

ISNA Entertainment Sessions

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Muslim artists share their faith and passion of Islam through poems, prose, lyrics, comedy, and more

**Main Entertainment Session on
Sunday at 6:00 – 7:30 pm in Hall A**

Friday: 10:00 pm – 11:30 pm Hyatt Grand Ballroom
(Nasheed, spoken form poetry, comedy)

Saturday: 2:00 – 6:00 pm
(Film Festival – documentary, movie, Nasheed videos)

Saturday: 6:00 – 7:30 pm (Hip-hop)

Saturday: 10:30 – midnight Main Conference Hall
(Nasheed, spoken form poetry, comedy, live play)

2005 Convention Recap Session

Missed some sessions? Forgot some topics?

Attend the convention recap session for a summary. Articulate Muslim professionals will offer a synopsis of core concepts and essential “take away” actions from key convention speeches and sessions. These presentations will enlighten the many convention attendees, leaders, guests, volunteers, speakers, and vendors who were unable to attend convention sessions.

10:00 AM on Monday, September 5, in Hall A

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Friday, September 2, 2005

Registration begins at 11:00 AM in the Convention Center main lobby.

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Jumma Prayer	Hall A (back end)
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Inaugural Session Presidents: <i>Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) — Muhammad Nur Abdullah</i> <i>Association of Muslim Scientists and Engineers (AMSE) — Khurshid A. Qureshi</i> <i>Association of American Muslim Scientists (AMSS) — Rafik Beekun</i> <i>Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA) — Rehana Kauser</i> <i>Muslim Students Association National (MSA) — Mohamed Sheibani</i> Chairs: <i>Muslim Youth of North America (MYNA) — Omar Siddiqi</i> <i>Convention Program — Ingrid Mattson</i> <i>Convention — Abdul Wahab</i> <i>Steering Committee — Kareem M. Irfan</i> <i>The Mosque Cares: Imam Warith Deen Mohammed</i> <i>National Council of Churches — Bob Edgar, Secretary General</i> <i>Presbyterian Church — Rick Ufford Chase</i> and other guests and dignitaries	
5:00 – 6:30 pm	SESSION 1A: Quest for Excellence: An Islamic Imperative Allah has ordained excellence (ihsan) in everything a Muslim does. If excellence can only be attained through patience, exertion and a clear purpose, what is the spiritual significance of mediocrity? What about our institutions and organizations — how are they lacking and how can they be improved so they meet the sacred duty of excellence? Speakers: <i>Jamal Badawi, Muzammil Siddiqi</i> Moderator: <i>Ameena Jandali</i>	Hall A
6:00 – 8:30 pm	8th Annual ISNA Interfaith Unity Banquet <i>(This banquet is by invitation only)</i> The Interfaith Unity Banquet brings together leaders of organizations and institutions that are working in alliance with ISNA and the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) on issues of mutual concern. Speakers: <i>Rev. Dr. Bob Edgar, Rev. Mr. Rick Ufford Chase,</i> <i>Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed</i>	Hyatt Ballroom

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8:30 – 10:15 pm	<p>SESSION 2A:</p> <p>Qur'an — Foundation for the Road Ahead</p> <p>The Qur'an provides both universal principles and keys to solving particular problems. From seventh-century Arabia to twenty-first century America, Muslims have found answers to their questions in the eternal speech of God. How do we understand this miracle of the Qur'an? What are some of the main misunderstandings about the Qur'an? What is the best way for North American Muslims to derive guidance from the Qur'an for their lives?</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Muhammad Nur Abdullah, Zainab Alwani, Mokhtar Maghraoui</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>S. Imtiaz Ahmad</i></p>	Hall A

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Registration begins at 8 am in the Convention Center main lobby.

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 3A: Pluralism — Providential or Problematic From the time the Prophet Muhammad founded the Medinan community until today, Muslims have lived in societies characterized by diversity. At times, diversity leads to division and strife; at other times it stimulates personal and societal growth. Diversity is manifest in many aspects of life, and sometimes it is difficult to discern when it should be embraced and when it should be rejected as a deviation from a divine norm. What is the relationship, if any, between political pluralism and religious tolerance? How can the North American Muslim community manage its own diversity without falling into schism and sectarianism? <i>Speakers: Feisal Abdul Rauf, Hina Azam</i> <i>Moderator: Azhar Azeez</i>	Hall A
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 3B: The Muslim Family in North America: Spousal Relations This session will explore the challenges facing Muslim spouses in North America. It will demonstrate the sources of these challenges, their effects on the family, and offer Islamic practical solutions for each challenge. <i>Speakers: Ekram Beshir, M. Rida Beshir</i> <i>Moderator: Azam Nizamuddin</i>	3, 4, 11, 12
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 3C: Countering Islamophobia and Defamation in America Certain right-wing pundits and policy-makers continue to make a living from defaming Islam. False statements are made both in broadcast and print media that can be challenged legally. The law of defamation can be effectively used to counter these false statements. This session will chronicle the rise of anti-Muslim rhetoric in media and politics, introduce the law of defamation and media, and suggest ways in which American Muslims and their organizations can use these tools to counter Islamophobia in a proactive manner. <i>Speakers: Arsalan Iftikhar, Corey Saylor</i> <i>Moderator: Yaser Tabbara</i>	7, 8
9:00 – 10:30	SESSION 3D:	23

