

46th Annual ISNA Convention Washington DC Convention Center July 3 – 6, 2009

Theme: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

And seek by means of what Allah has given you the future abode, and do not neglect your portion of this world, and do good (to others) as Allah has done good to you, and do not seek to make mischief in the land, surely Allah does not love the mischief-makers. Qur'an: Al-Qasas (28:77)

Friday, July 3rd

Registration begins at 8:30 AM in the East Registration Lobby

TIME	EVENT/SPEAKERS	ROOM
12:00 – 1:00 PM	INAUGURAL SESSION PRESIDENTS: ISNA – Ingrid Mattson, MSA – Suhail Dar, ICNA – Zahid Hussain Bukhari, MYNA – Omer Uddin, AMSE – Mohammad S. Alam, IMANA – Hafizur Rehman, CISNA – Safaa Zarzour, Turkish Guest – Ibrahim Kalin CHAIRS: Convention Program Co-Chairs – Sami Catovic and Aisha Aladawiya Convention Chair – Abdul Wahab, Steering Committee Chair – Rizwan Jaka MODERATOR: Azhar Azeez	HALL D
1:00 – 2:00 PM	JUMU'AH PRAYER KHATEEB: Imam Mohamed Magid Ali	HALL A
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 1A Legacy of Islam in America: The Trans-Atlantic Voyage and Beyond The history of Muslims in America is a rich mosaic of African slaves, 19th century immigrants to the Midwest, African American movements of the 20th century, post-1965 professional immigrants, and today Islam is the fastest growing religion in the United States. This panel will explore the compelling history of Islam in the Americas and highlight the extraordinary contributions of Muslims to the American experience. SPEAKERS: Sulayman Nyang, Ihsan Bagby, Nsenga Knight, Altaf Husain MODERATOR: Rizwan Jaka	HALL D
5:15 PM	ASR PRAYER	HALL A
5:00 – 6:30 PM	SESSION 2A Educating Muslims in America: In the Classrooms and Beyond (Panel Discussion) This session will survey the myriad of institutions and material that serve to educate Muslims in America. The session will also examine whether existing institutions are	HALL D

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	<p>adequately providing for the community's educational needs. The speakers will emphasize the need for and explore ways to formulate a comprehensive vision for the education of Muslims in America.</p> <p>PANELISTS: Priscilla Martinez, Moutasem Atiya, Iyad Alnacheh, Susan Douglass, Saffiya Turan</p> <p>DISCUSSANT: Safaa Zarzour</p>	
5:00 – 6:30 PM	<p>SESSION 2B</p> <p>AMSE Session: AMSE Business Meeting and Networking Session</p> <p>Discussion on the importance of networking in the job market followed by the annual AMSE Business Meeting and election for the new AMSE Executive Committee.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Khurshid A. Qureshi, Shaik Jeelani, Iqbal J. Unus</p> <p>MODERATOR: Mohammad S. Alam</p>	140A
7:00 – 8:00 PM	<p>SESSION 3A</p> <p>Business as Unusual: ISNA Achievements and Trends</p> <p>ISNA Business Session</p> <p>At this annual meeting of ISNA members, the president presents the annual report for the preceding year. While only members may participate in discussion or vote, all convention attendees are encouraged to attend and learn about what ISNA has done and the difference it has made during the past year.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: ISNA President, Secretary General, Majlis Ash-Shura, Executive Council</p>	146ABC
8:40 PM	MAGHRIB PRAYER	HALL A
9:00 – 10:30 PM	<p>SESSION 4A</p> <p>Stand Up and Be Heard:</p> <p>Effective Strategies for Muslim Political Advocacy</p> <p>The discussants will provide their opinions on strategies that have proven successful in getting our community's concerns and perspectives to the top-most levels of local, regional and national political power. Panelists include elected officials, political party officials, Muslim Political activists and lobbyists, who will share ideas on how your community can effectively engage in political advocacy.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Hon. Keith Ellison, Hon. Andre Carson, Hon. M.J. Khan, Abdul Malik Mujahid, Suhail Khan</p> <p>MODERATOR: Khurram Wahid</p>	HALL D
11:00 – 12:00 AM	<p>SPECIAL SESSION</p> <p>Qasidah Burdah — The Mantle of the Prophet</p> <p>Over the past 1400 years many poets have written praise of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him). None have been more acclaimed than the Burdah of Imam Busiri. In this relaxed session, we will listen to that praise recited and a short commentary.</p> <p>RECITER: TBA</p> <p>COMMENTARY: Muhammad Ninowy</p>	RENAISSANCE HOTEL CONGRESSIONAL C

