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# MET Community Center

A Beacon of Light for All





# BRIDGE-BUILDING DIALOGUE, FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY SERVICE, STEWARDSHIP OF EARTH AND HUMANITY



*The Beloved Community Forum, November 2016*



*A Portrait of A Prophet Conference, January 2018*

## Our Mission

The Muslim Educational Trust (MET) is a cultural, social, and educational institution founded in 1993 with a mission to enrich the public's understanding of Islam and dispel common myths and stereotypes, while serving the Muslim community's educational, social, and spiritual needs.

*Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers  
with Mr. Khizr Khan, October 2016*

*Silk Road Cultural Diplomacy - African  
American Night, February 2017*

*Mayor of Portland, Ted Wheeler Reception  
and Welcoming, February 2017*





In February 2017 and in honor of the Late Dr. Nohad Toulan, the Muslim Educational Trust launched a new program series titled “Silk Road Cultural Diplomacy.” The goal of this series is to celebrate our beautiful ethnic and cultural diversity, and bring communities together towards our common quest for positive dialogue, active community engagement, and better understanding and appreciation of one another. “Silk Road Cultural Diplomacy” forums feature a panel discussion and conversation with members from local communities, followed by a potluck dinner in which our various communities come together for dialogue around a dinner table.

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Late Dr. Nohad Toulan  
Distinguished Professor and Dean Emeritus, Department of Urban and Public Affairs, Portland State University

\* The Silk Road was an ancient network of trade routes that were for centuries central to cultural interaction through regions of the Asian continent connecting the East and West and stretching from the Korean peninsula and Japan to the Mediterranean Sea. Trade on the Silk Road played a significant role in the development of the civilizations of China, Korea, Japan, the Indian subcontinent, Persia, Europe, the Horn of Africa and Arabia, opening long-distance political and economic relations between the civilizations. Though silk was certainly the major trade item exported from China, many other goods were traded, as well as religions, syncretic philosophies, and various technologies.

### Jewish American Night: We Refuse to Be Enemies - February 4th, 2017



Celebrating 20+ years of friendship with our Jewish sisters and brothers, “We Refuse to be Enemies” Night witnesses a heartwarming celebration of positive partnership and relations that have sustained our beautiful communities over the years. The Arab Muslim Jewish Dialogue founded by the Muslim Educational Trust back in 2001 was the first step in that direction. Our keynote speakers were Senior Rabbi Joey Wolf of Havurah Shalom and Mr. Wajdi Said, President MET.

### African American Night: Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.: Incompatible or Complementary - February 11th, 2017



African American Night features a special evening commemorating the African American experiences, struggles, and strife for civil rights. The lives of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X were also celebrated including the story of the transformation of Malcolm X to El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. Our panel discussion included Pastor Elbert Mondainé, Celebration Tabernacle Church; Pastor Matt Hennessee, Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church; Imam Muhammad Najieb, Muslim Community Center of Portland; and Donna Maxey, Race Talks.

### Asia Night - March 11th, 2017



Asia Night features a Cultural evening filled with Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and Buddhist prayers; testimonies; cultural performances by Anjali School of Dance and Sriyon Pathshala PDX Bangla School; and music by Hossein Salehi, ArtMax Sudio. Our guest speakers were Gulzar Ahmed, MET Advisory Board; Gurpreet Kaur, Sikh Center of Oregon; Connie Masuoka, Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center; and Soo Pak, Portland Parks & Recreation.

### Latino Night - March 25th, 2017



Latino Night features a wonderful evening with our Latino American Community in which we all enjoyed an indigenous dance by Mexica Tiahui, an Aztec dance group. Our panelists were Alberto Moreno, Oregon Latino Health Coalition; Linda Castillo, New Portlanders Program; Alan Hipólito, Verde; Rev. Linda Jaramillo, Retired National Officer, The United Church of Christ; Sahar Bassyouni, MET; and Jawad Khan, Oregon Islamic Academy; and Ronault (Polo) Catalani, New Portlanders Program.

### Native American Night - May 6th, 2017



Native American Night features an engaging conversation with our panelists, followed by a potluck dinner. Our panelists are Rep. Tawna Sanchez, Oregon House District 43; Nichole Maher, NW Health Foundation; Joe Finkbonner, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board; Sherry Addis, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; and Mashall Rezayee, Zamzam Water.

