"...We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another..."
Our Goals:

Create a safe space where we can bring our whole selves
(re)connect with our faith, our community, and with ourselves.

Learn from each other and our community, and share our personal experiences with one another.

Create new friendships (and bonds) within our community.

Engage in sacred experiences together and gain a sense of peace.

Engage in meaningful dialogue with each other around concerns facing our community.

Empower and inspire one another.

Have fun!
Planning Committee:

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Note from the Co-Chairs

Beloved Community,

Welcome to the 2014 Retreat for LGBTQI Muslims! As our community continues to grow, this year we focus on the amazing diversity amongst us. With the great variety of experiences, perspectives and identities within our community comes opportunities to expand and deepen our awareness of the differences between us by rigorously understanding the complexities of those differences. At the same time our theme also means to celebrate one of the significant blessings of our humanity.

We hope this weekend nourishes body, mind and soul. Additionally, it is our hope each of you will make new and/or deepen connections with the other folks here. May we all share this space with open hearts. We invite attendees to take advantage of the offerings of the retreat center, including delicious healthy meals, paths to explore and art space.

The retreat provides a unique opportunity to embrace all the identities and traits that Allah has blessed you with. Use this time to let all your complexities shine together in this safe and nurturing environment. Take the opportunity to revel in this space where we encourage you to be your whole true self.

Thanks to the efforts of the dedicated group of individuals who make up this year’s planning team, we are looking forward to a powerful and transformative weekend. The retreat would not be possible without the hard work of the planning committee; please take a moment to thank them for all their efforts in creating a successful weekend.

We are excited to welcome everyone to this beautiful retreat center and hope that each of you leaves the retreat with delicious, sustaining heart food.

Be well,
Palmer Shepherd & Terna Tilley-Gyado
Co-Chairs
Welcome to
The 2014 Retreat for LGBT Muslims and Partners!

On behalf of the Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity (MASGD), we want to express our deep gratitude and admiration for each of you in attendance this year, whether this is your first or third time. This annual retreat is truly a transformative time for many of us, and has become a critical place for our community members to connect, reflect and celebrate the many identities and experiences present.

Take a moment to look around you. Chances are that there are at least two faces who are unfamiliar to you, whose stories you don’t know and whose questions you might be able to answer. We invite you to connect and learn from each other.

A key component of MASGD’s mission is to increase the acceptance of gender and sexual diversity within Muslim communities, and to promote a progressive understanding of Islam that is centered on inclusion, justice and equality.

As queer activist Audre Lorde said, «there is no such thing as a single issue struggle, because we do not live single issue lives.» Over the next three days we invite you to explore the multiple dimensions of our communities that connect us, provoke us and challenge us to imagine a different kind of world - then to take that missive back to our home communities and continue the work.

Blessings and thanks to the incredible fortitude of the Retreat Planning Committee, Retreat Co-Chairs, MASGD Steering Committee and the staff at Pendle Hill this year! None of this is possible without each of them.

We are so honored to have a hand in this journey with you.

In solidarity and community,

Sahar Shafqat and Yasmin Ahmed, Co-Coordinators

Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity (MASGD)
2014 LGBTQI Muslim Retreat Program

Friday May- 23- 2014

1:30pm – 2:00pm  Lunch     Pizza
2:00pm – 2:45pm  Salat al-Jum’a - Friday Prayers     Both an open, mixed gender prayer space AND a meditation and solitary prayer space are available for participants who would like to pray.
3:00pm – 4:00pm  Welcome and Orientation     An introduction to the retreat, the planning team, safe space guidelines, Pendle Hill and the goals of this year’s gathering.
4:00pm – 4:45pm  Ice Breakers     Get to know your fellow participants!
4:50pm – 5:20pm  Salat al-‘Asr
5:30pm – 6:15pm  Strength in Diversity: Retreat Theme & Expectations     Understanding the theme of this year’s retreat and expectations for our time together.
6:30pm – 7:10pm  Dinner
7:15pm – 8:15pm  PLENARY 1: Gender Identity     Sexuality and Gender are on a spectrum, and each of us occupies a unique spot on this spectrum. This Plenary will focus on the fluidity of gender and sexuality, as well as the importance of understanding terminology, respecting an individual’s place on this spectrum, and using identity pronouns correctly.
8:15pm – 8:45pm  Salat al-Maghrib
8:45pm – 9:30pm  Kinship Groups: Introductions     Get to know your kinship group leaders!
9:45pm – 10:45pm  Dhikr     Islamic Meditation
10:45pm – 11:00pm  Salat al-Isha
Saturday May- 24- 2014

5:15am – 5:30am  Salat al-Fajr

5:30am – 6:30am  Dhikr  Islamic Meditation

6:30am – 7:15am  Meditation Session I
The content of these sessions will be different each morning as we introduce new and interesting ways to understand and connect with your body on a therapeutic level. We will discuss laugh therapy, as well as reflective exercises to enhance our understanding of our physical and mental needs.

