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**48TH ANNUAL ISNA CONVENTION
CHICAGO, IL
JULY 1 – 4, 2011**

THEME:

Loving God, Loving Neighbor, Living in Harmony

1:00 – 2:00 PM	Jumu'ah Prayer & Lunch <i>Khateeb:</i> Imam Mohamed Magid	Hall A
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Lunch	Hall A
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Opening Session-Inaugural Welcome address from Imam Mohamed Magid, ISNA President <i>Speakers:</i> Safaa Zarzour, Secretary General Zonal Officers: Sami Catovic, Monem Salam, Kashif Siddiqi Steering Committee Chair: Zahir Sahloul Abdul Wahab, Convention Chair, Members of the Steering Committee and Volunteers Representatives of Constituent Organizations will be recognized: Iman Sediqe, MSA; Gaddoor Saidi, NAIT; Mohammad Alam, AMSE; Ali Mazrui, AMSS; Abida Haque, IMANA; MYNA Rep; Kem Hussain, CISNA <i>Moderator:</i> Azhar Azeez	Room 14
3:00 – 4:30 PM	3rd Annual Turkish Symposium: Opening Session <i>Speakers:</i> Mahinur Ozdemir, Yusuf Kavavki <i>Moderator:</i> Murat Kose	Room 33

MAIN SESSION

4:45 – 6:15 PM	Session 1A Loving God, Loving Neighbor, Living in Harmony We are commanded by our faith to love God, and out of a desire to please Him, serve others. Numerous ahadith emphasize the importance of caring for and serving our neighbors. Treating one's neighbor well, even when he or she exhibits bad behavior, is an obligation. Good relations with one's neighbor in turn results in a society that is peaceful and harmonious, and free from the many conflicts that plague our world today. <i>Speakers:</i> Yusuf Kavakci, Ameena Jandali, Sayyid M.Syeed, Muzammil Siddiqui <i>Moderator:</i> Gulam Bakali	Room 14
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Session 1B**Room 30****Food, Health and Environment: The Responsibility of Muslims**

Muslims are one fifth of the world population, the fastest growing faith globally, and, a growing segment of the US population. Muslims are beginning to realize their responsibility for the health of this world's environment and its citizens. Modern food production conventions and environmental impacts of human society affect all life on the planet, and the health of all people regardless of their faith. With an explicit directive in the Holy Quran to be stewards of planet Earth, it is vital that Muslims learn how to serve as activists and leaders for better health of people and planet. This session will explore a range of practical ways that Muslims, and others in the interfaith community, are addressing healthy food, environmental health and stewardship from a faith-based perspective. Participants will meet Muslim leaders who can help them start environmental programs at their mosques and connect with other people of faith to become more effective activists on the environmental justice front — for people and planet.

Speakers: Sarah Jawid, Saffet Catovic, Rev. Fletcher Harper, Hisham Moharram

Moderator: Alia Bilal

4:45 – 6:15 PM

Session 1C**Room 33**

**Muslim Chaplains and Lay Leadership:
The Challenges and Opportunities of Filling the
Void of Religious Leadership**

Part one of this session will explore some of the issues and challenges that confront the Muslim community's ability to provide competent, professional, religious institutions, in the absence of Chaplains or Imams primarily where Muslims co-exist as leadership to patients, inmates, military personnel, and student status.

In part two of this session, Dr. Muhammad Mansur Ali, a Research Associate at the Centre for the Study of Islam in the UK, will present a power point presentation on a brief historic account of Muslim Chaplaincy in the UK and discuss his research on Muslim Chaplaincy using qualitative methods, i.e. focus groups and surveys.

Speakers: Abdul-Rasheed Muhammad, Mansur Ali, Omer Bajwa

Moderator: Refat Abukhdeir

5:00 PM

Asr Prayer**Hall A**

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6:30 – 7:30 PM

Session 2A**Room 14****ISNA and YOU---ISNA Business Session**

At this annual meeting of ISNA members, the president presents the annual report for the preceding year. While only members may participate in discussion and vote, all convention attendees are encouraged to attend and learn more about what ISNA has done and the difference it has made during the past year

Speakers: ISNA Leadership

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7:30 – 9:00 PM	Dinner	Hall B and D
8:30 PM	Magrib Prayer	Hall A
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Session 3A Islam, Pluralism and Social Harmony America finds itself at a crossroads with a financial crisis at home and war abroad. At every critical juncture in history, social movements—from civil rights to anti-war—have brought people of all races and creeds together around common values and aspirations. This session will offer reflections on the social movement that is needed for our times, and the sacred place of love and non-violence in realizing the call for social harmony in a pluralistic society. <i>Speakers:</i> Feisal Abdul Rauf, Maher Hathout, Ingrid Mattson, John Esposito, Zaid Shakir <i>Moderator:</i> Safaa Zarzour	Room 14

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4:15 AM	Fajr Prayer	Hotel's Prayer Room

MAIN SESSIONS

10:00 – 10:45 AM	<p>Session 4A</p> <p>Empowerment through Engagement: Creating a Wholesome Community</p> <p>In our work to strengthen our Muslim community and the community at large, we need to effectively empower and engage all of our community members. By providing support and resources to strengthen our youth and empower young professionals to become leaders of our communities, we can further unify and strengthen the work for our communities by opening doors to this untapped pool of resources and potential.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Yasir Qadhi, Tariq Ramadan</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Iman Sedique</p>	Hall A
10:45 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 5A</p> <p>Role of Islamic Tradition in addressing Contemporary Challenges-Conversation between Tariq Ramadan and John Esposito</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Tariq Ramadan, John Esposito</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Sami Catovic</p>	Hall A

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10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 4B</p> <p>Islamic Speakers Bureau Training</p> <p>With Islamophobia at an all time high and hate rhetoric against Muslims the norm, it is incumbent upon American Muslims to rise to the occasion and define themselves rather than having others define them. Join this first ING Speakers Training at an ISNA Convention to learn how to speak about American Muslims and their faith in schools, colleges, and other venues. Attendees will receive training in basic presentations as well as speaker guidelines and answers to frequently asked questions about Islam and Muslims.</p> <p><i>Trainers:</i> Maha Elgenaidi, Ameena Jandali</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Duaa Elzeney</p>	Room 25
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10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>Session 4C AMSE: Contemporary Challenges to Academia: The Dimensions of Moral and Ethical Practice Traditionally, academia has played a key role in the creation, preservation and dissemination of knowledge— which has profoundly impacted the society and the world. Academic institutions have done a remarkable job in providing strong platforms and sanctuaries for healthy and open discussions of issues facing society. Academia has been viewed with awe and admiration as the embodiment of the freedom of expression. Freedom is a blessing within the framework of sound moral and ethical principles. This session will focus on contemporary challenges of academia in the context of moral and ethical practices. <i>Speakers:</i> Teepu Siddique, Mohammad Ahmadullah Siddiqui <i>Moderator:</i> M. Ishaque Khan</p>	Room 31
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>Session 4D Elder American Muslims: A Promising Resource and an Emerging Responsibility Muslim communities are experiencing a new phenomenon. Following a demographic trend in American society, Muslim Americans are also living longer and more productively beyond retirement. Many of them have skills and capacity that most Islamic centers do not utilize as well as they could. On the other hand, Islamic centers do not always give elderly Muslims the support they need to maintain their quality of lives. This session will address how Islamic Centers should service and benefit from elderly Muslims. <i>Speakers:</i> Afshan Hafiz-Ahmed, Riaz Akhtar, Abdul Malik Mujahid, Iqbal Unus <i>Moderator:</i> Ihsan Bagby</p>	Room 32
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>Session 4E Muslim Women and Chaplaincy: Searching for Reform This session will examine the various issues and concerns facing Muslim women currently serving or those wanting to serve in the role as pastoral care service providers or Chaplains in institutions such as prisons, armed services, colleges, and healthcare settings. <i>Speakers:</i> Shareda Hosein, Mumina Kowalski <i>Moderator:</i> Khadijah Muhammad</p>	Room 33

