

# MET 2009 Annual Report Events & Programs



Bringing Community Together Since 1993

Education, Outreach, Scholarship

The Muslim Educational Trust (MET) was founded in 1993 with a mission to enrich the public's understanding of Islam and dispel common myths and stereotypes, while serving the Muslim community's educational, social, and spiritual needs in order to develop generations of proud and committed Muslims who will lead our community to the fore front of bridge-building dialogue, faith-based community service, and stewardship of Earth and humanity.

#### To accomplish this mission:

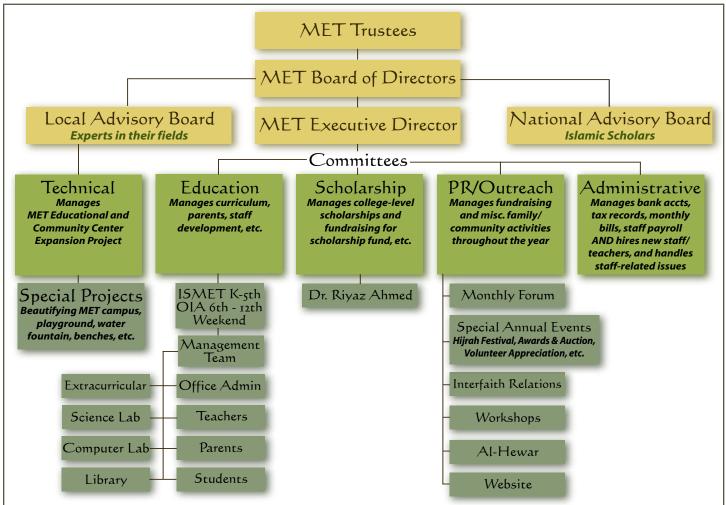
- \* MET presents public lectures about Islam to educate both Muslims and Non-Muslims.
- \* MET establishes Interfaith dialogue to open channels of communication with people of different faiths.
- \* MET operates an informal speakers bureau.
- ★ MET is an active advocate among local news organizations for non-biased news coverage.
- \* MET publishes a quarterly newsletter, Al-Hewar.
- \* MET coordinates between Muslim organizations, Islamic Centers, and the community,
- \* MET operates a full-time Islamic school, (Pre-K, K-12th) as well as a Weekend Islamic School.
- \* MET is the co-founding member of several Interfaith Organizations such as the Institute for Christian Muslim Understanding (ICMU), the Arab-Jewish-Muslim Dialogue, the Interfaith Council of Greater Portland (ICGP), and Between-Women Interfaith Group.

#### MET's Faith-based and Community Partners:

- ☑ Institute for Christian-Muslim Understanding (ICMU)
- ☑ Interfaith Council of Greater Portland (ICGP)
- ✓ Arab and Muslim Portland Police Advisory Board (AMPAC)
- ☑ Micah's Village: Spirit of Community
- 🗹 Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, a Japanese American History Museum
- ☑ Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO)
- ☑ Islamic Social Services of Oregon State (ISOS)
- ☑ The Good Neighbor Center Homeless Shelter of Tigard
- ☑ Neighborhood House of SW Portland
- ☑ Mercy Corps
- ☑ Lewis & Clark College
- ☑ Between-Women Interfaith Group
- ✓ Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
- ☑ P'Nai Or Jewish Renewal Synagogue
- ☑ Neveh Shalom Synagogue: Rabbi Daniel Isaac
- Havurah Shalom Synagogue: Rabbi Joey Wolfe
- ☑ Westminster Presbyterian Church
- ☑ Japanese-American Citizens League (JACL)
- ☑ Ainsworth United Church of Christ
- ☑ World Affairs Council of Oregon
- ☑ The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Oregon (ACLU)
- ☑ St. Mary's Academy of Portland, Sister Mollie Reavis, SNJM
- ☑ The Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE)
- ✓ Oregon Episcopal School (OES)
- ☑ The Intel Northwest Science Expo and INTEL Foundation
- ✓ Oregon Federation of Independent Schools (OFIS)
- ✓ Muslim Students Association of Portland State University
- ☑ Portland General Electric Diversity Summit 2004-07
- ☑ Office of International Affairs, Middle East Studies Center of Portland State University







