

THE SALAAM NETWORK'S STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE LOUISVILLE BOSNIAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY (JULY 11, 2021)

The Salaam Network stands in solidarity and sorrow with the Louisville Bosnian Muslim Community as it remembers this day which marks the beginning of the invasion of Serb Forces in 1995. Over seven thousand civilian Muslim men and boys were brutally executed, many women were traumatized by sexual assault. A small remnant band of the survivors immigrated to Louisville and with indefatigable effort over many years have succeeded in building a glorious mosque in our city. Members of the community here lost many family members or friends in the carnage. Led by Imam Azam Efendira, Edis Aganovic, Amil Alic, and Salih Efendira have chanted *Zikr Allah*, the remembrance of The One, at *The Salaam Network* events at St. Agnes Church, The Cathedral of the Assumption, and St. Andrew United Church of Christ. The music was mesmerizing and embodied love and conviction. We are humbled and inspired by this Community's faith, courage, and grace. They bring a great blessing to our hearts and to our fragmented city.