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	<p>The Role of Imams in Community Leadership and Development This panel looks into the various roles played by imams in Muslim communities, and identifies various models of imam's preparedness and needs to handle community issues and help develop the community. Speakers: <i>Zoubir Bouchikhi, A. Rashied Omar, Yusuf Zia Kavacki, Yahya Hendi</i> Moderator: <i>Muhammad Nur Abdullah</i></p>	
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 3E:	32
	<p>Endowment: The Road to Financial Stability This session will address the importance of endowment funds and their significance to the long term financial stability of endowments in the North American context and deal with relevant Fiqh issues. It will also discuss the third priority of the ISNA strategic plan — establishing a sound financial base for ISNA. Speakers: <i>Yaqub Mirza, La Dale George</i> Moderator: <i>Farooq Selod</i></p>	
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 3F:	33
	<p>Community Programs: Building Interfaith Understanding</p> <p>Building Bridges to Islam: The Eldershostellers' Experience at the Islamic Center of Long Island Speaker: <i>Faroque Khan</i></p> <p>Dealing with Controversial Issues — Interfaith in Nashville Speaker: <i>Jawaid Ahsan</i></p> <p>Interfaith Dialogue and Peace Making — Interfaith in Cleveland Speakers: <i>Henry Bruner and Humayun Arif</i></p> <p>Muslims and Amnesty International Speaker: <i>Sadida Athaullah</i></p> <p>The Quran and the US Constitution Speaker: <i>Iftekhar Hai</i> Moderator: <i>Faroque Khan</i></p>	

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10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4A: Between Home and the Mosque – Muslims and Culture Many Muslims are confused about the role that culture should play in their lives. What is the relationship between religion and culture? What are the standards for determining which diverse cultural practices are acceptable and enriching and which practices are to be rejected? Should imagination and creativity be subject to Islamic norms of propriety? <i>Speakers: Abd al-Haqq Alan Godlas, Umar Faruq Abd-Allah</i> <i>Moderator: Amina Peterson</i>	Hall A
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4B: The Fight for Legal Justice for Victims of Genocide: A Look at Gujarat This session will provide first-hand information about the challenges of fighting for justice in a case of state-sponsored genocide. Speakers will share lessons learned and successes achieved. <i>Speakers: Fazlur Raheem Mujaddidi, Salman Al-Husaini Al-Nadwi, Smita Narula</i> <i>Moderator: Manzoor Ghori</i>	1, 2, 13, 14
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4C: Islam, Activism, and Social Justice: Solidarity with the Mustadifin The primary goal of this session is to educate Muslims about the role Islam should play in their lives with regard to social justice activities. Particular points that this session will attempt to convey include: what are the groups and sections of society about whom Muslims should be most concerned (the Mustadifin, or the marginalized or exploited), such as the poor, minorities, women, etc., what would be a just and ethical Islamic position on the issue of labor and workers' rights and relationships vis-à-vis their employers, and how Muslims can build alliances with other groups and organizations striving for social justice in American society. The session will attempt to sketch a framework for positive action by Muslims for the creation of a more just and ethical American society. <i>Speakers: Ingrid Mattson, Sulayman Nyang, Farid Esack</i> <i>Moderator: Mumtaz Ahmad</i>	3, 4, 11, 12

