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THREE MONTHS OF IMPACT: NACP'S COLLECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

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The North America Civic Platform (NACP) is a loose umbrella organization that connects and highlights the inspiring work of Hizmet-inspired institutions and initiatives across the United States and Canada. It is described as “loose” because while each affiliate operates independently with its own programs and leadership, they are united by shared Hizmet values of service, dialogue, and community building. Between July and September 2025 alone, these affiliates organized more than 300 events and activities, reaching tens of thousands of people from diverse backgrounds. These included milestone gatherings such as the Peace Festival 2025 in New Jersey with 24 partner organizations, the SDGs Conference at the United Nations with 56 global partners, humanitarian missions by the Dallas Aidventurers Youth Group in Uganda, record-breaking community potlucks in California, and educational programs from mentorship seminars to interfaith dialogues across North America. Each initiative reflected NACP’s mission to build bridges of peace, strengthen civic values, and promote service to humanity.

Beyond events, NACP’s measurable impact during this quarter underscores its role as a major Hizmet organization in North America. Affiliates helped equip over 4,290 students across 10 states with school supplies, provided humanitarian aid to 430 flood-affected families in Texas, supported 42,000 cataract surgeries worldwide, and enabled clean water access for more than 1.1 million people. By combining cultural programs, youth mentorship, interfaith dialogue, and direct humanitarian relief, NACP demonstrates how service (hizmet) strengthens communities at home while extending compassion abroad. Its collective achievements embody the belief that sustainable change begins with grassroots action rooted in empathy, education, and cooperation.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY POTLUCK ON SUNDAY AIMS TO BREAK BREAD, SET GUINNESS WORLD RECORD



On September 28, 2025, more than 2,100 people gathered at Mile Square Park for the first OC Around the Table, setting a new U.S. record for the Largest Potluck.

Speakers including Fountain Valley Mayor Ted Bui, State Senator Tony Strickland, and Supervisor Janet Nguyen praised the event's spirit of unity, with Nguyen presenting a special recognition to Pacifica Institute. Atilla Kahveci, Pacifica's President, emphasized this was only the beginning of a growing tradition.



Guests enjoyed live music, dance, and the Best Dish Contest, celebrating food as a bridge across cultures. The gathering showed the power of hospitality and human connection, where strangers became friends and unity flourished in Orange County.



Potluck with
2166 people
U.S. Record

Appeared on LA
Times

LOS ANGELES

PEACE FESTIVAL 2025: CELEBRATING UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Partner Organizations of Peace Festival 2025

- Peace Islands Institute New Jersey
- Bergen County Sheriff's Office
- Turkish Cultural Center NJ
- KUD Sandzacka Omladina
- Women's Federation for World Peace NJ
- Korean Community Services
- Kulture Kool
- Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company
- Hispanic American Law Enforcement Association Inc.
- Wilhelm Bahá'í Properties
- Whitetulip Health Foundation
- Sky Academy NJ
- International Youth Conference
- Journalists and Writers Foundation
- Morristown United Methodist Church
- Passaic River Coalition
- FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association – Newark
- Interweave
- Embrace Relief
- CSBC Mom's Food Pantry
- SOS Radio Live
- Community Calls
- Elorm Ministry Foundation
- WCO Historic Renovation Association Inc.

24 Partner Organizations

The Peace Festival, organized by Peace Islands Institute NJ, brought together people of all ages and backgrounds for a vibrant day of culture, performances, and community spirit. This year's celebration featured powerful performances, delicious food, engaging children's activities, and interactive booths that highlighted the beauty of unity in diversity. We were honored by the presence of Assemblywoman Shama Haider and several community and faith leaders, whose inspiring remarks added depth and meaning to the event.

With the support of 24 partner organizations, talented performers, and dedicated volunteers, the Peace Festival became a joyful gathering filled with dialogue, peace, and family fun. The festival remains a shining example of how communities thrive when we celebrate both our differences and our shared values.



NEW JERSEY



SDGs CONFERENCE 2025

[New York, September 5, 2025] – The Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF), together with 56 partners from 30 countries, will host the 10th Annual SDGs Conference 2025: Transforming Our World on September 24 during the 80th UN General Assembly.