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM	<p>Session 6A Interreligious Collaborations Inspired by Love of God and Love of Neighbor ISNA's success in building interreligious alliances and creating new interreligious initiatives is directly inspired by our shared scriptural commandment to love God and be kind to our neighbors. This session will articulate these concepts through principles from multiple religious traditions. <i>Speakers:</i> Rev. Michael Kinnamon, Ingrid Mattson, Rev. Nelson B. Rivers II, Deputy Assistant Secretary Kathleen Fitzpatrick <i>Moderator:</i> Tayyibah Taylor</p>	Hall A
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- 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM** **Session 6B** **Room 30**
3rd Annual Turkish Symposium: Turkey's Zero Problem Foreign Policy under the Leadership of Recep Tayyip and Its Impact on World Politics.
 Due to Recep Tayyip Erdogan's "Zero Problems with Neighbors" policy, people can now embrace each other with the removal of visas while not fearing uncivil relations.. How did Erdogan, son of a middle class family, become one of the most popular leaders in Middle East from his days in jail to the president of Turkey? How will his vision continue to change Middle East? How is his leadership affecting the politics in this region and around the world?
Speakers: Fatih Yildiz, Mahinur Ozdemir, Kemal Bozkurt, Cemal Demir
Moderator: Mehmet Kemal Ozdemir
- 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM** **Session 6C** **Room 31**
AMSE: Moral and Ethical Dilemmas of Technological Societies
 Scientific inventions and technological innovations are contributing to human prosperity showing that life can become better in a technological society. As can be seen through the civilizations progress through the advancement of scientific and technological knowledge. Such progress has made living comfortable, these alleviated the social evils of disease and starvation. Consequently, the same progress advancing social conditions has also brought with it other social ills, raising serious moral and ethical questions. This leads to a classic debate about the benefits and curses of technology. Which side will eventually win this debate? Does technology humanize or de-humanize societies? How to balance our best hopes and worst fears as technology continues to advance in its upward trajectory? This session will focus on some of these questions and shed light on the future of technology and its implications for technological societies in a world now dominated by the forces of globalization.
Speakers: Mir M. Ali, Junaid Zubairi, Hind A. Al-Abadleh
Moderator: Teepu Siddique

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- 11:30 – 12:45 PM** **Session 6D** **Room 32**
Each of Us is a Flower: Adoption in the Muslim Community
 "Each of us is a Flower", a children's song, captures the essence that all children need "the love and protection" of a family. What about all the Muslim orphans around the world? Is feeding and clothing them enough? This presentation will discuss how adoption can help more children experience family life. It will begin with some statistics on the state of Muslim

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orphans around the world and why their situation begs for deeper involvement on our part. The difference between guardianship “kafala” and adoption as it is practiced in the West will be discussed and how the Muslim community in the West can bridge the gap. We will also discuss what the Qur’an says about adoption, give examples from the Prophet’s life, define “orphan” and what our obligations are toward them. The presentation will conclude with how to adopt internationally, connecting with orphanages in Morocco and examples of a time-line that an adoptive family can expect when going through this process

Speakers: Elena Meloni, Wafa Bennani, Zaid Shakir

Moderator: Huma Ahmed

12:45 – 3:15 PM

Community Service Recognition Luncheon

The Mahboob Khan Community Service Award will be presented to a prominent community leader for outstanding service to the Muslims in North America.

Tickets required for admission—See a representative at the ISNA Booth for more information.

Keynote Speaker: Naif Al-Mutawa

1:00 PM

Zuhr Prayer

Hall A

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Lunch

Hall B and D

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3:15 – 4:00 PM

Session 7A

Hall A

Empowerment for Muslims: Faith in Public Service

Our faith drives us to help make our society a better place for all, encourages us to participate and engage in good works, and benefit all those around us. Working for the public good through community service providers, non-profits and governmental agencies provides a vehicle for Muslims to directly work for the public interest and empowers them before Allah (swt) in achieving the goal of working to improve the human condition. Speakers will discuss the role Muslims play in all areas of public service, and why it is important for the Muslim community to have a presence in social empowerment and improvement. Congressmen Andre Carson and Keith Ellison will provide insight from their own life-long commitment to public service, what motivates them, and how their faith empowers them to strive for what’s right.

Speakers: Congressman Keith Ellison, Congressman Andre Carson

Moderator: Salam Marayati

4:00 – 5:15 PM

Session 8A

Hall A

Discussion on Racism, Classism and More: Eradicating the ‘Isms’

We were created in different nations and tribes so that we may know one another, not so that we may despise one another. Encounters of racism, sexism, classism and disrespect are always hurtful, but especially when we experience it in our community; when tribalism, cultural traditions and ignorance trump the principles of Islam, we contradict Qur’anic guidelines for respectful interactions with others. This session outlines ways to eradicate discrimination.

Speakers: Zaid Shakir, Rami Nashashibi, Najah Bazy

Moderator: Aisha Al-Adawiya

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3:30 – 5:00 PM	<p>Session 7B Living in Harmony by Providing Services to the Community What is Islam's position on providing assistance? And what's the promise Allah makes for the one who assists? This session will examine IMRC's model on providing services such as education, food, medical help, and relief efforts to those in need, encouraging renewed harmony amongst our friends, neighbors and community. <i>Speakers:</i> K. Rahman Khan, Wahiduddin Khan, Manzoor Ghori <i>Moderator:</i> Maqsood Shaikh Quadri</p>	Room 29
3:30 – 5:00 PM	<p>Session 7C 3rd Annual Turkish Symposium: Youth Panel: Issues related to Youth This session focuses on college and graduate students of Turkish origin in US. It is expected to be more interactive. At least three groups of youth will be represented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students studying in US with sponsorship of Turkish Government • Students studying in US by their own means • Students born and/or raised in US. <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ibrahim Demirer, Omer Yazaci, Amina Demir, Fatima G. Abushanab, Bayram Eryilmaz, Hanif Rauf Soysal <i>Moderator:</i> Muhsin Zaid Ugur</p>	Room 30
3:30 – 5:00 PM	<p>Session 7D AMSE Panel: The Entrepreneurial Mindset Entrepreneurs are entrepreneurial. That is, they believe strongly in a future vision that can be brought to life through relentless human action. Entrepreneurs are everywhere — in new technology startups, burgeoning social enterprises, established corporations, and even nascent Muslim community organizations. Don't be fooled though. Entrepreneurship is not easy. It requires vision, but also tenacity, decisiveness, and integrity. CAMP (Council for the Advancement of Muslim Professionals) will have a lively discussion with this panel of diverse entrepreneurs on what it means to be truly entrepreneurial. The goal of this panel is to explore the entrepreneurial mindset and how it can be used to not only build great companies, but also valuable social organizations within and outside the Muslim community. <i>Speakers:</i> Lubna Ahmad, Ashraf Motiwala, Mohammed Aaser <i>Moderator:</i> Shabbir Ahmed</p>	Room 31
3:30 – 5:00 PM	<p>Session 7E Kashmir Issue: Post Obama Visit to India Since the Obama Administration has engendered fresh hopes for the strengthening of world peace and democratic values, we would like to bring during this parallel session renewed attention to the 63-year old Kashmir dispute to which India, Pakistan and the people of Kashmir are parties. The Kashmir question is one of the oldest unresolved international problems in the world. The experience of nearly six decades has shown</p>	Room 32