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10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4D: Muslims for Domestic Harmony — Helping Victims of Domestic Abuse Participants will learn about some of the myths associated with domestic abuse and some of the challenges that lead women to stay in these situations. They will also learn about ways to prevent domestic abuse early before it leads to damaging effects on the spouses and children. <i>Speakers: Bonita McGee, Mohamed Magid Ali</i> <i>Moderator: Mohamad Rajabally</i>	5, 6, 9, 10
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4E: Priorities and Directions of American Muslims for the Next 10 Years Goals and agenda for the community, including politics and bridge-building. <i>Speakers: Nihad Awad, Parvez Ahmed, Louay Safi</i> <i>Moderator: Shakeel Syed</i>	7, 8
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4F: The Muslim Family in North America: Parent/Child Relations This session will explore the challenges facing Muslim families in North America. It will demonstrate the sources of these challenges, its effects on the family, and offer Islamic practical solutions for each challenge. The session will help families understand the dilemma of parents and present guidelines from the Quran and Sunnah to create a framework of the purpose for Muslim parenthood and explain why parenthood is a trial. <i>Speakers: Ekram Beshir, M. Rida Beshir, Zainab Alwani</i> <i>Moderator: Taslima Khaled</i>	21
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4G: Voices in the American Muslim Discourse This panel will set forth the history and evolution of a Muslim discourse in the US. In particular, the foundational history shall be discussed, including an examination of the key scholars, intellectuals and activists who contributed to this discourse. In addition, certain segments of the American Muslim community shall be discussed through the lens of their specific contribution to the overall dialogue; these will include indigenous and immigrant Muslims and Muslim	22

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	American women. The primary objective of this panel is to demonstrate the diversity and pluralism that existed in the American Muslim community. Speakers: <i>Saeed Khan, Hank Chase, Maliba Chishti, Rafik Beekun</i> Moderator: <i>Louay Safi</i>	
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4H: Good Governance and Conflict Prevention in Islamic Centers Islamic centers are the heart of the Muslim community, yet poor governance and conflict often prevent our communities from reaching their full potential. This session will focus on the issues that need to be addressed to help our communities move forward: What constitutes good governance in the Islamic center? How should the governing body conduct itself to provide effective leadership while maintaining a friendly atmosphere and lessen the conflicts within the community? How important is communication for the Islamic center? How can the Islamic center improve communication among its leaders and members? Speakers: <i>Rizwan Jaka, Gulam Bakali, Patricia Anton</i> Moderator: <i>Mujeeb Cheema</i>	23
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4I: Muslims and Public Policy The Institute of Social Policy and Understanding will provide insight into the world of think tanks and public policy institutions. It will also provide information on how the Muslim community can be more effective in influencing both domestic and foreign policy. Speakers: <i>Muqtedar Khan, Saeed Khan, Salam Al-Marayati, Jumana Vasi</i> Moderator: <i>Farid Senzai</i>	24
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4J: Muslims, Shape Up! As the rate of obesity rises in America, Muslims are not immune. The purpose of this workshop is to provide Muslims with some basic knowledge to emphasize the importance of and demonstrate the ease and practicality of a healthy lifestyle. Speakers: <i>Heba Abbasi, Areej Abbasi, M. Ataf Kaiseruddin</i> Moderator: <i>Rashed Nizam</i>	34

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10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4K: Islamic Perspective on Counseling Our communities face an enormous challenge providing relevant and competent counseling to all those who need this service. This session is an opportunity to hear from counseling practitioners who have sought to bring together counseling techniques. Speakers: <i>Aneesah Nader, Abdul Basit</i> Moderator: <i>Khadija Haffajee</i>	31
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4L: (iTAG) Career Opportunities in Technology Learn more about the latest trends and opportunities in the ever-changing world of IT (infrastructure and security, Linux and open source, software development and outsourcing, wireless networking and IP telephony). Learn about the importance of professional networking within the Muslim community, along with the impact of certifications and training in your career path. Speakers: <i>Farhan Shah, Ashfaq Khokhar, Asker Ahmed</i> Moderator: <i>Ashfaq Lodhi</i>	32
10:45 – 12:00 pm	SESSION 4M: (AMSE) Improving the Quality of Higher Education in Developing Countries Education plays a key role for all progress made by mankind in science, engineering, and technology. The ever-growing disparity between the quality of higher education in the developed and developing countries is a serious concern. This panel will focus on the possible ways to enhance the opportunities and improve the quality of higher education in developing countries such as Bangladesh. Speakers: <i>Mohammad A. Karim, M.H. Rashid, G. Atkinson</i> Moderator: <i>Mohammad Alam</i>	33
12:15 – 2:30 pm	Community Service Recognition Luncheon The <i>Mahboob Khan Community Service Award</i> will be presented to a prominent community leader for his/her outstanding service to the Muslim community in	Hyatt (Admission by Ticket)

