supervisors asked for this training to be offered again. I highly recommend that other organizations also invest in these beneficial workshops.”

-- Bookda Gheisar, Senior Director of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Port of Seattle

## EMPOWERMENT

MAPS-AMEN actively seeks, encourages and provides opportunities for American Muslims (especially women and youth) to participate in events and/or have their voices heard in order to build skills, relationships, confidence, and leadership. In the last year, examples include the Sharing Our Stories Campaign, panel presentations about Islam, Candidate Forums, Women's March, MLK Day Rally, and more. MAPS-AMEN has also held training and skills-building workshops for Muslim women on story-telling, media and messaging, and responding to tough questions – including the two-day training conducted with ReThink Media.

In terms of political empowerment, MAPS-AMEN has promoted completion of the census, voter registration, and voter turnout, while also encouraging American Muslims to consider running for office (and connecting them to opportunities, resources and training). We also held two well-attended and engaging candidate forums at MAPS, providing a service to the wider community. Some of the candidates even expressed how the forums at MAPS were the best ones in which they participated!



# EMPOWERING CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY



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**Dedication.  
Tenacity.  
Compassion.** These  
are just a few of  
the strengths that  
**MAPS-AMEN** brings  
to their work.”

– Michele Storms, *Executive  
Director, ACLU-WA*



“Together with your help, we can build upon our foundation of success, fulfill the divine commands of standing firmly for justice (Quran 4:135) and enjoining what is good/forbidding what is wrong (Quran 3:104), and make a positive lasting impact on society.”

## MAPS-AMEN Report (cont.)

### MOVING FORWARD

In three years, by the grace of God Almighty, MAPS-AMEN has helped ensure that American Muslims have a proverbial “seat at the table,” a voice of our own that’s heard, and that Muslims are present, active and even lead in the justice and advocacy issues of our day. The work has not been easy, but it has been a labor of love. Alhamdulillah (all thanks and praise be to God Almighty).

We have a lot more work to do, and with COVID-19, our efforts are moving online and finding different ways to educate, engage, encourage media change, and empower the American Muslim community. Even if we may be in the middle of a pandemic, we know that hate, bigotry, oppression, and injustice continue – and the pandemic has highlighted and reinforced certain systemic inequities. Plus, it is an election year and Islamophobia increases during such times. For these reasons, our work is especially critical in the coming months. We need to ensure Muslim leadership is part of the conversation of how we come out of the pandemic, while addressing structural injustices to ensure a better new “normal” after shelter-in-place ends.

Again, we are grateful to all the supporters and volunteers who have helped out throughout the year, along with those who have attended, promoted, collaborated with and/or contributed to MAPS-AMEN’s programs. We also thank the Seattle Foundation for supporting the educational and anti-hate work of MAPS-AMEN through another Resilience Fund grant for this coming election year.

We hope all of you will continue to support MAPS-AMEN, knowing that even with limited staff and resources, we consistently punch above our weight. Together with your help, we can build upon our foundation of success, fulfill the divine commands of standing firmly for justice (Quran 4:135) and enjoining what is good/forbidding what is wrong (Quran 3:104), and make a positive lasting impact on society. Insha’Allah (God-willing).