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that it will not go away and that an effort is urgently required to resolve it on a durable basis. 'Durable' in this context is synonymous with 'equitable'. It is imperative, whatever be the rights and wrongs in the equation that real populations with a pronounced sense of identity, with their suffering and their aspirations rather than just legal title and merit are involved.

Speakers: Lord Nazir Ahmed, Haley Duschinski, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Ghulam Nabi Mir, M. Akram Dar

Moderator: Ghulam Nabi Fai

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Session 7F**Room 33****Interest in Serving God: Become a Physician**

All walks of life can help the community, but becoming a physician enables you to deliver surgical, mental and emotional health care to those in need. Becoming a physician can give you opportunities to travel across the world and care providing for from the simple health care issues to surgical care for congenital and adult deformity challenges. As IMANA, we travel to remote parts of the world where healthcare is limited to nonexistent. Countries such as Sudan, Pakistan, Haiti, Indonesia and Gaza have had a presence from IMANA relief members addressing disaster aid issues.

Speakers: Marium Husain, Khalique Zahir, Imran Qureshi

Moderator: Abida Haque

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Session 9A**Hall A****Ethics of Disagreement and Co-Existence in Islam**

It is said that the Prophet (s) once remarked, "Differences amongst my ummah are a mercy." Since the passing of our beloved Messenger (s), the community has had to struggle with differences and disunity. This session will offer a prescription on how Muslims can live harmoniously together while respecting diversity and insisting on unity without uniformity. The historic Amman Message will be given special attention during this lecture.

Speakers: Hassan Qazwini, Sherman Jackson

Moderator: Sohaib Sultan

6:15 – 7:00 PM

Session 10A**Hall A****Cultivating a Loving Heart**

The highest spiritual state that one can attain to is the station of love for God and that which God loves. This session will offer insights into the importance of cultivating love in the heart; how this love is planted and nurtured in the soul; and the expression of love in our daily lives.

Speakers: Mokthar Maghroui, Muhammad Ninowy

Moderator: Tahera Ahmad

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5:30 – 7:00 PM	<p>Session 9B</p> <p>Muslims in Multicultural Societies: The Indian and American Perspective</p> <p>This session will serve two main purposes— first it will help the audience learn the experiences of American Muslims who are developing their political engagement to strengthen multiculturalism in America. Second, it will showcase IAMC (Indian American Muslim Council) as an organization that will provide a platform for American Muslims to extend their experiences to Indian Muslims and collaborate with Muslim leadership in India to serve the common purpose of empowering Muslims as minorities in America and India.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Fr. Cedric Parkash, Suhail Khan, Rasheed Ahmed</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Jawad Ahmed</p>	Room 25
5:30 – 7:00 PM	<p>Session 9C</p> <p>Annual Turkish Symposium: Art of Management: How did the Ottomans keep Multicultural and Multi-religious Nations of the Middle East, North Africa and Europe in Peace and Harmony for centuries?</p> <p>This session will cover the multiethnic and multireligious society of Ottoman State and their interactions. How did Muslims, Jews and Christians live for 600 years as peaceful neighbors in harmony and with peace in the same neighborhood, particularly in Jerusalem?</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Yusuf Kavakci, Kemal Karpat, Erol Ozvar, Ozcan Gungor, Abdurrahman Atcil</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ahmet Tan</p>	Room 30
5:30 – 7:00 PM	<p>Session 9D</p> <p>AMSE Panel: Healthy Living through Leadership and Collaboration</p> <p>The purpose of this panel discussion is to extend the American Muslim Health Professionals' (AMHP) commitment to promoting community and philanthropic efforts to health and well-being. The discussion will focus on introducing an innovative partnership bringing together American Muslim community organizations and health and fitness professionals with government partners to promote the First Lady's Let's Move campaign. Invited panelists will include American Muslim health care professionals and community organizers involved in healthy lifestyle promotion, leaders in fitness and sports, and government leaders working closely with faith communities on such efforts. Panelists will discuss the rationale, strategy and community leadership necessary to successfully implement the initiative.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Rehan Jalali, Linda Choudhry Rashid, Nadiyah Mohajir</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Yasir Shareef</p>	Room 31
5:30 – 7:00 PM	<p>Session 9E</p> <p>Achieving Harmony in Muslim Communities through Good Governance</p> <p>Good governance is not only a present-day regulatory requirement for community organizations, but also an Islamic imperative that has deep roots in Islamic legacy and juris-</p>	Room 32

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prudence. Good governance also creates conditions that allow, and promote, harmony within the governed community. American Muslim community organizations have begun to put governance on their agenda as a priority to addresses. This session deals with the theory and practice of governance in the American Muslim community.

Speakers: Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Ihsan Bagby, Iqbal Unus

Moderator: Rafik Beekun

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Session 9F

Room 33

Why the American Food Industry and Consumers Need ISNA’s Halal Accreditation Board

Why are Muslims buying more kosher products than halal products? What are the issues that Muslim consumers should consider when voting with their purchasing dollars? Let guidance about the religious edicts, food science, economics, and commerce realities become clear from our panel of well qualified experts. Find out how ISNA is supporting Muslims through setting the groundwork for the first U.S. Halal Accreditation Board that can give integrity, jobs, and influence to our ummah through Halal.

Speakers: Yasir Qadhi, M. Munir Chaudry, Mark Overland, Safaa Zarzour

Moderator: Susan Labadi

7:15 – 8:15 PM

Dinner

Hall B and D

8:30 PM

Maghrib Prayer

Hall A

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Session 11A

Hall A

Loving God, Loving Neighbor, Living in Harmony: Building Bridges Through Caring

This session will address the main theme of the Convention. In a rapidly changing world, the need to focus our attention on living in harmony with our neighbors has never been greater. Speakers will discuss interfaith partnerships, service to the community, as well as many other important concepts. Special recognition will be provided to Sheriff Leroy Baca of Los Angeles County for his positive representation of Muslim cooperation with law enforcement during the “The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and that Community’s Response” hearing spearheaded by Rep. Peter King.