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	North America. Check at the ISNA booth in the bazaar for tickets. Tickets are \$150, if seats are still available. Keynote Speaker: <i>Anwar Ibrahim</i>	
2:45 – 4:00 pm	SESSION 5A: The Greater Good: Social Justice in Islam Islam teaches that not only individuals, but also societies will be judged for their deeds. Muslims know that they are responsible for helping to build a just social order, but sometimes the problems seem so overwhelming, it is difficult to know where to start. Unjust labor practices, unfair education policies, and the inhumane treatment of institutionalized populations are only a few of the problems that require our attention. How do we prioritize the many needs society faces? How can Muslims engage with other groups to better address these problems? What are some of the projects that can serve as examples for other communities? Get effective strategies from these seasoned religious leaders and activists. Speakers: <i>Reverend Calvin O. Butts, A. Rashied Omar</i> Moderator: <i>Faroque Khan</i>	Hall A
2:45 – 4:00 pm	SESSION 5B: Answering Difficult, Frequently Asked Questions About Islam This workshop will provide answers to contemporary and frequently asked questions about Islam. It will provide answers to FAQs, as well as approaches and tips for answering contemporary questions from Americans of other faiths. Speakers: <i>Jamal Badarwi, Ameena Jandali, Maher Hathout</i> Moderator: <i>Maha ElGenaidi</i>	1, 2, 13, 14
2:45 – 4:00 pm	SESSION 5C: Responding to the Patriot Act and Other Post-9/11 Policies: Next Steps for Organizing the Muslim-American Community After September 11, 2001, the federal government enacted the sweeping counterterrorism law know as the USA PATRIOT Act. This law expanded the government's ability to investigate and monitor the lives of Americans, including law-abiding Americans. Congress is currently debating whether to expand and/or make permanent portions of the Patriot Act that were set to expire in December	3, 4, 11, 12

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	<p>2005. This panel will provide an update on the debate in Congress on the reauthorization of the Patriot Act. This panel will also provide guidance to the community on how to participate in the debate on this and other post-9/11 policies that threaten the privacy and civil liberties of law-abiding Americans. Learn how to keep your community both safe and free.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Maaria Mozaffar, Khurrum Wahid, Farhana Khera</i> Moderator: <i>Naheed Qureshi</i></p>	
2:45 – 4:00 pm	SESSION 5D:	5, 6, 9, 10
	<p>Dating: Challenges and Solutions to Marriages in North America Marriage has become a challenge for both parents and their children. Muslim families are struggling to prevent their children from having to resort to dating in a society where it is seen a necessary prerequisite for a successful marriage. This session will present the challenges of marriage and provide practical solutions.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Yasmeen Qadri, Tasneem Qadeer, Mohamed Magid Ali</i> Moderator: <i>Kamran Qadri</i></p>	
2:45 – 4:00 pm	SESSION 5E:	7, 8
	<p>Beginning Home Schooling Learn about the legal avenues for home schooling, and get the full scoop on integrating Islamic studies, finding resources, home schooling methods, curriculum options, common mistakes, options for testing and assessments, home schooling teens, and more. Discover the many accomplishments home-schooled graduates have achieved and hear about some of the challenges from home schooling parents. A display of excellent books, magazines, national organizations, and other resources will be on hand to help you get started.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Priscilla Martinez, Rhonda Reese</i> Moderator: <i>Uzma Unus</i></p>	
2:45 – 4:00 pm	SESSION 5F:	21
	<p>Caring for Muslim Lives in Areas of Medical Ethics To educate American Muslims on Islamic perspectives in health care and decision making process in these areas. A discussion on what is permitted in Islam vis-à-vis abortion, euthanasia, surrogacy, terminal artificial life support, cloning, trans-</p>	

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	plantation and genetic research. The position of the the Islamic Medical Association (IMANA) will be discussed along with case studies. Speakers: <i>Shahid Athar, Faroque Khan, Malika Haque, Hussain Nagamia, Hossam Fadel</i> Moderator: <i>Sameer Ahmad</i>	
2:45 – 4:00 pm	SESSION 5G: Journey of a New Muslim: What Every Muslim Should Know The future of Islam in America lies with the American Muslims; a formal and comprehensive education needs to be offered to them from the onset. A great amount of time, energy, and financial resources are given towards Dawah, but fail to continue post Shahada. This session will offer alternative solutions so that community members can be proactive in their interaction with reverts. Speakers: <i>Harry Bissell, Rashid Abdur Rahim, Dana Bissell</i> Moderator: <i>Cherine S. Abdalla</i>	23
2:45 – 4:00 pm	SESSION 5H: Achievements through National Partnership. ISNA has partnered with many national groups of other faiths. The panel will look at these partnerships and discuss how these can be implemented at the grassroots level. Panelists will also discuss matters of mutual interest to all faith communities. Speakers: <i>Bob Edgar, David Saperstein, Clark Chase</i> Moderator: <i>Sayyid M. Syeed</i>	24
2:45 – 4:00 pm	SESSION 5I: Needs for Chaplains and the Muslim Community's Involvement in Health Care The panel introduces the importance of Muslim chaplains working in hospitals and informs participants on how to make the Muslim presence felt in Health Care. Speakers: <i>George Fitzgerald, Rabia Terri Harris, Doha Hamza, Ramadan Zakat</i> Moderator: <i>Ingrid Mattson</i>	34

