

MAI-ISNA Midwest Regional Conference Indianapolis, IN – Oct 17-18, 2008

Islam: A Call for Social Justice

Friday, Oct 17	Conference Registration begins at 10:30 AM			Sagamore Foyer
Time	Session & Topic	Speakers	Moderator	Room
12:00- 1:30 PM	Interfaith Luncheon (by invitation) The Role of Faith in Social justice	Rabbi Aaron Spiegel Dr Richard Gunderman Dr Muneer Fareed	Aisha Zafar	Sagamore 7
1:45-2:45 PM	Jumma Prayer	Imam Zaid Shakir		Sagamore 4
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Plenary Session 1 Opening Session: This session will introduce attendees to the conference as well as to the Muslim organizations working to establish social justice and peace through education and outreach programs at the local and national level.	Muneer Fareed, Gohar Salam, MSA, MYNA Reps	Ibad Ansari	Sagamore 5
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Asr Prayer			Sagamore 4
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Plenary Session 2A Meet Your Indiana Republican Candidate	<i>Candidate for Governor:</i> Governor Mitch Daniels <i>Candidate for Attorney General:</i> Greg Zoeller <i>Candidate for Superintendent of Education:</i> Dr Tony Bennett <i>Congressional Candidate:</i> Gabrielle Campo	Azher Khan	Sagamore 5
	MSA & MYNA Parallel Session 2B Youth Involvement Balancing Between Their Religion and Community: We always hear that our youth are too involved in one region of their lives and not the other. That they may be too focused on an aspect while still lacking in another. How can we convince our youth to get involved both in their community, that of their fellow Muslims and Non-Muslim community, and also to keep up their Deen?	Zaid Shakir, and Mohamed Magid	Saif Omar	Sagamore 1
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Dinner & Maghrib Prayer			Sagamore 4
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Plenary Session 3A Meet Your Indiana Democratic Candidate	<i>Candidate for Governor:</i> Jill Long Thompson	Sara Khan	Sagamore 5

		<i>Candidate for Attorney General:</i> Linda Pence <i>Candidate for Superintendent of Education:</i> Dr Richard Wood <i>Congress:</i> Nels Ackerson		
	Parallel Session 3B The Making of Compassionate Leadership This workshop introduces the concept of compassionate leadership and examines its essential components: character, competence, and compassion. The discussion draws on the example of Prophet Muhammad (S) and Qur'anic teaching to outline the qualities of compassionate leaders, and outline a strategy to develop those qualities. The workshop includes hands on exercises intended to help participants assess their current leadership capacity and develop a strategy to building future capacity.	Louay Safi	Mary Ann Fadae	Sagamore 6
	MSA/MYNA Parallel Session 3C Searching Within: The Ultimate Journey Within We see the creation of the all mighty around us, but do we see him the same way? Islam is not merely a checklist of dos and don'ts with paradise and hell on the line, but a personal search within our hearts. Together let us map the steps we must take to understand, embark on, and master this ultimate journey.	Habeeb Qadri and Zaid Shakir	Umar Khattab	Sagamore 2
9:00 – 9:30 PM	Isha Prayer			Sagamore 4
9:30-10:30 PM	Plenary Session 4A Islam: A Call for Social Justice Social justice is a key element of the Islamic faith. Speakers will discuss religious, spiritual and practical aspects of social justice in Islam.	Altaf Husain, Muneer Fareed, Zaid Shakir	Hamed Omar	Sagamore 5
11:00-12:00 PM	Special Session with Youth Youth have special spiritual, religious and community needs. This session is open to only youth who are interested in exploring these issues in a comfortable setting amongst peers.	Altaf Husain, Habeeb Quadri		Sagamore 1
	Saturday, October 18, 2008			
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Plenary Session 5A Reform from within Serving the Community: From Theory to Practice Community service is oftentimes overlooked as a “volunteer” activity, instead a core central doctrine of the	Imam Faris, Muneer Fareed, Mohamed Magid	Salah ElSaharty	Sagamore 5