Saturday, July 4th

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5:00 AM	FAJR PRAYER — SHORT SPIRITUAL TALK	HALL A
10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5A The Best of Nations for the Benefit of Mankind An important part of being a Muslim is contributing to our society in a positive manner. This session will highlight the experiences and activities of a number of panelists engaged in community and civic welfare projects, from feeding the hungry, job creation, clinics, prison reentry, and domestic violence shelters to environmental conservation initiatives designed to improve the world we live in. SPEAKERS: Mika'il De Veaux, Asma Hanif, Sanjana Ahmed, Isra Bhatti MODERATOR: Naeem Muhammad	HALL D
10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5B Islamic Finance and the Future Challenges During the past twenty five years Islamic finance has witnessed unprecedented growth. The session will examine the lessons learned from the past and forecast the challenges in the future. The session will focus on the challenges facing the Shari'ah scholars in the area of standards development, the legal challenges and the pricing challenges of Islamic financial products. SPEAKERS: Muddassir Siddiqui, Yousuf DeLorenzo, Hussain Hamid Hassan MODERATOR: Muzammil Siddiqi	103AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5C Culture and Politics: Strategies of Self-Empowerment This panel is designed to initiate a dialogue among Muslim intellectuals, writers, and thinkers about the deep structure of American politics with focus on the role of values, beliefs and ideologies in a pluralistic society and the significance of cultural strategies as a means of self-empowerment. SPEAKERS: Ali Mazrui, Cherif Bassiouni, Maher Hathout, Agha Saeed MODERATOR: Zahid Hussain Bukhari	140A
10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5D Empowering the Next Generation of Muslim Educational Leaders in America Several national efforts have emerged to provide for the empowerment of emerging educational leaders. CISNA, the Council of Islamic Schools of North America is one of such efforts. Several Members of the board of CISNA will highlight the work of the organization in the last year and discuss future plans of the organization. Input from the audience will be encouraged. SPEAKERS: Abdalla Idris Ali, Safaa Zarzour, Kem Hussain MODERATOR: Patricia Salahuddin	140B

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10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5E How to be an Effective Community Organizer: Grassroots Politics 101 for Political Activists and Advocates The goal of this educational presentation, utilizing a training workshop format, is to define Muslim political and civic engagement in the mainstream American landscape and present interested activists with tested tools to become effective community political organizers wielding political influence. SPEAKERS: A. J. Durrani, Jihad Saleh, Zerqa Abid, Safiya Ghori MODERATOR: Asad Ba-Yunus	145AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5F From Fear to Facts: What One Billion Muslims Really Think Is the world currently experiencing a clash of civilizations? Do Muslims really hate Westerners based on values? Is Islam inclined to terrorism? Where are the moderates? What do Muslims admire about the West? What do Muslim women really want? This session provides hard data that addresses these questions based on the landmark Gallup World poll of Muslim nations. It also showcases clips from an upcoming film on the same subject. SPEAKERS: Dalia Mogahed, Alex Kronemer MODERATOR: Aakif Ahmad	146ABC
<div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f0e0;"> <p style="color: #c00000; font-weight: bold; font-style: italic;">Electronic Funds Transfer — A good deed done regularly!</p> <p>Through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) ISNA can receive your donation each month automatically from your bank account or credit card, saving you postage and time.</p> <p>Be a key that opens the door to ISNA's long-term financial stability: Donate through EFT!</p> </div>		
10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5G A Common Word (Initiative) Leading to Common Deeds On October 13th, 2006, one month to the day after Pope Benedict XVI's Regensburg address of September 13th, 2006, 38 Islamic authorities and scholars from around the world representing all denominations and schools of thought joined together to deliver an answer to the Pope in the spirit of open intellectual exchange and mutual understanding. This session will explore the letter that was sent from Muslim scholars to the Pope and include responses to the document including theological, academic, and those made by religious leaders. SPEAKERS: Miroslav Volf, Ingrid Mattson, Chris Seiple, Robert Chase MODERATOR: Safir Rabb	147AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5H AMSE Session: Improving Science and Technology Education in Developing Countries This panel will focus on the growing disparity between the quality of science and technology education in the developed and developing countries, and possible ways to bridge this gap. SPEAKERS: Osman A. Shinaishin, Sayed A. Nassar MODERATOR: Mohammad S. Alam	149AB

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10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5I Mercy to the Worlds — The Internal Sunnah God describes the prophet as a Mercy to Worlds. This characterized the Prophetic message. This session will examine the external manifestations of the internal Prophetic character. SPEAKERS: Mohammad Nur Abdullah, Yusuf Kavacki, Adam Elsheikh MODERATOR: Shad Imam	152B
10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5J Muslim Journalists: The View from the Inside As Muslims in America are more heavily scrutinized, their coverage in the media becomes crucial to growth for the community. Muslims should have an inside view of how the mainstream media operates. This panel of professionals in television, newspaper or magazine and radio journalism will be relevant to Muslim journalists, community organizers and anyone who uses the mainstream media on a daily basis. SPEAKERS: Asma Khalid, Wajahat Ali, Aman Ali MODERATOR: Mariam Jukaku	154AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM	SESSION 5K Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness in the Maqasid al-Shari'ah (Goals of the Shari'ah) Many people assume that 'Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness' is a distinctly American phenomenon. While it is indeed an American phenomenon, the Islamic Shariah has delineated these concepts from its very inception, and enshrined them in its overall goals. In this lecture, the speakers will show that far from being un-Islamic values, these values form the very core of being a true Muslim. SPEAKERS: Yasir Qadhi, Yaser Birjas MODERATOR: Omar Zakariya	207AB
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 6A Being True to the Dream: Maintaining Our Muslim Identity This main session will bring together a panel of parents, youth and scholars to address the difficulties and challenges faced by youth and parents striving to be a part of the American cultural landscape without losing their Islam. The panel features a young imam, two parents themselves raised primarily in the U.S. and two youths dealing with the various pressures, questions, issues and crises of faith surrounding them in our society. SPEAKERS: Yahya Ederer, Adam Soliman, Aisha Noor, Afeefa Syeed MODERATOR: Asad BaYunus	HALL D
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 6B A Call for Unity: Addressing the Sunni Shia Divide This session will educate the Muslim community about the common grounds in beliefs, rituals and jurisprudence between the Sunni and Shia schools and explain the current challenges facing the Muslim Umma, particularly as far as the Shia Sunni division is concerned and discuss how to immunize our communities against these sectarian divisions.	103AB

