



Introduction to Local Muslim Community

Rotary Club – St. Thomas

December 1, 2021



What is Islam?

س-ل-م s-l-m

Islam = Submission

Muslim = one who submits [to God]

Salam = Peace

“Who is more beautiful in speech than one who calls unto God, works righteousness, and says, "Truly, I am among those who submit"? (I am of the Muslims) [Qur'an 41:33]

Muslim greeting: Assalamu Alaikum
Peace be with you



Islam in Canada



A NEW LIFE IN A NEW LAND: THE MUSLIM EXPERIENCE IN CANADA

- <http://www.anewlife.ca>
- 1991: 253,265
- 2001: 579,640 (129% increase)
- 2011: 1,053,945 (over 90% increase)
- **2019: 1,499,660 – 1,687,118 (based on projected 4.0-4.5% +)**
- 2036: 2,520,000 – 3,240,000 (based on 5.6-7.2% + @ 45,000,000)

Islam in London, ON



London Muslim Mosque, 1964

London Muslim Mosque, today



Muslims in Canada

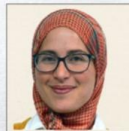


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ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY



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COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
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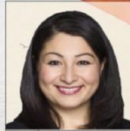
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EDMONTON, AB
FIRST MASJID IN CANADA (EST. 1938)



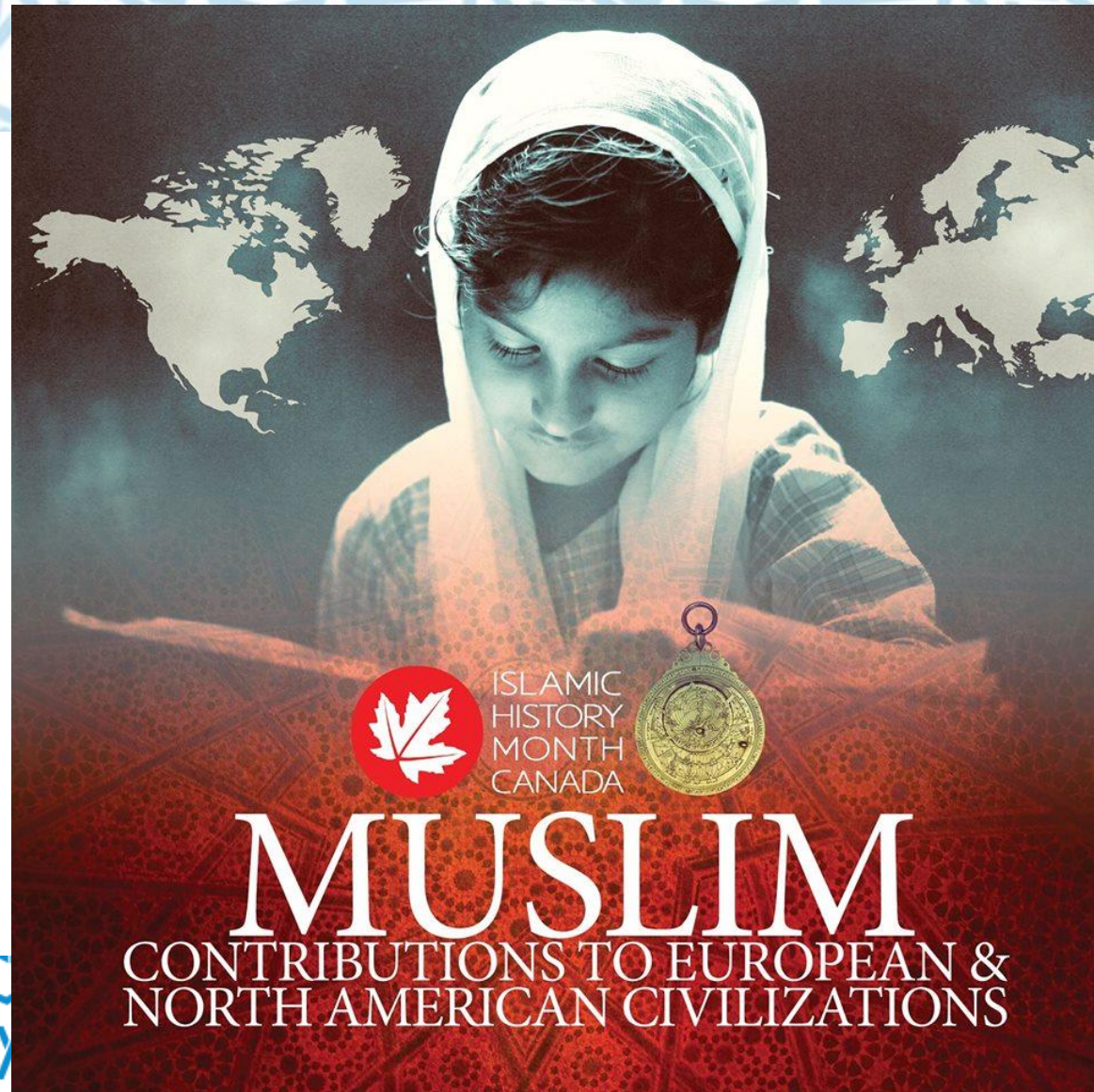
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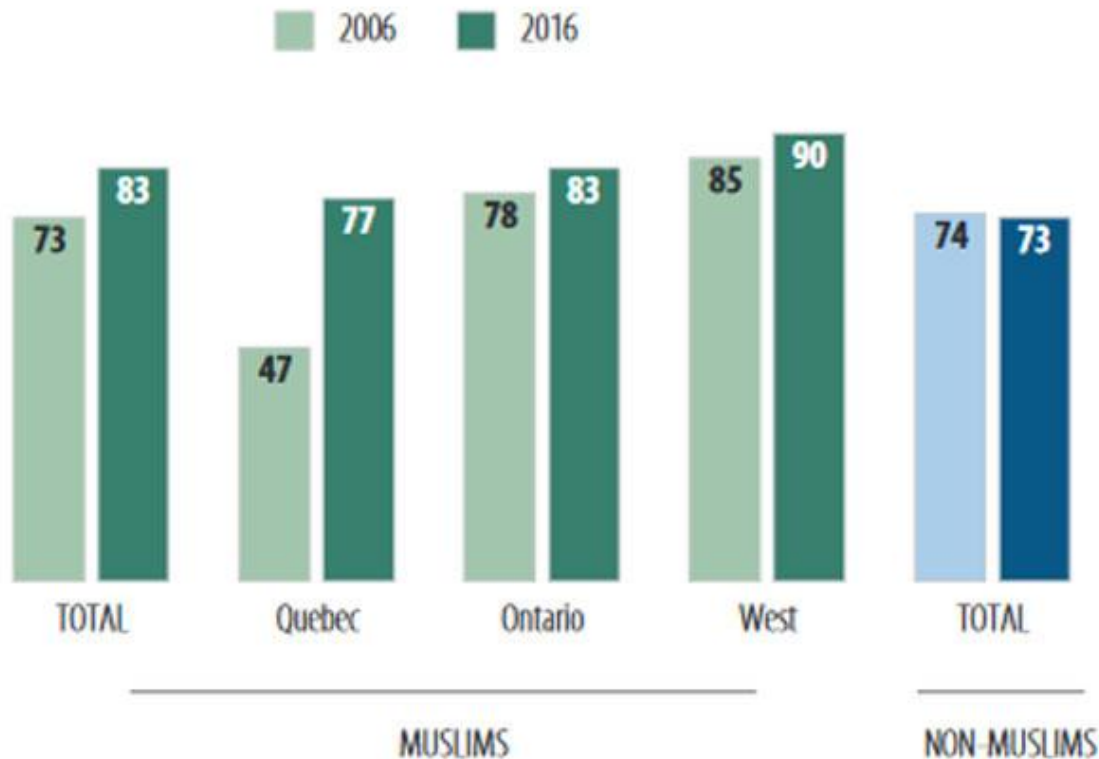
Muslim Contributions to the World

