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Dr. Iqbal Unus has had a wide ranging volunteer service experience in the Muslim community in the United States for over 37 years. Some of the prominent offices he has held include president of the Muslim Students Association of the United States and Canada (1975), several offices including president of the Association of Muslim Scientists and Engineers (AMSE), member of Majlis ash Shura of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), trustee of Amana Mutual Funds Trust, working committee member of International Council of Awqaf and Non-Governmental Organizations (ICANO), board member of Coordinating Council of Muslim Organizations in Washington Area (CCMO), and trustee of All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS).

Dr. Iqbal Unus has traveled to various countries including South Africa, Malaysia, Trinidad, United Kingdom, Turkey, Belgium, Sudan, Libya, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, and Indonesia, to participate in conferences or to deliver training workshops. His major area of interest is non-profit management and leadership studies. He has conducted numerous training programs in leadership skills and facilitated strategic planning retreats for Muslim community organizations.

Dr. Iqbal Unus holds two Master's degrees in physics and nuclear engineering and a Ph.D. in nuclear physics (1977). Born in 1944, he lives in Herndon, Virginia, U.S.A. with his wife and two of his five daughters.