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SPEAKERS: Mahmoud Ayoub, Jamal Barzinji, Muzammil Siddiqi, Muhammad Ali Elahi, Abubaker Alshingieti

MODERATOR: Hisham Altalib

11:30 – 12:45 PM

SESSION 6C

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**Cancer, Heart Disease and Depression:
Often Neglected Diseases in Muslim Women**

Most Muslim women do not have regular health check ups. Breast cancer and heart disease are not uncommon in Muslim women, and can be prevented or cured by early diagnosis and proper treatment. Depression, though common in women, is often misdiagnosed. IMANA wants to raise awareness of these often neglected major diseases in Muslim women.

SPEAKERS: Maqbool Haq, Monira Hamid-Kundi, Marriyam Moten, Waheedul Haque

MODERATOR: Abida K. Haque & Mohammed Mohiuddin

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11:30 – 12:45 PM

SESSION 6D

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**Muslims in Successful Political Campaigns:
From School Boards to US Congress**

The goal of this workshop is to highlight Muslim participation in political campaigns both as candidates and as political activists. Through examples by actual Muslim candidates and elected officials, individuals interested in running for political office will be exposed to the political process.

SPEAKERS: Saqib Ali, Assad Akhter, Arif Gafur, Zeba Khan

MODERATOR: Mustafa Tameez

11:30 – 12:45 PM

SESSION 6E 146ABC

The Changing Face of Muslims in Hollywood

This session will provide an insider account from *Little Mosque on the Prairie* creator Zarqa Nawaz about opportunities for Muslims in film and television and will share how the Muslim Public Affairs Council's Hollywood Bureau is working with screenwriters, directors and producers to help enhance accuracy and sensitivity when portraying Muslims and Islam.

SPEAKERS: Zarqa Nawaz, Edina Lokovic

MODERATOR: Fatima Rahmatullah

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11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 6F Improving Inclusion of Muslims with Disabilities in Islamic Community Life</p> <p>This session provides a critical discussion about how disability as a concept is viewed in Islam, the rights of Muslims with disabilities, and the responsibilities of the Muslim community at large towards these members and their families. The session has a very significant practical/service element that allows those affected by disability and advocates to speak from their experiences about needs and challenges.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Zaid Shakir, Mona M. Amer, Mobin Tawakkul, Mohammed Yousuf MODERATOR: Isra Bhatti</p>	147AB
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 6G Interfaith Partnerships for Common Causes</p> <p>This session will include a collaboration of several organizations working for healthcare and social justice initiatives, both in the faith community and with the mainstream public. Panelists will discuss issues facing Americans today and the initiatives they are bringing forward to reform the current healthcare situation. Panelists will discuss what their organizations are doing as well as allow time for a question and answer session.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Rita K. Chow, Jim Winkler, Saleemah Abdul-Ghafur, Jean Duff, James Massa, Suhail Khan, Adam Phillips MODERATOR: Iman Faris</p>	149AB
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 6H Build a Mosque, Build a Community</p> <p>In America, the Masjid plays a vital role in the life of Muslims. Are we using our Masjid to its fullest potential in structuring our community as well as the image of Muslims? What is the role of a Masjid in your community? What role will the Masjid play on your behalf as a Muslim in a particular community if you do not become involved?</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Mohammad Nur Abdullah, Azhar Azeez, Yasir Qadhi MODERATOR: Rodwan Saleh</p>	152B
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 6I Short Presentations Session I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differences in Some English Translations of the Qur’an — Daoud Nassimi • Is Prophetic Medicine a Holistic Approach to Medicine? — Husain Nagamia • American Islam: That’s Why I Teach for America — Sarah Hakeem • Sustainable Masjid (Re) Construction and Strategic Planning — Shariq Ali • Faith, Sustainability and Green Architecture: A Green Mosque for the 21st Century — Uzma Mirza <p>MODERATOR: Rashed Nizam</p>	154AB
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 6J Meet the Author — Session I Children’s Books</p> <p>Meet the Author sessions present a platform to learn, share ideas and provide literary contributions to the community. Participants have the opportunity to meet with</p>	156

