



Dr. A'isha Kareem is CEO Emeritus of American Muslim 360[®] Radio, a retired prison services chaplain (California State Corrections), and a lifelong social justice educator who has focused on equity for racially and socially marginalized students.

In 1985, Dr. Kareem founded and directed the Academy for Human Development, a youth empowerment organization, which earned her a visit from three-time World Champion, Muhammad Ali.

After some time, Dr. Kareem felt compelled to enter the State Department of Corrections to aid in the rehabilitation of many of her students' mothers and fathers, who themselves were caught up in the prison pipeline as victims of mass incarceration.

Nearly a decade later and during the month of Ramadan 2009, she, along side of her late husband, Thomas Abdul Salaam, affectionately called "The Twin Servant of Peace," launched the broadcasting network, American Muslim 360[®] AM360.org Radio. Through the use of internet technology, American Muslim community voices were synergized to communicate on issues of faith, race, and culture and other broader domestic and international affairs. AM360 became a town hall for interfaith dialogue and collaboration to address Islamophobia and religious violence and extremism. From these crossroads, AM360 has achieved remarkable popularity to become the #1 Islamic radio station in the nation.

In 2013, in response to a groundswell of AM360 grass roots support urging the Muslim community to complement dialogue with action and to help move a critical mass from ideas to reality, Dr. Kareem, helped found the Community Wide Shuraa Conference (CWSC) and so began one of the largest community service projects ever undertaken in the American Muslim community--to build a national intelligentsia upon the principles of Shuraa Baynahum or faith-based mutual and respectful consultation with an engaged national group intellect committed to action.

Dr. Kareem has served as adjunct professor at the University of the Pacific introducing the specialized curriculum, "Islam as a Social Remedy." She also commits significant time as CEO for American Muslim 360 and advisor for the Community Wide Shuraa Conference (CWSC). She is also a CWSC representative via the United Nations as a member of the non-governmental organization, The Grail, which focuses on the status of women. Dr. A'isha Kareem became Hajjah in 2003 with her journey to Mecca.

Dr. Kareem via the Academy for Human Development addressed the monstrous school-to-prison pipeline of boys of color disproportionately affected by incarcerated parents and the 'War on Drugs.' Through her chaplaincy, she aids parents in discovering the critical role of spirituality in rearing and mentoring responsible youth. She was honored for her contributions when the local Muslim community created her namesake with its institutional naming of Masjid Al-Kareemah (Community of the Generous).

A published writer and playwright,* Dr. Kareem penned "What's That On Your Head?," a commentary on Muslim women's dress and work experience, appearing in the book *Nine to Five: Muslims in the Western Workplace*. She is the recipient of several academic credentials and awards including the Morrie Turner Soul Corner Role Model Award and Valley Woman In History award. In 2020, she received the CWSC Lifetime Achievement Award during the 10th Anniversary Celebration of AM360 in Cozumel, Mexico.

* *Ghetto Bus*. Screenplay by A'isha Kareem and Michael Edwards, 2015 (WGA Registration, # 1754996).
Pumpkin Hearts. Screenplay by A'isha Kareem, 2007.