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2:45 – 4:00 pm	<p>SESSION 5J:</p> <p>Securing the Future: Challenges of Cooperation among American Muslims of the Subcontinent</p> <p>There are well-established organizations such as IMRC, NABIC, and PAC that represents the civic and philanthropic aspirations of South Asian American Muslims. There remains, however, a dire need for cooperation among these groups to meet the challenges pertaining to social programs, organizational communication, and improving the overall quality of life for American Muslims. This forum will attract people who are seeking opportunities to develop combined programs for mutual benefit of all American Muslims.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Mohammad A. Karim, Manzoor Ghori, Faizan Haq, Shafqat Chaudhary, Mhd. Wasiullah Khan, A.R. Nakadar</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ashraf Abbasi</i></p>	31
2:45 – 4:00 pm	<p>SESSION 5K:</p> <p>Islam Amongst Latino Americans</p> <p>The number of Spanish speaking Muslim converts continues to grow. This session will discuss this phenomenon as well as outline the kinds of Islamic activities that are taking place in this area. Finally, the panelists will discuss the problems that these converts face.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Abdussamad Romero, Ricardo Pena, Rebecca Abuqaoud</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ahmed Totonji</i></p>	32
2:45 – 4:00 pm	<p>SESSION 5L:</p> <p>Engineers, Scientists, Physicians, and Professionals for the Betterment of the World</p> <p>Most of the developing world is in need of the basic infrastructure for housing, water, power, transportation and communication. However, Muslims are not participating in large numbers in non-profit organizations dedicated to alleviating these problems. This panel will be an inspiration for the attendees and is a must for those who intend to take the first step in volunteerism to uplift the Ummah. One of the main objectives of this session is to develop a Muslim resource directory of volunteers.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Parvaiz Malik, Bernard Amadei, Khurshid Qureshi, Farooq Selod</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Parvaiz Malik</i></p>	33

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4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 6A: Believing Men and Women as Partners of Faith Allah states in the Qur'an (9:71) "The believing men and the believing women are protectors (awliya) of one another; they enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, they establish prayer and pay the Zakah and they obey Allah and His Messenger; it is those upon whom God will show mercy...." How can Muslim men and women better demonstrate these characteristics of believers? What internal and external obstacles prevent us from achieving this noble ideal and desperately needed model of behavior? Speakers: <i>Ingrid Mattson, Maliba Chishti, Abdullah Adhami</i> Moderator: <i>Parvaiz Malik</i>	Hall A
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 6B: American Muslim Politics: Planning for 2008 and 2012 American Muslim Task Force status report; expanding the AMT civil rights agenda; lessons from the 2004 election; organizing an AMT at the state/city level. Speakers: <i>Mehdi Bray, Nihad Awad, Talib Abdul Rasheed, Agha Saeed, Kareem M. Irfan</i> Moderator: <i>Shabbir Safdar</i>	1, 2, 13, 14
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 6C: Towards Sister Friendly Masjids and Islamic Centers The panel discusses how Muslim women can be involved in the Masjid, explores possible ways for sharing the masjid's facilities, and undertaking leadership responsibilities. The panel will also address the "Women Friendly Mosques" brochure endorsed by ISNA and other Muslim organization. Speaker: <i>Afeefa Syeed, Mohamed Magid Ali, Shahina Siddiqui, Sarah Sayeed</i> Moderator: <i>Fedwa Wazwaz</i>	3, 4, 11, 12
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 6D: Pioneering efforts in Islamic Finance Case Study: Building the Institution Islamic finance has grown all over the world and the field of finance and banking	5, 6, 9, 10

