My Immigrant Story & Building Bridges







Islamic Center of Olympia – Masjid Al-Nur We are your Muslim Neighbors

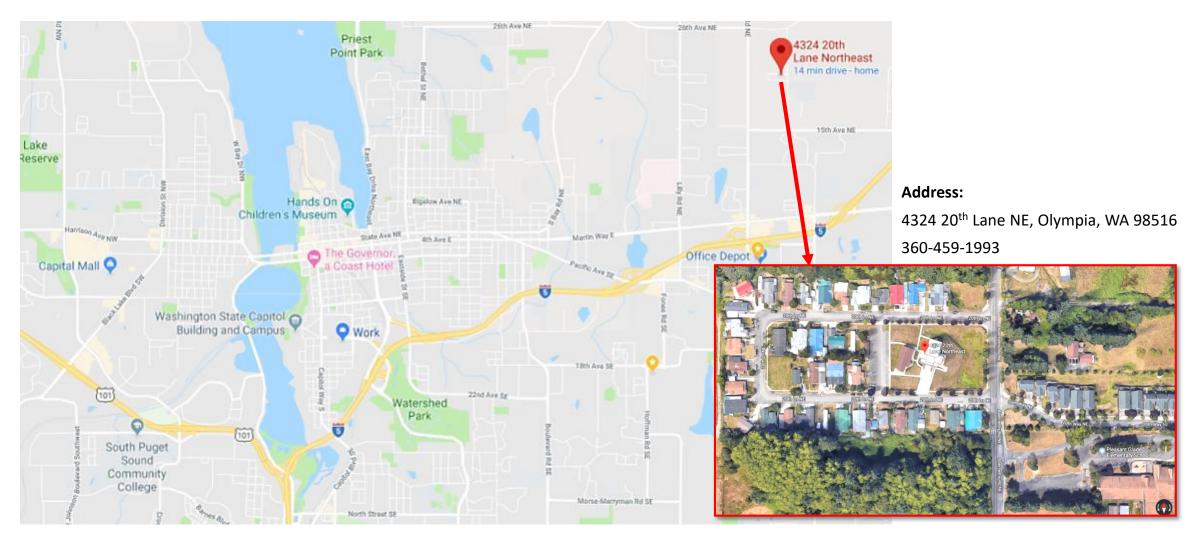


An ordinary community.

Doing ordinary things.

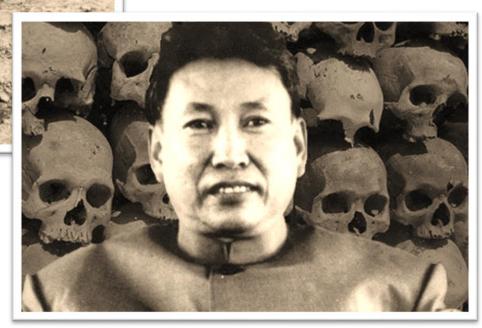
Trying to do it extraordinarily well.

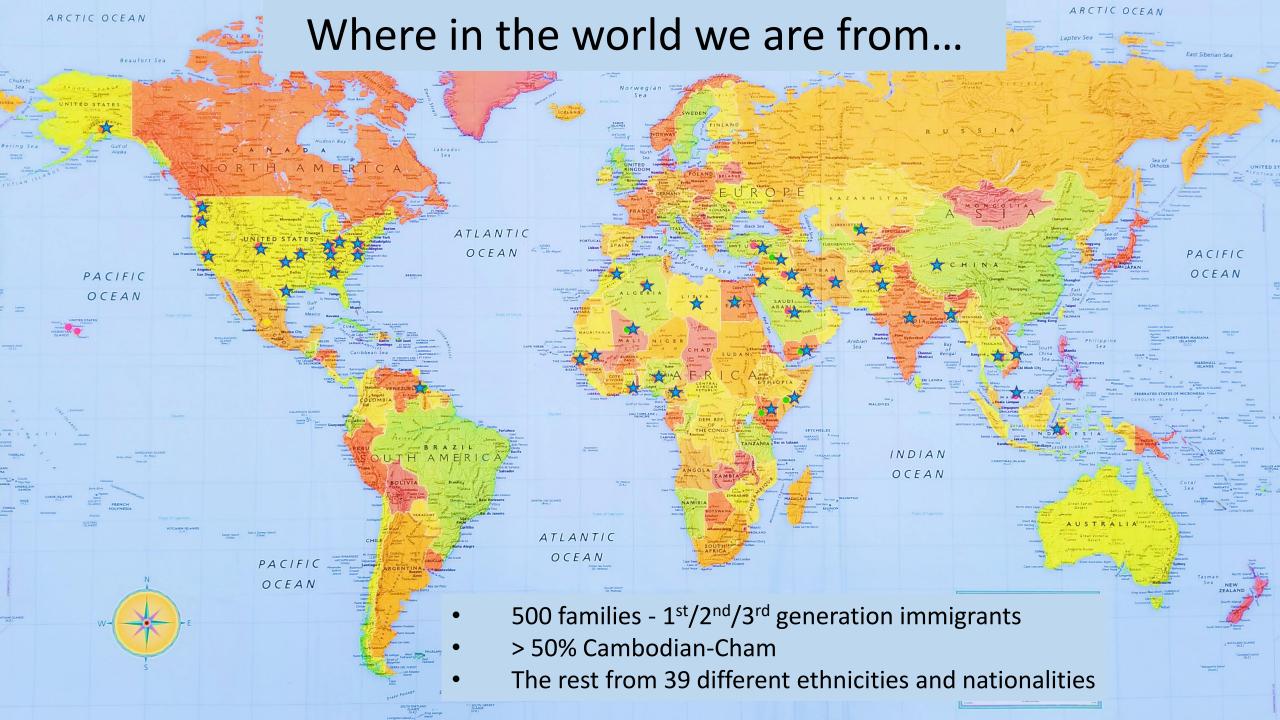
Where we are...