The conference will convene leaders, diplomats, scholars, journalists, human rights advocates, and youth to evaluate SDG progress, address global challenges, and explore pathways to peace and justice. Speakers from 14 countries will contribute under the theme Transforming Our World.

This year's focus includes:

Digitalization and Human Rights Advocacy

Women and Youth as Leaders of Social Change

Threats to the Principles of Democracy

**56 Partner
Organizations from
30 Countries**

NEW YORK





Maryland Delegate Jessica Feldmark Commends MARTI Festival on Social Media

Maryland State Delegate Jessica Feldmark congratulated the Maryland Turkish American Inhabitants (MARTI) for hosting a vibrant community festival. In a message shared on her social media, Feldmark praised the event for its delicious food, beautiful music and art, and the powerful sense of community it fostered.

She noted that it was a true pleasure to join the celebration, emphasizing how cultural gatherings like this strengthen bonds and highlight the richness of diversity.



MARYLAND



Celebrating Respect for Sacred Spaces

It was a warm gathering in New York City where guests came together to celebrate mutual respect for mosques and churches. The event highlighted the importance of interfaith understanding and community ties.

Special thanks were given to Fr. Dennis, Hakan Yesilova, and the team at St. Ignatius Loyola Church for their hospitality. Jointly organized by Peace Islands Institute New York and the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola NYC, the program was a reminder that when communities of different faiths unite, they strengthen the fabric of peace and harmony.

MANHATTAN

Enes Kanter Freedom Inspires in Raleigh



Raleigh welcomed former NBA star and human rights advocate Enes Kanter Freedom this weekend. He played basketball with kids, led a Q&A session, and later visited the Divan Center to introduce his new book and share insights from his journey. The event blended sports and inspiration, leaving the community uplifted.

RALEIGH



NOAH'S PUDDING: A SWEET SYMBOL OF UNITY

Silver Sage Reno volunteers visited community centers to share a special treat: Noah's Pudding (Ashura).

Ashura is a traditional vegan dessert made from grains, fruits, and nuts, symbolizing sharing, unity, and community. According to tradition, Prophet Noah and his companions created it from the last ingredients on the ark after the great flood.

Today, families prepare and share Ashura with neighbors, friends, and strangers alike, making it a symbol of compassion, diversity, and interfaith harmony.

RENO, LAS VEGAS



DINNER AND DIALOGUE: A GATHERING OF VOICES AND CULTURES

It was a beautiful evening in Houston as community members came together for Dinner and Dialogue: A Gathering of Voices and Cultures. The event was filled with stories, food, and friendship, creating an atmosphere of connection and understanding.

Attendees celebrated the richness of diversity while building bridges across cultures and faiths. The evening highlighted how sharing meals and conversations can nurture respect and strengthen the bonds that unite us.

The program was organized by the Dialogue Institute of Houston and the Fort Bend Interfaith Community, with the support of several partner organizations whose efforts made the gathering so meaningful. Together, they showed that when communities embrace dialogue and collaboration, we are truly stronger.

HOUSTON



At the #UNGA80 SDGs Conference 2025, Advocates of Silenced Turkey amplified the voices of those suffering under repression during Panel 3: Cross-Cutting Threats to the Principles of Democracy.

Speaking on behalf of the organization, Aslihan Kas, Director and Silent Screams Exhibition Coordinator, reminded participants that “behind every number is a person, and behind every statistic a story that must be heard.” She highlighted the devastating effects of legal harassment, defamation, and restrictions on families — from children facing detention to tragic deaths in custody and along migration routes.

Ms. Kas urged a rights-based, survivor-centered response, calling for the protection of due process, child-sensitive justice, safe civic space, and expanded psychosocial and legal services. Concluding with a vision of renewal, she affirmed that, despite adversity, civil society will continue to advance justice, freedom, and equality.



NEW YORK

On September 25th, AST organized the 38th Exhibition of Silent Screams in Central Jersey, showcasing belongings of individuals who have suffered severe human rights violations.



CENTRAL JERSEY



Pacifica Youth Ladies Mini Mentor Training

Pacifica Youth Ladies held their Mini Mentor Training program, combining reflection, creativity, and mentorship. The gathering closed with a heartfelt evening of appreciation, as the group enters the new term energized to empower youth and nurture future leaders.