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	<p>is critical to the economic success of Muslim community in North America. This session will provide current and relevant information for those who want to know more about Islamic banking and investment opportunities that are in harmony with the Islamic principles.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Pervez Nasim, Rehan Dawer</i> Moderator: <i>Mohamed Elsanousi</i></p>	
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>SESSION 6E:</p> <p>From Book to National Television: The Evolution of a Documentary about Islam in Early America</p> <p>Two television documentary producers will present the many stages in the process by which they have developed a single book about a true story drawn from early American Muslim history into a 90 minutes PBS film documentary for national broadcast. Special emphasis will be given to the composition of treatments, scripts, grant proposals, scholars and advisory boards, educational outreach plans, and broadcaster relations.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Michael Wolfe, Alex Kronemer, Sulayman Nyang</i> Moderator: <i>Jawaad Abdur Rahman</i></p>	7, 8
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>SESSION 6F:</p> <p>Core Values and Practices for Human Development</p> <p>The goal of this session is to bring into focus some core values and practices in Islam considered as essential foundations for human development. The session will engage the audience in questioning, reflecting and internalizing the principles or qualities that may be considered intrinsically valuable and desirable for human development. Receiving particular attention from speakers and audience will be the core values of truthfulness, generosity, and patience. Each one of these core values will be viewed as encompassing a broad set of characteristics that are essential for proper human development.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Muhammad Nur Abdullah, Muzammil Siddiqi, S. Imtiaz Ahmad</i> Moderator: <i>S. Imtiaz Ahmad</i></p>	21
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>SESSION 6G:</p> <p>Institutional Dawah: Islamic Center/Mosque reaching out to the Community</p> <p>The goal of this session is to share with and inform the audience about some of</p>	22

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	<p>the successful outreach programs initiated at the Islamic Center of Long Island to reach the community at large about Islam and Muslims in America, which have set a standard and are being used as a resource across America.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Asma Ejaz, Nazli Chaudhry, Shaida Khan</i> Moderator: <i>Zubieda Lunat</i></p>	
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>SESSION 6H:</p> <p>Using Multimedia to Present Diversity Training on Muslims to Police Departments and Corporations</p> <p>This workshop will provide multi-media presentations for presenting cultural diversity training to law enforcement agencies and corporations. Also covered will be particulars for working with these types of institutions, such as approaches to marketing, audience needs, and relationship building.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Maha ElGenaidi, Azra Hussain, Soumaya Khalifa</i> Moderator: <i>Zafar Siddiqui</i></p>	23
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>SESSION 6I:</p> <p>Kashmir Problem and Building a Peaceful South Asia</p> <p>Since we are concerned at this time with setting a stage for settlement rather than the shape the settlement will take, we believe it is both untimely and harmful to indulge in, or encourage, controversies about the most desirable solution.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Agha Saeed, Ghulam N. Mir, Nazir Shawl, Lord Nazir Ahmad</i> Moderator: <i>Ghulam N Fai</i></p>	24
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>SESSION 6J:</p> <p>Affects of Trauma on Muslim Refugees and Resettling them in the US</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the effects of trauma on Muslim refugees, a discussion on the challenges facing Muslim refugees, in particular women and children, and the strategies the ISSA has developed to respond to these issues. There is a disconnection between many Muslim American communities and refugees who live in their towns. Veteran refugee workers will show how we can reconnect with our brothers and sisters in refugee communities are shown.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Maaria Mozaffar, John Tuskan, Abdul Basit</i> Moderator: <i>Aneesah Nadir</i></p>	34

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4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 6K: Building Bridges between Muslim Immigrant Communities and other Americans: The Role and Contributions of Bangladeshi American Muslims It is no wonder that the center of human civilization has shifted to the West, drawing others, as well as Muslims immigrants, from all over the world. Among these immigrants are growing communities of Bangladeshi American Muslims. As with the contributions of other immigrant communities, there are some replicable lessons for Muslim communities regarding bridge-building activities. Speakers: <i>Mohammad A. Karim, M. Omar Farooq, Shafi Khaled</i> Moderator: <i>Abu Bakr Ahmed</i>	31
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 6L: Best Practices for Islamic Centers This panel will discuss the underlying attitudes and actions needed to empower the Muslim community and how it can make better use of the tremendous human and financial resources it possesses. This panel aims at improving leadership effectiveness, harmony, and compliance with Islamic principles. Speakers: <i>La Dale George, Salam Al-Marayati, Ismail Tahir, Ihsan Bagby</i> Moderator: <i>Louay Safi</i>	32
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 6M: Meet With the Elected Muslim Leaders of America Speakers: <i>Saghir Tahir, Shafiq Qaadri, Masrur Javed Khan, Larry Shaw, Yephet El-Amin, Ashraf Abbasi, Nasim Ansari</i> Moderator: <i>Faizan Haq</i>	33
8:15 – 10:15 pm	SESSION 7A: The Road Ahead: How to Get Where We Want to Be Building the foundations: financial stability, sound citizenship as Da'wah, working from the bottom up — how to build grassroots support. Speakers: <i>Omar Siddiqi, Hadia Mubarak, Zaid Shakir, Abdalla Idris Ali, Siraj Wabhaj</i>	Hall A
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Registration begins at 8 am in the Convention Center main lobby.