7:15am – 8:00am  12 Step Recovery Meeting

8:00am – 8:40am  Breakfast

8:45am – 9:45am  Skills Session I
Reflective Writing
In this creative writing workshop participants will explore their visible and invisible differences in experiences and backgrounds. We encourage individuals to tap into their personal storytelling in order to share who they are as a way to inspire new and/or deeper understandings of the diversity within our community as Muslims.

Prayer 101
An introductory session to the physical and mental act of Salat/Namaz which will include a discussion on the different ways of performing Salat/Namaz, as well as a step-by-step walk through.

Mindfulness Meditation
In this session participants will have the opportunity to get present at the retreat and learn tools to help them get present wherever they are.

10:00am – 11:30am  PLENARY II: Diversity and Privilege
This session will focus on understanding and exploring privilege in our everyday interactions. We will also consider how defining and understanding privilege must be the point of departure for any conversation about diversity.

11:30am – 12:00pm  Kinship Groups: Furthering the Conversation
Break out into your Kinship groups to workshop the ideas presented in the Plenary, and tease out the roles that privilege plays in your day-to-day life and interactions.

12:20pm – 1:00pm  Lunch

1:00pm – 2:00pm  Marketplace Open

1:30pm – 2:00pm  Salat al-Dhuhr
2:15pm – 3:45pm  **Workshop Session I**

**Islam of the Heart**
This workshop will address the topic of Sufism or Islamic mysticism, which is often called Islam of the Heart. It represents an alternative approach to Islamic faith and practice that is based on virtue, love, compassion and self-discipline. It has practices of meditation, mindfulness and music that members of our community might find stimulating. Sufism is a practice found in many diverse Islamic sects. It is nurtured primarily in Sunni communities, but in ways that challenge a legal-centered or ritualistic practice. It is also found, by other names, in Shi’i communities. An introduction to Sufi thought and practices will help participants appreciate the diversity within the Muslim community, in a practical way.

**Coming Out – Opportunities and Challenges (Closed session)**
As the title implies, this workshop will be more of an on-going dialogue about what it means to “Come Out” as a Queer Muslim. This closed and confidential workshop creates a safe space in which participants can share their stories. Instead of assuming that we all need to be out at all times, we hope to explore the different levels of our life-long process of self-discovery and self-manifestation. At the heart of this jihad we ask, “What does it mean to be ‘Out’ as an LGBTQI?” Is it incumbent upon us as Muslims to create awareness about our personal identities in order to live in truth and harmony with our communities? We will explore what specific challenges we face and what unique opportunities we have in deciding for ourselves the most appropriate level of living openly.

**South Asian Diaspora**
For people marginalized through sexuality, uneven development in space has compounded their sense of isolation. In this lecture, we ask “what are the meanings of a queer-identified South Asian-American in the U.S. racial and ethnic imaginaries?” The objectives of this lecture are three-fold:

- What are the meanings of a queer-identified South Asian-American woman in the U.S. racial and ethnic imaginaries?
- How do these meanings travel through class, gender, sexual, and cultural hierarchies in the United States?
- Address the underdocumentation of the lives of queer South Asian-Americans.

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This past year, a bright light in our lives passed on. To honor his memory, we are holding a Janaza Prayer. The space will be open to all those who have lost someone, and who are holding someone in their hearts.
8:00pm – 8:30pm  Salat al-Maghrib
8:45pm – 10:15pm  Entertainment
● Speed Networking
● Movie screening
10:30pm – 11:00pm  Salat al-Isha

Sunday May- 25- 2014

5:15am – 5:30am  Salat al-Fajr
5:30am – 6:60am  Dhikr  Islamic Meditation
6:30am – 7:15am  Meditation Session II  An array of meditation, yoga, and therapeutic activities.

7:15am – 8:00am  12 Step Recovery Meetings
8:00am – 8:40am  Breakfast
8:45am – 9:45am  Skills Sessions II  ● Reflective Writing
● Prayer 101
● Mindfulness Meditation

10:00am – 11:30am  Plenary III: Diversity in Faith
A discussion on the history of diversity in the Islamic faith, the manifestations of that diversity in today’s world, and a conversation about building bridges in our community through fostering pluralism and a celebration of diversity.

11:45am – 12:45pm  Breakout Sessions in Kinship Groups: Building a Pluralistic Faith Community
Breakout into your Kinship groups and discuss what the state of affairs in the community are today, and how to work together to build a more inclusive faith space.