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	<p>authors who have contributed to Islam and Muslims in America and around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Zahras' First Term at the Khadija Academy</i> by Sufiya Ahmed • <i>Sophias Journal: Timewarp 1857</i> by Najiyah Diana Helwani • <i>Night of the Moon: A Muslim Holiday Story</i> by Hena Khan • <i>A Party in Ramadan</i> by Asma Mobin-Uddin • <i>A Trophy for Bilal</i> by Zakia Iman Shahbaz <p>DISCUSSANT: Freda Shamma</p>	
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 6K</p> <p>Turkish Symposium I</p> <p>Educational and Social Problems of Turkish-American-Muslims in the USA: A Collection of Issues Reported by Community Leaders</p> <p>Community leaders including imams, teachers, and directors will share their observations and experiences regarding the problems facing the Turkish-American-Muslims from different perspectives and regions.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Mehmet Aktas, Ozcan Gungor, Yavuz Silay, Kadir Gunduz, Cahit Kara, Kemal Ozdemir</p> <p>MODERATOR: Murat Kose</p>	206
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 6L</p> <p>Muslim Women Leaders — Establishing A New Paradigm</p> <p>This session will identify the social and psychological dimensions that contribute to the attainment of leadership roles, and determine the level of female participation in leadership positions in major organizations, as well as help establish a community baseline of gender representation in leadership so that changes in representation can be measured and documented.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Ingrid Mattson, Asma Hanif, Hadia Mubarak, Shareda Hosein</p> <p>MODERATOR: Jamillah Karim</p>	207AB
12:30 – 3:00 PM	<p>COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON</p> <p>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)</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS: Dalia Mogahed, Shahid Malik</p>	RENAISSANCE HOTEL GRAND BALLROOM
1:30 PM	ZUHR PRAYER	HALL A
3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7A</p> <p>Foundation to Facilitation: The Pillars of Islam</p> <p>The five pillars of Islam are not only the foundation of the religion, but also the foundation of our lives. This session will examine how these pillars preserve Life and Liberty, and facilitate a means to true happiness.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Muzammil Siddiqi, Mokhtar Maghraoui, Ameena Jandali, Maher Hathout</p> <p>MODERATOR: Iqbal Unus</p>	146ABC

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3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7B The Role of Islam in ‘Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness’: Case Studies — U.S. & India</p> <p>Acts of terrorism strike at the heart of democracy and seek to stir up communalist hatred, wrongly painting Muslims as alien to India and the United States both politically and socially. Panelists will address the tradition in Islam of acceptance of other ways of life and the sharing of community in India and the United States.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Mahmood A. Madani and Inamul Haq, MODERATOR: Manzoor Ghori</p>	103A
3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7C Leading with Compassion</p> <p>This session will offer insights into leadership development, communication and strategic planning, and help develop capacity to deal with a diverse community and the necessary skills to communicate.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Iman Faris, Louay Safi</p>	140A
3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7D Supporting Social Entrepreneurs and Civic Leaders: Building the Next Generation of Role Models in the American Muslim Community</p> <p>The American Civic Leadership Institute (AMCLI) and Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, are two institutions that are working on empowering the next generation of role models, civic leaders and social entrepreneurs in the American Muslim Community. Panelists will discuss their theories of leadership, social change, and outline ways to get involved.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Sultan Muhammad, Nadia Roumani, Iman Bibars, Beverly Schwartz MODERATOR: Shahed Amanullah</p>	140B
3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7E Rejuvenate the Hearts: Our Connection to Islam</p> <p>God describes the Qur’an as a cure for the hearts. This session will seek to examine how to connect with the Qur’an and address the various diseases of your heart.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Johari Abdul Malik, Daoud Nassimi, Abdullah Idris Ali, Zeki Sherif MODERATOR: Nasrin Rahman</p>	145AB
3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7F AMSE Session: Telecom Infrastructure Development in Developing Countries</p> <p>Telecom infrastructure is the lifeline of today’s information technology dependent economy. This panel will focus on issues pertaining to the state of the art of telecom infrastructure in developing countries and the opportunities and challenges associated with more integrated and agile infrastructure development.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Omar Atia, Sayed Nassar, Abdul Hossain MODERATOR: Shaik Jeelani</p>	149AB

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3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7G Government Outreach to the Muslim American Community While the US Government has been conducting outreach to the Muslim American community for many years, President Obama’s recent speech in Cairo highlighted the importance of such outreach in the current administration. The panel will discuss how the various executive agencies partake in outreach to Muslim Americans, including but not limited to, enforcement of civil rights laws, education on civic engagement, international development projects, safeguarding religious freedoms, and professional recruitment. Time will be allotted for questions from the audience to discuss the impact and perception of current outreach efforts.</p> <p>AGENCIES REPRESENTED: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Justice and others</p> <p>MODERATOR: SaharAziz</p>	152B
3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7H Islamic Finance & Banking: Defying the Odds The success experienced by the Islamic finance industry particularly during the current economic crisis has attracted considerable media attention and inspired western observers to take a closer look. Consideration for the universally-appealing values and principles upheld by Islamic financial institutions is gaining ground. This session will attempt to examine some of those distinctions while highlighting the successes. Islamic Banking is the halal way to manage your banking. This session will also explore why Islamic banking is stronger and safer than standard conventional banking. Islamic banking gets us back to the basic fundamentals of good investments followed by a fair return.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Hussam Qutub, Amjad M. Quadri, Pervez Nasim</p>	154AB
3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7I Meet the Author — Session II Personal, Family and Social Issues Meet the Author sessions present a platform to learn, share ideas and provide literary contributions to the community. Participants have the opportunity to meet with authors who have contributed to Islam and Muslims in America and around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>When Muslim Teens Rebel: Causes and Solutions</i> by Mohamed Beshir • <i>Islam Among Urban Blacks</i> by Mikal Naeem Nash • <i>Live Your Life on Purpose</i> by Radwan Kouatli • <i>Inmates Survival Handbook: An Islamic Perspective</i> by Sidney Rahim Sharif <p>DISCUSSANT: Patricia Salahuddin</p>	156
3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p>SESSION 7J Turkish Symposium II Integration Issues of the Turkish American Community Integration issues with the Muslim Community in particular and the American Society in general will be discussed by representatives from various Turkish communities around the country.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Kasim Kopuz, Mesut Hazar, Cemal Demir, Halil Demir, Kemal Bozkurt, Ihsan Isik</p> <p>MODERATOR: Mehmed Demiroglu</p>	206

