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*Refusing to Be Silenced.
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024 | 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wyndham Boston Beacon Hill | Boston, MA

Featuring remarks by:



Linda Sarsour, *Activist & Keynote Speaker*



Dr. Altaf Husain, *Motivational Speaker*



Tahirah Amatul-Wadud, Esq., *CAIR-MA Executive Director*



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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ
سَبْعَ سَنَابِلٍ فِي كُلِّ سُنْبُلَةٍ مِائَةٌ حَبَّةٌ وَاللَّهُ يُضَعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ
وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦١﴾

The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of God is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And God multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And God is all-Encompassing and Knowing. (2:261)

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ لَا يُتْبِعُونَ مَا أَنْفَقُوا مَنًّا
وَلَا أَذَىٰ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ
يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٢٦٢﴾

Those who spend their wealth in the way of God and then do not follow up what they have spent with reminders [of it] or [other] injury will have their reward with their Lord, and there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve. (2:262)

From Our Executive Director

As-salaamu Alaikum, Peace Be Upon You

This year, we gather united under the theme *Refusing to Be Silenced*. *Refusing to Be Silent*. We chose this theme because **silencing has been the greatest weapon used against the Muslim community, while speaking up has been our greatest strength.**

Our voices have come together in powerful ways, demanding a ceasefire, calling for a weapons embargo, and condemning policies that seek to criminalize free speech. We've amplified the stories and struggles of the Muslim community and allies across Massachusetts. We've built coalitions with interfaith partners, friends, and neighbors. **We have shown that, even when it comes at a cost, speaking up is the only way.**

Our Stewards of Justice award winners have been bold and brave in the face of adversity, inspiring us with their courage and commitment. Our young Muslim Youth Leaders are being recognized tonight for their incredible work, achieving so much at such a young age.

And you—every one of you—fortify us so that we can serve.

Thank you for being part of this journey, for helping us grow our chapter, and for shaping a future where our voices amplify with strength and purpose.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Tahirah Amatul-Wadud, Esq.
CAIR-MA Executive Director



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By scanning the QR code and taking a 5-minute survey, you can help shape CAIR-MA's work in 2025. Your insights will guide us in ensuring we're responsive to our community. **Thank you for participating in this important survey!**

This Evening's Program

Networking (5:30-6:00 p.m.)

Congregational Salaatul Isha (6:00 p.m.)
Open with Holy Qur'an & Du'a for peace

Welcome from CAIR-MA Board Chair
Rev. Corey J. Sanderson
Remarks from special guests

Attorney Tahirah Amatul-Wadud,
CAIR-MA Executive Director & Chief Legal Officer
Linda Sarsour, *Keynote Speaker*
Dr. Altaf Husain, *Motivational Speaker*

Presentation of Awards
Closing Du'a



CAIR-MA Annual Banquet 2023



This Evening's Speakers

LINDA SARSOUR – KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Linda Sarsour, a prominent advocate for Muslim civil rights, is widely recognized for her work in advancing the rights of marginalized communities. As a co-chair of the 2017 Women's March and a leading figure in numerous intersectional movements, Sarsour has inspired change at both the grassroots and national levels. Her leadership has been instrumental in campaigns advocating for immigration reform, police accountability, and the rights of women, Muslims, and communities of color. Sarsour's efforts have earned her numerous accolades, including being named a "Champion of Change" by the Obama White House and recognition as one of TIME magazine's "100 Most Influential People."

DR. ALTAF HUSAIN – MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Dr. Altaf Husain is a double alumnus of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, having earned his B.S. in Biomedical Engineering and his M.S. in Social Work. He received his Ph.D. in Social Work from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Husain's research interests include the mental health and integration of immigrant and refugee families, and especially Muslim adolescents, in the United States. He serves as vice president of the Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research, board member of The Conscious Kid Library, and an advisory board member of the Peaceful Families Project – dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence.

His past service to the community includes serving as vice president of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), national president of the Muslim Students Association (MSA National), and an executive committee member of the Muslim Alliance in North America (MANA). Dr. Husain and his family live in Northern Virginia.

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ANEEQA ABID – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY SPECIALIST

Aneeqa has been building coalitions to support pro-Palestinian efforts and leading legislative advocacy initiatives. While a student, she co-founded the Stanford [University] Muslim Mental Health Initiative and holds a degrees in Human Biology and Epidemiology from Stanford University.

TAHIRAH AMATUL-WADUD, ESQ. – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

Tahirah is an experienced litigator, and has over 18 years of experience in corporate, family, and civil rights law. She was honored as a Top Woman of Law and received the Massachusetts Bar Association Community Service Award. She served as a commissioner on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women from 2014 to 2020.

MARIAM AYDAH, ESQ. – CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY

Mariam is a Palestinian American Muslim attorney who graduated from Western New England University School of Law. Her Islamic faith inspires her unwavering commitment to justice. She received the James C. Faison Multicultural Leadership Award and the Social Justice Advocacy Award. Now with CAIR-MA, she tirelessly champions civil rights for the Muslim community.

BARBARA DOUGAN, ESQ. – LEGAL DIRECTOR

Barbara is a civil rights attorney with over 40 years of experience. Before joining CAIR-MA, she directed the Project to Combat Racial Violence, helped reform drug sentencing laws, and organized post-9/11 legal responses. Honored by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, NAACP, and others, she has dedicated her legal career to serving marginalized communities.

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FATUMA MOHAMED – YOUTH DIRECTOR & COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPECIALIST

Fatuma is a dedicated organizer and youth advocate. She earned both her Bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Affairs and her Master's degree in International Affairs from Northeastern University. Fatuma has organized for Boston Mobilization and Hormar Academy, supporting Somali high school students' access to higher education in Greater Boston.

VINCENT WARE – SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Vincent brings 25 years of experience in community organizing, advocacy, and program management to Massachusetts. He's active with the Muslim American Society of Boston, Greater Boston Reentry Task Force, and NAACP and currently oversees community outreach at CAIR-MA, focusing on impactful local and national initiatives.

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Faisal Waged saw his calling to the field of law early in life. He saw how legal professionals can improve lives and felt drawn to their commendable work. Later, Mr. Waged started his own business to ensure that he could practice law on his own terms.

He founded Waged Law Group, P.C. in 2022 and has dedicated his career to the practice of family law ever since. By adopting a balanced and focused approach to every case, Mr. Waged provides legal representation in the most effective and efficient manner to best serve his clients' interests. Furthermore, with his familiarity and understanding of Islamic principles and laws, Mr. Waged also provides valuable legal assistance and guidance throughout the Muslim community in Massachusetts.

In 2024, Mr. Waged was selected to the Massachusetts Rising Stars list for Family Law. As one of his former clients noted, "Faisal is a dedicated and knowledgeable attorney that will go the extra mile to get the job done."

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