Speakers: Mohamed Magid, Sherman Jackson, Suhaib Webb, Sherrief Leroy D. Baca and other guest speakers

11:15 PM – 12:15 AM

Spiritual Session

Hyatt Prayer

For the Love of the Prophet (SAW)

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Over the past 1400 years many poets have written praise of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him). None have been more acclaimed then the Burdah of Imam Busiri. In this relaxed session, we will listen to that praise and short commentary along with other nasheeds from our reciter.

Reciter: Qari Salah Mohd Said Ajaj Eizolly

Commentary: Muhammad Ninowy

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10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12A Becoming a Beloved of Allah</p> <p>God says in the Qur'an: "Say (O Prophet!), 'If you do love Allah, follow me. Allah will love you and forgive you your sins...'" This session will offer an inspirational commentary on this beautiful and comprehensive ayah. The panelists will offer insights on what it means to love Allah, love the Messenger (s), and ultimately become the recipient of divine love.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Zainab Alwani, Wahiduddin Khan, Muhammad Ninowy <i>Moderator:</i> Asad Ba-Yunus</p>	Hall A
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10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12B Winds of Freedom in the Middle East</p> <p>The term 'Arab Spring' was coined after the surprising and dramatic revolutions sweeping through the Middle East for the past 6 months. The panelists in this session will discuss the political, social, economic and cultural changes that the Arabic Spring will bring to the area and to the world.</p> <p>The session is a combination of series of parallel sessions that are focused on the role that the Muslim American community can play in supporting the rebirth of democracy in the Middle East, particularly in countries like Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Syria and Bahrain.</p> <p><i>These parallel sessions have been planned to take place in room number 7 from 11:45 AM to 8:30 PM. The schedule is posted outside of room 7.</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Radwan Ziadeh (Syria), Ambassador Ali Suleiman Aujali (Libya), Hossam Bahjat (Egypt) and others</p>	Room 14
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12C Acts of Love: Stories that Celebrate Muslim Service to Humanity</p> <p>Muslims have a God-given responsibility and a long history of service to humanity, though their stories of service are often unknown. This session will introduce some remarkable stories, such as the heroic actions of Muslims against the Nazis, service through art, and the acts of love performed by everyday American Muslims. Opportunities to honor various Muslim stories of service and share them with the world will also be announced.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Michael Wolfe, Alex Kronemer, Johari Abdul Malik <i>Moderator:</i> Daniel Tutt</p>	Room 9

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10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12D</p> <p>Finding the One: An Honest Conversation</p> <p>The Prophet (s) once said, “Marriage is half your din.” But, many young Muslims have been searching and seeking for years only to be met with frustration and heartbreak. This session will examine the problems and challenges that Muslims face in finding the one with seasoned matchmakers offering insights and advice on the way forward</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Naheem Irshad, Altaf Husain, Kamal Shaarawy</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Sohaib Sultan</p>	Room 27
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12E</p> <p>Islamic Schools: Empowering the Next Generation of Muslims</p> <p>Islamic Schools are an organic and natural product of the phenomenal growth of the Muslim Community in North America. Over the past several decades, hundreds of fulltime and weekend schools sprang up across the country, working independently and in some cases cooperating with other schools regionally, to educate upcoming generations of Muslims in America. Over the years, there have been several efforts to bring the schools together to ensure success for all without duplication or waste of effort. The Council of Islamic Schools of North America (CISNA) has been leading efforts in this arena, and some members of the board will share the latest developments in the organization as well as general trends in Islamic education today.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Kem Hussain, Farhat Siddiqui, Muna Ali, Habeeb Quadri</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Susan Labadi</p>	Room 29
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12F</p> <p>Muslim-Christian Relations: Promoting Peace and Harmony for the Public Good</p> <p>This session will discuss ISNA’s ongoing dialogue with the various Christian denominations and efforts to promote peace and harmony between Muslim and Christian communities. It will highlight current social justice interreligious initiatives that aim to advance the public good. Speakers will provide specific examples of these collaborations and engage the audience’s participation in an interactive discussion about new ways to strengthen these partnerships.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Rev. Adam Phillips, Michael Trice, Ronald Young, Debbie DePalma</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Sayyid M. Syeed</p>	Room 31
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12G</p> <p>Poverty Alleviation and Micro Credit Programs: Successes and Challenges</p> <p>Micro credit program has potential but its success has been oversold and its deficiencies have not sufficiently discussed. NABIC (North American Bangladeshi Islamic Community) has been financing micro credit programs in Bangladesh for many years. This session will reflect the experience of the organization dealing with micro credit program and observation of a Fulbright scholar.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ataul Karim, Abu Baker Ahmed</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Rashed Nizam</p>	Room 32

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10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12H Establishing Best Practices for Muslim Chaplains in a Post-9/11 American Society</p> <p>This session will examine the importance of providing broad-based institutional support, through such methods as participating in inter/intra-faith dialogu. Therefore providing consultation and the correct theological guidance to those individuals who may be attracted to distorted views of religion, pastoral counseling services to multiple populations and assisting Muslims and non-Muslims who are often curious and simply interested in distinguishing right from wrong as related to fundamental religious practices.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Mohamed Magid, Abdul-Rasheed Muhammad <i>Moderator:</i> Ronald Beyah</p>	Room 33
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12J Meet the Author Session I: Children's Book</p> <p>Across the Centuries, Muslims have contributed to the well being of the human civilization through scientific discoveries and exploration. The inspiration for seeking, promoting and teaching beneficial knowledge is rich in Islamic influence. Meet the author sessions will provide a platform for authors to continue the trend of contributing to the advancement of humanity through their publications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdiullah/Tasneema Ghazi, Huseyin Abiva – <i>Mercy to Mankind, Our Prophet Muhammad and Life in Madinah and the Wisdom of our Prophet</i> • Barbara Whiteside – <i>Sugar comes from Arabic</i> • Bryn Barnard – <i>The Genius of Islam</i> • Nur Kose – <i>Stair Series books</i> • Saniasnain Khan – <i>Goodnight Stories from the Quran</i> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Zaki Barzinji</p>	Room 11
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 12K Conversations in Health Obesity & Weight Management; Diabetes; Coronary Artery Disease; Depression and Anxiety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Understanding Obesity</i> • <i>Understanding Coronary Artery Disease</i> • <i>Understanding Diabetes</i> • <i>Understanding Depression & Anxiety</i> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ehtesham Ghani, M.D., Mohammed Gafoor, M.D. <i>Moderator:</i> Azher Quader, M.D.</p>	Room 7

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MAIN SESSIONS

11:40 AM – 1:05 PM	Session 13A Inclusive Mosques of the 21st Century When we create sacred spaces that affirm human dignity, we acknowledge the spiritual potential of all who enter. The inclusive mosque synthesizes our architectural legacy, recognizes the contributions of women and welcomes those seeking answers. This session presents steps to ensure mosques are places that give life to strong, loving communities that stand against injustice. <i>Speakers:</i> Akel Kahera, Maryam Eskandari, Aisha Al-Adawiya <i>Moderator:</i> Sarah Syeed	Hall A
1:05 – 1:30 PM	National Qira'at Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of winners • Recitation from selected winners • Presentation of awards 	Hall A

PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Session 13B Islamophobia: Opportunities, Challenges and Responsibilities for Dawah Recent years have seen a rise in Islamophobia and the challenges facing muslims to integrate in society are ever-increasing. While many of us have very pleasant interactions with people of other faiths and backgrounds, the presence of a significant proportion of Americans that have negative sentiments about Islam cannot be ignored as it poses a barrier to living in harmony. The existence of this population raises serious questions on how effectively Muslims are participating in society and ensuring that their beliefs and values and becoming known. This session will, insha'Allah, guide new and existing daees on how to address common concerns raised about Islam. The session will also provide practical perspectives on how everyone can contribute to combating Islamophobia, either through direct dialogue, or through other dawah-orientated activities, all of which are a way of demonstrating that we love God and love our neighbors. <i>Speakers:</i> Yasir Qadhi, Amir Mertaban <i>Moderator:</i> Ibaad Sadiq	Room 14
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Session 13C Jerusalem in Islamic Consciousness Linking the democratic changes taking place in the Middle East to Jerusalem, the American Muslims for Palestine (AMP), will highlight how the holy city is integral to achieving peace throughout the world. Jerusalem has played an important role in the three Abrahamic faith. This session will talk about the importance of freeing Jerusalem from Israeli occupation and how American Muslims can play a role in bringing justice and liberty to the sacred city so that all may worship there in freedom and security. Dr. Hatem Bazian and Othman Atta also will discuss the historical signifi-	Room 9

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	<p>cance of Jerusalem, it's sacred connection to Islam and why the city is still so relevant to Muslims today.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Hatem Baizan, Othman Atta</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Osama Abu Irshaid</p>	
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 13D</p> <p>ISNA House of Community Representatives Meeting</p> <p><i>ISNA Election Committee</i></p> <p><i>Representatives of Muslim Organizations</i></p> <p>The House of Community Representatives is an organ of ISNA that seeks to bring representation from the communities directly into ISNA's leadership. This business meeting of all affiliated organizations as well as NAIT and CITF-owned Islamic centers will focus on electing representatives of these organizations to the ISNA Majlis ash-Shura. All Presidents or their duly authorized representatives of Masajid, organizations, schools and centers either affiliated with ISNA or whose properties are held/owned by NAIT or CITF are invited to attend.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> You must be a representative of a qualifying organization to participate. A list of all organizations will be available at the door, and all those attending will be asked to sign-in on this list.</p>	Room 27
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 13E</p> <p>Observing Islam in our Everyday Life:</p> <p>Q & A with Fiqh Scholars</p> <p>This session addresses common concerns and questions from the audience. The diverse panel of experts will address questions from the floor on a variety of issues relevant to American Muslims today. This is a unique opportunity for open dialogue and communication with the experts on topics ranging from Ramadan to family matters.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Zainab Alwani, Yusuf Kavachi, Ihsan Bagby, Muzammil Siddiqi</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Zulfiqar Ali Shah</p>	Room 29
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 13F</p> <p>Understanding the Real Differences Between Islamic and Conventional Finance Methods</p> <p>There are many perceived differences between Islamic and conventional finance methods. In this session, you will learn about what's fact and what's fiction when evaluating conventional finance options against the financial concepts Islam instructs us to utilize when transacting with one another.</p> <p>This session will also cover the fundamental principles of Islamic finance and explore how its fair-minded practices have begun to make a positive impression on the society we live in. You will find out about commercial home financing and Islamic Savings accounts.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Hussam Qutab (Guidance Residential), Amjad M. Quadri (University Islam Finance)</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mohammed Elsanousi</p>	Room 25
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 13G</p> <p>Arab Spring-Winds of Freedom in Egypt</p> <p>The term 'Arab Spring' was coined after the surprising and dramatic revolutions sweeping through the Middle East for the past 6 months. The panelists in this session will</p>	Room 7

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	<p>discuss the political, social, economic and cultural changes that the Arabic Spring will bring to Egypt.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Political and Civic Leaders of Egyptian Community</p>	
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 13H</p> <p>Examining Muslim-Jewish Relations and Successful Interfaith</p> <p>This session will explore and examine our ongoing projects with Jewish denominations and discuss successful experiments to strengthen grassroots Muslim-Jewish dialogue. It will focus on three primary areas: 1) confronting anti-Semitism and Islamophobia; 2) ongoing dialogue through the Children of Abraham curriculum; and 3) the annual Muslim-Jewish “Weekend of Twinning.”</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Walter Ruby, Micheal Pelavin, S.A. Mohammad, Hannah Rosenthal, Mohamed Magid</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Suhail Khan</p>	Room 30
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 13J</p> <p>Social Services in the Muslim Community</p> <p>Social services provided by Muslims to Muslims provide culturally and linguistically appropriate assistance which helps promote and enhance an independent and enriched community life, thus allowing for a successful utilization of the professional skills and resources found within the ummah.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Asma Hanif, Altaf Kaiseruddin, Johari Abdul Malik, Shyam K. Sriram</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Patricia Anton</p>	Room 31
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 13K</p> <p>Muslim Physicians Serving Humanity</p> <p>Physician members of the Islamic Medical Association of North America have been serving humanity through medical and disaster relief. IMANA Medical Relief provides a great platform for Muslim and non-Muslim physicians and allied health professionals to help save lives and relieve suffering through development programs and knowledge transfer. IMANA also collaborates with other relief organizations to facilitate their medical relief needs. Since 2003, IMANA has provided medical relief to Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, Lebanon, Bangladesh, Haiti, Sudan, Uganda, Gaza, Egypt, and here in US during hurricane Katrina. IMANA is also the founding member of the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA), with 30 member countries. IMANA'S Medical Relief missions have provided timely and effective aid for the needy all over the world.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Mohammad AlShoof, Ismail Mehr, Khaliq Zahir, Asif Malik</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Abida Haque</p>	Room 32
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 13L</p> <p>Meet the Author Session II:</p> <p>Social Issues</p> <p>Across the Centuries, Muslims have contributed to the well being of the human civilization through scientific discoveries and exploration. The inspiration for seeking, promoting and teaching beneficial knowledge is rich in Islamic influence. Meet the author</p>	Room 11

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	<p>sessions will provide a platform for authors to continue the trend of contributing to the advancement of humanity through their publications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aon Hasnain and Asad Hasnain – <i>Youth, Philanthropy & Positive Social Development</i> • Habeeb Quadri and Sa'ad Quadri – <i>Parenting... Who said it was Easy? Understanding your child</i> • Micheal Saahir – <i>The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Man Behind the Men</i> • Suzy Ismail – <i>When Muslim Marriage fails, Divorce Chronicles and Commentaries</i> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Wafa Unus</p>	

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Session 13M</p> <p>3rd Annual Turkish Symposium: 20th Century Scholars who influenced the formation of Current Turkish Society</p> <p>Importance and contributions of scholars will be discussed in this session, with emphasis on the following 20th century scholars: Mehmet Zahid Kotku, Bediuzzaman Said Nursi, Muhammed Rasid Erol, Ahiskali and Ali Haydar Efendi.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Suleyman Duman, Mehmet Demiroglu, Mehmet Aktas, Bilgin Erdogan Abdurrahman Mihcioglu Fazli Polat</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Murat Kose</p>	Room 33
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KEY YOUTH SESSION