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3:15 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 7K Pursuing Freedom from Oppression in the Family: The Right of Each Muslim This session outlines the Islamic paradigm for peaceful families, healthy family dynamics, recognizing the signs of oppression, and identifying ways to deal with oppression and liberate oneself through Islamic teachings in the event of oppression in the family. SPEAKER: Salma Abugideiri, Mohamed Hagemagid Ali, Zainab Alwani MODERATOR: Bonita McGee	207AB
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<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><i>Electronic Funds Transfer — A good deed done regularly!</i></p> <p>You can make a significant impact on the quality of ISNA's services by contributing through EFT. As little as \$10.00 per month will help ISNA to serve the Muslim American community through unparalleled training conferences, support and services for Islamic educators and administrators.</p> <p>Sign up today to donate through EFT.</p> </div>		
5:00 – 7:30 PM	SESSION 8A ISNA Main Session Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness Considered the cornerstone of the convention, the Saturday Evening Main Session is not to be missed. Prominent, sought after scholars, will address the theme of the convention at large. The session is both relevant and meaningful to Islam in North America. SPEAKERS: Hamza Yusuf, Zaid Shakir, Siraj Wahhaj, Ingrid Mattson, Rick Warren, MSA & MYNA Representatives and others MODERATOR: Altaf Husain	HALL D
9:00 – 11:00 PM	FILM PREVIEW Journey into America Muslim scholar Akbar Ahmed sets out on a cross-country journey to discover the United States with a team of young Americans. They visited over 70 cities and more than 100 mosques on an unprecedented project interviewing countless Americans in their homes, schools, and places of worship. They explore in the film the tension between the ideals and the realities of post-9/11 America for Muslims in the United States. PANEL DISCUSSION: Akbar Ahmed, Mohamed Magid Ali, Ingrid Mattson, Bruce Lustig, Keith Ellison	146ABC

Sunday, July 5th

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5:00 AM	FAJR PRAYER — SHORT SPIRITUAL TALK	HALL A
9:30 – 11:00 AM	<p>Where Islam Meets America: Building Muslim Institutions of Higher Learning</p> <p>Islam has never become rooted in a particular land until that land began producing its own religious scholars. Yet, there are no accredited academic institutions capable of training students in the varied sciences of Islam, while also instilling in them a sophisticated understanding of the intellectual history and culture of the west. This session will further explore how there is a need for Muslim institutions that can join Islam's classical texts with contemporary context.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Zaid Shakir, Hamza Yusuf, Hatem Bazian MODERATOR: Safir Ahmed</p>	146ABC
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9A Freedom To or Freedom From?</p> <p>Freedom in Islam is not merely the exercise of one's free will but it is the removal of all things that may obstruct your path to God. Real freedom is to be free from all wants and to submit fully to the will of God.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Mohammad Ninowy, Mohammad Nur Abdullah, Merve Kavakci, Abdalla Idris Ali MODERATOR: Owais Balti</p>	HALL D
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9B The Next Steps in Ending US-Sponsored Torture Once and For All</p> <p>ISNA has worked very hard to end U.S.-sponsored torture, and with President Obama's recently issued executive order, this session will explore the next steps that need to be taken to end torture once and for all. Panelists will address why torture is an important issue for Muslims, what action Congress needs take, and what Muslims and other people of faith can do to end torture once and for all.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Ingrid Mattson, Linda Gustitus, Richard Killmer MODERATOR: Mohamed Elsanousi</p>	103AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9C Charitable Giving in Tough Times</p> <p>It's no secret that the economic situation today is difficult; however there is also more need in our world and communities than ever before. Remembering our obligation as Muslims to give Zakat is crucial especially today. Join us in this session to discuss how you can either begin making charitable contributions or continue giving even during a down economy.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Ahmed Shaikh, Amjad Qadri MODERATOR: Farooq Selod</p>	140A

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10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9D Garments for One Another: Ending Domestic Violence in Our Families This session will increase your understanding of Islam’s perspective on domestic violence, build awareness regarding the dynamics of family violence, and illustrate how Islam can be used as a resource to end abuse. Selections from the highly acclaimed documentary, Garments for One Another, will be screened and include interviews with Islamic scholars, imams, survivors, and community advocates. SPEAKERS: Salma Abugideiri MODERATOR: Bonita McGee</p>	145AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9E Turning the Tables — Parent/Youth Panel Discussion Talk show style panel consisting of youth and parents will share their perspective on issues relating to the generational gap and communication problems that exist between the generations. PANELISTS: Select Parents and Youth FACILITATOR: Iyad Alnacheh</p>	147AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9F AMSE Session: Renewable/Alternate Energy for Developing Countries The opportunities and challenges associated with the development of renewable and alternate energy sources in developing countries will be discussed in this session. SPEAKERS: Saifur Rahman, K. A. Qureshi MODERATOR: Mohammad A. Karim</p>	149AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9G The Impact of Terrorism and Counter Terrorism Impinging on Life, Liberty and Happiness of Muslims in India This session will attempt to educate American Muslims and the larger Ummah about the conditions of 150 Million Muslims living in India. How the global phenomenon of Islamophobia and Terrorism impacts Muslims in India, especially after the Mumbai terror attacks, and possible ways American Muslims can intervene as part of Ummah. SPEAKERS: Muqtedar Khan, Swami Agnivesh MODERATOR: Attaulla Khan</p>	152B
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9H Tribute to the Late Imam W. D. Mohammed Imam WD Mohammed is one leader who shaped the American Muslim history when he headed the Nation of Islam and led it into the Islamic mainstream. We were saddened by his death and we mourned the loss it meant to the community. We prayed for him and asked Almighty Allah to reward him and open the doors of Jannah for him. ISNA Convention is our first national gathering after the passing away of our beloved Imam WD Mohammed. As the admirers of this unassuming and humble Imam, we gather to commemorate our beloved leader's contributions and achievements. We will</p>	154AB