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#### Hijrah Conference — January 9th and 10th, 2009

MET hosted Dr. Muneer Fareed, Former Secretary General, ISNA and member of the Fiqh Council of North America at the MET Annual Hijrah Conference. Dr. Fareed reflected upon the Hijrah and its significance, and how young Muslims can relate to it and benefit from it in their daily lives. He was also part of a panel discussion that reflected upon Hijrah and the Humanity of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The panel included Sister Marion Dawan of the Muslim Community Center, Ms. Julie Ahmed, Oregon Islamic Academy Social Studies and Islamic Studies teacher, and Mr. Maqsood Chaudhary of CH2M Hill.

## Classroom Management, Discipline and School Mission Workshop — January 12th, 2009

MET was happy to host Mr. David Streight, Executive Director of the Center of Spiritual and Ethical Education formerly the Council for Spiritual & Ethical Education (CSEE) on its Staff Enrichment session. He shared his experiences with MET's staff about effective teaching methodologies and positive discipline methods in the classroom.

#### Lummi Tribe Fundraiser — January 16th, 2009

MET's fundraiser for the distressed Lummi tribe was a great success. MET families and community members responded very generously to this call. Over \$1,000 in donations and household items were collected in a short period of time. Our dear friends Hala Gores, a member of the Arab American Community, and her husband, Joe Finkbonner, Executive Director, NW Portland Area Indian Health Board, drove up to the Lummi Reservation with a rented truck filled with the donated items.

#### Youth Interfaith get-together at MET — January 17th, 2009

MET hosted a group of youth from First United Methodist Church for a session presented by OIA students about Islam. Oregon Islamic Academy students talked about the five pillars of faith, the five pillars of Islam, and the story of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). In an intriguing question-answer session, OIA girls proudly displayed their Muslim identity and answered tough questions about Islam.

#### PSU Engineering Discovery Showcase — January 23rd, 2009

Oregon Islamic Academy high school students visited the Engineering Discovery Showcase hosted by PSU's Engineering Department. This is an annual function held by PSU's Faculty of Engineering to introduce prospective students to the world of Engineering, expose them to its different fields, and spark their interest in the engineering opportunities available out there after they graduate high school.

#### Welcoming PSU's New President Wim Wiewel — January 28th, 2009

Members of the Arab and Muslim Communities met PSU's New President Wim Wiewel to welcome him to PSU and to introduce President Wiewel to members of Portland's Arab and Muslim communities. The meeting discussed support to PSU's programs especially those involving Arabic and Islamic Studies and how our communities can support PSU's Middle East Studies Center.

#### First Annual Arabic and Islamic Studies Fair — January 28th, 2009

The objective of this fair was to spark the students' research intellect and interest in Islamic Heritage and Arabic Language Studies. There was a wide spectrum of topics that instilled a pride of our Islamic culture and heritage and the love of the Arabic language in each of our children as they went about implementing their projects.































#### Tae-Kwon-Do Academy — February 7th—May 9th, 2009

The Muslim Educational Trust offered Tae-Kwon-Do classes which build self-esteem and promote discipline. Master & Black belt holder, Ahmed Aissi, ISMET Graduate, Class of 2004, taught all the basic blocks, kicks, and stances, the white-belt form (Taeguk il-Chung), basic self-defense and sparring techniques, and faith (Imaan)-enhancing lectures in every session.

#### Book Fair — February 14th, 2009

MET hosted Dr. Abidullah Ghazi, Co-Founder of IQRA' International Educational Foundation and Dr. Mujahid Ghazi, IQRA' Public Relations Director during MET's Annual Book Fair. The fair offered everyone a wonderful opportunity to purchase books for children, youth and adults, as well as audio CDs and DVD movies. Dr. Abidullah Ghazi gave a speech about Marketing Islam in the Global Supermarket.