How we started... Khmer Rouge/Pol Pot







ICO Programs

- Open House/Get To Know A Muslim for wider community—Every 1st Friday of Each Month
 - Started 2017
 - Daylight Savings (Spring forward) times: 1:00—3:00 PM
 - Standard time (fall-back) times: 12:00—2:00 PM
 - Please check program handout or Facebook page for details
- Community Potluck & Presentation—Every 3rd
 Friday evenings of each month

Worship at ICO...

- Daily congregational prayer times
 - 5 times a day



- Weekly Friday (Jum'a) service and sermon mid-day
- Story time for families—Every Friday evening
- Islamic school classes for children K-12: Wed PM & Sat AM
- Qur'an class for ladies—Every Saturday evening
- Qur'an class for men—Every Sunday evening
- New Muslims (reverts) class—Every Saturday morning

1st Friday Open House - Monthly





3rd Friday Community Potlucks & Presentations



Community safety...



Story time...



Weddings





















Building Bridges





Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Tumwater, Feb, Jul & Dec 2018



Temple Beth Hatfiloh Synagogue, Olympia, Dec 2015



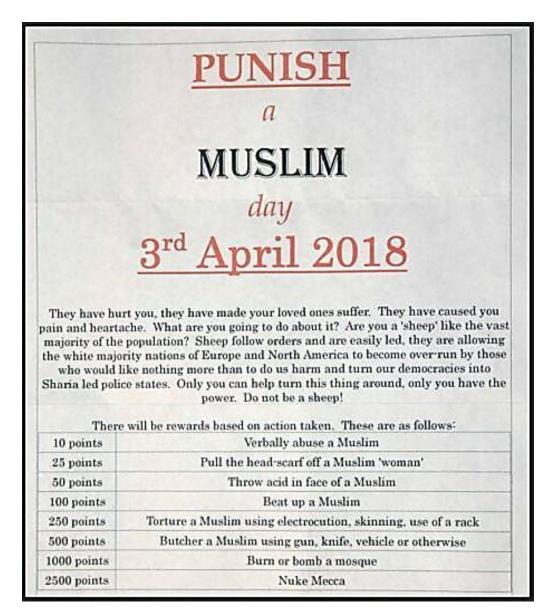
Temple De Hirsch Sinai Synagogue, Seattle, Mar 2017



Islamic Center of Olympia, Masjid Al-Nur Mosque, Mar 2018



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Islamic Center of Olympia, Community Members, Apr 2018



Islamic Center of Olympia, Masjid Al-Nur Mosque, Apr 2019



Redmond Mosque (MAPS), Nov & Dec 2016



Bellevue Mosque, Jan & Mar 2016



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Voicemails left at Islamic Center of Olympia following New Zealand attacks

- The voice of a citizen Mar 15
- The voice of a bigot Mar 22 (censored version)
- The voice of a Christian Mar 15

How we normally react





Community Support & Assurance









Mr. Osman Yusouf, President, Masjid Al-Nur Islamic Center of Olympia 4324 20th Lane NE Olympia, WA 98516

March 17, 2019

Dear Friend,

Asalaam Alaikum! Peace be upon you!

As we gather at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia to study the history and faith of Islam, we receive reports of the massacre that has taken the lives of so many at the two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. We are filled with deep anguish and horror.

At this moment of grief, our hearts go out to you, our nearest neighbors, and to members of the Muslim community in New Zealand and around the world.

With our sadness for the victims of this terror comes also an expression of outrage that such acts of violence against innocent worshipers should continue to be happening among people in civil society. Our studies have revealed the complicity of our Christian tradition in allowing a culture of Islamophobia, built on widespread ignorance and fear, to be perpetuated among us. With your help we are determined to move beyond this.

Along with this sign of solidarity with you, you have our pledge to do everything we can to abolish the walls of prejudice and to build a community of mutual understanding and peace.

God's blessing to you and the community of Masjid Al-Nur.

Participants in the study of Islam at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church:

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Proposals

(1)

Announce widely that an attack or impact on ONE of us will be considered an attack or impact on ALL of us (the NATO principle).

(2)

Share community safety protocols and come up with recommendations:

www.cair.com/67-cair-muslim-community-safety-kit

(3)

Form a *rapid response* team that reacts decisively when needed:

Address media

Provide support

Engage law makers

Hold law enforcement accountable









Stay WOKE Rally – Washington Center – March 2019



Olympia Synagogue following Pittsburg mass shooting Oct 2018











OUUC kids visit to connect with ICO kids – March 2019





Visit Transylvania UUC Pastor



What you can do...



- 1. Get to know a Muslim
- 2. Visit a mosque or Islamic Center
- 3. Learn a little about the faith WhyIslam.Org
- 4. Support civil rights organizations
 - ACLU
 - Southern Poverty Law Foundation
 - Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)
 - Muslim Legal Fund For America (MLFA)
- 5. Trust in God

Staying in touch with...

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Questions? Concerns? Ideas?