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	<p>have Imams and Mulim leaders who have been close to him express their experineces and talk of the great legacy that he has left behind.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Imam Yusuf Saleem, Sharif Mohammed, Laila Mohammed, Sayyid M. Syeed, Larry Shaw</p> <p>MODERATOR: Safir Rabb</p>	
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9I</p> <p>Meet the Author — Session III</p> <p>Islamic Experience</p> <p>Meet the Author sessions present a platform to learn, share ideas and provide literary contributions to the community. Participants have the opportunity to meet with authors who have contributed to Islam and Muslims in America and around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Commander of the Faithful: the Life and Times of Emir Abd el-Kader (A Story of True Jihad)</i> by John Kiser • <i>The Astronomical Calculations and Ramadhan: A Fihi Discourse</i> by Zulfiqar Ali Shah • <i>Muslims in Western Politics</i> by Abdulkader Sinno <p>DISCUSSANT: Iqbal Unus</p>	156
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9J</p> <p>Turkish Symposium III</p> <p>Organizational Needs for Healthy Integation and Representation of the Turkish American Community</p> <p>Community leaders, thinkers and academicians will discuss organizational needs and alternatives to support and integrate the community, especially the youth, spiritually, socially, financially and politically.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Mehmed Paçaci, Yusuf Ziya Kavakçi, Gazi Erdem, Erdogan Gürmen, Ibrahim Kalin</p> <p>MODERATOR: Muammer Koç</p>	206
10:00 – 11:15 AM	<p>SESSION 9K</p> <p>Restoring Civil Rights and the Rule of Law:</p> <p>Learn and Take Action to Protect America’s Promise</p> <p>This session will educate American Muslims about their rights at home and at the airport, learn about their experiences, and share ways in which the American Muslims can be actively involved in protecting their rights, pressing for legislative and policy reform, and defending our nation’s promise of freedom, justice and equality for all through political and civic engagement.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Farhana Khera, Naheed Qureshi, Khurrum Wahid</p> <p>MODERATOR: Shahid Buttar</p>	207AB
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 10A</p> <p>Faiths committed to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness</p> <p>America’s journey toward mutual respect for different faiths, races and ethnicities has been a joint struggle of the faithful. People of different faiths will have to struggle to guarantee peace and security for all, freedom to practice our faiths freely, and to develop our communities and institutions. Interfaith alliances have the potential to mobilize our</p>	HALL D

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	<p>nation towards constructive ways to achieve the common good.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Bob Edgar, Marc Schneier, David Beckmann</p> <p>MODERATOR: Sayyid Syeed</p>	
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 10B</p> <p>Confronting the De-Islamization of Southeast Asia</p> <p>For a whole host of reasons Muslims living in South Asia are faced with a strong anti-Islamic cultural onslaught. This session will include presentation on overviews of (a) De-Islamization of Muslim minorities in Eastern India and of Muslim majorities in Bangladesh; (b) Confronting De-Islamization through socio-economic charitable work and empowerment via science and education.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Mansur Ahmad, Mirza Abu Jafar Beg, Mohammad A. Karim, Muhammad Shafiq</p> <p>MODERATOR: Abu Bakar Ahmed</p>	103AB
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 10C</p> <p>Smart Power: How the Arts can Advance Transformation</p> <p>This session will share experience and knowledge about the transformative power of the arts to bridge the divide, mitigate the 'other' and bring Muslim and mainstream American communities and peoples closer together through respect and deeper understanding using the connectivity of artistic programs.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Zeyba Rahman, Leslie Hewitt, Nsenga Knight, Sami Angawi</p> <p>MODERATOR: Saquiba Ahmed</p>	140A
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 10D</p> <p>Getting Results: Legislative Advocacy</p> <p>For the past two decades, American Muslims have been trying to establish credibility and relationships with legislators at all political levels. The panelists, proven experts in the field of legislative advocacy, will share their perspectives on the failures of the Muslim community's attempts in the past, and provide strategies for improving the efficacy of legislative advocacy.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Suhail Khan, Jamil Alim-Johnson, Corey Saylor</p> <p>MODERATOR: Rheema Dodin</p>	140B
11:30 – 12:45 PM	<p>SESSION 10E</p> <p>Today's Muslim Athletes: Successes and Challenges</p> <p>Prominent Muslim athletes and former NBA players will talk about promoting spiritual awareness and physical excellence through athletic competition. The impact Hakeem Olajuwon left with NBA as an athlete sets a model for Muslim athletes in America and Worldwide. The session will also educate about the challenges our Muslim female athletes face from high school to college and NCAA level.</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Gibail Wilson, Verinique Cooper, Tajudeen Olajuwon</p> <p>MODERATOR: Rashid Abdul-Salaam</p>	145AB

