Since the founding of its Marriage Celebrancy division in 2006, MPV has helped hundreds of couples of diverse faith backgrounds formalize their marriage vows while incorporating the traditions of Islam. Today, we offer to our members the chance to connect with our network of Muslim wedding officiants. Each officiant below brings their own unique background and experience to engaged couples, while pledging to uphold MPV’s principles of inclusion. You may contact them individually to learn more about their service, availability, and pricing.
Description of Service

Our Nikahs are both traditional and unique. We strive to give a presentation that is grounded in tradition; at the same time, we take extra time to understand your situation and develop a program that meets the needs of our couples, their families, and their event. Our standard program is approximately 15-25 minutes long, and consists of the following elements:

- Qur’anic reading and translation
- Personalized welcome of guests
- Remarks about the couple
- Reflections on marriage
- Acknowledgement of witnesses and mahr (bridal gift)
- Proposal and acceptance
- Katb al-kitab (signing of marriage documents)
- Exchange of rings (optional)
- Closing du’a and blessing

Our service is a good fit for couples that are non-traditional within the Muslim community, as well as more traditional couples that seek a progressive and inspiring Nikah presentation that will be enjoyed by Muslim and non-Muslim audiences alike.
Meet Our Officiants

Ani Zonneveld
Los Angeles, CA

The founder and president of MPV. In an interfaith marriage herself, Ani has officiated hundreds of weddings since MPV began offering this service in 2006. Ani was born in Malaysia, and raised as the daughter of an Ambassador in Germany, Egypt, and India; and currently, her work as an activist takes her to many disparate parts of the Muslim world. She is also an acclaimed singer-songwriter, and has regularly led prayers as an Imam in the Los Angeles area.

Ani travels frequently, but is available for weddings in the Los Angeles area when she is home, and other parts of the US and across the world as her schedule permits. She can be reached at info@mpvusa.org.
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Kelly Wentworth
Atlanta, GA

Kelly Wentworth was inspired by her strong belief in an open and inclusive worship space to create the American Islamic Fellowship (AIF) in Atlanta, GA in 2007. In 2011, AIF became a part of Muslims for Progressive Values and Kelly joined its board. In Atlanta, she has helped create a mosque space with continuous activities, educational programs, and chaplaincy and officiant services. Kelly is a fellow at the Muslim Institute, which exists to promote and support the growth of thought, knowledge, research, creativity, and open debate. Kelly is originally from Georgia, and converted to Islam in 1998.

Kelly is mostly available for weddings in and around the Atlanta area. She can be reached at kelly@mpvatlanta.org.
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Jamal Mahmood
New York, NY

Jamal Mahmood has conducted Nikah ceremonies since 2016. He is also credentialed as a wedding officiant through the Celebrant Foundation & Institute (www.celebrantinstitute.org). Jamal is of Pakistani and Dutch descent. He grew up in the United States in an interfaith household with a Muslim father and a Christian mother. His primary occupation is as a financial planner; he conducts approximately 25-30 Nikahs per year. He and his wife have been married since 2003, and they have two children together.

Jamal is based in northern NJ, but is available to travel as his schedule permits. He can be reached at jamal@mpvusa.org.