- Muslims have made many contributions to Western civilization in various fields, including education, medicine, physics, biology, chemistry, law, engineering among others.



Canadian Muslims

Very proud to be Canadian



Source:
*Survey of
Muslims in
Canada 2016,*
Final Report,
Environics
Institute

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Would you say you are very, somewhat, not very, or not at all proud to be a Canadian?

Education on Islam: Dealing with Misconceptions

- What is Shari‘ah?
- “In Arabic, Shar‘iah means the clear, well-trodden path to water. Islamically, it is used to refer to the matters of religion that God has legislated for His servants. The linguistic meaning of Shariah reverberates in its technical usage: just as water is vital to human life so the clarity and uprightness of Shariah is the means of life for souls and minds.”

— Shaykh Faraz Rabbani, What is the Shariah? A Path to God, a Path to Good

www.seekershub.org



Education on Islam: Understanding True Meanings

Impact of Islamophobia

June 6, 2021

- Created sense of fear
 - Visibly Muslim
 - More hate spread from small minority of population (ex. Harriston resident)
- Increase in mental health issues



How Do We Respond?

Interact

Educate

Mercy/Compassion

Be engaged

Reach out

Advocate

Collaborate

Empathy

“There is **only one** way that we can combat and overcome the various forms of hatred that exist within our society – **TOGETHER.**”

(-adapted from Shahina Siddiqui ISSA, Winnipeg, MB)

Spirit of Islam



“We have sent
you only as a
mercy to the
whole world”

Qur'an 21:107

Thank you for listening!

