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Dear friends,

After three decades of operating as a completely volunteer run organization, Salaam Canada will be closing its virtual doors.

We want to thank our founders and all past leadership volunteers, including our terrific peer support facilitators, for their incredible commitment and vision. Thank you for insisting to carve out spaces for queer, questioning and trans Muslims. Because of you, countless of us, in communities across Canada, feel a little less alone. Alhamdulillah!

We also want to bow our heads - in awe and amazement - to all of you who live and love on the intersections of queerness and Islam. We are so grateful for you and hope you continue to be protected, cherished and loved.

The salaamcanada.ca website will act as a resource for five years - we have pamphlets you can download, print and share; films and books you can fall in love with and countless international organizations you can learn more about. Our Facebook group and Instagram group will be closed for comments, and our email account will have an auto-responder announcing our closure.

Friends, you have all given us a gift - of community and camaraderie, of safety and solace. It has been the honour of a lifetime to be of service.

Ma Salama,

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