SEATTLE



Interfaith Evening with Dr. Robert Hunt

On September 12, the Dialogue Institute of Dallas hosted an interfaith program featuring Dr. Robert Hunt, Director of Global Theological Education at SMU. Dr. Hunt shared insights from his latest book and reflected on common narratives, such as the story of Noah, that unite diverse faith traditions and foster dialogue and trust. The evening was also honored by the presence of Richardson City Council Member Dan Barrios and concluded with the sharing of Noah's Pudding, symbolizing unity and friendship.

DALLAS



HİZMET'S CORE VALUES

The program on the religious sources of Hizmet's core values, organized by AFSV, was watched by 22,000 people.

USA



The Niagara Foundation hosted this year's Interfaith Potluck for Peace, bringing together more than 150 attendees, including leaders, youth, and community members from Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Bahá'í traditions. The evening of prayer, food, and conversation highlighted how peace is nurtured through shared tables and shared values. Special thanks to the Children of Abraham Coalition and Ecoacpeace for their dedicated efforts in organizing, and to all who joined in building bridges of peace.

CHICAGO



Interfaith Journey Across Andalusia

Nearly 30 participants joined an unforgettable interfaith exploration in Andalusia, organized with the National Council of Synagogues, Peace Islands Institute PA, and Peace Islands Institute NY. The trip combined rich cultural visits with daily learning sessions, offering insights into history, faith, and dialogue. More than a journey, it became a living experience of shared humanity—with laughter, learning, prayer, and reflection. Special thanks to the Milstein Center for Interreligious Dialogue for their generous support.

PENNSYLVANIA

UTAH



Rep. Becky Edwards, of Governing Group, left, hugs Zeynep Kariparduc, board president of Emerald Hills Institute, right, at a Utah Bridge Builders press conference where local and national leaders respond to the fatal shooting of Charlie Kirk, at the Utah Capitol in Salt Lake City on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025. | Tess Crowley, Deseret



Backpack Program for NYC Students
In partnership with Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, we joined the Turkish Cultural Center and Peace Islands Institute NY to distribute backpacks to children from low-income families—bringing smiles, hope, and support for the new school year.

BROOKLYN



TASO Missouri joined Catholic and interfaith colleagues in prayer for the victims of gun violence.

MISSOURI



NOICA volunteers proudly joined the Rocky River Public Library's Multicultural Festival 2025 with a vibrant Turkish stand of art, culture, and food.

CLEVELAND



On Day 2 of the Atlantic Institute's UNGA program, we visited the Alliance for Shared Values and The Fountain Magazine with Dr. Michael L. Best, strengthening friendships through dialogue and mutual understanding.



The Atlantic Institute brought together Turkish, Colombian, and Brazilian (FBC Cumming) friends for a Coffee Night filled with conversation, music, and rich cultural flavors.

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Savor Anatolia #2: Love in Action Through Food and Friendship

Organized by GRFS (Grand River Friendship Society), Savor Anatolia #2 turned the rich flavors of Anatolia into a day of friendship and community. Families met new neighbors, volunteers cooked with care, and every plate served supported GRFS programs. From rolling dough and grilling to welcoming guests with a smile, the festival showed that Love is a Verb—a joyful celebration of culture and connection in the Waterloo Region.



A Creative Day in Colour with GRFS Mentorship

As part of Activity Week, Grade 7 girls in the GRFS Mentorship Program enjoyed an afternoon of pottery painting at Crock A Doodle, turning blank ceramics into vibrant creations while sharing laughter, encouragement, and creativity with friends and mentors—a day that beautifully reflected GRFS's belief that Love is a Verb.

KITCHENER

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From Classroom Skills to Community Impact in Uganda

Tailoring students in Uganda, sponsored by Hajj Umar, used their new skills to sew clothes for children at Grace Place Community Primary School in Mutungo village—showing how vocational training empowers youth while bringing joy and dignity to the community.