# Our Programmatic Priorities

- Expand programs to **reduce fear and build bridges of compassion** and understanding of Islam and Muslims in light of the current political landscape
- Positive integration for new **immigrant and refugee** communities
- “**Silk Road Cultural Diplomacy**” program series in honor of the Late Dr. Nohad Toulan, to celebrate our beautiful ethnic and cultural diversity, and bring communities together towards our common quest for positive dialogue, active community engagement, and better understanding and appreciation of one another
- Oregon Muslim Youth - **advancing opportunities for empowerment through leadership, community service, and mentorship**

## Ongoing MET Educational and Outreach Programs:

- Monthly **public forums** for community members to **engage** and grow closer in mutual respect, understanding, and compassion
- Public **lectures** explaining and exemplifying the **true loving** and open face of Islam
- Interfaith **dialogue** to build **bridges of understanding** among people of different faiths
- Outreach to local **media** organizations for **non-biased** news coverage
- Cultural competency **training** to public and private organizations
- The promotion of **collaboration** between **Islamic organizations** in the Portland metro area and SW Washington
- A unique and **holistic educational experience** via its two full-time, licensed, and accredited Islamic schools, (Pre-K - 5th: **Islamic School of MET - ISMET** and 6th-12th: **Oregon Islamic Academy - OIA**) as well as through its Weekend Islamic School
- Advancement of **education and leadership skills** for all Oregon Muslim youth
- Two **scholarship** opportunities for college and high school students
- Civic engagement and **leadership development** opportunities for all Muslims
- **Partnership** with city civic and government officials towards **making our voice heard** as a Muslim community
- **Civic engagement, education, and outreach**
- **Know your Neighbor** Campaign in collaboration with Celebrate Mercy
- Highlighting Muslims in the public square across all professions
- Raising awareness about the importance of **equity** and **social justice** for all
- Consciousness of our **stereotypes** and reshaping our mindset to see each other as equally human
- MET is the co-founding member of the following **Interfaith Organizations and Coalitions**: Institute for Christian Muslim Understanding (ICMU), Arab-Jewish-Muslim Dialogue, Interfaith Council of Greater Portland (ICGP), the Beloved Community of Oregon Coalition, and Between Women Interfaith Group

*MET & Celebrate Mercy raise funds for families of the 3 Portland Heroes - killed and injured while defending 2 women from anti-Muslim harassment*



**\$609,724**

funded of \$60,000 goal



**11066**

supporters

Project Closed



**SUCCESS!**

This campaign reached its goal on Jun 5, 2017 11:45 PM.





# Our Center

The Muslim Educational Trust opened the doors of its new Community Center in December 2015.



- First of its kind in the Pacific Northwest, MET's Community Center provides recreational, cultural, educational, and social resources for all residents of the greater Portland area.
- At MET, people come together to grow in mutual understanding and respect, helping to make the Portland area a better place for all citizens.

The center welcomes and encourages members of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds to partake in a variety of on-site activities and events, including athletics, lectures, concerts, art openings, research, study opportunities, interfaith dialogues, as well as social events such as MET's monthly potluck/forum, weddings, and other celebrations.



## Facilities

- Gymnasium: Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Tennis, and Table Tennis
- Musalla for 5 daily prayers
- 3 Banquet Halls available for rent
- 3-lane Indoor Swimming Pool
- Fitness Center
- Islamic Museum/ Art Gallery
- Resource Library
- Technology/ Media Lab
- Science Center
- Commercial Kitchen
- Coffee/Gift Shop
- 13 Classrooms
- Art Studio
- Outdoor Playground

For facility rental, catering, and membership information, please visit our website at [www.metpdx.org](http://www.metpdx.org)

**Al-Madinah Hall:** Banquet style: 500 people; Lecture style: 900 people

**Al-Andalusia Hall:** Banquet style: 100 people; Lecture style: 150 people

**Al-Iwan Hall:** Banquet style: 74 people; Lecture style: 74 people

**Fitness Room:** State-of-the Art Equipment in a private setting

# Our Organizational Priorities

- Paying off the \$4 million construction loan to complete the center
- Expanding an endowment to sustain the organization long-term
- Introducing a retirement plan for our staff
- Expand programs to reduce fear and build bridges of compassion and understanding of Islam and Muslims in light of current political landscape

Help MET raise **\$3.8 Million** to repay the Community Center loan:  
**\$3.8M = 9,500 shares**      **\$400/share**