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>Bullying as an Epidemic</p> <p>A Workshop by Islamic Network Group & ISNA Youth Development</p> <p>Bullying as an epidemic— Practical tools to addressing bullying in our communities and schools: This session will be geared towards youth development workers, parents and educators.</p>	Room 23
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1:00 – 1:30 PM	Zuhr Prayer	Hall A
1:30 – 2:15 PM	Lunch	Hall B and D

MAIN SESSION

2:15 – 3:45 PM	<p>Session 14A</p> <p>Blurring of Reality and Virtual: How to Maintain Your Faith with These Changes</p> <p>In recent years, American Muslims have become more active on social media networks, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc. They are providing valuable information about Islam to Muslims and non-Muslims across the globe. This panel will discuss how the virtual community is making a difference within the realm of activism, media outreach and pluralism. The internet has opened up a whole new world of opportunities and possibilities — it's our job to tackle the grey areas and sort through what is right and what is wrong. Often times we are tempted to do a deed that may not necessarily fall within the scope of our moral values.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Omar Mahmood, Nouman Ali Khan, Ahmed Rehab</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Kashif Siddiqi</p>	Hall A
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2:15 – 3:45 PM	<p>Session 14B</p> <p>Anti-Sharia Initiatives: How to Respond?</p> <p>More than 13 states are currently considering enacting laws banning Shariah from various parts of public and private life. This session will examine this growing hysteria about the so-called ‘threat’ posed by Shariah, the legal issues surrounding this misguided effort, and how our communities can address the issue in a positive and constructive manner.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Corey Saylor, Alejandro Beutel, Safaa Zarzour</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Kareem Irfan</p>	Room 14
2:15 – 3:45 PM	<p>Session 14C</p> <p>Muslims Under the Microscope: Tales and Legal Tips for Getting Through your Life</p> <p>Many Muslims have a personal story about being stopped, searched or questioned at the airport or while going about their daily lives. Panelists will tell tales of “flying while Muslim,” including incidents at border crossings and interactions with government officials. Legal experts will give updates on work being done to protect our rights while interacting with law enforcement. Panelists will offer practical advice to implement in your everyday life.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Yasir Qadhi, Khurram Wahid, Asad Ba-Yunus</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Nura Maznavi</p>	Room 27
2:15 – 3:45 PM	<p>Session 14D</p> <p>Not in My Backyard</p> <p>Institute of Social Policy and Understanding(ISPU) scholars will put the so-called “Ground Zero Mosque” controversy in the context of longer histories of racism, the demonization of Muslims as a “radical” threat, and national grass-roots efforts to prevent mosque construction in the US. Based on their research, experts will share lessons learned and suggest pro-active strategies for the community.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Kathleen Foley, Haroon Moghul, Daniel Hummel</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Zareena Grewal</p>	Room 29
2:15 – 3:45 PM	<p>Session 14E</p> <p>Successful Women Leading the Way</p> <p>When you are the first Muslim woman to attain a position or the first to establish an organization, you carry a special responsibility. This panel will let you hear from women who have successfully combined faith, family and professional feats while clearing a path for other women to achieve their ambitions.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ingrid Mattson, Aisha Al-Adawiya, Tayyibah Taylor, Asma Mirza</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Wafa Unus</p>	Room 25
2:15 – 3:45 PM	<p>Session 14F</p> <p>Arab Spring-Winds of Freedom in Syria</p> <p>The term ‘Arab Spring’ was coined after the surprising and dramatic revolutions sweeping through the Middle East for the past 6 months. The panelists in this session will</p>	Room 7

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discuss the political, social, economic and cultural changes that the Arabic Spring will bring to Syria.

Speakers: Political and Civic Leaders of Syrian Community

2:15 – 3:45 PM

Session 14G**Room 30****Engaging Muslim Communities through Government Outreach**

Muslim Americans have been increasingly involved in many areas of public service, working both in and with various US Government agencies to improve the lives of all Americans. ISNA has been very involved in facilitating meetings with government officials and local communities to address issues of perceived discrimination and acts of intolerance. These engagements have helped Muslim communities fully leverage government resources to address issues such as the construction of Islamic centers, the bullying of Muslim children in public schools, and better access to government programs and services. This session will feature staff from different government agencies who will share details about career opportunities in the federal government, as well as relevant program information on various public outreach and engagement efforts.

Representatives from: US Agency for International Development, US Department of Justice, US Department of State, US Department of Homeland Security, US Department of Health and Human Services, The White House

2:15 – 3:45 PM

Session 14H**Room 31****My Faith, My Voice through Arts and Media**

Islam and the American Muslim community are most negatively portrayed in the world of entertainment and news media. But the American Muslim community is pushing back. Second and third generation American Muslims are now using these same mediums to portray their faith, their voices in their own creative way. The three panelists will discuss their respective projects and how they are using creativity to break down barriers.

Speakers: Wajahat Ali, Musa Syed, Rabiah Ahmed

Moderator: Patricia Anton

2:15 – 3:45 PM

Session 14J**Room 32****Financial Planning for Your Family's Future: Leaving a Legacy**

ISNA's Development Foundation is committed to actively engaging and informing our supporters and community members of the multitude of possibilities through which they can pass forward the core virtues and values taught by the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) when he said, "It is not right for a Muslim, who has anything that he or she likes to bequest, to spend two nights without his/her wasiyyah being written and ready on hand." In this session we strive to provide a roadmap to those who aspire to fulfill their Islamic obligations and also "leave their legacy" for our future generations.

Speakers: Salman Azam, Yaqub Mirza, Monem Salam, Ahmed Shaikh, Bashar Qasem

Moderator: Ahmed ElHattab

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2:15 – 3:45 PM	<p>Session 14K Muslim Professionals Unplugged: Conversations that Matter to Generation X and Y Gen X and Gen Y form the backbone of our community and represent the largest portion of our population. Yet, there are very few mosques and Muslim institutions that are showing signs of transitioning to the concerns of these generations. This panel discussion coordinated by CAMP (Council for the Advancement of Muslim Professionals) features a group of young Muslim professionals and entrepreneurs tackling the serious issues of nurturing spirituality, gender relations, work and life balance, and identity development and integration <i>Speakers:</i> Aamer Hayat, Aizzah Fatima, Asma Uddin <i>Moderator:</i> Zeba Iqbal</p>	Room 33
2:15 – 3:45 PM	<p>Session 14L Meet the Author Session III: Scripture and True Story Across the Centuries, Muslims have contributed to the well being of the human civilization through scientific discoveries and exploration. The inspiration for seeking, promoting and teaching beneficial knowledge is rich in Islamic influence. Meet the author sessions will provide a platform for authors to continue the trend of contributing to the advancement of humanity through their publications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asaad Busool – <i>The Wise Qur'an</i> • Ibrahim Malabari – <i>Mercy, Prophet Muhammad's Legacy to All Creation</i> • Maula Wahiduddin Khan – <i>The Prophet of Peace and the Quran</i> • Saeed Malik – <i>A Perspective on the Signs of Al-Quran, Through the Prism of the Heart</i> <i>Discussant:</i> Sohaib Sultan</p>	Room 11

MAIN SESSION

4:00 – 5:30 PM	<p>Session 15A Guide to a Harmonious Family What makes marriage work? This age old question is the subject of many books, movies, and discussions. This session features three couples from our community who have sustained their marriage through many years with love, compassion, and tranquility. Join this conversation on the ABC's of a harmonious marriage. <i>Speakers:</i> Mohamed Magid and Amaarah DeCuir, Iqbal Unus and Nudrat Unus, Edmund Arroyo and Humaira Basith <i>Discussant:</i> Altaf Husain</p>	Hall A
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4:00 – 5:30 PM	<p>Session 15B American Muslim Identity: The Challenges of Harmony What does it mean to be American and Muslim at the same time? Embedded in this quest for identity are the intellectual and moral dimensions of personal identification, as well as the community's social and political imperatives. A clear and confident sense of</p>	Room 14
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identity leads to harmony within oneself and in one's relationship to others. This session deals with issues related to nurturing an American Muslim identity which is central to the harmonious development of the American Muslim community.

