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PEACE
CATALYST ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL REPORT



WE'RE JESUS FOLLOWERS ON A
MISSION TO HELP CHRISTIANS
BE BETTER PEACEBUILDERS
AND TO PARTNER WITH
OUR NEIGHBORS FOR MORE
THRIVING COMMUNITIES.



A stylized world map in a light orange color, serving as a background for the text. The map shows the continents of North America, South America, Europe, and Africa.

2021 **IMPACT**

421 PEACEMAKING
EVENTS

35 CITIES
TOUCHED

10,837 PEACE
PARTICIPANTS

OUR NEW MISSION

**OUR MISSION IS TO EQUIP AND
MOBILIZE CHRISTIANS FOR
COLLABORATIVE PEACEBUILDING
ACROSS LINES OF DIFFERENCE**

HOW

WE BUILD PEACE

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Instead of talking about each other, we help people talk to each other through events where people of different faiths and backgrounds can interact, connect, and practice learned peacemaking skills.

TEACHING & TRAINING

We equip peacemakers by giving theological foundations for peacemaking, tools for working with people of other faiths & backgrounds, and practical peace building skills that can be applied in any location or context.

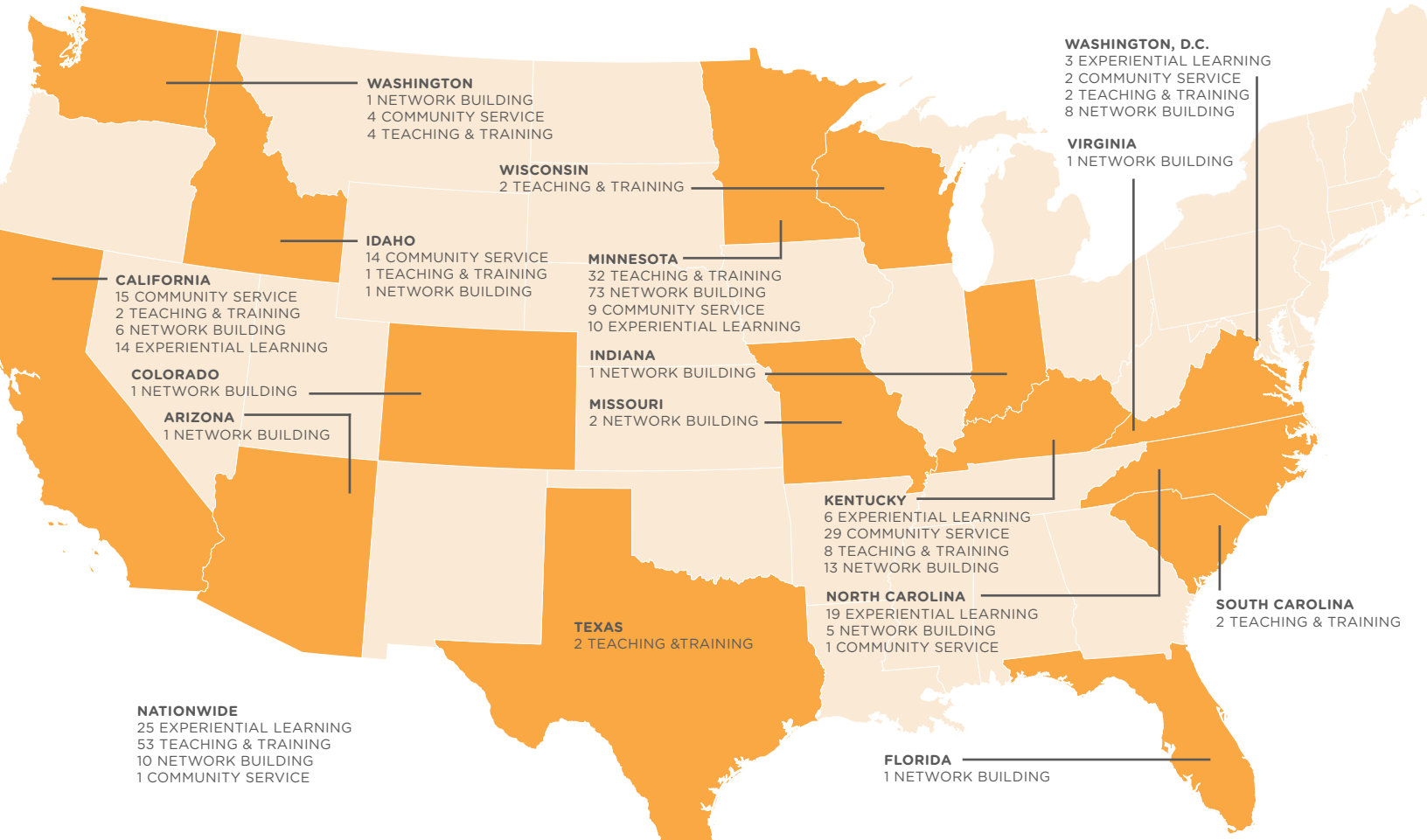
COMMUNITY SERVICE & ACTIVISM

Because we can affect exponential change when we work together, we gather people of different backgrounds to serve the community side-by-side and coordinate public action to make a positive impact in the places we live.

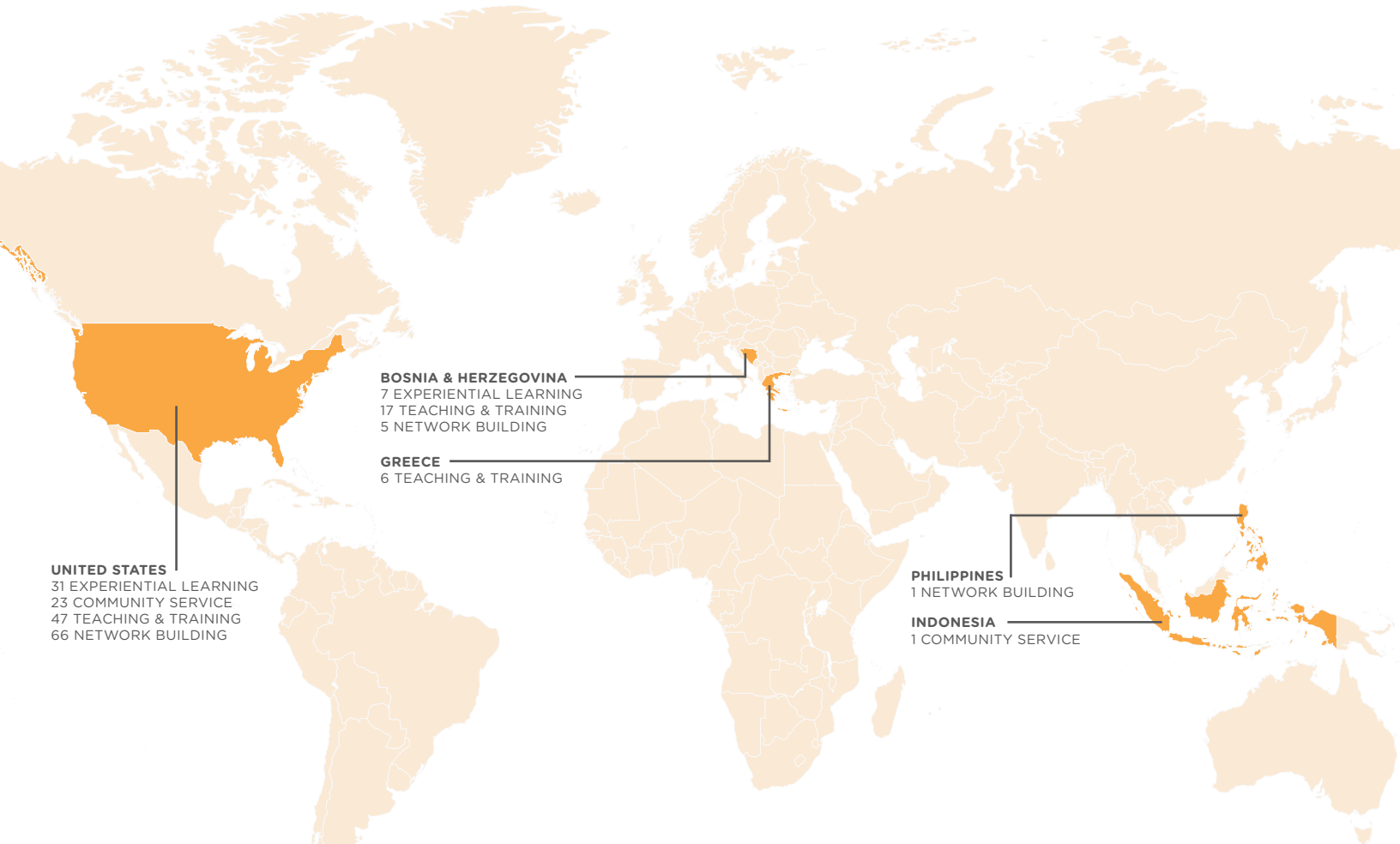
NETWORK BUILDING

The first step toward peacemaking is showing up and building relationships, so we work hard to make peace connections around the globe.

