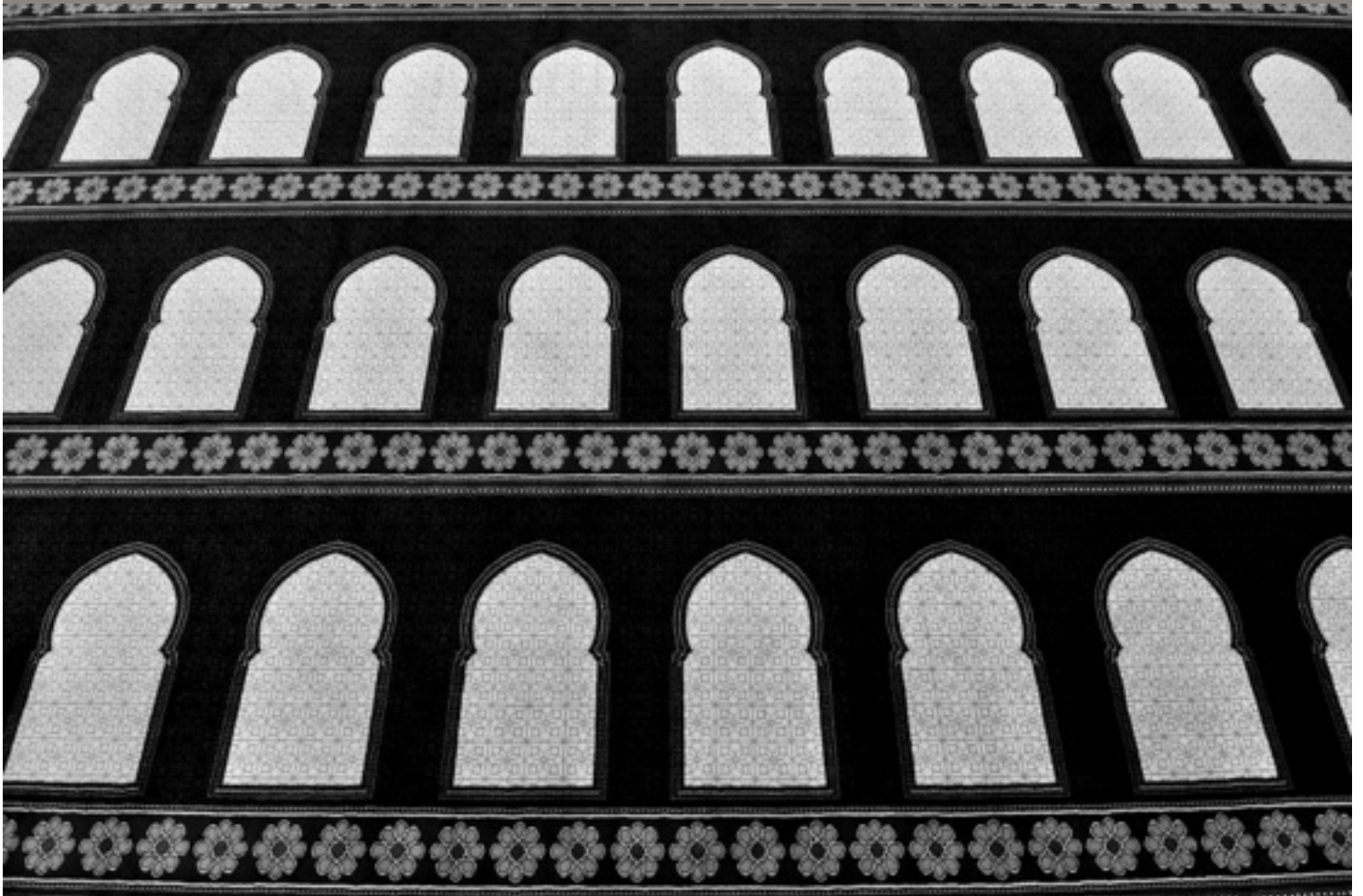


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2013 was mostly a year of housekeeping. In order to conform to new government regulations concerning non-profits, we had to have special members meetings, along with new by-laws and other legal documents submitted. We also changed the address of our head office from Scarborough to Oakville.

At the end of 2012, a special members meeting was held and after a couple of years of strategic visioning, we broadened the scope of TTI from only public policy work to include research and programming on the lived experiences of Muslims in Canada. Our new by-laws reflect this re-calibrated vision and pave the way for our charitable status application, expected to be submitted in 2014 God willing.

We engaged Saleh Enterprises to redesign our logo and create a new website, to refresh and update our image for the coming years. Our new and youthful board of directors is leading the way of rebranding TTI in order to increase our outreach to the younger generation.

In January TTI was a proud co-sponsor of Dr Ingrid Mattson's lecture, "Rooting a Canadian Muslim Identity," at the launch of a dedicated ablution facility and prayer space in Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto. Emmanuel, a theological college of the United Church, is pioneering a Muslim studies track as part of its curriculum. The prayer faculties are meant to support Muslim students and community life on the east side of campus, an especially meaningful gesture as there is no other prayer space on that side of the campus.

The *Neglected Voices* documentary series continue to attract interest, and I showed them as part of my keynote address to The Canadian Charger's annual fundraising dinner in June in Waterloo, where I spoke about TTI's youth political participation project. Dr Paul Nesbitt-Larking and I are also pleased to announce that an academic article based on this TTI project was published in volume 33 of the *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*.

To address the continuing hazards of Islamophobia in Canada, TTI was a co-sponsor of the National Council of Canadian Muslims' panel discussion: "Fostering Fear: Examining The Roots of Anti-Muslim Discourse," held in October. High-profile speakers included Nathan Lean, author of *The Islamophobia Industry: How the right manufactures fear of Muslims*, who was joined by Doug Saunders, Globe & Mail columnist and author of *The Myth of the Muslim Tide: Do Immigrants threaten the West*, and Jonathan Kay, editor and author at the *National Post*.

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