Speakers: Ihsan Bagby, Zahid Bukhari, Zareena Grenwal

Moderator: Hisham Altalib

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Session 15C**Room 9**

Achieving the Vision: Your Role in Shaping an America Free of Islamophobia

A new project co-sponsored by UC Berkeley's Center for Race and Gender and the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) offers a vision of a future where being Muslim is viewed as a positive in American society. At a time when Islam's favorability is lower than in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, How can we achieve this positive vision?

Speakers: Nihad Awad, Corey Saylor, Hatem Bazian

Moderator: Corey Saylor

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Session 15D**Room 27**

Standing Shoulder to Shoulder: Combating Anti-Muslim Bigotry and Ending State Sanctioned Torture

In November 2010, ISNA convened a national interfaith campaign against anti-Muslim bigotry, called, "Shoulder-to-Shoulder: Standing with American Muslims; Upholding American Values." One key member of the campaign is the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, which has worked tirelessly to end U.S.-sponsored torture since its founding in 2006. Faith leaders from both campaigns will discuss their ongoing interfaith work to end anti-Muslim bigotry and torture, through the media, advocacy, and grassroots engagement.

Speakers: John Humphries, Micheal Trice, Mark Pelavin, Ingrid Mattson

Moderator: Mohamed Elsanousi

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Session 15E**Room 29**

A Comprehensive Approach to Muslim Harmonious Participation in the US Mainstream Political Landscape

This session addresses the issue of how and why Muslims should actively participate in off-year and local elections rather than just once every four years in the presidential elections. As Muslims do not constitute a viable majority or large presence in any major metropolitan area, recognition of and support for Muslim causes will only come via active participation in ALL levels of mainstream political activity. Understanding issues that matter to Muslims locally and motivating them to come out to vote is imperative. This session will examine these issues and also identify various tools to motivate Muslim to vote in local elections, including the use of Candidate Forums to educate and stoke interest in Muslims as well as to raise funds for political activity.

Speakers: AJ Durrani, Khurram Wahid, Zerqa Abid, Aziz Mohammed

Moderator: Mehrunisa Qayyum

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Session 15F**Room 25**

Addiction: Its shapes, forms and cure

Substance abuse is not the only shape and form of addiction. There are many habits

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and behaviors that we develop that we cannot get rid of, or so we think. In this session speakers will discuss how addiction thinks and functions and how we can deal with the core of the problem instead of just dealing with its symptoms.

Speakers: Abdel Rahman Soliman, Syed Hussain, Mohammad Rajabally

Moderator: Omar Mahmood

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Session 15G**Room 7****Arab Spring-Winds of Freedom in Yemen and Libya**

The term 'Arab Spring' was coined after the surprising and dramatic revolutions sweeping through the Middle East for the past 6 months. The panelists in this session will discuss the political, social, economic and cultural changes that the Arabic Spring will bring to Yemen and Libya

Speakers: Political and Civic Leaders of Yemenis and Libyan Community

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Session 15H**Room 30****Taking the Next Step: How to Improve Inclusion and Access for Muslims with Disabilities**

This session will be an interactive session in which speakers will discuss various disability-related topics, including identifying and treating mental health issues and psychiatric disorders, making our mosques and community centers accessible, engaging in community advocacy and awareness-raising efforts, and knowing your legal rights as an individual with a disability. Attendees are encouraged to participate in the presentations and discussion. All are welcome to attend, no matter what your level of ability or knowledge of disability issues.

Speakers: Hamada Hamid, Mohammed Yousuf, Isra Bhatti, Debbie DePalma

Moderator: Hassan Syed

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Session 15J**Room 31****Faith Based Entrepreneurship**

This session moderated by CAMP (Council for the Advancement of Muslim Professionals) will focus on the opportunities for innovative faith-based entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurship is the ability to develop a vision based on an understanding of our future needs, to commit to the mission of serving those needs innovatively and creatively. A faith-based entrepreneur is one who proceeds confidently, but also with humility and a strong consciousness of God's design in their products, goods and services, but also in the way that they structure and operate their businesses.

Speaker: Yaqub Mirza, Abid Malik, Salwa Ansari Dato

Moderator: Aamer Hayat

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4:00 – 5:30 PM	<p>Session 15K</p> <p>Developing a Spiritual Environment for Muslim Children</p> <p>As Muslim Americans continue to grow in numbers, there is a greater imperative to instill the values and knowledge of Islam in our children. Parents and teachers are always looking for after-school programs or extra-curriculum activities that would supplement what these youth learn at home and at school. This panel will talk about the opportunities available to our community members. Panelists from diverse backgrounds will share with parents, teachers and community leaders their experiences and projects that can help in developing a spiritual and healthy environment for our children</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Saffet Catovic, Priscilla Martinez, Muna Ali, Habeeb Quadri</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Rashed Nizam</p>	Room 33
4:00 – 5:30 PM	<p>Session 15L</p> <p>Meet the Author Session IV:</p> <p>Essays and Narratives</p> <p>Across the Centuries, Muslims have contributed to the well being of the human civilization through scientific discoveries and exploration. The inspiration for seeking, promoting and teaching beneficial knowledge is rich in Islamic influence. Meet the author sessions will provide a platform for authors to continue the trend of contributing to the advancement of humanity through their publications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hakim Rashid – <i>The President is a Muslim? A Novel</i> • Omar Hazim – <i>Islam in the Heartland of America</i> • Manal M. Omar – <i>Barefoot in Bagdad</i> • Maria Erahimji and Zara Suratwala – <i>I Speak for Myself, American Women on being Muslim</i> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Tayyibah Taylor</p>	Room 11
4:00 – 5:30 PM	<p>Session 15M</p> <p>Muslim Personality— Our Personality Affects Everything We Do</p> <p>Every relationship begins with YOU. Who are you? Do you really understand why you think and behave as you do? Imagine the power of truly knowing yourself, what motivates you, and how you impact the relationships in your life. Learn your personality strengths, what motivates you, how to communicate better with others in the first every Muslim Personality session. This fun and entertaining workshop will teach you how to make sense out of life's relationship puzzles.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Baba Ali</p>	Room 32
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KEY YOUTH SESSION

Out-of-School Programs

Room 23

How to design, implement and sustain our youth programs

There has always been a need for out-of-school programs. Almost every community has or has tried to establish youth programs that provide the youth of that community with meaningful experiences and positive role models that would help these youth reach their potential and attain higher levels of success. In this session, speakers will address specific elements of successful youth programs that you can take and implement in your communities.