#### Service Learning Day at Oregon Episcopal School — February 19th, 2009

As part of our partnership with Oregon Episcopal School (OES), OIA 7th and 8th grade students participated in the OES Service Learning Day. This is a day where students get a taste and a true feel of what it is like to help others, be of service their community and be true representatives of Allah (SWT) on Earth.

#### Annual Science Fair — February 20th, 2009

Our Annual school-wide Science fair was a great success. Volunteer judges browsed the poster presentations and interviewed the students. Later in the day, the Science Fair showcase was open to parents and visitors in the ISMET cafeteria.

#### World Affairs Council World Quest Competition — February 21st, 2009

A team of 4 Oregon Islamic Academy High School students participated at the World Affairs Council WorldQuest Competition. The event inspired students' interest and involvement in international affairs and increased their appreciation of diverse cultural perspectives. Team members, Mariam Said, Mohamed Nur, Basil Abu-Hamdeh, and Nima Mohamed also met and visited with an international student from Nepal who shared her dreams and thoughts with them.

#### Bake Sale — February 22nd, 2009

Proceeds of MET's Annual Bake Sale were used to purchase books for the MET Library which houses hundreds of English, Arabic, Bengali, Urdu, Turkish, Somali, and books in many subject matters as well as rare collections.

#### PSU Engineering Design Competition — February 27th, 2009

Oregon Islamic Academy (OIA) students participated in the PSU Engineering Design Competition. This is a fun extracurricular activity offered to OIA students that promotes creativity in engineering design. The competition included edible cars that roll down a ramp, trebuchets, egg containers that when dropped with an egg inside will not cause the egg to break. Students had a great time at this event and it was a nice learning experience for all.

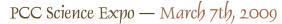
#### Valley Catholic Speech Tournament — February 28th, 2009

Sophia Qamar, a 6th grade student at the Oregon Islamic Academy, won a second place trophy in the elocution round at the 42nd Annual Valley Catholic Speech Tournament. Sophia memorized and delivered a four-minute excerpt from one of her favorite books, Everlost, by Neal Shusterman. She was judged on her voice projection, speed, expression, eye contact, and enunciation.



## MET Receives the Gold Star Award from the World Affairs Council — March 2nd, 2009

The National Council for International Visitors hosted its First Annual International Appreciation Night to recognize professional resources and dinner hosts of its International Visitors program. Five resources were specially recognized for their contributions to the International Visitors Program. The Muslim Educational Trust received the Gold Star Award; the highest symbol of recognition for those involved with the International Visitors Leadership Program of the World Affairs Council.



OIA High School students participated in the PCC Science Expo, held at PCC Sylvania. Nima Mohamed, OIA sophomore, won 3rd place in the Category of Microbiology' for her project entitled "Finding Antibacterial Properties in Common Foods and Everyday Materials". Dina Muqtar, OIA freshman, received an Honorable Mention in the Category of 'Microbiology' for her project entitled "Different substances that Inhibit Bacterial Growth". Basil Abu-Hamdeh, Mohamed Tarhuni, and Mohamed Nur, OIA freshmen received an Honorable Mention in the Category of 'Earth and Planetary Science' for their team project entitled "Making a Seismograph".

#### Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Omar Sheikh — March 7th, 2009

Omar Sheikh, a 9th grader at Lake Oswego High School and an MET Weekend School graduate, got awarded the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for his beautification project on the MET Campus. In a formal Eagle Scout Ceremony at Lake Oswego City Hall last Saturday March 7th, 2009, Omar Sheikh, of Boy Scout Troop 230, was recognized for his outstanding efforts for the Landscaping and Water Drip Irrigation work at MET. Forty five volunteers spent 157 hours on project day on October 18th, 2008.

#### Muslims and Christians: Anything in Common? — March 13th, 2009

MET co-sponsored this interfaith event at Portland State University. Presented by the Institute for Christian-Muslim Understanding (ICMU), this event discussed "The Significance of 'A Common Word': An open letter and call from Muslim Religious Leaders to Christians". The ICMU was celebrating its Fifth Anniversary and as part of the celebration, ICMU honored its two founders, Dr. Rev. Chuck Cooper and Mr. Wajdi Said.

