

ISNA EAST ZONE CONFERENCE  
January 7 – 8, 2011  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

*Nurturing Compassionate Communities:  
Connecting Faith and Service*

TIME	EVENTS/SPEAKERS/MODERATOR	ROOM
<b>Friday, January 7, 2011</b>		
	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11:00 AM	
<b>1:00 – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Jumu'a Prayer</b> <b>KHATEEB:</b> Br. Asad Ba-Yunus	<b>Grand Floridian D</b>
<b>5:45 – 6:15 PM</b>	<b>Maghrib Prayer</b>	<b>Grand Floridian D</b>
<b>6:15 – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>ISNA Video Presentation &amp; Break for Dinner</b>	<b>Grand Floridian A</b>
<b>7:00 – 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Isha Prayer</b>	<b>Grand Floridian D</b>
<b>7:30 – 8:00 PM</b>	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> This session will introduce attendees to the conference as well as to the Muslim organizations working together to strengthen bonds of brotherhood to revitalize and promote the spirit of Islam through education and outreach programs at local, regional and national level. <b>SPEAKERS:</b> Sami Catovic, Safaa Zarzour, Azhar Azeez, MSA & MYNA Reps, and leaders of the local community. <b>MODERATOR:</b> Asad Ba-Yunus	<b>Grand Floridian A</b>
<b>8:00 – 10:00 PM</b>	<b>SESSION 1A</b> <b>Developing Compassionate Communities in Coming Generations through Islamic Higher Education</b> Educating our youth in a manner that fosters compassion and citizenship is essential to instilling these concepts in the coming generations that will lead our communities. This session will discuss the importance and role of Islamic schooling in teaching our community's children these elemental concepts. <b>SPEAKERS:</b> Sami Catovic, Rabia Khan, Safaa Zarzour <b>MODERATOR:</b> Patricia Salahuddin	<b>Grand Floridian A</b>

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8:00 – 8:45 PM	<p><b>MYNA SESSION 1</b></p> <p><b>Fleeting Moments: Grasping the Sands of Time</b></p> <p>From the very moment we are born, our lives are put on a constant countdown to our death. Our time on this Earth is truly transient – it is constantly progressing, whether we want it to or not. Our lives are simply marked by the steady flow of sand through an hour glass; with every second that passes, another grain of sand will fall... and it will never return. Our actions on this Earth are encapsulated by the dash between our birth and death dates, and nothing more. Allah has given us this limited time on His Earth to make a difference. As Muslims, we should take and make the most of every second we are blessed to have. For certainly, it is our duty to take a hold of the Fleeting Moments granted to us by our Creator.</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> Shan Ali Siddiqi, Sumrah Iqbal</p>	Grand Floridian C
9:00 – 9:45 PM	<p><b>MYNA SESSION 2</b></p> <p><b>Dual Credit: Success in this World and the Next</b></p> <p>Where do you want to spend eternity? College years are arguably the most influential years in a person’s character. While in college, students work day and night to ensure the success of their budding professional future, and it is easy to forget that our actions must be accounted for in the Aakhirah as well. How can we, as students, endeavor to reap the rewards of our actions in both the Dunya and in the Aakhirah? Come to this session ready to develop a game plan for maximizing the benefit in your limited time on this Earth.</p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Mohammad Rida Beshir</p>	Grand Floridian C
10:00 – 11:00 PM	<p><b>Youth/MSA Program</b></p> <p><b>Qiyam-ul-lail</b></p>	

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<b>Saturday, January 8, 2011</b>		
6:30 AM	<b>Fajr Prayer &amp; Khatira</b> IMAM: Jamal Badawi	
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<b>SESSION 2A</b> <b>Nurturing Compassionate Communities: The Islamic Model for Community Service</b> All too often, community service is oftentimes overlooked as a “volunteer” activity, instead a core central doctrine of the Islamic message, as understood by our beloved Prophet (sall Allahu alayhi wasallam) and his followers. God commands us time and time again in the Quran to care of the needy and indigent in society. In the spirit of serving humanity, this session will explore the ways in which we Muslim organizations (masajid, schools, dawah organizations, etc.) can put together programs and mobilization for Local, National, International Humanitarian Relief and Empowerment in light of the examples set forth by our beloved Messenger (sall Allahu alayhi wasallam). <b>SPEAKERS:</b> Jamal Badawi, Zaid Shakir <b>MODERATOR:</b> Azhar Azeez	<b>Grand Floridian A</b>
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<b>SESSION 2B</b> <b>MSA/Compass Session Diversity &amp; Inclusion</b> earn how to build bridges across differences in race, ethnicity, age, gender, and other cultural characteristics under the umbrella of the religion. Many MSAs struggle to balance sectarian issues on campus. The divides comes as a product of cultural differences and religious understanding and interpretation. Come learn how to engage and create a more inclusive environment on campus which embraces diversity. <b>SPEAKER:</b> Mohamed Shiliwala	<b>Grand Floridian B</b>
11:45 – 1:00 PM	<b>SESSION 3A</b> <b>The Media’s Role in Minority Empowerment</b> Changes taking place in the print media and citizenship engagement with the media is more important — and possible — than ever. <b>SPEAKERS:</b> Antonio Fins (Sun-Sentinel Newspaper), Farooq Mitha <b>MODERATOR:</b> Mohammad Shakir	<b>Grand Floridian A</b>
	<b>SESSION 3B</b> <b>Nurturing the Family: Empowering Women and Fostering Healthy Relationships</b> The family is the basic central unit of our society, and developing a compassionate community must first start at home through healthy relationships. This session will address issues of marriage, conflict resolution and harmony within the family. <b>SPEAKERS:</b> Salma El Kadi, Altaf Husain, Rabia Khan <b>MODERATOR:</b> Tehsin Siddiqui	<b>Grand Floridian B</b>