2021 IN THE UNITED STATES



2021 AROUND THE WORLD



UNITED STATES
31 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
23 COMMUNITY SERVICE
47 TEACHING & TRAINING
66 NETWORK BUILDING

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
7 EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
17 TEACHING & TRAINING
5 NETWORK BUILDING

GREECE
6 TEACHING & TRAINING

PHILIPPINES
1 NETWORK BUILDING

INDONESIA
1 COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHRISTIAN PEACEBUILDING NETWORK

The Christian Peacebuilding Network is a platform for Christians to learn about peacebuilding theology and practices from and with peers and more seasoned activists. Our goal is to learn and connect so that we can collaborate together in real life across social, ideological, and religious lines for the common good and for the healing of our communities.

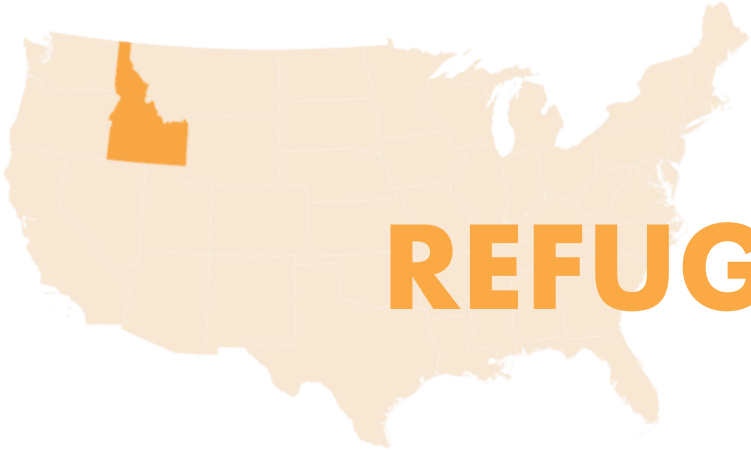


UYGHUR WELLNESS INITIATIVE



In the Spring of 2017, Uyghur immigrants living outside of China began to notice their relatives in China asking to limit their phone and texting communication, and, finally, to stop altogether. While it has taken the world years to finally call what's happening genocide, the anguish over the treatment of their loved ones back home manifests, for these immigrant Uyghurs, as depression, anger, chronic exhaustion, a withdrawal from loved ones, and a general feeling of hopelessness - all signs of secondary trauma. That's why we've formed the Uyghur Wellness Initiative. In partnership with several organizations, we've developed training materials and recruited mental wellness professionals who now volunteer their time to Uyghur clients in North America.





BOISE

REFUGEE SUPPORT

REFUGEE YOUTH PROGRAMS Our Boise staff ran a summer program for 20 refugee youth from Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia, Congo, and elsewhere, and academic support was provided for Jr. High and High School refugee students who were falling through the cracks of distance learning during the pandemic.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE
20 families (80 people) were helped with food security, rent, utility bills, and more.

COMMUNITY GARDENS
\$9,000 was raised with Glocal Community Partners to help with water and other garden costs for 54 families to grow their own food.

PEACE CATALYST

PODCAST

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PODCAST

FAITH-BASED CONVERSATIONS THAT LEAD US TO PEACEMAKING

In 2021 we launched a podcast to host conversations and share stories that inspire, uplift, and encourage listeners in their peacemaking journey.

