



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

Standing with American Muslims. Advancing American Ideals.

Your organization is invited to join the [Shoulder to Shoulder Community Network](#) of faith-based and multifaith community groups committed to standing against anti-Muslim bigotry.

The purpose of this network is to provide common resources, share skills and stories across various community-led efforts, and connect local efforts to nationally coordinated work to stand against anti-Muslim discrimination, bigotry, and violence.

We hope that this network will use the tools, skills and support offered to act locally to address anti-Muslim sentiment by building multi-faith partnerships in their own hometowns and doing so publicly. The national Shoulder to Shoulder campaign facilitates this network by serving as a:

- **coordinator** of a national media voice about positive interfaith relationships and work being done to challenge anti-Muslim sentiment
- **connector** of organizations across the country for mutual support, sharing best practices, expanding local coalitions
- **resource** for media and advocacy assistance, reliable and accurate resources for dialogue, and service

Here's what we'll do to support your work:

- Collect and make available resources and educational materials related to fighting anti-Muslim bigotry and building resilient and inclusive interfaith spaces and networks;
- Connect Community Members with others in their particular geographic area, including faith leaders and civil rights activists, who are engaged in working to combat anti-Muslim bigotry;
- Aid Community Members in sharing with one another strategies and stories of interfaith engagement and fighting anti-Muslim bigotry;
- Provide Community Members with a national platform for sharing their stories and making their voices heard.

And here is what we will ask from you:

- Provide us with a link of your organization for posting on the Shoulder to Shoulder website, to help others connect with your work locally and to show the nationwide reach of community-led efforts to foster religious understanding and inclusion
- Designate one person to serve as a contact for Shoulder to Shoulder and to be a participant on optional monthly Shoulder to Shoulder webinars and/or conference calls

- Keep Shoulder to Shoulder informed about your work to stand against anti-Muslim sentiment and to foster religiously inclusive communities. If you desire, Shoulder to Shoulder will post your events on our website so that others in your area can connect with your efforts
- Participate in local and national efforts that Shoulder to Shoulder helps lead
- If desired, serve as a point of contact for local rapid media response efforts that Shoulder to Shoulder helps pull together and supports

How Community Members typically engage:

Our **Community Membership conference calls** provide network members an opportunity to develop a common body of knowledge about what issues of anti-Muslim sentiment are ongoing nationally as well as to participate in the work being done to address these issues. Similarly, local issues of national concern will be highlighted.

Beyond our in-person [Faith Over Fear trainings](#), our **Community Membership webinars** provide organizations and individuals with access to national experts on issues related to anti-Muslim sentiment and the skill sets needed to effectively address these issues. Examples of issue-based webinars include topics like mosque opposition or anti-foreign law legislation. Examples of skill-based webinars include trainings on local interfaith organizing, media engagement, and combatting online hate.

Between gatherings, Community Members will have access to the years of experience and wisdom of fellow members through the **Community Membership Google Group**, which may be used for seeking support from within the network at any time. We also use this group to mobilize rapid interfaith responses to national or local crises impacting the American Muslim community ([see, for example, our mobilization of the faith community](#) in response to the October 2015 mosque protests).

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