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11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 10F Answering Difficult and Frequently Asked Questions about Islam and Muslims Muslims today are bombarded with stereotypes and misconceptions about Islam which often puts them in a position to not address or clarify. This session provides answers to contemporary frequently asked questions, as well as general tips for responding to questions. SPEAKERS: Zaid Shakir, Salam Al-Marayati, Ameena Jandali MODERATOR: Maha ElGenaidi	146ABC
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 10G Blogistan: Muslim Americans on the Web In the last several years, Muslim-Americans have become more active on various on-line fora. They have built up following amongst Muslims and non-Muslims, and are resources for education about Islam and Muslims. This panel will discuss a variety of Muslim-American presence on the web to impact conversations not only within, but also about the Muslim community. SPEAKERS: Haroon Moghul, Wajahat Ali, Fatemeh Fakhraie, Hussein Rashid MODERATOR: Shahed Amanullah	147AB
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 10H A Guide to Investing and Personal Finance in the Current Fiscal Environment This session will talk about the current economic and financial situation in the U.S. and how Muslims can navigate through it from an Islamic perspective. Audience will learn how we got here, what the current situation is, and how to position oneself for the future. SPEAKERS: Monem A. Salam, Rehan Dawar MODERATOR: Owaiz Dadabhoy	149B
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 10 I The Evolving Mosque: Trends and Prospects It is important to create awareness of the changing character and role of the Mosque in 21st Century America, and to engage Muslim community leaders in achieving congruence between that and the needs and expectations of the Muslim community as well as the American society at large. SPEAKERS: Zahid Bukhari, Sulayman Nyang, Iqbal Unus MODERATOR: Ihsan Bagby	152B
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 10J Short Presentations Session II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xenophobia in the 21st Century: The Impact of Local Anti-Immigrant Initiatives on the Muslim Community — Amjel Quereshi; • Learning from the Struggles of Those before Us: Building Effective Coalitions to Empower Muslims in America Today — Aziza Hasan; • Babul-Ilm: A Web Resource for Weekend Islamic Schools — Mohammed T. Taher; 	154AB

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons on a Community-Based Microcredit Program for Muslim Filipinos in Metro Manila — Nasreen Mustafa; • Prescription for Living with Autism — Sabeeha Rehman • Unity Walk: A Unique Interfaith Community Event — Hazami Barmada MODERATOR: Safaa Zarzour	
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 10K Meet the Author — Session IV Dimensions of Peace Meet the Author sessions present a platform to learn, share ideas and provide literary contributions to the community. Participants have the opportunity to meet with authors who have contributed to Islam and Muslims in America and around the world. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Journey Through Ten Thousand Veils: The Alchemy of Transformation on the Sufi Path</i> by Maryam Kabeer-Faye • <i>American Muslim Women: Negotiating Race, Class and Gender within the Ummah</i> by Jamillah Karim • <i>Tragedy in South Lebanon: The Israeli-Hezbollah War of 2006</i> by Cathy Sultan • <i>Jews for Salaam</i> by Warith-Deen Umar DISCUSSANT: Asra Ali	156
<div style="border: 2px dashed #00AEEF; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #FFF9C4;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Electronic Funds Transfer — A good deed done regularly!</i></p> <p>You can make a significant impact on the quality of ISNA's services by contributing through EFT. As little as \$10.00 per month will help ISNA to serve the Muslim American community through effective communication to media organizations, government and civic agencies on behalf of all Muslim Americans.</p> <p>Sign up today to donate through EFT.</p> </div>		
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 10L Turkish Symposium IV Strategies for Enhancement of Inner Strength of the Muslim Youth in the USA This panel will present fundamental, yet basic, guidelines for youth to enrich and strengthen their spiritual standing against the adversarial currents taking place within their larger society. SPEAKERS: Yusuf Ziya Kavakçi, Erdogan Gürmen, Kasim Kopuz, Mehmed Demiroglu MODERATOR: Tuncay Bayrak	206
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 10M Youth Debate Watch Washington DC Metro Area's middle and high schoolers display their oratory and reasoning skills in the form of a debate. Organized by Mafiq Foundation, this debate is a sample of what takes place each year at the Muslim Youth Debate Tournament in which over 20 teams participate from about a dozen local Islamic centers and schools. SPEAKERS: Selected Youth MODERATOR: Faiza Alwi	207AB