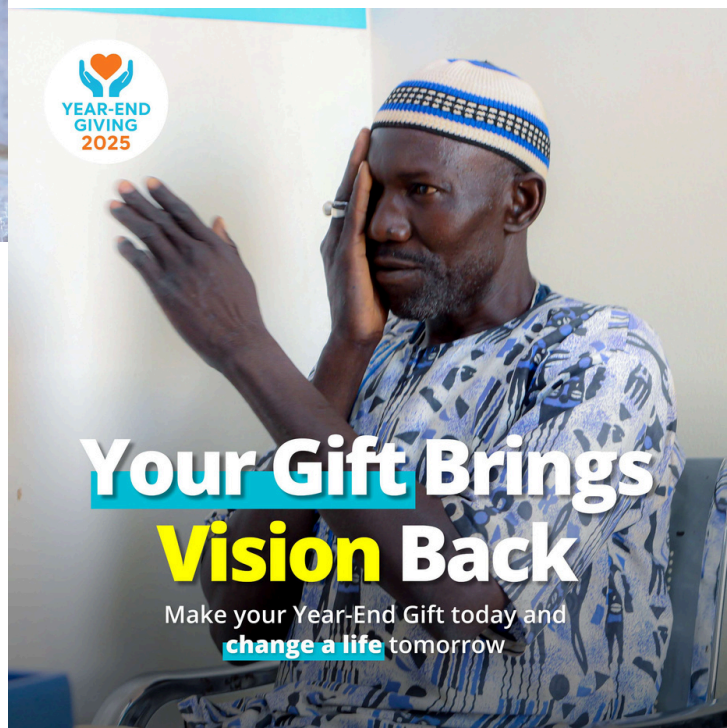


**1.1 million people
provided clean
water.**

**42,000 People Received
Cataract Surgeries**

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change a life tomorrow

DALLAS AIDVENTURERS YOUTH GROUP BRINGS MEANINGFUL AID TO UGANDA

Meaningful Humanitarian Visit: Dallas Aidventurers Youth Group in Uganda

From July 3 to 15, 2025, the Aidventurers Youth Group—affiliated with the Raindrop Cultural Center in Texas—embarked on a humanitarian mission to Uganda under the theme “Ubuntu,” meaning “I exist because we are.”

They carried out six aid projects aligned with the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals across four areas: social support, health, education, and economic empowerment.

- **Clean Water:** Wells were drilled in the villages of Lukolo, Kyuka, and Nakulyaku, providing safe drinking water to 1,500 people and protecting them from waterborne illnesses such as typhoid and cholera.
- **Orphanage Support:** In Jinja’s Wampa Orphanage, about 300 children received meals, funded through donations raised by the youth group.
- **Cataract Surgeries:** Volunteers helped local doctors at Nil Hospital conduct cataract surgeries for 20 individuals, restoring their vision and improving quality of life.
- **Economic Empowerment:** Twenty vocational students were provided with sewing machines to help them start their own businesses. In addition, 20 families received bicycles and another 20 families were given goats to support transportation, income generation, and sustainable living.

This initiative not only addressed urgent needs but also created lasting opportunities, reflecting the spirit of solidarity and shared humanity.





Mid Atlantic Mentor Seminar '25

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Mid-Atlantic Mentor Seminar 2025

From August 15–17, 2025, mentors from North Carolina gathered in Virginia for the Mid-Atlantic Mentor Seminar Program. The three-day event featured workshops, seminars, and consultations focused on strengthening mentorship skills and building new approaches to guide students.

Participants highlighted the value of sharing experiences and learning in a collaborative setting. The program not only enhanced professional growth but also renewed their commitment to supporting young people.

"This experience gave us both knowledge and a renewed sense of purpose," one mentor reflected. "We're eager to bring these lessons back to our students."

The seminar underscored the vital role mentorship plays in empowering future generations and fostering stronger communities.

GUIDANCE THAT TRANSFORMS GENERATIONS

NORTH CAROLINA

DEPUTY SPEAKER OF NEW YORK HOSTED HIS ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK GIVE AWAY WITH HIZMET VOLUNTEERS

Children start the school year prepared and motivated.

Back-to-School Joy at Roberto Clemente Park

This past weekend, Deputy Speaker Phil Ramos hosted his annual Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway, where hundreds of children received new backpacks and essential school supplies. The tradition ensures local youth start the school year prepared and motivated.

The celebration continued with a live concert, the finale of the four-part Summer Concert Series at Roberto Clemente Park, now a vibrant community hub filled with joy, music, and unity.

The event was made possible thanks to the support of community partners and sponsors, including the Long Island Latino Teachers Association, Four Leaf Federal Credit Union, ICNA Relief, Turkish Cultural Center New York, Embrace Relief, and EI HAB Human Services.