#### Funeral Practices Workshop — March 15th, 2009

MET offered an informative session on funeral etiquettes and practices in Islam, including the Islamic will, body-washing and Kaffan-wrapping demos for men and women, funeral prayer demonstration, and the burial process. Funeral Practices Workshop was led by Dr. Mohammad Siala, President of Salman Al Farisi Islamic Center of Corvallis and President of Islamic Cemetery of Oregon, Ms. Gail Ramjan, Trustee and Co-Founder of the Muslim Educational Trust, Mr. Maqsood Chaudhary, Senior Electrical Engineer at CH2M Hill International, and Mr. Wajdi Said, Trustee and Co-Founder of the Muslim Educational Trust.

#### Intel Northwest Science Expo — April 3rd, 2009

Oregon Islamic Academy was represented at the 26th Annual INTEL Science Expo. Out of 17 projects and 22 student participants, 2 Honorable Mentions were received by 7th graders Alaa Aissi and Farah Abu-Khater for their project entitled "Experimental Study of PC Energy Consumption Using Workloads" in the field of Mathematics and Computer Science.































#### Leap Into Your Future Workshop — April 3rd, 2009

MET hosted a workshop for our OIA high school students entitled "Leap Into Your Future". Various topics were addressed including self confidence and self enhancement, planning for the future, teen issues, teamwork and communication skills, etc. Our speakers included Ms. Nadiera Najieb, former ISMET Principal, Ms. Fatima AlBar, long-time MET Volunteer and Quran teacher, and Ms. Rania Ayoub, MET Director of PR and Communication.

#### Poetry Night — April 4th, 2009

Language Arts and Arabic teachers worked with students who wished to participate in this annual night of poetry and literature where students got to sharpen their public speaking skills and enhance their knowledge of English and Arabic poetry. Students recited their poem presentations in the language of their choice (English, Arabic, or both). It was an inspiring evening.

#### World Affairs Council Lecture Series — April 8th, 2009

OIA students got to listen to environmental activist, Dr. David Suzuki, as he talked about the Climate Crisis, as part of World Affairs Council of Oregon 2009 International Speaker Series entitled 'The World in 2020'. Host of The Nature of Things, a CBC television series aired in 50 countries and the critically acclaimed PBS series, The Secret of Life, Dr. David Suzuki is a practicing scientist and author of forty-three books.

#### ISMET hosted 4th Graders from the International School — April 16th, 2009

ISMET 4th graders hosted 4th graders from the International School, a full-immersion school with 3 different tracks. Our visitors were in the Chinese track. ISMET 4th grade students welcomed their guests, introduced them to Islam, then had a pizza lunch.

#### Youth Engagement Night — April 17th, 2009

Dr. Muhammad Karim, Vice President for Research at the Old Dominion University in Virginia too much space gave an eloquent lecture entitled "American Muslim Youth Rising to Roles of Leadership". Dr. Karim discussed the compatibility of our Muslim and American values, and brought to life beautiful stories from the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in which he modeled true and genuine leadership. Oregon Islamic Academy was well-represented at this Youth Engagement workshop.

#### MET Career Day — April 18th, 2009

MET held its 2nd Annual Career Day which was a great success. Our speakers included Dr. Khalid Khan, who spoke of different careers in the field of Engineering, Mr. Bashar Wali, who spoke about his business experiences, Ms. Anusha Elias, who spoke about her career in Chemical Engineering and better energy choices, Dr. Mohamed Ridha, who introduced us to the science of software engineering and computer programming, Dr. Jeanne Lilly, who shared her insight and experiences as a Psychologist at Lewis & Clark College, and last but not least, Ms. Hala Gores, Attorney at Law, who shared her very interesting experiences working with people on various cases.

#### Earth Day - April 23rd, 2009

To celebrate Earth Day, students in K-10th grade rolled up their sleeves to plant some trees and do some cleanup work around campus. Classes took turns planting apple trees along the edge of the MET Field. One by one the trees went up at the edges of the MET field.