	<p>Islamic message, as understood by our beloved Prophet (sall Allahu alayhi wasallam) and his followers. In the spirit of serving the community, this session will explore the ways in which the Muslim organizations (masajid, schools, political and civic organizations, etc.) can put together programs and resources for empowerment of the community at local, regional and national level in light of the examples set forth by our beloved Prophet SAW.</p>			
	<p>Parallel Session 5B Islamic Schools: Achieving excellence, Sustaining progress Educators are called upon to guide, and mentor the students to academic success but Muslim educators have the added responsibility of ensuring that our schools also imbue our students with the identity, the morals and the values that Islam espouses. Session will focus on such pedagogical theories and practical applications to promote these objectives.</p>	<p>Wafa Safi-Hassan , Habeeb Quadri, Safaa Zarzour</p>	<p>Asif Ansari</p>	<p>Sagamore 6</p>
<p>11:15 – 12:15 PM</p>	<p>Plenary Session 6A Strengthening America: The Civic and Political Integration of Muslim Americans The goal of this session is to define civic engagement, and to explain its importance in a post 9/11 environment. Speakers will explain the many ways American Muslims can participate in civic life and will highlight the benefits of such participation. Chief among these are positive contributions not only to our own communities, but to the larger American society in which we live and of which we are an integral part.</p>	<p>AbdulKader Sinno, David Shaheed, Ann DeLaney, Mike McDaniels</p>	<p>Safaa Zarzour</p>	<p>Sagamore 5</p>
	<p>MSA Parallel Session 6B Getting Involved, Being Heard Muslim youth have shown the capacity for mobilization and activism. Yet that potential has yet to appreciate and act on the concerns of global development. In taking a role of accountability and responsibility for their brothers and sisters abroad, North American Muslim youth can realistically make a positive impact on countless lives all over. One opportunity is the creation of a volunteer network that will allow Muslim youth to travel abroad as ambassadors and interact with communities at a grassroots level Learn how the current stigma has led to the passing of an un-patriotic PATRIOT Act. It is our duty as citizens of humanity, and upholders of justice to ensure our voice is heard within the halls of Congress & Senate. As students it is imperative that we understand how to formulate the voice and project it such a way that it results in positive changes.</p>	<p>Habeeb Qadri</p>	<p>Ahmed Eltayeb</p>	<p>Sagamore 2</p>
	<p>MYNA Parallel Session 6C Open Forum Discussion: Youth Involvement We know that today it is sometimes difficult for our youth to get involved without their parents interfering. And in some communities we see that the parents might be too involved. What is the best way that they can work together</p>	<p>Iyad Alnachef</p>	<p>Rahaf Safi</p>	<p>Sagamore 1</p>

	for the optimum results of their combined efforts?			
12:15 – 1:00 PM	Lunch			
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Tribute to late Imam W. D. Mohammad	Khadijah Sideeq Muneer Fareed, Judge David Shaheed,	Mikaal Saahir	
2:00 PM	Zuhr prayer			Sagamore 4
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Plenary Session 7A Implementing Salam: Following the Prophetic Model Description: The life history of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is rich with examples of the perfection of character in all that he did. The followers of the Prophet are commanded by Allah to seek his example in order to strive to be among the most excellent in character, nature, and person. How can we use the life of the Prophet (pbuh) as well as the actions of his companions as examples for ourselves in this day and age to portray the true message of peace that Islam presents? "Ye have indeed in the Messenger of Allah a beautiful pattern (of conduct) for any one whose hope is in Allah and the Final Day, and who engages much in the Praise of Allah." (33:21)	Muneer Fareed, Imam Mongy, Mohamed Magid	Buland Ashraf	Sagamore 5
	Parallel Session 7B Preparing for Real Life: Greater Objective of an Islamic School 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 schools sprang up across the country to educate upcoming generations of Muslims in America and to prepare them to grapple with the challenges they face in the real life.	Wafa Safi-Hassan , Habeeb Quadri, Safaa Zarzour	Rafia Zakaria	Sagamore 6
	MSA Parallel Session 7C Politics 101 What does it mean to be Republican? Democrat? Do you know what GOP stands for? With one of the most historical presidential elections coming up, it is important to understand the basics when it comes to politics in order to make an informed decision on who to vote for. This session will inform students of the basics of politics and government in order to vote as educated individuals on November 4 th .	Chris Wordon Jeff Fites, Shejea Khan	Razi Nalim	Sagamore 2
	MYNA Parallel Session 7D Open Spaces It's time for YOU and it's YOUR SAY. This session is about bringing your secrets and problems to share with other about any matter you are facing. It' informal and	YOU!	Rodwan Saleh and Iyad Alnachef	Sagamore 1