NEW YORK

METAMORPHOSIS

Metamorphosis is a documentary that explores the courageous struggle of women in Turkey against oppression, injustice, and the erosion of fundamental freedoms.

DOCUMENTARY



VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

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EIGHT AWARDS

AST's groundbreaking documentary "Metamorphosis: Women's Resilience to Oppression in #Turkey" has received yet another honor—the Award of Best Documentary at the Halo International Film Festival, St. Petersburg. Metamorphosis continues to shed light on the plight of Turkey's persecuted #women across the globe. powerful documentary on the struggle for women's freedom in Turkey has now received eight major awards — including Best Women's Film at Cannes, Best Documentary in Amsterdam, the Honor Award at the Touchstone Film Festival, an award from the New York-based Gothamite Monthly Film Awards.

**METAMORPHOSIS SHINES GLOBALLY:
EIGHT MAJOR AWARDS FOR A
POWERFUL VOICE**



EMBRACE RELIEF SUPPORTS 4,290 STUDENTS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES ACROSS 10 STATES

As the new school year begins, millions of U.S. students from low-income families struggle to access basic supplies. To address this challenge, Embrace Relief launched a school supply distribution for the 2025–2026 academic year.

In partnership with local schools, community organizations, and officials, the charity reached 4,290 students across 10 states (NJ, NY, VA, TX, IL, NC, RI, PA, MD, GA). Backpacks and supplies helped children start school on equal footing, motivated and ready to learn.

Embrace Relief emphasized that supporting education is investing in a brighter future and pledged to continue such initiatives.

4,290 STUDENTS USA

HIZMET SHOWCASED WITH PANELS, PARTNERSHIPS, AND EVERSTAR VR AT ISNA CONVENTION

At the ISNA Convention, the Hizmet community was proudly represented through both a panel discussion and meaningful networking opportunities. Among the highlights, filmmaker and director Alexander Kronemer and comedian Preacher Moss joined Everstar Studio for an exclusive VR experience, showcasing innovative approaches to storytelling. Social media influencer Saad Jameel (@browniesaadi), with 1.4 million TikTok followers, also accepted our invitation, explored the projects firsthand, and recorded content to share with his audience. In addition, Respect Institute contributed with a dedicated panel at the convention, further amplifying the spirit of dialogue, creativity, and engagement.





PANEL DISCUSSION

THE RISE OF MUSLIM COLLEGES IN AMERICA

Discover how Muslim colleges are reshaping the landscape of higher education in the U.S. Join our panel as we explore their vision, challenges, and growing impact on both Muslim communities and American society.

SPEAKERS PANEL







SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 **2:30 PM – 3:30 PM**
Room 25



CHICAGO

PATHS OF PEACE: HIZMET ACROSS COMMUNITIES



Atlantic Institute host North Fulton Greater Chamber of Commerce



Serving together, across faiths, BAYCC, San Francisco



2025 Dialogue Summit, North Carolina



Niagara F. Welcomed by the St. Raymond Catholic Church, Chicago



NEICC joined the 2025 Muslim community picnic, New Jersey

LEAD INSPIRE CHANGE



ATLANTIC INSTITUTE BUILDS BRIDGES WITH ATLANTA POLICE

The Atlantic Institute was honored to be hosted by the Atlanta Police Department and the APD Professional Development Unit at the Atlanta Public Safety Training Academy for a remarkable day of dialogue and connection. The program featured an engaging panel with leaders from the APD Leadership Academy, an immersive tour of the academy, and the heartfelt tradition of sharing Noah's Pudding. This meaningful exchange fostered mutual understanding, respect, and community spirit. We extend our gratitude to Chief Schierbaum and the Leadership Academy team for their warm hospitality, reflecting a shared commitment to building bridges and empowering the next generation of leaders.

ATLANTA

38 YOUNG LEADERS GRADUATE FROM GLOBAL PROGRAM EMPOWERING CHANGE

The Journalists and Writers Foundation's Global Young Leaders Program celebrated the graduation of 38 participants from 16 countries, marking a milestone in global youth leadership and collaboration.

The Global Young Leaders Program (GYLP), organized by the Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF), concluded with the graduation of 38 young leaders from 16 countries, including Afghanistan, Albania, Cambodia, Canada, Denmark, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, the Philippines, Romania, Russia, Turkey, the UK, and the USA. After six months of intensive training, participants earned their GYLP 2025 certificates.