We divided the square footage of the community center into shares that donors can sponsor and dedicate to their loved ones. With as little as \$400 you can buy any of the below 4 types of shares and sponsor a living memory of yourself or your loved ones. **Please join us and leave a legacy for peace and understanding in Oregon.**



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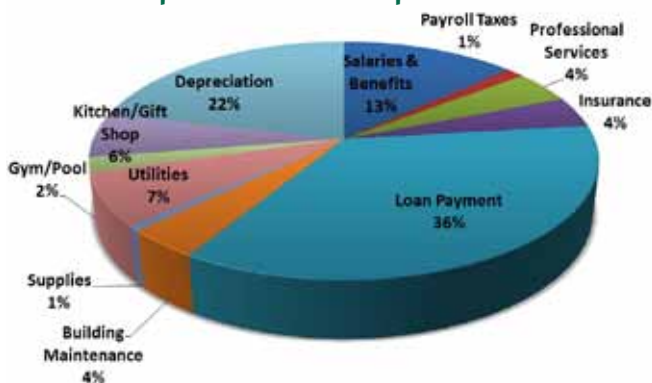
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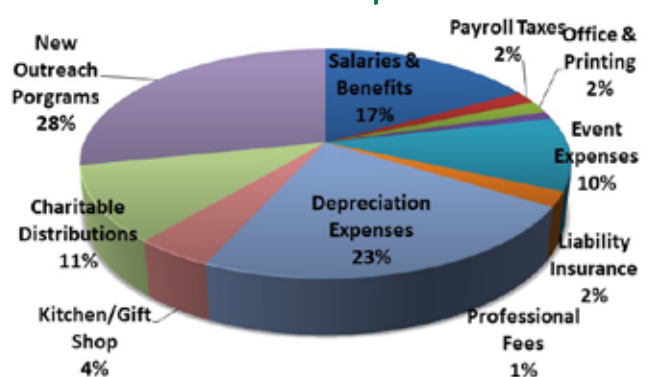
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## Operation Expenses



## Outreach Expenses





# Words of Support

## Late Dr. Nohad A. Toulan

### Distinguished Professor and Dean Emeritus, Portland State University

*“In its 18 years of existence, the Muslim Educational Trust has become a beacon guiding both Muslims and Non-Muslims towards a better understanding of the true spirit of Islam and how it can contribute to harmony in our local community. Having come of age, it is now time for the organization to have its own home; a community center that enables it to continue and expand its outreach.”*



## Ms. Amanda Fritz

### Commissioner, City of Portland

*“The MET Community Center will provide a valuable community gathering space for our area’s growing Muslim population, and it will also serve many non-Muslims who will benefit from the courses, forums, lectures, art, and dialogue that will take place there. The charitable work of MET’s students and members has been inspirational to me, providing service to many communities in the US and abroad.”*



## Mayor Denny Doyle

### Mayor, City of Beaverton

*“MET is a vital organization within the Beaverton and Greater Portland area community that provides positive resources and opportunities for Muslims and non-Muslims alike. The MET Community and Educational Center will be such a place, adding to and enriching the already vibrant cultural diversity of the Beaverton Community. We will move forward towards a complete community and MET is a critical partner in this effort.”*



## Ms. Maria Wulff

### Former President, World Affairs Council of Oregon

*“This Community Center gives a physical presence to the work that is already happening and philosophy of inclusivity that the Muslim Educational Trust has always espoused and of course at the World Affairs Council, we are very excited about the opportunity to collaborate on even more events with the Muslim Educational Trust.”*



## Mr. Sho Dozono

### President of Dozono Consulting and 2008 Portland Mayor Candidate

*“I was very impressed to watch the Muslim Educational Trust work not only within the Muslim Community but also within the interfaith community, bringing the Jewish, Christian and Muslim people together. I am fascinated by how MET brings the community together while educating their own children with the culture, language, and faith.”*



## Dr. Thomas Bartlett

### Former President, American University in Cairo, and Chancellor, the Oregon State System of Higher Education

*“The Muslim Educational Trust has a real opportunity. It is organized, it is effective, and it has the right message. It is also doing the right thing by involving its school with local and state-wide activities.”*



## Mr. Neal Keny-Guyer

### Chief Executive Officer, Mercy Corps

*“This Community Center will be special because it will be a place where many citizens who perhaps don’t know much about the Muslim culture and faith can come together and learn with citizens of the greater Portland area.”*





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