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11:45 – 12:45 PM	<p><b>MYNA SESSION 3</b></p> <p><b>The Companions: Yesterday’s Youth, Today’s Teachers</b></p> <p>Ali ibn Abi Talib (R) became the first youth to accept Islam at the age of 10. What were you doing when you were 10 years old? Usama ibn Zayd (R) was begging to fight in the battle of Uhud, and finally, by 15, fought in the Battle of the Trench. Today, we would barely be out of high school by the time the son of Zayd ibn Haritha (R) led an army. Mus’ab ibn ‘Umair (R) was faced with tremendous hardship from the moment he accepted Islam at the age of 18. Falling out of grace with his family and losing all of his wealth didn’t hinder him from holding the banner of Islam high during the Battle of Uhud, and while protecting it, died as a martyr. Today’s youth are always told that they will be leaders of tomorrow, but look at the examples we have before us. We may fight different battles, but who can stop the youth from being today’s leaders?</p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Islamic Scholar</p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> Sumrah Iqbal</p>	Grand Floridian C
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Break for Lunch and Zuhr	Prayer in Floridian D
2:30 - 4:00 PM	<p><b>SESSION 4A</b></p> <p><b>Partners in Spreading Compassion: Faith Communities Working Together</b></p> <p>The Muslim community does not exist in a vacuum, and building relationships and partnerships with other faith communities is a vital part of bringing compassion back into our society. This session will highlight strategies and successes of the partnerships South Florida interfaith leaders have employed and provide guidance on how to use these relationships to achieve real results.</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> Mohamed Magid, President of ISNA Kathleen Leonard, Co-President of JAM &amp; All LauraSue Wilnski, Board Member, JAM &amp; All Maulana Shafayat Mohammad, Imam of Dar ul Uloom Shakeel Hye, Ameer, Florida Islamic Association (FIA)</p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> Syed Faisal</p>	Grand Floridian A
2:30 – 4:00 PM	<p><b>SESSION 4B</b></p> <p><b>Not-so-Happily Ever After: Dealing with the Breakdown of a Marriage</b></p> <p>Some relationships simply cannot be salvaged, and the difficulties involved in the process of ending a marriage are often emotionally and practically overwhelming. This session will attempt to tackle often thorny issues and offer strategies on how to best deal with them.</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> Rida Beshir, Roger Ally, Esq., Taghrid Hassan, Salma El-Kadi</p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> Tehsin Siddiqui</p>	Grand Floridian B

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2:15 – 3:00 PM	<p><b>MYNA SESSION 4</b>  <b>iMuslim: Doing the Deen in a Web 2.0 World</b>            It’s time for your daily dose of Facebook when you see some unexpected names alongside your homepage. Prophet Muhammad (saw), Fatima (r), and Abu Bakr (r) are all listed under your ‘Suggested Friends’. Let’s reflect: Would we add them as friends? Would we set them on a restricted profile? Are we too embarrassed of our online lives? Refreshing the homepage, we see a new poke from Shaytaan. Do we poke back or block him? Often times we are tempted to do a deed that may not necessarily fall within the scope of our deen. The internet opens up a whole new world of opportunities and possibilities – it’s our job to tackle the grey areas and sort through what is and what isn’t halal.  <b>SPEAKER:</b> Azhar Azeez  <b>MODERATOR:</b> Naime Ghany</p>	<b>Grand Floridian C</b>
3:15 – 4:00 PM	<p><b>MYNA SESSION 5</b>  <b>Starstruck: A little less Jonas, a little more Younas.</b>            Prophet Muhammed (saw) said, “My Companions are like the stars; whoever among them you use for guidance, you will be rightly guided.” Stars have aided travelers for centuries, helping them navigate open waters, arid deserts and climb the highest peaks. Similarly, the companions of the Prophet can brighten our journey along the straight path. They have provided us with examples of impeccable manners, unwavering faith, and brilliant leadership skills. Join us to learn about the companions and the distinguished characteristics that we should all strive to emulate!  <b>SPEAKER:</b> Altaf Husain</p>	<b>Grand Floridian C</b>
4:00 – 4:30 PM	<b>Break for Asr Prayer</b>	<b>Grand Floridian D</b>
4:30 – 5:45 PM	<p><b>SESSION 5A</b>  <b>Civic Engagement:</b>  <b>How to Communicate with Public Officials</b>            Effectively communicating with elected officials is a key element of developing and maintaining a positive relationship with local elected officials. Attendees will learn the details of how to meet with their local elected officials, what to discuss, and how to effectively communicate. Also, attendees will how to get involved in the civic and political process, and how to make a difference.  <b>SPEAKERS:</b> (TBD)</p>	<b>Grand Floridian A</b>