Known for its global reach, GYLP offers a unique platform focused on leadership, collaboration, and cultural exchange. Throughout the program, participants engaged with expert professionals and inspiring role models. Graduates now move forward in their academic and professional journeys equipped with valuable skills and international perspectives. The JWF team will continue to support alumni as they grow. GYLP stands out as a dynamic initiative empowering visionary youth committed to positive social change.



JWF



TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF BY EMBRACE RELIEF

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Embrace Relief and our partners at the Raindrop Foundation of San Antonio are working closely with local authorities to provide urgent assistance to victims of the devastating floods that struck central Texas on Friday, July

WHAT HAPPENED?

More than 110 people -- including more than 30 children -- have lost their lives following torrential rains that caused once-in-a-century flooding in Kerr, Burnet and Travis counties, located to the north and west of San Antonio and Austin. The storms, which struck the region early Friday morning, dropped as much as 6 inches of rain in a matter of hours, overwhelming roads, riverbanks, and residential neighborhoods with little warning. The region continues to be at risk of more flooding from continued rain, hampering search-and-rescue and rebuilding efforts.

While the full extent of the damage is still being assessed, it is clear that communities in the affected area will face a long, painful recovery as the floodwaters recede. It is also clear that the need for immediate support is substantial.

\$52,397 RAISED

TEXAS



Gold Congressional Award
Medal, Washington, DC.

6 BAYCC Students Earn Nation's Highest Youth Honor

In a moment of immense pride for our community, six exceptional students from BAYCC were awarded the prestigious Gold Congressional Award Medal in Washington, D.C. — the highest civilian honor bestowed by the U.S. Congress to youth in recognition of outstanding achievement in volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

This year, out of 156 recipients nationwide, California produced 35 honorees — and an impressive six of them came from our very own BAYCC community. This extraordinary accomplishment reflects the strength, vision, and dedication of our youth.

We celebrate not only their well-earned accolades but also the inspiration they bring to their peers and the legacy of service they are helping to build. Here's to many more rising stars in our community leading with purpose and impact.

#BAYCC #CongressionalAward2025 #YouthLeadership

SAN FRANCISCO

EMORY UNIVERSITY YOUTH JOIN SEEDS OF COMPASSION AT ATLANTIC INSTITUTE

Emory and ICM youth joined Atlantic Institute for interfaith dialogue and connection.

The Atlantic Institute was honored to welcome the inspiring young participants from the Islamic Circle of Mercy (ICM) and the Emory Youth Theological Initiative (YTI) as part of their Seeds of Compassion program. Throughout their visit, we shared meaningful conversations, personal stories, and moments of genuine connection. It was truly uplifting to engage with such thoughtful and compassionate youth, whose presence reflected the power of empathy and interfaith understanding.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to host this remarkable group and inspired by the kindness, curiosity, and hope they brought into our space.

#Gratitude #SeedsOfCompassion #InterfaithDialogue
#HizmetCares



ATLANTA

TANZANIA JOURNEY: A CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN MISSION OF IMPACT AND CONNECTION

Organized by Peace Islands Institute PA and Embrace Relief, the trip blended service with cultural exchange.

In a powerful blend of humanitarian service and cultural exchange, Peace Islands Institute participants recently traveled to Tanzania, where they opened a water well, distributed food packages alongside Embrace Relief, and shared heartfelt moments at a local orphanage. The strength and hospitality of the Maasai people deeply moved the group, while the joy and resilience of the children they met left a lasting impact.

Their journey also took them through the rich cultural landscapes of Zanzibar—from the historic Old Slave Market to the vibrant markets, music, and sacred spaces of Stone Town. Encounters with wildlife at Jozani Forest and Mikumi Safari highlighted the beauty of our shared humanity and the strength in diversity.

More than a trip, this experience marked the beginning of a long-term commitment to meaningful service and intercultural understanding. The team returns inspired, ready to continue this vital work.