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9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 8A: The Community Leader: Role, Responsibility, and Accountability Although the Masjid is important for all Muslims, minority Muslim communities in particular look to local mosques and Islamic centers as their spiritual “home.” This places a profound burden upon community leaders who accept the responsibility of managing centers, and religious leaders who guide and teach the community. What steps can be taken to help community leaders fulfill their duties more responsibly? What resources can help religious leaders serve the community better? What role do community members play in helping to cultivate and support God-fearing, responsible and effective leaders for their institutions? <i>Speakers: Ihsan Bagby, Aisha Al-Adawiya, Mazen Hashem</i> <i>Moderator: Louay Safi</i>	Hall A
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 8B: Fiqh – Part A: a Lunar Calendar for North America The lunar calendar is vital to the Islamic calendar. This subject is the cause of great debate within the Muslim community in North America. This session will discuss the importance of the lunar calendar, educate participants regarding the Islamic principles associated with determination of the calendar, provide relevant information from the science of astronomy and highlight ISNA and the Fiqh Council of North America’s position on this important issue. <i>Speakers: Jamal Badawi, Adam El-sheikh, Muhammad Nur Abdalla, Khalid Shaukat</i> <i>Moderator: Mohib Durrani</i>	1, 2, 13, 14
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 8C: Your Retirement vs. Kids’ Education: Planning for College Costs This session will discuss how families can better equip themselves to retire comfortably and prepare for college expenses. Strategies to start saving early for college and retirement expenses, including investing in Shari’ah-compliant investments, will be presented. Reference will be made to scholarship resources for students. <i>Speakers: Safaa Zarzour, Subaib Quadri, Monem Salam</i> <i>Moderator: Bassam Osman</i>	3, 4, 11, 12

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9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 8D: 1-877-Why Islam Dawah Project Highlights the importance of dawah in a land where Islam is not wide-spread. Provides an overview of how the project uses billboards, mall booths, and local street tables; give step by step process of implementing. The session will provide attendees with information on how they can volunteer their services and be a part of a national network of volunteers. <i>Speakers: Abdalla Idris Ali, Mazen Moukhtar</i> <i>Moderator: Rizwan Bari</i>	5, 6, 9, 10
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 8E: Media Relations Tool Kit for Muslim Activists Being interviewed by the media can be challenging. In today's world, Muslims must never forget the importance of being excellent representatives of Islam in North America. The tutorials offered by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) will equip the Muslim community with the basic skills necessary to confidently interact with the media. Muslims will learn how to respond to situations in the news, behave as professional spokespersons for the community and make the most of every opportunity to air Islam and Muslims in the best, more accurate light. <i>Speakers: Ibrahim Hooper, Rabiah Ahmed</i> <i>Moderator: Ahmed Rehab</i>	7, 8
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 8F: Building Bridges of Faith: Legacy of Abraham and Interfaith Cooperation This panel examines commonalities among the three Abrahamic faiths, explores possible areas of cooperation, and ways and means to improve relations. Panelists will discuss unique interfaith programs in their grassroots communities that can be implemented in other communities across the nation. <i>Speakers: M. Shafiq, Aziz Ahsan, Ghalib Begg</i> <i>Moderator: Faroque Khan</i>	22
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 8G:	24

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	Community Programs Enhancing Board Performance in the Islamic Nonprofit Sector: Analysis and Recommendations Speaker: <i>Amir Rehman</i>	
	Challenges of Raising Children in USA Speaker: <i>Shamim Sufi</i>	
	Caring for a Muslim Patient: A Survey Study Speaker: <i>Moustafa Aouthmany</i>	
	The High Cost of Cheap Food Speaker: <i>Shireen Pishdadi</i>	
	Takengon Central Aceh Orphanage Speaker: <i>Dian Alyan</i> Moderator: <i>Gulam Bakali</i>	
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 8H:	34
	Muslim American Journalists Association (MAJA) The need for Muslims in the media is very important, now more than ever. How can being a journalist still be a “noble” profession and how can our Muslim values be blended with the journalistic/communication ones? This session will assess certain stories that have been in the news lately which are pertinent to Muslims. It will evaluate what reporters are doing right, what they need to improve on, and what they have or could have brought to the stories. The inception of MAJA will also be discussed. Speakers: <i>Noreen Ahmed-Ullah, Sana Beg, Dilnawaz Siddiqui</i> Moderator: <i>Shabina S. Khatri</i>	
9:00 – 10:30 am	SESSION 8I:	31
	Planned Charitable Giving – Part A Despite our yearly presentations at past conventions on the same topic, a survey has shown that less than 5% of Muslims have valid wills. Many people who request the ISNA Will Kit do not understand it and file it away without realizing the legal requirements to successfully implement the Will. They rarely have it	

