

Ani Zonneveld

President, Founder

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Expertise

Management

- Non-profit management since 2007
- Manages a team of 10 full-time and part-time employees based in various geographic locations
- Responsible for fiscal management of operational and programming budgets, and reporting
- Fundraised \$7 million+ dollars over six years from donors, foundations, and government entities
- Develop, coordinate, implement and oversee various programs, and reporting from local to global

Communication

- Participated in hundreds of panels, discussions, conferences, interviews and marches that include private consultation of 30 people in high level policy briefings to 600,000+ people at the Women's March-LA in 2018

Projects and Programs

- Partner organization with UN Women's Equality in Law for Women and Girls by 2030 initiative
- Strategic digital media campaign on reproductive rights
- Development of *Inclusive and Human Rights Curriculum for Children* (Burundi, USA)
- Expanded MPV's #ImamsForShe Program to include human rights toolkit development, sports camps for girls, and entrepreneurial workshops in Burundi, DRC, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Malaysia, and Tunisia
- Executive Producer: "*LGBTQI Rights in Islam*" video and teaching tool
- Reforming of Kadhi Court (Kenya)

Relevant Expertise and Experiences

- Commissioned by UN's Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect to design anti-hate workshop for Muslim countries
- Consultant and strategist on human rights and inclusivity for governments and private sectors
- Subject of an award-winning documentary "*al-imam*", distributed by National Geographic
- 25 years in the music business

Thought Leadership & Cultural Innovator

Co-editor and publisher

- Published and co-edited the anthology "*Progressive Muslim Identities-Personal Stories from the U.S. and Canada*" (2015), "*Toward a Quranic Understanding of the Divine*" (2017) and "*Light upon Light*" (2018)

Author:

- "*Music and Human Rights*" Routledge, 2022
- Co-Authored chapter in "*Handbook of Contemporary Islam and Muslim Lives*", published by Springer Books, 2020
- "*Expatriate Blues*", *Anthology: Critical Muslim 07: Muslim Archipelago*, pp.149-158, Oxford University Press. (2013)

Columnist:

- 27 articles over 10 year span
- Columnist for AslanMedia.com and HuffingtonPost.com
- Contributor for Open Democracy, al-Jazeera, and more

Culture and Music

- Over 100 songs produced, with 40 songs published worldwide
- First female English Muslim pop singer in the U.S. with release of "*Ummah Wake Up*", an interfaith project "*One*".
- Created new music genre, Islamic Hymns with the release of "*Celebration of Life*"
- Environmental animation project for tweens *Anni Zola*

Leadership and Awards:

- Member of Council on Foreign Relations
- Member of the Multi Faith Advisory Council of the UN Task Force on Religion, and co-chair of its Gender Working Group
- Treasurer - Alliance of Inclusive Muslims (AIM)
- ARCUS Foundation Fellow, 2017 – 2018 cohort
- Clergy Advisory Board for Planned Parenthood Federation, USA (2015-2017)
- Grammy certified songwriter, 2004
- Winner of several AIM Awards, Malaysia as songwriter and producer

Objective

To mobilize progressive movements, create educational content and encourage reformed thought processes that lead to a more just and egalitarian world that is free of any and all human rights violations justified in the name of religion.

Executive summary

- Founded Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV) in 2007, the oldest, progressive Muslim organization in America
- Oversaw the growth of MPV's grassroots community from 25 members to 11,000+ members in 8 chapters in the United States, and international affiliates in 20 countries
- Secured ECOSOC consultative status with the United Nations as a non-governmental organization, 2018
- Founder of Alliance of Inclusive Muslim (AIM), in 2017, a global network of progressive Muslim organizations spanning seven continents
- Founded Alliance of Inclusive Muslims (AIM), a human rights umbrella organization, in 2017

Education

Bachelor of Arts | Northern Illinois University, 1985

- Political Science
- Economics