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1:00 – 2:30 PM	ZUHR PRAYER & LUNCH	HALL A
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11A Women in the Public Square: Reclaiming our Heritage This panel of accomplished Muslim women in their respective fields will showcase the enormous wealth of talent and skill that resides in our community, and the skills these Muslim women experts employ in addressing and breaking down stereotypes both within our community as well as the general society while standing firmly within our Islamic tradition. SPEAKERS: Salma Abugideiri, Maha AlGenaidi, Zarqa Nawaz, Asma Mirza, Jamillah Karim MODERATOR: Aisha Al-Adawiya	HALL D
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11B Issues of Marriage and Divorce Between Islamic Shari’ah and American Civil Law: Commonalities and Differences Many Muslim Americans are confused about the validity or non-validity of marriages and divorces through America’s civil courts. The sources of these confusions lie in varying and, at time contradictory, Fatwas issued by different Imams/jurists regarding these matters. In this session the Fiqh Council of North America will provide guidelines regarding these issues. SPEAKERS: Muzammil Siddiqi, Mohammad Nur Abdullah, Zainab Alwani, Yusuf Ziya Kavakci MODERATOR: Zulfiqar Ali Shah	103AB
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11C Your Endowment in the Troubled Economy Does the current economic climate have you re-thinking the gifting of an endowment? Is the market uncertainty causing you to find other ways to give charitable gifts? During this session industry experts will discuss the viability and potential for endowments in the current marketplace and offer advice for those interested in financing an endowment. SPEAKERS: M. Yaqub Mirza, Salman Azam, Monem Salam MODERATOR: Farooq Selod	140A
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11D Refugees: Fleeing to Reclaim the Right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit Happiness This session aims to engage the audience in a crucial discussion on the issue of refugee integration as refugees from Iraq and other countries arrive in the United States, after suffering persecution, encampment, and deprivation. It seeks to invite the ISNA community to help in refugees’ economic and psychosocial integration in the U.S. mainstream. SPEAKERS: Sarah Cady, Tabassum Siraj, Yasir Al Mahdawi MODERATOR: Serban Popescu	140B

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3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11E Muslim-Jewish Dialogue: Building a Peaceful Society Here and Abroad In 2008 the Muslim-Jewish Dialogue was put to a serious test. We will discuss how we were able to utilize our good will and understanding to move forward in bringing the two communities closer. In this session, panelists will discuss the challenges and the potential for building confidence and good will between the two communities. SPEAKERS: Burton Visotsky, Jack Moline, Gerry Serotta MODERATOR: Sayyid Syeed	145AB
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11F Trials of the Messengers When facing our own personal tribulation, we often lose sight of the immense challenges and trials faced by the Messengers who provided us with the divine message. In looking at their own personal example in facing these trials, we can derive inspiration and guidance when meeting the challenges posed to us in our own lives. SPEAKERS: Mokhtar Maghraoui, Muhammad Ninowy, Moutasem Atiya MODERATOR: Mohammed Saleem	146ABC
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11G The Kashmir Issue: Centrality of Kashmiris' Rights While the international community upholds a position of principle with relation to the status of Kashmir, little has been done and the urgency of settling the dispute is getting scant multilateral recognition. The panelists will explore various possibilities to set a stage for the settlement of the Kashmir dispute. SPEAKERS: Ola Lanke, Riaz Khokher, Nazir Ahmed, Ghulam Nabi Mir MODERATOR: Ghulam Nabi Fai	147AB
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11H The Pursuit of Peace: Theory and Practice of Muslim Non-Violence Over the past few years, Muslims in America have been confronted with myriad political and social questions that directly touch upon issues of participation, involvement and peaceful coexistence in broader American Society. This panel will argue, from an Islamic perspective, for the need for Muslims to engage in interfaith projects and movement that strive to implement peace and justice in the American Society. SPEAKERS: Rabia Terri Harris, Sadida Athallah, Achmat Salie, Samina F Sundas MODERATOR: Mas'ood Cajee	149AB
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11I Identifying Opportunities for Youth Leadership: How Muslim American Youth can Get Involved We are all looking for programs to help our youth develop and grow with a strong sense of their identity as Muslims and as Americans. This session will introduce three models that can be implemented in your community. Organizations presented are: Muslim	154AB

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	Interscholastic Tournament (MIST), the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Muslim Youth of North America (MYNA). SPEAKERS: Abdul Rashid Abdullah, Shazia Siddiqi, Rayyan Najeeb MODERATOR: Sumrah Iqbal	
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11J Meet the Author — Session V Islamic Reflections Meet the Author sessions present a platform to learn, share ideas and provide literary contributions to the community. Participants have the opportunity to meet with authors who have contributed to Islam and Muslims in America and around the world. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Qur'anic Narrative: The Journey of Life as Told in the Qur'an</i> by Louay Safi • <i>Treatise for the Seekers of Guidance</i> by Zaid Shakir • <i>Methodology of Islamic Research</i> by Yusuf Z. Kavakci DISCUSSANT: Suhaib Sultan	156
3:00 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 11K Developing Effective Messaging in North America: The Gaza Crisis This session aims to share the most effective communications methods for engaging the American public with the Palestine issue. American Muslims for Palestine media and communication department will share the most effective tools and provide training for the community in dealing with the most difficult issue confronting the world at present. SPEAKERS: Hatem Bazian, Ashraf Nubani, Jess Ghannam, Kristin Szremski MODERATOR: Munjed Ahmad	207AB
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5:00 – 7:00 PM	SESSION 12A MSA Program New Beginnings: Mobilizing and Motivating a Generation As Muslims in a tumultuous age, we must develop the methods and tools necessary to improve our community's condition. How can we utilize our various individual strengths and approaches to jointly propel our community into a brighter era? What can we do today to energize and mobilize ourselves? How do we get ourselves moving? What are ways that we can ensure the continuity of our actions? SPEAKERS: Hamza Yusuf, Zaid Shakir, Siraj Wahhaj MODERATOR: Asma Mirza	HALL D
7:30 – 8:30 PM	ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM	
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