#### Teen, Family, and Community Conference — April 23rd—25th, 2009

MET hosted a Teen, Family, and Community Conference to speak about Family Life and Gender Equity in Islam. Our guest speaker, Dr. Jamal Badawi, Professor of both Management and Religious Studies at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada spoke about Gender Equity in Islam, Isolation vs. Assimilation, Pluralism in Islam, and Contemporary Figh issues.

#### Annual Cultural Night — May 9th, 2009

MET's 2009 Cultural night was filled with remarkable entertainment. The ISMET Fashion Show was a great success. The nasheed performed by 2nd graders celebrated our mothers, and the one performed by 4th and 5th graders celebrated our Muslim identity. High School students presented a play titled "Bilqees Meets Islam". Guest Speaker Joe Finkbonner, Executive Director, NW Portland Area Indian Health Board spoke about Native American Tribes of Oregon and the Nara Group performed Native American drumming. Fabulous Oud, Guitar and Nay Performance presented by Al Andalus Ensemble concluded this memorable evening.

#### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast — May 24th, 2009

In appreciation of our wonderful volunteers for their time and tireless efforts, MET hosted its 3rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Over the years, MET has been founded, nurtured, and managed day in and day out by a handful of wonderful and dedicated volunteers in our beloved community.

## Oregon Islamic Academy 8th Grade Graduation and Dr. Riyaz Ahmed Scholarship Dinner — June 13th, 2000

MET celebrated the accomplishment of Oregon Islamic Academy 8th graders and held a special graduation ceremony for them. Our 8th grade graduates were: Ms. Marwah Al-Jilani, Ms. Sarah Ibrahim, Mr. Ammine Getahun, Mr. Samir Guediri, and Ms. Nadeen Safi. This year also marked the 6th anniversary of the inauguration of MET's Dr. Riyaz Ahmed Scholarship Fund. MET received and screened scholarship applications for the 2009-2010 academic year and winners were announced at a later date.

#### Portrayal of Muslim Women in the Media Lecture — June 19th, 2009

MET hosted a lecture by Sister Tayyibah Taylor, Publisher and Editor in Chief of Azizah Magazine who talked about promoting a positive image of Muslim women and how the Azizah magazine has addressed these issues, and continues to bring vibrant news of Muslim women into your home.

#### Award at PSU's Middle East Studies Center 50th Anniversary — July 11th, 2009

The Muslim Educational Trust joined the celebration of Portland State University's Middle East Studies Center (MESC) 50th Anniversary. MET members serve on the Advisory Board of the MESC and Mr. Wajdi Said, MET President and Co-Founder received an award that night in recognition of his continued support to the PSU Middle East Studies Center.

#### Hosting World Affairs Council Tunisian Delegation — July 27th, 2009

MET hosted a group of visitors from Tunisia as part of the WAC International Visitors program. The objective was to meet American educators, administrators and officials involved in English language teaching and second language acquisition; and to experience first-hand how a typical language class is run through class observations, attendance of lesson planning, and curriculum design training.





























#### Annual Open House — August 8th, 2009

Everyone enjoyed barbequed Chicken, Kabobs and Hamburgers while the kids enjoyed our outdoor activities and play structure at the MET 1st Annual Open House. Activities included a Dunk tank, Inflatable slides, an Inflatable obstacle course, Hennah, Basketball, a Book Sale and Handmade Afghani Rug Sale.

#### Hosting World Affairs Council Yemeni Delegation — August 13th, 2009

MET hosted a group of visitors from Yemen as part of the World Affairs Council International Visitor Leadership Program. The delegation was looking at Interfaith understanding and how it can promote the public good, religion as a foundation for education, and the growth of an American Muslim community.

#### Annual Fundraising Night — August 29th, 2009

"The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is as the likeness of a grain that sprouts seven spikes, in every spike a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies for whom He wills: Allah is All-Embracing, All Knowing" (Quran 2:261). This is truly a great effort on all of our parts to seek the favor and mercy of Allah (SWT) and to support and continue MET's tireless efforts serving our community in the areas of Education, Outreach, and Recreation.