1:00pm – 1:40pm  Lunch
1:45pm - 2:15pm  Marketplace Open
1:50pm – 2:20pm  Salat al-Dhuhr
2:30pm – 4:00pm  Workshop Session II

Inclusive Spaces Secular and Sacred: This panel will feature representatives from inclusive spaces that have evolved over time, including El Farouk Khaki who founded Toronto based “El Tawhid Jumma Circle,” an inclusive mosque space that aims to be a celebration and affirmation of diversities at all levels of human experience; Mirna Haider, cofounder of the Z Collective, a social, support, and activist group of women based out of Michigan, and Kaamila Mohamed, cofounder of Queer Muslims of Boston (QMOB) – an activist and social space open to all queer Muslims in the Boston area.
Queering the Quran: A quick overview of the emergence of normative / normalizing classical Muslim interpretive traditions that police the Qur’an’s descriptions / prescriptions of sexuality, gender and “habitus” (i.e. ways of being). An introduction to how we, as LGBTQ Muslims, ought to begin the work of “queering” (i.e. deviating from normative / normalizing expectations of) the Qur’an. I would like this session to be a pep talk that de-mystifies aspects of the Qur’anic and encourages folks in our community to reclaim interpretive agency / power.

Living Well: A Discussion on Mental Health and Resilience

4:10pm – 5:40pm  Workshop Session III

Many Roads to Islam: LGBTQ Muslims wrestle with and come to terms/ or reject or partially reject/ or create news paths to belief. While it is important that there be a historical overview of the different tariqas, it may be more important how people are reconciling and creating their spiritualities within Islam. The panel will consist of individuals discussing what their Islam is and their reconciliation with it. This opens up conversations about possibilities and creating “Islams” that speak to us.

Negotiating Sex and Relationships: Relationships and sex. Sex and relationships. These are often topics that are taboo in mainstream Muslim communities. As LGBT Muslims, we often have difficulties expressing our desires, wants and needs to those that we want to be intimate with. How do LGBT Muslims date? What role does our ethnicity or family background play when we want to begin a relationship with someone from another race or ethnic background? Do we have to be in a relationship to have sex? These and other questions will be explored in this safe and open space.

HIV/AIDS: This workshop will discuss, in a simplified and easy-to-understand format, the general knowledge of HIV and AIDS (what is it, how is it spread, description of the anatomical occurrence of the viruses, etc.). This module also points out, most importantly, how to cope with diagnoses and things to remember if a friend/loved one is diagnosed. The purpose of this session is not only to educate, but also to empower.

5:45pm – 6:15pm  Salat al-‘Asr

5:45pm - 6:15pm  Marketplace Open

6:30pm – 7:10pm  Dinner

7:15pm – 8:15pm  Workshop Session: Add A Session

We know folks are coming with a variety of experiences and interests. Throughout the retreat, participants are welcome to suggest a session that they coordinate themselves. Planning Committee members will make sure you have a space!

8:20pm – 8:50pm  Salat al-Maghrib

9:00pm – 10:15pm  Talent/No-Talent Show

Showcase your talents, or lack thereof, for your fellow retreat goers, featuring the comedic stylings of our Master of Ceremonies!

10:30pm – 11:00pm  Salat al-Isha
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<td>&quot;Are You My Chosen Family?&quot; We want participants to walk away from this workshop with a tangible vision on how to build and support communities where they live. Drawing on our experiences with communal living and the NYC Queer Muslim Book Club, we can provide people with a range of ideas to help folks explore what kind of community and support networks they need and how to address challenges. Depending on participants’ interests, we can address various topics, from connecting with other folks, to getting people to come to a regular gathering, to alternative living/family structures, to intentionally challenging patriarchal, racist, classist, ableist, Islamophobic, etc. structures.</td>
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Inclusive & Welcoming Prayer Spaces

Prayer can be immensely powerful, beautiful and nourishing. Yet many lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) Muslims are often ostracized and isolated from families and communities, leading many to stop practicing their faith. For some queer women and transgender people the challenges of stepping into a masjid (mosque) are further confounded by gender segregation and the imposition of binary gender norms. The right to pray safely where we choose is often taken away from us.

As LGBTQI Muslims who aim to create inclusive communities, we strive to create places of worship that are welcoming to all - regardless of one’s sexual orientation or gender identity. We also welcome our partners, families of choice and allies to participate in a religious ritual that may hold great significance in our lives.

With these thoughts in mind, our retreat welcomes every person to participate in the daily salaat (prayers).
The following points highlight the perspectives we hold essential in creating inclusive places of worship, such as the that of the retreat:

✔ We understand that the ritual of salaat may be painful for many of us. We hold one another in support and love in our congregation.

✔ Whether you pray regularly or not, we invite you to this open and welcoming space. If it has been a while, there will be opportunities to learn anew.

✔ You may wear whatever clothing you are most comfortable in. As an inclusive community we do not judge each other.

✔ Please stand wherever you feel most comfortable. People are welcome to pray side-by-side and next to one another, regardless of gender. We are one community.