LISTEN



**HURUNNESSA
FARIAD**

PEACE CATALYST PODCAST



**SHANE
CLAIBORNE**

PEACE CATALYST PODCAST



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MINA'S LIST

WOMEN WORKING FOR
PEACE
IN AFGHANISTAN



**CLEO
SCOTT BROWN**

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**SALIM
MUNAYER**

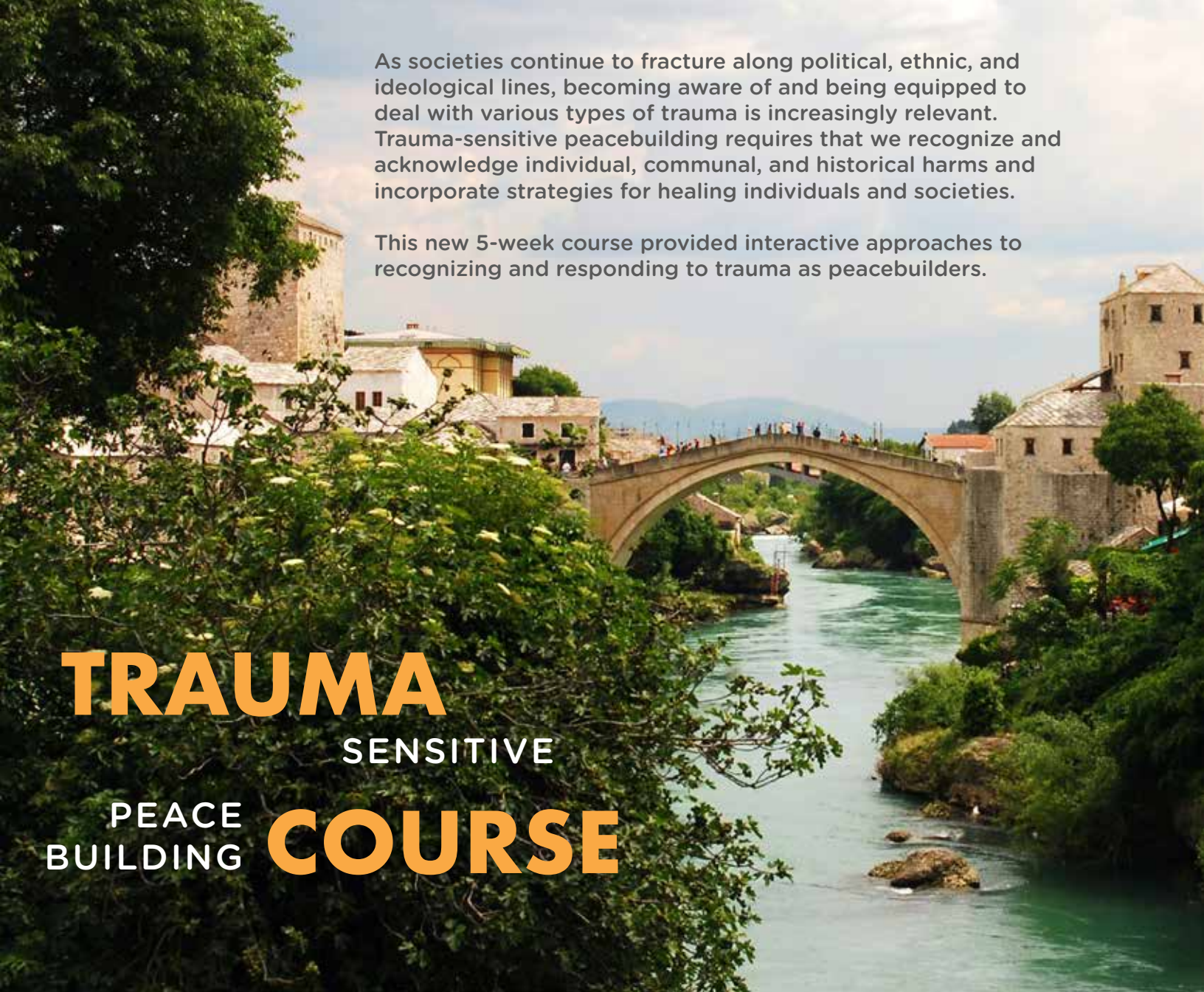
PEACE CATALYST PODCAST

“THE EPISODES HAVE EDUCATED, CHALLENGED, AND STRETCHED ME, WHILE ALSO PROVIDING HOPE AND PRACTICAL GUIDANCE IN THE THINGS I CAN DO TO BE A PEACE BUILDER IN MY COMMUNITY.”

CASTPODCASTPOD

“...RELEVANT TO WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR WORLD TODAY AND HELPING US TO ALL THINK THROUGH HOW TO BE BETTER PEOPLE OF PEACE, RIGHT WHERE WE ARE!”

“I AM HARD-PRESSED TO FIND A PODCAST THAT IS MORE RELEVANT TO OUR TIMES. THIS PODCAST TAKES ON THE MAJOR ISSUES AND TOPICS THAT ARE CURRENTLY CAUSING DIVISION AND DISHARMONY BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.”