## APRIL 2019-APRIL 2020 MAPS-AMEN SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

**4/4/19** Kickoff Speaker at Peace Catalyst International Conference  
**4/4/19** Interview with KUOW/NPR's "Prime(d)" re Surveillance  
**4/5/19** Panel of Muslim Women Telling Their Stories at Seattle Pacific University  
**4/5/19** Keynote Speaker at OneAmerica Annual Banquet  
**4/6/19** Mosque Visit: "American Muslim Women Speak Out" Event at MAPS  
**4/9/19** Advocating with Senatorial staff re NO BAN Act  
**4/15/19** Speaker at MAPS Young Professionals Quran Study Group  
**4/17/19** Interview with Progress Alliance of Washington for Strategic Planning  
**4/17/19** Interview on KSER Radio Show "Color Commentary"  
**4/17/19** Speaker at Community Coffee Night with Our Muslim Neighbors  
**4/18/19** Faith Leaders Community Meeting with Seattle City Mayor Jenny Durkan  
**4/19/19** Moderator/Host of "Save the Uyghurs" with Special Guest Aydin Anwar  
**4/20/19** Featured Speaker at 8th Annual North Puget Sound Conference on Race  
**4/21/19** Interview with KOMO News re Sri Lanka Attack  
**4/23/19** National Countering Islamophobia Roundtable Virtual Gathering  
**4/24/19** St. James Cathedral Vigil for Sri Lanka Easter Victims  
**4/27/19** Speaker at MAPS Annual Banquet  
**5/1/19** Reader at Temple B'nai Torah's "Yom HaShoah/Day of Remembrance" Service  
**5/2/19** Panelist at Intersectional Dialogue on Weaponizing Charges of Antisemitism  
**5/4/19** Interview on Leadership for Doctoral Candidate Program  
**5/5/19** Interview with Tavis Hamilton for Studio Capon Media  
**5/11/19** Speaker at Islamic Center of Bothell Interfaith Iftar  
**5/11/19** Award Recipient Speaker at Japanese American Citizens League 97th Annual Banquet  
**5/13/19** Speaker at St. Mark's Cathedral Study Group  
**5/14/19** Speaker at GSBP Farm 2 Table Fundraiser & Interfaith Ramadan Iftar  
**5/15/19** Speaker/Moderator at MAPS Annual Interfaith Iftar  
**5/28/19** Port of Seattle Commission Meeting - Public Comment  
**6/6/19** Interview with University of Washington-Tacoma Student  
**6/10/19** Meeting with WA State Attorney General Bob Ferguson  
**6/11/19** Advocate at Meeting with Washington Senatorial Staff re Uyghurs  
**6/13/19** Interview with Jason Rantz Show on AM 770 KTTH  
**6/18/19** Speaker at Rally re Seattle CityClub's Department of Homeland Security Invite  
**6/20/19** Burien Community Conversation about Rental Housing Policy  
**6/21/19** Speaker at Vigil for Vandalized United Christian Church in Renton  
**6/22/19** Speaker at Solidarity With Sudan Event  
**6/23/19** FAN 2019 Puget Sound Spring Summit  
**6/23/19** Speaker/Table Lead at Community Discussion on Documentary "Emanuel"  
**6/28/19** National Countering Islamophobia Roundtable in Washington, DC  
**6/28/19** Speaker at Interfaith Service for One-Year Anniversary of Immigrant in Sanctuary  
**7/8-7/9** Co-Host of ReThink Media's Spokesperson Media Training

**7/12/19** Speaker at Lights For Liberty Occidental Park Vigil for Detained Immigrants  
**7/12/19** Speaker at Lights For Liberty Burien Vigil for Detained Immigrants  
**7/16/19** Co-Lead with Police Chief of Burien Community Advisory Council  
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**7/17/19** Speaker at Rally at USCIS to Support Immigrant in Sanctuary  
**7/18/19** Co-Host of Reclaiming Judaism Book Reading and Discussion  
**7/24/19** Speaker/Moderator at Secret Life of Muslims Event at Women's University Club  
**7/25/19** Moderator of Redmond City Council and Mayoral Candidates Forum  
**7/26/19** Interview with Washington News Service re Sharing Our Stories Event  
**7/27/19** Opening Invocation at WA State Labor Council Annual Convention  
**7/28/19** Sermon at University Unitarian Church, followed by Q&A Session on Islam  
**7/30/19** Speaker at Sharing Our Stories Event at Skyline Presbyterian Church  
**8/8/19** Speaker at "Never Again is Now" Rally  
**8/8/19** Speaker at KUOW's Community Happy Hour Discussion on Citizenship  
**8/9/19** Facilitator of Faith Leaders' Meeting with Sen. Patty Murray  
**8/11/19** Speaker at Federal Way Library "Meaningful Movies" Event on Women in Islam  
**8/21/19** Speaker at Lunch & Learn at Philanthropy NW Session on Islamophobia  
**8/28/19** Speaker at 56th Anniv. of 1963 March on Washington Event at Mt. Zion  
**8/30/19** Speaker at Press Conference for Displaced SeaTac Businesses  
**9/1/19** Speaker at Anti-Racism Training at Admiral UCC  
**9/8/19** Speaker at Seattle First Baptist Church 150 Year Anniversary Event  
**9/9/19** Panelist at WA Women Lawyers Event on Diversity Without Inclusion  
**9/11/19** Three Practices Circle Gathering  
**9/18/19** Moderator at "Migration: An Act of Courage" Event  
**9/19/19** Interview re American Muslims with Muslim PhD Candidate  
**9/23/19** Presenter at Philanthropy NW Program on Islamophobia and Philanthropy  
**9/27/19** Speaker at Gun Safety Roundtable w/ U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris During Presidential Bid  
**9/28/19** Keynote Speaker at WAISN Statewide Gathering  
**9/29/19** Sermon at First Congregational Church (Bellevue) on Hunger  
**10/1/19** Meeting with Seattle City Staff re Addressing Hate & Violence  
**10/3/19** Faith Over Fear Roadshow at Gonzaga University in Spokane  
**10/5/19** Faith Over Fear Ally Training at Islamic Center of Spokane  
**10/10/19** Challenge 2.0 TV Interview: "From Evangelist to Post Evangelist"  
**10/10/19** Urban Forum NW Radio Interview on KKNW 1150 AM  
**10/10/19** Civic Commons Gathering and Co-Creation  
**10/11/19** Speaker/Moderator at "How a Muslim Child Changed an Evangelical Minister's Life" Event with Evangelical Christians  
**10/12/19** Build Legal Power for American Muslims Event w/ Linda Sarsour  
**10/17/19** Challenging Islamophobia Workshop at Solid Ground  
**10/22/19** Sharing Our Stories Event at St. John's Episcopal Church, Snohomish  
**10/23/19** Moderator at KCBA CLE Panel on Artificial Intelligence