✔ Ours is a gender-equal space. Women are encouraged and welcome to lead prayer. We understand that every human being has spiritual agency. Additionally, as a community committed to social justice we understand that we must break the bonds of sexism and male privilege.

✔ Ours is a non-denominational space. Folks are welcome and encouraged to lead according to the tradition of their sect, Sunni, Sufi, Shi’a or otherwise. This is part of how we come to know and experience the diversity in our community.

Allah, Ya Rabb alamin, alone knows what is in our hearts. We seek the Divine’s guidance in all that we do. Amin.
KNOW WHAT GENDER IS.
A person’s “real” gender is the one with which the person identifies. For some people, that’s the one in which they were raised. For others, it’s not. Gender exists between the ears—not between the legs.

GENDER...OR BIOLOGICAL SEX?
Don’t confuse gender with biological sex. For most people, gender identity matches biological sex—but for others, it does not. Keep in mind that even biological sex is far more complicated than we usually assume. (Around one in every 100 people has a body that does not match the biological norm for male or female.)

GENDER...OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION?
Don’t confuse gender with sexual orientation. Trans people, like cisgender (non-trans) people, may be straight, gay, bisexual, pansexual, asexual, etc. Gender is not tied to sexual preference.

USE PREFERRED PRONOUNS.
Always use the pronouns and name the person wants you to use. If you’re unsure, ASK! If you make a mistake, correct yourself. Politely—subtly, if possible—correct others if they use the wrong pronoun for someone else.

CHECK YOUR BINARY ASSUMPTIONS.
Don’t assume all trans people identify as “men” or “women.” Some trans people and genderqueer people identify as both, neither, or something altogether different.

At the same time, don’t assume all trans people identify as both, neither or something else. Many trans people do identify as “men” or “women”—and want to be treated simply and clearly as the gender with which they identify.

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Trans Ally Tips

“WHY DO YOU ASK?”
Before you ask a trans person about surgery or hormone status, ask yourself: “Why am I asking? Would I ask a person who isn’t trans a question about his or her body?” Trans people may experience questions about their physical transition as invasive, rude, or objectifying. It also may have the result of making trans people feel pressure to undergo irreversible, expensive, and risky medical processes in order to have their identities respected.

If a trans person wants to share this information with you, allow them to do so on their own terms. (If you are going to have sex with a trans person, that would be an appropriate time to ask for guidance in relating to their body).

RESPECT TRANS PEOPLE’S PRIVACY.
Don’t tell others that someone is trans unless that person has given you permission to do so. This is especially important for people who have transitioned. “Coming out” as trans after transition means revealing personal medial history—it is not your right to share that information (not even to other trans or queer people).

DON’T ASSUME YOU KNOW EVERYTHING (AND DON’T PRETEND YOU DO)
Do listen if a transperson chooses to talk to you about their gender identity. Be honest about what you don’t understand—don’t try to fake it!

RECOGNIZE TRANS WOMEN AS THE WOMEN THEY ARE.
Trans women suffer from sexism– as well as transphobia. Recognize that trans women deserve access to “women-only” spaces/programs/shelters/etc.

KNOW YOUR PRIVILEGE.
Recognize your privilege and prejudices as a normatively gendered person. Think about try to understand why you may feel uncomfortable about transgender.

TRANS GENDER IS REALLY NOT “SO GAY.”
Don’t refer to the LGBTQ community as the “gay” community. Some trans people and their partners are not “gay”—and it trivializes lesbian and bisexual identities as well. The same goes for “gay rights,” the “gay movement,” “gay culture,” etc.

DON’T TOKENIZE
Simply adding the “T” to LGB doesn’t make you or your organization hip, progressive, or an ally. Make sure you have the resources, information and understanding to deserve that T.

SPEAK OUT—YOU PLAY A VITAL ROLE AS AN ALLY.
Don’t let transphobia slide. Confront it as you would confront all other forms of oppression. Trans issues are rarely discussed & when they are it is often in a negative light. Transphobia is equally oppressive as (and works in conjunction with) sexism, homophobia, racism, classism, etc.

Talk about trans issues/rights. Engage people in discussions and share your knowledge. The majority of “information” people have about trans issues is based on stereotypes & assumptions. To most people, trans folks are the freaks from Jerry Springer. |

Be aware of the vital role you play as a non-trans person. Remember that the way you talk about trans people (e.g., using the right pronouns) influences how others perceive us. It can make a difference in whether we pass and whether we feel safe/comfortable. Always remember that people may be more likely to listen to and take cues from non-trans people than from trans people. What you say and do matters!

IT’S ABOUT RESPECT. Above all respect and support trans people in their lives and choices.
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Advocates for Youth envisions a society that views sexuality as normal and healthy and treats young people as a valuable resource. The core values of Rights, Respect, Responsibility* (3Rs) animate this vision.

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