As societies continue to fracture along political, ethnic, and ideological lines, becoming aware of and being equipped to deal with various types of trauma is increasingly relevant. Trauma-sensitive peacebuilding requires that we recognize and acknowledge individual, communal, and historical harms and incorporate strategies for healing individuals and societies.

This new 5-week course provided interactive approaches to recognizing and responding to trauma as peacebuilders.

TRAUMA

SENSITIVE

PEACE
BUILDING **COURSE**

“TRAUMA IS UBIQUITOUS, AND AWARENESS OF THE WAYS IT IMPACTS INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES IS ESSENTIAL FOR ANYONE WHO WORKS WITH PEOPLE. THIS COURSE HAS RAISED MY AWARENESS TO BE BETTER ABLE TO SUPPORT NOT ONLY MY COMMUNITY WORK BUT ALSO TO APPRECIATE MORE FULLY THE STORIES OF MY OWN FAMILY AND FRIENDS.”

“I LEAVE THIS COURSE NOT ONLY WITH GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF TRAUMA AND THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA ON INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND SYSTEMS, BUT WITH THE HOPE THAT WE CAN INDEED HEAL FROM TRAUMA.”

PARTICIPANTS FROM
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
UNITED STATES
ARMENIA
MONTENEGRO
UNITED KINGDOM

LECTURERS FROM
RWANDA BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
UNITED STATES SWITZERLAND





COVID
FOOD
DISTRIBUTION



FRESH ORGANIC PRODUCE

Each week from May 26-November 10, we transported fresh, organic vegetables and fruits from “A Place on Earth” CSA farm to South Louisville Community Ministries (SLCM) to supplement SLCM’s regular food distributions with healthy, organic produce.

We also provided clients with weekly lists of the vegetables they were receiving and ideas for how to incorporate them into their diet, plus “Vegetable Nutrition Cards” with preparation, cooking, and nutrition information.

Fresh produce was served to **single mothers, older adults**, the **homeless** population, **differently-abled individuals, refugees**, and the **unemployed**.

ORGANIC PRODUCE BY THE NUMBERS

25 WEEKS

1,058 HOUSEHOLDS

2,768 RECIPIENTS



IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH ISLAMIC
RELIEF USA



LOUISVILLE UTENSIL DRIVES

In July and September we continued working with South Louisville Community Ministries in collaboration with two local churches to organize two kitchen utensil drives to provide food preparation tools and storage containers to those in need.

One single mother was in tears with gratitude because she had just signed a lease on her first apartment. About what she received at the utensil drive, she said, **“I needed everything.”**



MEAL PACK DISTRIBUTION

LOUISVILLE

We partnered with Islamic Relief USA to distribute meal packs in two cities. Each meal pack was provided by IRUSA and contained 6 nonperishable meals. In Louisville we partnered with 3 organizations that have trusted relationships and regular, direct access to the vulnerable refugee community and those seeking food assistance:

Americana, which works with refugee families to garden their own food plots

South Louisville Community Ministries, which hosts 2 food distribution days per week to the food-insecure

La Casita, which works with the Hispanic community, taking particular care to include and serve undocumented individuals

1,980 MEAL PACKS DISTRIBUTED
(6 SERVINGS/PACK)





MEAL PACK DISTRIBUTION

RESEDA

Our team in Reseda, California operates a weekly drive-up food pantry to serve those facing food insecurity. For 22 weeks in July-December we added Islamic Relief USA-provided meal packs to the food distributed at the weekly food pantry. At Thanksgiving, a Turkey was also included for each household.

“Wow, they gave us all of this to share with people in need?”

- volunteer distributing IRUSA-provided meal packs

80-100 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED EACH WEEK

1,980 MEAL PACKS DISTRIBUTED (6 SERVINGS/PACK)

This annual event, one of the world's largest potlucks, was modified into a "walk and talk" event for COVID safety. 200 participants of all walks of life from around Louisville, KY, were each paired with someone they did not know and were given conversation topics.

"Returning groups shared a visible, shared cohesion and a depth in the way they even looked at each other. It was just beautiful."

"Even though we've known each other for 30 years, we talked about things guys just don't talk about."



