

The MAS Freedom Staff Says As Salaam Alaikum and, for now, Goodbye

With the publication of our MAS Info commentary for Friday, June 17th, the Muslim American Society Freedom Foundation (MAS Freedom) will cease to operate as a component program of the Muslim American Society.

It has been a blessing and honor from Allah (SWT), over the last eight years, to work in defense of the human and civil rights of Muslims in America and throughout the world, and to advance social justice work for all human beings, everywhere. All of us owe our highest thanks to Imam Mahdi Bray for his visionary leadership in creating the MAS Freedom program and guiding us in our commitment to work, and struggle, for justice. Regrettably, we find ourselves in the unfortunate position of not having the resources that would allow us to continue our advocacy and organizing work.

But we also know that our work will continue, as we remain committed to the overall program of MAS. Our national network of MAS organizations continues to support the Muslim community of America in the essential tasks of empowerment, service, and spiritual elevation, which by the grace of Allah (SWT) will continue.

Just this week, I received a telephone call from a Muslim sister who is active with MAS in Illinois. This sister has faithfully come to regional and national conferences, and given her time and talents to support our organizing and information-sharing work, always with great cheer and at considerable sacrifice to herself and her family. When I told her that our program work would conclude in June, she thanked Brother Mahdi, and all of us at MAS Freedom, for enabling her to find her own voice as a Muslim woman in America. I believe that this sentiment is shared by thousands of Muslims, and other people of faith, whom we have planned, worked, and struggled since the inception of our program.

Rest assured that all of us a MAS Freedom remain committed to the work and vision of the Muslim American Society. We thank all those brothers and sisters in Islam who have worked for MAS Freedom over the years. We thank our friends and colleagues in the peace and human rights community of the United States of America who have stood shoulder to shoulder with the Muslim community, especially in the perilous times over the past ten years. And we thank MAS and our Muslim community for all of the encouragement and support that we have received over the years.

We pray that Allah will continue to bless and strengthen us as Muslims, and that he will keep our feet firmly on the path of our ongoing struggle for universal justice. Persons interested in communicating with me, or with the MAS Freedom staff, may contact me at: ibrahim.ramey@gmail.com.

May Allah (SWT) bless us all as we move forward with our continued work.

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