Speakers: Iyad Alnacheif, Amal Ali

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Session 16A

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MSA Program

Being a Traveler on the Road Less Traveled

The Prophet(S) said: "Blessed are the strangers." He was then asked: "Who are the strangers, O Messenger of Allah?" He replied: "They are righteous people among many evil people. Those who disobey them are greater than those who obey them." [Musnad Ahmad and Ibn al-Mubâarak, Kitâb al-Zuhd].

We live in a society in which immersion is encouraged and in which we are often confronted with evil. Muslims have always been challenged, but Islam is a guiding star that can help us overcome these challenges as we strive to remain faithful. We must remain confident and unified as we make our short journey through this life. And sometimes, we must be "strangers." Our closing will provide us with tools we can use on this journey and remind us of the benefits of taking the road less traveled.

Speakers: Altaf Hussain, Yasir Qadhi, Eboo Patel, Tariq Ramadan

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Session 16B

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Arab Spring-Winds of Freedom in Bahrain and Tunisia

The term 'Arab Spring' was coined after the surprising and dramatic revolutions sweeping through the Middle East for the past 6 months. The panelists in this session will discuss the political, social, economic and cultural changes that the Arabic Spring will bring to Bahrain and Tunisia.

Speakers: Political and Civic Leaders of Bahrainian and Tunisian Community

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Dinner

Hall B & D

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Maghrib Prayer

Hall A

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9:00 – 11:00 PM	<p>ISNA Entertainment Program</p> <p>NATIVE DEEN, Originally solo artists, Native Deen has become a fusion of Hip-hop and R&B flavors, thrilling fans with their eclectic and unique combinations of lyrics, rhythms and sounds. The trio is made up of Joshua Salaam, Abdul-Malik Ahmad and Naeem Muhammad. Native Deen has performed in over 60 cities around the world inspiring Muslims and non-Muslims alike and are ranked as one of the Top Five bands in its genre on MySpace.</p> <p>KAREEM SALAMA, born and raised in Oklahoma, is a singer/songwriter with a country and pop flare. Kareem began recording his first album while in law school with producer, Aristotle Mihalopoulos. Kareem has had the privilege of performing in front of audiences as far away as Rome, Italy, and London. Kareem has been featured in major press outlets like the New York Times and Readers Digest. Kareem was recently invited to dinner at the White House where he met President Obama who said to Salama “You can sing!”</p> <p>MONA HAYDAR is a poet, performer and artist from Flint, Michigan. She has shared the stage with the likes of Saul Williams and Jessica Care Moore. She travels across the country sharing her poetry with every kind of audience. Although her themes stay tied to Muslim experience, general audiences find her work spiritually uplifting and inspiring. NOOR, Muneer, Mahdy, Tariq, and Bassem come together once again in their new music video album - A New Day Begins. This album is dedicated to those who stand for freedom, justice, and human dignity.</p> <p>NAJAM SHERAZ, is a singer, song writer, composer, music producer, and a Peace activist. He has a unique style of singing and mixing eastern classical folk music with western classical and blues.</p> <p>AND OTHER PERFORMANCES</p>	Hall A
9:30 – 11:00 PM	<p>Bazm-e-Adab Mushaira</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amjad Islam Amjad, Famous writer and Poet • Anwar Masood, Famous Punjabi and Urdu Humerous Poet and other famous poets • Abidullah Ghazi, Sadiq Naqvi, Hamid Amrohvi, Itrat Husain Itrat, Hashmat Sohail, Nazar Naqvi, Lafeef Saif, Mujahid Ghazi 	Room 14
11:00 PM	Isha Prayer	

TIME	EVENT/SPEAKERS/MODERATOR	ROOM
4:15 AM	Fajr Prayer	Hotel's Prayer Room
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	WELCOME RAMADAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner Dimensions of Fasting • Strengthening our Connection with the Quran <i>Speakers:</i> Mokhtar Magharoui, Mohamed Magid	Hyatt Ballroom A, B, C
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Leadership Development and Best Management of Islamic Organizations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leading from an Islamic Perspective. This module will focus on discussing the components of an Islamic Model of leadership with special emphasis on the Prophet (s) as a servant leader and coach, and on the five steps for developing your effectiveness as the leader of an Islamic organization. 2. Team Building. What is the significance and role of team building within Islamic organizations? An executive committee or board of trustees may be a group, but not function as a team. In this module, we will explore how to transform a regular group into a synergistic team, and will include a short team-building exercise. 3. Conflict Management. Conflicts permeate Islamic organizations, hampering their work. We will explore how conflict arises, the positive and negative outcomes of conflict and how to manage conflict so as to enhance organizational and interpersonal performance. 4. Strategic Planning. Islamic organizations need to be proactive. To do so, they need a clear vision of where they are going and a mission statement to express what they are about. In this short module, we will discuss how to write effective vision and mission statements. <i>Speakers:</i> Rafik Beekun, Iqbal Unus	Hyatt Ballroom E, F

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ISNA Meet the Author Program

Sunday, July 3, 2011

Room 11

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

SESSION I: Children's Book

- Abidullah /Tasneema Ghazi, Huseyin Abiva – *Mercy to Mankind, Our Prophet Muhammad, Life in Madinah and The Wisdom of our Prophet*
- Barbara Whitesides – *Sugar comes from Arabic*
- Bryn Barnard – *The Genius of Islam*
- Nur Kose – *Stair Series books*
- Saniyasnain Khan – *Goodnight Stories from the Quran*

DISCUSSANT: Zaki Barzinji

11:45 AM – 1:05 PM

SESSION II: Social Issues

- Aon Hasnain and Asad Hasnain – *Youth, Philanthropy & Positive Social Development*
- Habeeb Quadri and Sa'ad Quadri – *Parenting... Who said it was Easy? Understanding your Child*
- Ibrahim Abdul-Matin – *GreenDeen*
- Micheal Saahir – *The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Man Behind the Men*
- Suzy Ismail – *When Muslim Marriage Fails, Divorce Chronicles and Commentaries*

DISCUSSANT: Wafa Unus

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

SESSION III: Scripture and Tradition

- Assad Busool – *The Wise Qur'an*
- Ibrahim Malabari – *Mercy, Prophet Muhammad's Legacy to All Creation*
- Maulana Wahiduddin Khan – *The Prophet of Peace and The Quran*
- Saeed Malik – *A Perspective on the Signs of Al-Quran, Through the Prism of the Heart*

DISCUSSANT: Sohaib Sultan

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

SESSION IV: Essays and Narratives

- Hakim Rashid – *The President is a Muslim? A Novel*
- Omar Hazim – *Islam in the Heart of America*
- Manal M. Omar – *Barefoot in Baghdad*
- Mariam Sobh, Fatemeh Fakhraie, Nafees Syed, Nousheen Yousuf-Sadiq, Asma Uddin, Ala'a Wafa, Amany Ezeldin and Zahra Suratwala – *I Speak for Myself, American Women on being Muslim*

DISCUSSANT: Tayyibah Taylor