

EID AL-FITR 2026 GREETINGS & LAUNCH OF KARAMAH INSTITUTE!

March 20, 2026

Asalaam alaikum to the KARAMAH Community,

Eid Mubarak! On behalf of all of us at KARAMAH, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones on the joyous occasion of Eid al-Fitr. May this blessed time bring peace, deeper insights and reflections, and continued strength to our global community.

Launch of the Karamah Institute

This year, we are delighted to share significant news with you. During the blessed month of Ramadan, at a special gathering in Washington, D.C, we officially launched the Karamah Institute—a new and transformative initiative dedicated to advancing our longstanding mission of empowering Muslim women through knowledge, leadership, and justice.

The Karamah Institute represents an evolution of our work over the past three decades. It is designed to serve as a physical and virtual hub for scholarship, leadership development, and global engagement, grounded in Karamah's principles of fostering dignity, equality and equity.

The Karamah Institute will be the corporate entity that replaces KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights. It will address the critical need to expand quality education and training on issues related to Islamic jurisprudence, leadership, and conflict resolution. It is important to share that the respected and well-recognized brand *Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights* will continue as a program of the Karamah Institute that undertakes projects and initiatives focused on human rights. Therefore, we are building on the success of over 30 years of dedicated efforts and expanding the KARAMAH brand and impact.

Our 2026 Program Highlights

In its inaugural year, the Karamah Institute will offer a dynamic portfolio of programs, including:

- **Law and Leadership Summer Program (LLSP)**: Our flagship program, bringing together emerging leaders for an intensive experience combining legal education, Islamic jurisprudence, leadership training, and mentorship.
- **Thought Leaders Virtual Series**: Accessible online lectures and workshops led by top thought leaders addressing critical issues at the intersection of law, faith, and social justice.
- **Research & Scholarship Initiatives**: Supporting research and publications that amplify Muslim women's voices in legal and policy discourse.
- **The Rights Conversation Podcast**: An audio podcast that will explore the lived experiences and perspectives of Muslims who have worked to advance women's rights, civil rights, or social justice in the U.S. and abroad. Through engaging discussions, the podcast will serve as a platform for education, empowerment, and community-building.
- **Community Engagement & Global Partnerships**: Expanding collaborations to strengthen impact across diverse communities.

Law & Leadership Summer Program 2026

We are pleased to announce that applications for the 2026 Law and Leadership Summer Program (LLSP) are open. We encourage you to share this opportunity widely with students, professionals, and aspiring leaders in your network. LLSP has brought together women from around the U.S. and globally each year since 2002, with approximately 800 women who have completed the program.

You can learn more about the Karamah Institute and apply or share about LLSP 2026 with others by visiting: www.karamah.org. We will be building an exciting new website and Digital Library as we take the work of the Institute forward.

Your Support of KARAMAH'S Mission

Your support for KARAMAH programs is essential to this next chapter. We invite you to celebrate this milestone with us by sharing our work, encouraging participation in our programs, and staying engaged with the Institute's growing initiatives. If you would like to support Karamah Institute's work by making a donation, please use the QR code at the bottom of this letter to be directed to the

page to do so. *(Kindly note that if you would like to donate more than \$1,000, please email our Treasurer Naurin Khaliq at treasurer@karamah.org so that you can make your donation with reduced processing fees).* KARAMAH strives to minimize expenses. Our Administrative Fees are less than ten percent (10%) of donations contributed to our organization. Furthermore, our Board and Committee Members have contributed their valuable time and expertise for the past three years completely on a volunteer basis.

We thank you for your support and may this Eid mark a time of renewed purpose and collective progress.

Sincerely,

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