THE BIG WALK & TALK TABLE

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

CHRISTIAN PEACEBUILDING NETWORK (CPN) COHORTS

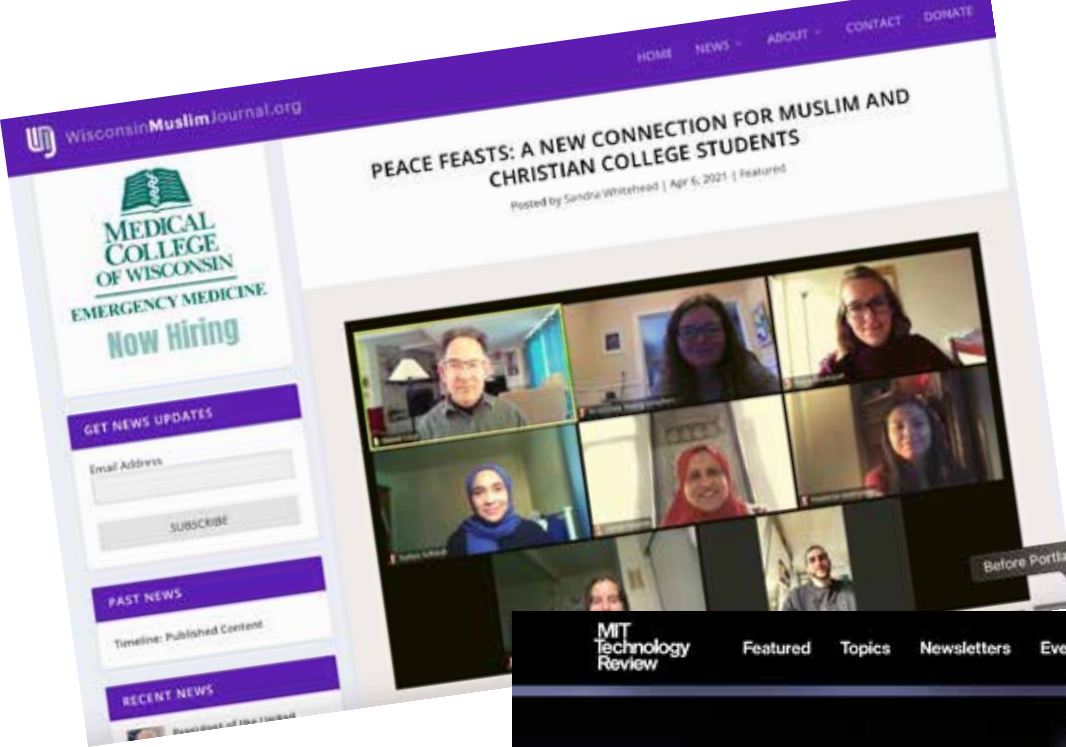
Cohorts gathered in the U.S. and around the world to learn the theological foundations for peacebuilding. 6 cohort participants went even further and put their learning into practice by serving together at Homes Not Borders in the Washington DC area.

INDONESIA FLOOD RELIEF

We raised and distributed \$10,000 for emergency food and medical supplies for 2,700 flood victims in South Kalimantan.

UYGHUR ADVOCACY

We continue to advocate on behalf of the Uyghur people facing genocide at the hands of the Chinese Communist Party in Xinjiang. We hosted four events, reaching 247 people, to raise awareness of the situation and allow Uyghurs to tell their stories to a wider audience.



IN THE NEWS

Wisconsin Muslim Journal feature article about nationwide multi-faith Peace Feasts

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



MIT Technology Review article on the mental health crisis faced by Uyghurs outside China and featuring the Uyghur Wellness Initiative

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

by **Andrew McCormick**
June 16, 2021

Mustafa Aksu had a bad track record with therapists. Growing up in China, he was bullied by his Han Chinese classmates for being Uyghur. This made him constantly anxious, and his stomach often hurt, so much that sometimes he threw up. A concerned teacher referred him to counseling, but Aksu was skeptical it could help. "I was always waiting for the time when I could go out and live somewhere that I would feel comfortable," Aksu says.



THANK YOU

You're breaking down divisions,
bringing neighbors together,
and building stronger and more
resilient communities in the
United States and around the
world.

FINANCIALS OVERVIEW

DONATIONS **\$531,358**

GRANTS **\$24,775**

OTHER **\$65,911**

TOTAL REVENUE \$622,044

PROGRAM EXPENSES & WAGES **\$455,251**

ADMIN **\$82,410**

OPERATIONS **\$56,743**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$594,404

\$27,640



OUR TEAM OF DONORS

- INDIVIDUALS | 70%
- CHURCHES | 13%
- FOUNDATIONS | 10%
- ORGANIZATIONS | 5%
- BUSINESSES | 2%

