

MYNA Conference at MAI-ISNA Midwest Regional Conference

October 17-18 2008

Youth Involvement with Their Religion and Community

Friday October 17			
Time	Session	Speaker	Moderator
3:00-4:30 PM	Opening Session: This session will introduce attendees to the conference as well as to the Muslim organizations working to establish social justice and peace through education and outreach programs at the local and national level.	Muneer Fareed, Ibad Ansari, Shariq Siddiqui, MSA, MYNA Reps	
4:45-5:00 PM	Asr Prayer		
5:00-6:30 PM	Youth Involvement Balancing Between Their Religion and Community: We always hear that our youth are too involved in one region of their lives and not the other. That they may be too focused on an aspect while still lacking in another. How can we convince our youth to get involved both in their community, that of their fellow Muslims and Non-Muslim community, and also to keep up their Deen?	EC, Imam Zaid Shakir, and Altaf Husain	
6:30-7:30 PM	Dinner & Maghrib Prayer		
7:30-9:00 PM	Searching Within: The Ultimate Journey Within We see the creation of the all mighty around us, but do we see him the same way? Islam is not merely a checklist of dos and don'ts with paradise and hell on the line, but a personal search within our hearts. Together let us map the steps we must take to understand, embark on, and master this ultimate journey.	Habeeb Qadri and Imam Zaid Shakir	
9:00-9:30 PM	Isha Prayer		
11:00-12:00 PM	Special Session with the Youth	Altaf Husain and Habeeb Qadri	
Saturday October 18			
11:15-12:15 PM	Open Forum Discussion: Youth Involvement We know that today it is sometimes difficult for our youth to get involved without their parents interfering. And in some communities we see that the parents might be too involved. What is the best way that they can work together for the optimum results of their combined efforts?	Iyad Alnachef	
12:15-1:00 PM	Lunch		
2:00 PM	Zuhur Prayer		

2:15-3:15 PM	Open Spaces It's time for YOU and it's YOUR SAY. This session is about bringing your secrets and problems to share with other about any matter you are facing. It's informal and allows you to speak your mind in front of fellow peers and not worry about who is listening.	YOU!	Rodwan Saleh and Iyad Alnacheh
3:30-5:00 PM	Youth Leadership: Getting Active in Your Community: In the time of the Prophet (s) we have heard of youth leading armies in their teen years along with many other examples. Although this may not be possible now, in this culture and society. Our youth today have the means and ability to do bigger and better things. How can they get started in their local and regional communities? How can they keep this going in a consistent manner?	Imam Magid and Muneer Fareed	
5:00-5:15 PM	Asr Prayer		
5:15-6:45 PM	The Sahaba: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things They couldn't fly. They didn't have super strength. They were the companions of the Prophet (s) who embraced Islam with no other motive than to serve him. In this session, we learn how to devote to righteousness, endure struggle, and serve our faith from our beloved origins.	Sheikh Tawfeek and Rodwan Saleh	
7:00-7:15 PM	Maghrib Prayer		