PENNSYLVANIA

UNDERSTANDING AND LIVING FAITH TOGETHER, ONLINE BOOTH CAMP

28,000+
View

50+
Speakers

24
Hours

Organized by Friends of Respect (FoR), Süreyya Publications, and the Wise Institute, this online spiritual camp features collective readings and discussions of Hocaefendi's work "Deep Islam: Morality in the Light of the Qur'an and the Sunnah." The program includes book summaries and mind maps, short clips from sermons, interactive Kahoot competitions with prizes, and participation from various countries around the world. With contributions from over 50 guest scholars, this 24-hour livestreamed camp aims not only to read, but to understand and apply the teachings together.



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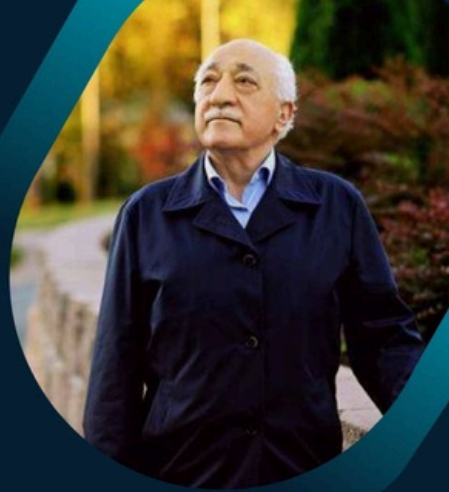
USA

Hizmet Conference

UPCOMING EVENTS: October 14, 2025

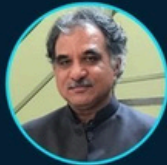
FETHULLAH GÜLEN CONFERENCE

Join us for a conference on Fethullah Gülen Hocaefendi's vision of dialogue, education, and spirituality. Featuring thought-provoking panels and community dialogue, we'll explore how his teachings inspire peace, learning, and spiritual growth across diverse communities.



Host
Nevin Reda
Associate Professor
Emmanuel College, Victoria
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Meet Your Phenomenal Speakers:



Anwar Alam
Professor
Political Science & International
Relations



Kim Shively
Associate Professor
Department of Performing Arts
Elon University



Ori Z. Soltes
Professor
Center for Jewish Civilization
Georgetown University



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A Conference on Hizmet Movement

A conference on the Hizmet Movement will be held in India on February 5–6, 2026, featuring speakers from the United States and other countries.

UPCOMING EVENTS: FEBRUARY 5–6, 2025



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CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HIZMET MOVEMENT

Deadlines

Abstract Submission
August 15, 2025

Notification of Acceptance
October 1, 2025

Conference
February 5-6, 2026

Full Paper Submission for Conference Proceedings
May 1, 2026

Revisions
June 15, 2026

Final Papers
August 15, 2026

We are pleased to announce the international conference titled ***The Role of Social Movements in Cultivating Trust and Collaboration in Diverse Societies***, which aims to explore the evolving role of the Hizmet Movement in fostering peace, mutual respect, and resilience in societies with a diverse set of cultures, ethnicities, and religions.

In an era marked by growing polarisation, extremism, and social division, faith-inspired civil society movements play a vital role in fostering peace, unity, and ethical leadership. The Hizmet Movement, rooted in the principles of education, interfaith dialogue, and community service, makes significant contributions to global peacebuilding, coexistence, and resilience.

The conference will also engage in comparative analysis and study of other similar social movements and citizen initiatives from around the world, which have had an impact on peace, coexistence and inter-faith understanding.

Papers that cover these issues in diverse fields such as religious studies, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, political science, education, business, ethics, human rights, and law will be considered. We invite contributions that address (but are not limited to) the following themes:

- Education as Holistic Human Development
- Nonviolence, Peacebuilding, and Trust-Building
- Faith, Dialogue and Civic Engagement
- Politics, Gender, Pluralism & Subaltern Perspectives
- Migration, Integration, and Social Cohesion
- Intergenerational Communication, Continuity and Leadership Theories

Please send your abstracts to the following email address: submission@hizmetconference.in
For more information, please visit: hizmetconference.in

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Bright News Magazine highlights the inspiring good works of the Hizmet Movement, sharing uplifting stories and meaningful events that spark hope and encourage positive action across communities.

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300+

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES

135+

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2+ MILLION

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75+

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SHARES

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AWARDS

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STUDENTS SUPPORTED

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"Be so tolerant that your bosom becomes wide like the ocean. Become inspired with faith and love of human beings. Let there be no troubled souls to whom you do not offer a hand and about whom you remain unconcerned."

F. GÜLEN

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