



ISNA West Zone Seerah Conference



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“In the Footsteps of the Prophet SAW: Nurturing Compassionate Communities”

December 24 – 25, 2010
Muslim Community Center (MCA)
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Friday, December 24, 2010

TIME	EVENTS/SPEAKERS	ROOM
FRIDAY REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11:00 AM		
3:45 – 4:45 PM	Introduction to the Conference & ISNA Speakers: Monem Salam, Safaa Zarzour Moderator: Mohamed Rajabally	Banquet Hall
5:00 PM	MAGHRIB PRAYER	
6:30 – 7:45 PM	Application of Fiqh in our Day to Day Life Special question and answer session with scholars. Speakers: Alauddin El-Bakri, Daud Nassimi Moderator: Tariq Murad	Banquet Hall
8:00 PM	ISHA PRAYER	

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8:30 – 10:00 PM	<p>OPENING MAIN SESSION Follow the Footsteps: Transform your lives The First Muslims were blessed with a constant connection to Allah through the companionship of our beloved Prophet Muhammad-a connection that was felt strongly in their daily lives. Although we live in a time long after the Prophet's death and in a land far away from where the message began, this connection is certainly attainable for us even today. Speakers: Daud Nassimi, Samer Darwish, Safaa Zarzour, Altaf Husain Moderator: Mohamed Rajabally</p>	Banquet Hall
10:00 – 11:00 PM	<p>Qiyam-ul-Lail MSA Program Speakers: Monem Salam, Altaf Husain</p>	Masjid Hall
<hr/> <p>Saturday, December 25, 2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM-7:00 PM</p>		
10:30 – 12:00 PM	<p>PLENARY SESSION 1A Nurturing Compassionate Communities: The Islamic Model for Community Service The panelists will address the importance of community service in the Qur'an and Seerah of the Prophet and present practical examples and best practices in terms of translating Islamic teachings into viable community service projects in North America. Speakers: Muna Ali, Altaf Husain, Mohamed Magid Moderator: Sana Khan</p>	Banquet Hall
10:30 – 12:00 PM	<p>SESSION 1B Taking on Leadership: Being the Good you want to see Often times we see and talk about how things need to be better within our communities, MSA's etc. Although we never take the initiative to be that change we want to see around us. The panelists will discuss how if we start implementing the teachings of our Prophet (SAW) and the Qur'an we can make a change for the better. Speakers: Monem Salam, Safaa Zarzour Moderator: Sarah Abdelhadi</p>	Masjid Hall
12:30 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH/ZHUR PRAYER	

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1:30– 3:00 PM	<p>PLENARY SESSION 2A Developing Compassion in our Lives: Seek Help in Patience and in Prayer</p> <p>Drawing from the Seerah of the Prophet and the pious followers, the speakers will discuss the best manners in which we can deal with the various trials and tribulations that we will inevitably face in our lives. Often times trials are seen as difficulties without purpose, this session will examine how tribulations are a means to draw closer to your Lord.</p> <p>Speakers: Alauddin El-Bakri, Tariq Ansaar Aquil Moderator: Yasir Ali</p>	Banquet Hall
1:30 – 3:00 PM	<p>SESSION 2B Connecting ourselves to what’s important in life: The Qur’an and Seerah</p> <p>By understanding, reading, and learning the Qur’an we can become better people. We need to start getting closer to the Qur’an so that we can get closer to Allah. By following and learning the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) we can bring the good out of us. This session will discuss how to develop a strong bond with the Qur’an and Seerah in means of getting closer to Allah.</p> <p>Speakers: Altaf Husain, Janna Sultan Moderator: Billal Asghar</p>	Masjid Hall
3:00 – 3:30 PM	ASR PRAYER	
3:30 – 4:45 PM	<p>PLENARY SESSION 3A Seeking Knowledge in Islam: A Lifelong Journey</p> <p>The rise of Muslims to the Zenith of civilization in a period of four decades was based on Islam’s emphasis on learning. This is obvious when one takes a look at the Qur’an and the traditions of Prophet Muhammad which are filled with references to learning, education, observation, and the use of reason. The very first verse of the Qur’an revealed to the Prophet of Islam emphasized on learning (Qur’an, 96:1-5). The speakers in this session will emphasize the need for and explore ways to formulate a comprehensive vision for the education of Muslims in America to be strong Muslims as well as productive and informed citizens.</p> <p>Speakers: Muna Ali, Nabi Raza Abidi, Altaf Husain, Safaa Zarzour Moderator: Ahsen Syed</p>	Masjid Hall

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3:30 – 4:45 PM	<p>SESSION 3B Balancing our Lives: Being active and holding on to the deen</p> <p>Often times it becomes hard to achieve balance in having both the Dunya and Akhirah. We see people either takes one over the other; the question is how do we have both? The panelists will discuss in order to have a balance in life; you just have to look up to our Prophet (SAW). It is important that no matter what we do or how we do it we continue to hold on to our Deen. This life is temporary and nothing but an illusion so don't get fooled and remember the hereafter is everlasting.</p> <p>Speaker: Mohamed Magid Moderator: Janna Sultan</p>	Gym
5:00 – 5:15 PM	MAGHRIB PRAYER	
5:30 – 7:30 PM	<p>Banquet</p> <p>Topic: Prophet Muhammed (SAW) as a Community Builder</p> <p>Speakers: Mohamed Magid, Safaa Zarzour Moderator: Altaf Husain</p>	Banquet Hall
8:00 PM	ISHA PRAYER	
8:30 – 10:00 PM	<p>FINAL CONCLUDING SESSION</p> <p>In the Light of Seerah of the Beloved Prophet (SAW): Enriching our Lives with Faith and Righteous Conduct</p> <p>Speakers: Alauddin El-Bakri, Altaf Husain, Monem Salam Moderator: Irfan Saadat</p>	Banquet Hall
10:00 – 11:00 PM	<p>Youth (Open Session with Scholars)</p>	Masjid Hall