#### 16 Years of Bridge-Building, Friendship, and Respect — September 12th, 2009

The Muslim Educational Trust celebrated 16 years of bridge-building, friendship, respect for each other and successful partnership with Oregonians of good will from many faiths in our community. Leaders in the interfaith community honored MET with a short speech about celebrating our friendship and ongoing partnership.

#### MET Kadri Family Library Inauguration — October 3rd, 2009

MET officially opened the MET Kadri Family Library in honor of the late Mr. Siraj Kadri, and the Kadri family of Ahmedabad, India and USA. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Salahuddin Kadri as well as officials from the City of Tigard, Councilor, Sydney Webb and City Manager, Craig Prosser. It is our hope that the MET Kadri Family Library will become a beacon of light for our community as well as an outlet for our youth to get together to enjoy a book club meeting with a book's author, or attend an Islamic art exhibit.

#### Quran Contest Celebration — October 10th, 2009

MET held a wonderful heart-warming ceremony for all Quran Contest participants. All participants were walked up the stage by Sister Fatima Albar and Brother Hani Al Kaid with beautiful Islamic songs playing in the background. Participants received their personalized medals and winners also received their monetary awards. Proceedings of this contest were covered by the Oregonian in an article entitled "Memorization helps Muslims keep the Quran intact, one word after another" by Nancy Haught.

#### Food Bazaar for Earthquake Victims — October 18th, 2009

The USRAH (Indonesian-Malaysian-Singaporean Community) organized a Food Bazaar featuring authentic Indonesian food to raise funds for the Indonesian Earthquake victims. MET co-sponsored the event and the MET Youth Ambassadors Club members helped by selling coffee and cookies. All proceeds went to Mercy Corps to help with their relief efforts for victims of the Indonesian Earthquake.



#### MET Energy Fair - November 6th, 2009

A program of our MET Goes Green Campaign, coordinated by Ms. Courtney Demko, MET held its 1st Annual Energy Fair to enhance our knowledge and use of environmentally friendly sources of renewable energy. Speaking at our Energy Fair this year was Mr. Preston Sleeger, Regional Environmental Officer, at the US Dept of Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance.

#### "Graceful Names of Allah" Exhibit — November 13th, 2009

The "Graceful Names of Allah" exhibit displayed a collection of paintings on canvas as well as printed artwork. These were the most recent works of Portland artist, Kanaan Kanaan. The exhibit was well attended and Mr. Kanaan presented the history behind his artwork.

#### Annual Award/Appreciation/Auction Night — November 14th, 2009

Annually, the Muslim Educational Trust recognizes dedicated volunteers for their positive contribution to MET and the community at large by presenting awards for Leadership, Community Service, Muslim Students, and Friends of MET. Everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner and browsed through our unique silent auction items. The live auction was very productive and auction proceeds went towards upgrading our computer lab.

#### Journey To Mecca Movie and Interfaith Panel Discussion — November 15th, 2009

The Muslim Educational Trust (MET) and the Institute for Christian Muslim Understanding sponsored the showing of "Journey to Mecca: In the Footsteps of Ibn Battuta" at OMSI's OMNIMAX Theater, with an interfaith panel discussion following the show. The panelists were Ms. Julie Ahmed, Oregon Islamic Academy Social Studies and Speech/Journalism Teacher, Aseel Nasir Dyck, Retired Librarian and Historian, Dr. Oren Kosansky, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Lewis & Clark College and Dr. David McCreery, Professor of Religion, Willamette University. The panel was moderated by Mr. Tom Krattenmaker, Associate VP, Public Affairs and Communications - Lewis & Clark College.

#### Annual Mini Hajj — November 25th, 2009

ISMET and OIA students participated in Mini Hajj in commemoration of the Annual Muslim Pilgrimage and the ultimate sacrifice that our fore father Prophet Ibrahim had to make. Our Annual Mini Hajj has been a beautiful educational tool to help our students learn the steps and rituals involved in Hajj and understand the meaning and the historical background behind each of these steps.

