



# THE SALAAM NETWORK

*Striving to make our Beloved Community of Louisville Whole*

## MINI WORKSHOP ON ISLAM

**PRESENTERS: DR. RIFFAT HASSAN, JIM AALEN**

**PARTICIPANTS: ADELANTE HISPANIC ACHIEVERS GROUP**

**VENUE: LA CASITA CENTER**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2017 (12 noon - 2. 00 p.m.)**

### PROGRAM:

1. Introduction of the Presenters to the Group consisting of 40 Middle and High School Students
2. Introduction of the Students
3. Students asked to share any ideas or stereotypes they had about Islam
4. Students asked if there was any aspect of Islam which they were particularly interested in exploring
5. Presentation on Islam: *The Five Pillars of Islam:*
  - (i) *Shahadah* (Profession of Faith)
  - (ii) *Salat* (Prayer)
  - (iii) *Zakat* (Wealth-Sharing)
  - (iv) *Siyam* (Fasting during Ramadan)
  - (v) *Hajj* (Pilgrimage to the *Ka'bah* or Sacred Shrine in Mecca)
6. Jim Aalen showed the students a copy of the Qur'an (in Arabic with English translation), pictures of Muslims praying and of the rite of Hajj with a large group of Muslims circumambulating the *Ka'bah*
7. Q & A with students
8. Jim Aalen led the students in a Sufi dance with Sufi chanting
9. Conclusion: Students encouraged to study Islam, the religion of one-fourth of humanity, and to contact The Salaam Network if they had questions.