**10/24/19** Moderator at Redmond City Council & Mayoral Forum  
**10/27/19** Multi-Faith Summit on the Platinum Rule at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church  
**11/3/19** Rep. Elijah Cummings Memorial at First African Methodist Episcopal Church  
**11/4/19** Meeting with U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal re Immigration Issues  
**11/5/19** Muslim Community Learning Webinar with Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle  
**11/7/19** Panelist at 45th Annual International Conference (Association for Moral Education)  
**11/10/19** Sermon on "Combating the Sin of Islamophobia Through Islamic Herstory" at Unitarian University Church  
**11/10/19** Facilitator for Q&A Session on Islam/Islamophobia at Unitarian University Church  
**11/10/19** Co-MC of FAN Annual Dinner  
**11/12/19** Speaker at "Home Is Here" DACA Press Conference & Rally  
**11/13/19** Off The Map Webcast Interview  
**11/14-11/15** Faith Over Fear Training in Willmar, Minnesota  
**11/19/19** Meeting with Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers at MAPS  
**11/19/19** Meeting with WA State Rep. Vandana Slatter  
**11/24/19** Speaker/Moderator at MAPS Open House w/ Special Guest Victor Begg  
**12/8-12/11** Women of Color Interfaith Trip to Southern Border  
**1/6/20** Meeting with U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal re Detention of Iranian-Americans  
**1/9/20** The Detention Lottery: An Immersive Courtroom Drama at FCC Bellevue  
**1/13-1/16** Digital Security Training by Rise Together  
**1/20/20** Keynote Speaker at Annual MLK Jr. Day Rally at Garfield High School  
**1/21/20** Facilitator of Muslim Community Meeting with U.S. Rep. Dr. Kim Schrier at MAPS  
**1/21/20** Speaker at Three Practices Group Recording  
**1/22/20** Combating Islamophobia Workshop at SeaTac Airport for Port of Seattle  
**1/23/20** Combating Islamophobia Workshop at Port of Seattle for Port Employees  
**1/25/20** Speaker at "Uplifting Sisterhood" Conference at MAPS  
**1/29/20** Speaker at #DropAnyVision Rally at Microsoft  
**2/1/20** Faith Over Fear Ally Training at Trinity Lutheran Church  
**2/3/20** Seattle City Council Meeting on CAA resolution  
**2/4/20** Public Comment at Redmond City Council Meeting  
**2/5/20** Presenter at WAISN Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day  
**2/5/20** Speaker at WAISN Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Day Rally  
**2/7/20** Facts Over Fear Video Interviews/Recordings  
**2/10/20** Facts Over Fear Campaign Launch Party at MAPS  
**2/17-2/18** Faith Over Fear Training in Hickory, North Carolina  
**2/20/20** National Countering Islamophobia Roundtable in Washington, D.C.  
**2/23/20** Seattle Indivisible: 2020 We Win! - Introduction of Advisory Board  
**2/24/20** Meeting with Evangelical Pastor Bob Roberts and Faith Leaders at MAPS  
**2/25/20** Speaker at "Love Beyond Borders: Report Back and Call to Action"  
**2/26/20** Meeting with Port of Seattle Staff to Provide Input on Prayer Room  
**3/3/20** Aspen Institute National Meeting with Muslim & Evangelical Leaders in D.C.

**3/5/20** Meeting with King County Public Health and Faith Leaders  
**3/8/20** Seattle Women's March: The Next Revolutionaries -- Youth Speakers  
**3/17/20** Faith Over Fear Roadshow Webinar for Port Angeles  
**3/31/20** Speaker/Moderator at Washington State Bar Association CLE on Hate Crimes  
**4/3/20** Interview with California Sunday Magazine re AI & Faith  
**4/16/20** Speaker at Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice Cohort on Countering White Nationalism  
**4/21/20** Host of "Protect Your Digital Security" Workshop by Equality Labs  
**4/22/20** Meeting with WA State Members of Color Caucus  
**4/24/20** Interview with KUOW  
**4/28/20** Speaker at Press Conference with Faith Leaders on COVID-19/Tax Amazon Legislation  
**4/28/20** Interview with Crosscut  
**4/29/20** Challenge 2.0 Recording of "Daughters of Abraham" on Lessons from the Lockdown  
**4/30/20** KUOW/NPR Program "Are We Going To Be OK: #Faith Edition with Aneelah Afzali"



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