## ISMET/OIA Go Getters Team compete at the First Lego League Qualifying Tournament — December 5th, 2009

For the first time, students from the Islamic School of MET and Oregon Islamic Academy competed at FLL's Lego Robotics Qualifying tournament at Intel. It was a fun and learning experience for all. We are very proud of our Go-Getters team and their performance. Hats off to coaches Wesam Khalil and Khalid Maklai for their time and efforts with the kids preparing them for this big day.

#### Imam Khalid Latif's Role as a Chaplain — December 11th and 12th, 2009

Imam Khalid Latif, Executive Director and Chaplain for the Islamic Center at NYU, spoke of his childhood experiences and what it is like to grow up a Muslim in the United States. His personal experiences touched the hearts of our staff and students and were presented in a manner that the students could easily relate to, being a Muslim youth in the United States.

















#### MET's Annual Expenses Vs Revenue

## **Education**

- \* Teacher Salaries
- \* Payroll Taxes
- **\*** Employee Benefits
- \* Subscriptions
- \* Liability Insurance
- \* Disability Insurance
- Printing and Copying
- \* Professional Fees
- \* Modular Building Rent
- \* Telecommunications
- Staff Development
- **\*** Office Supplies
- School Supplies\*
- \* Student Activities
- \* Financial Aid
- \* Student Awards

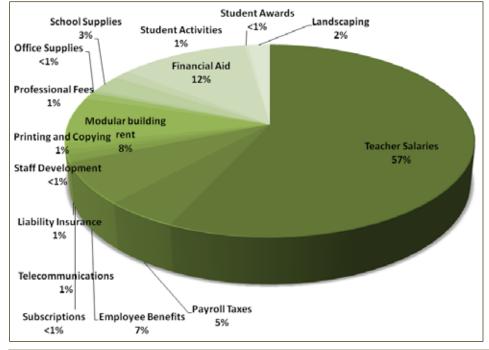
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## Operation

- Building Repairs and Maintenance
- **\*** Building Insurance
- \* Accounting Services
- Legal Fees
- \* Consulting Services
- \* Alarm Surveillance
- \* Landscaping
- **\*** Gas and Electricity
- \* Sewage and Water
- Janitorial Services
- Janitorial Supplies
- \* Waste Management
- \* Bank Service Charges
- \* Postage and Delivery

#### \$112,186

#### Breakdown of Annual Educational Expenses



## Outreach

- \* Hosting Speakers/
  International Visitors
- Quran and Islamic Resources Distribution
- MET Contributions to nonprofit organizations through special fundraising drives
- Monthly Forum
- \* Public Lectures
- Workshops
- Monthly Online MET News
- \* Al Hewar Newsletter
- \* Interfaith Events
- Supporting Ramadhan Food Drives\*
- Dr. Riyaz Ahmed Scholarship Fund\*
- \* Annual Quran Contest
- \* Annual Youth Essay Contest
- **\*** Eid Parties
- \* Annual Open House
- Supporting Needy Muslim Families (food, utilities and medical bills)\*

\$37,784

#### Revenue Tution

\$378,942

Expenses covered by the Annual Zakah Fund are: School supplies, scholarship funds, supporting needy Muslim families with life necessities including food, rent and paying for their

medical bills.

## 2009 Deficit: \$488,983

Thanks to Allah (SWT) and to generous community members, MET was able to collect donations during its 2009 Fundraising Drive to cover this deficit.

In 1993, MET was founded with the dream to help create an open, empowering, and collaborative atmosphere within the Muslim community in the greater Portland area. Over the last sixteen years, MET has made significant strides in the development of Portland's Islamic-based education. MET's focus on education through positive interaction with Muslims and non-Muslims and honest communication with the media and public officials has positively impacted not only the people of Portland, but well beyond our local area. The greatest impact has been on a core group of students who have spent their formative years at ISMET/OIA. These students have grown to be successful academically, but more importantly, become the embodiment of what it means to be a confident, active, believing, and practicing young American Muslim. Inshallah, it will be these very same students who grow into leadership roles in the coming years and help lead our community to be in the vanguard of those who engage in bridge-building dialogue, faith-based community service, and stewardship of Earth and humanity.

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