	allows you to speak your mind in front of fellow peers and not worry about who is listening.			
3:30 – 5:00 PM	<p>Plenary Session 8A Toward Tolerance: Embracing Diversity, Strengthening the Ummah</p> <p>Diversity of thought and practice are strengths of our community. Islam is a religion committed to pluralism, tolerance, and diversity of views. We must move beyond the ethnic, cultural, and ideological barriers preventing our American Muslim community from a brighter tomorrow. How can we, as Muslims, help our community find middle ground by embracing our diverse backgrounds?</p> <p><i>"O mankind! Reverence your Guardian-Lord, who created you from a single person, created, of like nature, His mate, and from them twain scattered (like seeds) countless men and women; - reverence Allah, through whom ye demand your mutual (rights), and (reverence) the wombs (That bore you): for Allah ever watches over you." (4:1)</i></p>	Mikaal Saahir, Safaa Zarzour, Imam Mongy	Ahmed Saltagi	Sagamore 5
	<p>Parallel Session 8B Strategic Planning and Implementation</p> <p>Planning is crucial not for using the human and financial resources efficiently and effectively, but developing community culture and building its capacity. The session introduces essential elements of planning and implementation.</p>	Iman Faris	Zubair Khan	Sagamore 6
	<p>MSA & MYNA Parallel Session 8C Youth Leadership: Getting Active in Your Community:</p> <p>In the time of the Prophet (s) we have heard of youth leading armies in their teen years along with many other examples. Although this may not be possible now, in this culture and society. Our youth today have the means and ability to do bigger and better things. How can they get started in their local and regional communities? How can they keep this going in a consistent manner?</p>	Muneer Fareed, Mohamed Magid	Minhaj Khaja	Sagamore 2
5:00 – 5:15 PM	Asr Prayer			Sagamore 4
5:15 - 6:45 PM	<p>Plenary Session 9A Prophet Muhammad (SAW): Mercy to Mankind</p> <p>Description: The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is described in the Quran as "A mercy to the worlds". How does that mercy translate into our daily lives?</p>	Usama Saad, Mohamed Magid, Imam Mongy	Wayel Azmeh	Sagamore 5
	<p>MSA & MYNA Parallel Session 9B The Epitome of Islam: Building Civilization through Morality</p> <p>Our beloved, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him said that faith is composed of seventy odd branches, and one of those is haya. Modesty and humbleness, shyness and</p>	Habeeb Qadri Rodwan Saleh	Ali Khan	Sagamore 1

	bashfulness are all traits that constitute haya. As an integral part of faith, Muslim students must understand and actualize haya within and around themselves as we strive for success on the path to the Almighty			
7:00 - 7:15 PM	Maghrib Prayer			Sagamore 4
7:15 - 9:00 PM	Banquet Dinner (Entry by ticket) Institutionalizing Islam's Call for Social Justice	Congressman Andre Carson, Muneer Fareed	Azher Khan	Sagamore 7
9:00 – 9:15 PM	Isha Prayer			Sagamore 4
9:15-10:15 PM	Entertainment Program			Sagamore 5
9:15 – 11:00 PM	Mushaira with Bazm-e-Adab			
10:15 – 11:30 PM	Movie Premiere: <i>Allah Made Me Funny</i>	-----		

Sunday, October 19, 2008

9:00 - 12:15 PM MYNA/MSA Networking session

FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday, October 17 – Saturday, October 18, 2008, Room 201

Friday:

5:00-6:00 PM

One Nation Many Voices: Muslims in America

A Prince Among Slaves

(during 'meet your republican candidate)

8:15-9:30 PM

One Nation Many Voices: I wanna live in a land called paradise

On a Wing and prayer

(during 'meet your democratic candidate)

Saturday:

10:10-11:15 AM

ONMV: Tahani

Talking through Walls

(during "reform from within")

2:15-3:45 PM

Where in the World is Osama Bin Laden

(during 'implementing salaam)

3:45 – 5:15 PM

ONMV: Muslims for peace

Cities of Light

5:15-6:45 PM

Front runner

(during lessons from Prophet Muhammad (saw))

9:15-10:30 PM

Allah Made me Funny premiere

NETWORKING SESSION'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 18, 2008

11am - noon

IT professionals and Engineers Networking Session

5:15 - 6:15 PM

Physicians and Dentists Networking Session

6:15 - 7:15 PM

Lawyers and Law Student Networking Session