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	<p><b>SESSION 5B</b>  <b>Nurturing Compassion through Ta’leem-based Education</b>            Educating our youth in a manner that fosters compassion and citizenship is essential to instilling these concepts in the coming generations that will lead our communities. After-school programs, Sunday school, and non-traditional schooling are often used to supplement children’s spiritual education. This session will explore the importance and strategies of instilling key concepts through these non-traditional forms of school.</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> Sami Catovic            Rehan Mirza (Sanad program)            Fadi Yousef Kablawi, Islamic Teacher and Scholar</p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> Safaa Zarzour</p>	<b>Grand Floridian B</b>
4:30 – 5:45 PM	<p><b>MYNA SESSION 6</b>  <b>We Are the World: One People, One Nation</b>            The Muslim Ummah today is almost one third of this global community, but where is our influence? Being one of the leading world religions surely we can have a great positive impact upon society at large. Instead we suffer as slander and stereotypes are spread to willing and ignorant ears. We must unite within ourselves and conquer this increasingly prevalent negative image. We must learn to educate through example. Join us to learn how to fulfill our responsibility to be strong representatives of Islam: to interject peace, cooperation, fair values, and to care for our neighbors.</p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Mohamed Magid</p>	<b>Grand Floridian C</b>
5:45 – 6:15 PM	<p><b>Maghrib Prayer</b>            Sh. Ismat Acin</p>	<b>Grand Floridian D</b>
6:30 – 8:30 PM	<p><b>ISNA Celebration Banquet Dinner</b>  <i>(Entry by ticket only)</i>            A Community Service Award will be presented to two individuals who have contributed their time and efforts towards strengthening and improving their local community.</p> <p><b>Citizenship and Civic Engagement: An Islamic Perspective</b>            Over the past few years, Muslims in America have been confronted with a myriad of political and social questions that directly touch upon issues of participation, involvement and peaceful coexistence in broader American Society. The speakers will argue, from an Islamic perspective, for the need for Muslims to engage in interfaith projects and movements that strive to implement peace and justice in American Society.</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> Jamal Badawi, Zaid Shakir, Azhar Azeez  <b>MC:</b> Altaf Husain</p>	<b>Grand Floridian F &amp; H</b>

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6:30 – 7:15 PM	<p><b>MYNA SESSION 7</b>  <b>Open Spaces: Buckle Up!</b>  Our Journey of Life with Islam is a seemingly long and bumpy ride. Often things will hit us which will have us flying out of our seats. This life is full of obstacles and hindrances from our journey on the straight path. We need to open our eyes to the road ahead of us, buckle up our seat belts and be ready to take on these obstacles. Come and join us on a journey in learning how, in light of Islam, we can deal with problems of the average teenager. We've all heard the lectures and the speakers, but now it's time for YOU to get YOUR SAY. Speak whatever is on your mind and express yourself in a free and comfortable atmosphere. This is your space, your life; better buckle up!</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> Shan Ali Siddiqi, Asra Syed, Abidah Ali</p>	Grand Floridian C
8:30 PM	<p><b>Isha Prayer</b>  Sh. Ismat Acin</p>	Grand Floridian D
9:00 – 10:30 PM	<p><b>CONCLUDING SESSION</b>  <b>Translating Faith into Service</b>  As evident by the theme of this conference, here is a clear connection between faith and service to others. While indeed one's faith is a personal endeavor, an extension of that faith is one's actions towards others, as elucidated by numerous verses and prophetic traditions. While many Muslims uphold this theory in principle, there is often a gap between theory and practice. This session will examine some of the Islamic precepts that emphasize the importance of community service, while also providing actual models and examples of such principles in action on the local, national, and global level. Emphasis will be placed on the methodology used to identify and effectively serve the needs of different communities.</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS:</b> Jamal Badawi, Altaf Husain, Safaa Zarzour, Mohamed Magid  <b>MODERATOR:</b> Sami Catovic</p>	Grand Floridian A
9:00 – 10:30 PM	<p><b>SESSION</b>  <b>MSA/COMPASS</b>  <b>Effective Expressions &amp; Conflict Resolution</b>  Disagreements and differences are an inevitable part of any dynamic organization. With the diverse and varied backgrounds, hopes and expectations of MSA members, disagreements can be challenging and can escalate into conflict. This workshop will introduce conflict resolution techniques that help you see conflict as an opportunity for growth and for creating win-win situations. The workshop is highly interactive and will require audience participation.</p> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Mohamed Shiliwala</p>	Grand Floridian B
10:30 – 11:30 PM	<p><b>Youth Q&amp;A</b>  <b>Open session with scholars</b>  Mohamed Magid, Zaid Shakir, Jamal Badawi, Altaf Husain, Sami Catovic</p>	Grand Floridian A