Mission

• Systematically facilitate assertive Muslim involvement in the field of human struggle for the rights of the poor and oppressed in the United States.
Our Divine Inspirations

• *O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice* (Qur’an 4:135)

• *And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty* (Qur’an 5:2)

• “*Whoever among you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; if he cannot, then with his tongue; if he cannot, then with his heart- and that is the weakest of Faith.*” (An-Nasa’i)
What We Do

• **Interfaith** – We routinely meet with other religious leaders to discuss and share our faiths in order to better understand and learn from each other.

• **Partnership coalitions** – We proudly and consistently work with both Muslim and Non-Muslim organizations around social justice issues. Some of these names include Helping Hand, National Religious Campaign Against Torture, Interfaith Workers Justice, Religions for Peace-USA, and others.

• **Public advocacy** – We participate in constructive protests/rallies and other forms of advocacy to bring about awareness surrounding issues of injustice in our society.

• **Publish materials** – We publish materials related to social justice issues (booklets, brochures, pamphlets, CDs, DVDs, etc.)
Board of Directors

- Imam Khalid Griggs (Chair), Farrukh Raza, Mahmood Aijazi, Arif Mannan, Dr. Shahid Rafiq and Salman Syed
Local Chapter Representatives

• **Chicago** – Mahmood Khan
• **Texas** - Haider Imam & Dallas ICNA Sisters
• **Southern California** – Waqas Syed
Our Partners

- Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD)
- ICNA Relief USA (IRUSA)
- National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT)
- Interfaith Peace-Builders (IFPB)
- Interfaith Workers Justice (IWJ)
- Religions for Peace – USA (RFP-USA)
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
- National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms (NCPCF)
Interfaith

• Participated in the Nostra Aetate: Celebrating Fifty Years of the Catholic Church’s Dialogue with Jews and Muslims at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.
• Participated in the ISNA Interfaith Forum & Dinner Banquet in Arlington, VA
• Helped organize and plan interfaith dialogue in collaboration with Islamic Leadership Institute of America (ILIA) at the 2015 ICNA-MAS Convention in Baltimore, MD. Theme was entitled: American Values: Diversity and Freedom
• Participated as a speaker at The World Alliance of Religions for Peace program entitled The Origins of Peace and Religion.
• Participated in the young leader’s Interfaith Meeting in D.C. through the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington.
Workers’ Justice

• Participated in Faith Leaders For One Fair Wage and Workers’ Rights Potluck and Meeting hosted by Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United.

• Participated in the OUR Walmart Movement to bring awareness to issue of low wages and bad scheduling of timings at Walmart.
  – Campaigned through social media to encourage others to join and participate to show solidarity with Walmart workers.
  – Participated in the Black Friday rally
Anti-Torture

- Participated in NRCAT’s launch of two new films on torture in Washington, D.C.
- Participated with NRCAT to bring a replica solitary confinement cell for people to experience at the 2015 ICNA-MAS convention in order to bring awareness about this acceptable form of torture in our nation.
- Participated in NRCAT’s Emerging Local and National Strategies to End Torture interfaith gathering.
Civil Rights

- Participated in the Sign-On Letter to DOJ Seeking Response to U.S. Retailer “Muslim-Free Zone” Bans
- Helped set up a panel discussion on the anti-racism Bilal Initiative lead by Dr. Jimmy Jones at the ICNA-MAS convention in Baltimore.
- Participated in the Free Aafia Rally held in front of the Federal Bureau of Prisons in D.C.
- National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms (NCPCF) Steering Committee meeting held at CSJ office.
- Signed “Say No to Faithwashing: Boycott Muslim Leadership Initiative” with U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation.
- Participated in the U.S. Council of Muslim Organizations‘ (USCMO) meeting held in Arlington, VA with U.S. government representatives on the negative aspects of the CVE (Countering Violent Extremism) program.
- Br. Rameez continues to serve as a treasurer for NCPCF
Immigration Reform

• Signed letter with NNIRR (National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights) to oppose McCaul Border Militarization Bill, HR 399
• Had Skype meeting with the community outreach representative for the Washington Immigration Festival (GWIFF) for some possible joint projects.
Annual Events

• Led the Interfaith Dinner at the 2015 ICNA National Convention
  – Invited leaders from various faiths
• Annual fundraiser for ICNA CSJ
  – Invited NAACP leader Rev. Barber II as the keynote speaker
CSJ Marketing & Promotion

• Monthly e-newsletter for CSJ
• Website, Facebook, Twitter
  – All are regularly updated and growing
• Set up a booth at the 2015 Annual Convention w/ volunteers
  – We received numerous e-mails and volunteer sign ups
• Representing ICNA CSJ as a steering committee member for the 2015 Muslim Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C.
• Published Audio CD Social Justice: An Islamic Perspective by Tariq Ramadan
  – Has been received very well
Administration

• Currently working with lawyer to obtain Tax Exempt status for Foundation for Social Justice.
• Have regular ICNA CSJ meetings on a periodical basis.
Other Works

• Participated in Conf. Call w/ Michelle Obama on Affordable Care Act: Faith Weekend of Action
• Co-Sponsored Youth Awareness Night at Dar Taqwa to speak about the Chapel Hill Shootings in NC
• Coordinated and Participated in the Advocacy Day on Capital Hill
• Hosted research proposal meeting and discussion for CIPP to study the contribution of the Islamic tools in eradicating extreme poverty, achieving sustainable development and establishing a just society
• Participated in the Climate Action Workshop hosted by Congressman John Delaney in MD
CSJ in Action
The End