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9:00 – 10:30 am	<p>SESSION 8J:</p> <p>(AMSE) Nanotechnology and Wireless Technology Nanotechnology and wireless communication technology are emerging fields with a variety of applications in manufacturing, communications, and biomedical fields. This panel will focus on issues pertaining to the current development and applications of nanotechnology and wireless communication technology in developing countries.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>M.I. Khan, I.S. Ahmad, M.A.G. Abushagur</i> Moderator: <i>M.I. Khan</i></p>	33
11:00 – 12:30 pm	<p>SESSION 9A:</p> <p>Our Trek: The Next Generation Every generation of Muslims faces unique political, social and spiritual challenges. What are the main challenges Muslim youth in North America face today? What can Muslim families do to ensure that their children are confident, compassionate and responsible individuals? In what ways are Islamic institutions supporting or hindering our youth from succeeding?</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Amir Rehman, Jamillah Karim, Altaf Husain</i> Moderator: <i>Taslina Khaled</i></p>	Hall A
11:00 – 12:30 pm	<p>SESSION 9B:</p> <p>Social Justice and Democracy: Islamic Renaissance To march toward a future of redemption, respect, and rejuvenation, Muslims must reach into the core of the Islamic paradigm. Only a passion for social justice and a commitment to democracy can form the essence of Islamic renaissance as the future unfolds.</p>	1, 2, 13, 14

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	<p>Speaker: <i>Anwar Ibrahim</i> Moderator: <i>S. Imtiaz Ahmad</i></p>	
11:00 – 12:30 pm	<p>SESSION 9C:</p> <p>Harmony in the Family. Pre-Nuptial Agreement and Marriage Contracts. Parents and families continue to look towards this session for guidance on an issue that at times can be contentious due to conflicting cultural backgrounds. Speakers: <i>Mohamed Magid Ali, Asifa Quraishi</i> Moderator: <i>Talaal Sunbulli</i></p>	3, 4, 11, 12
11:00 – 12:30 pm	<p>SESSION 9D:</p> <p>American Muslim Response to the Tsunami Disaster Panelists will educate and inform the attendees regarding the American Muslims response to the tsunami disaster, at a local community level and at a national professional organizational level. Speakers: <i>Trikartikaningsih Byas, Parvaiz Malik, Naeem Muhammed, Manzoor Ghori</i> Moderator: <i>Faroque Khan</i></p>	5, 6, 9, 10
11:00 – 12:30 pm	<p>SESSION 9E:</p> <p>Growing up in America: Challenges Faced by Muslim Adolescent Girls This session will focus on those issues and challenges that are at the forefront of the struggle for Muslim girls growing up in America. Our presentations will be from various perspectives including a first-hand narrative by an adolescent girl negotiating these challenges, as well as a mother's take on these issues and struggles. In addition, a research study, highlighting challenges faced by Muslim adolescent girls from both public and Islamic schools will be discussed. To complete the discussion, a clinician's perspective will be presented addressing these issues by understanding and comparing adolescence as a natural phase in the lifecycle of girls. Speakers: <i>Inur Mamoor, Rafia Hamid, Kushala Ahmed, Aneesah Nadir</i> Moderator: <i>Shaida Khan</i></p>	7, 8

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11:00 – 12:30 pm	SESSION 9F:	21
	<p>Islam and Your Children’s Rights in Public Schools</p> <p>This workshop will provide an overview of what is being taught about Islam in school textbooks, how to supplement that education, and teaching resources and methods for presenting Islam in the context of Social Studies and World History. The workshop will review five different types of presentations you could utilize, including those for students, teachers and administrators. It will also address your children’s rights in accommodations for religious practices.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Ahmed Bedier, Yasmeen Qadri, Maha ElGenaidi</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Gretchen Harms</i></p>	
11:00 – 12:30 pm	SESSION 9G:	22
	<p>Accommodating Muslim Pluralism in Chaplaincy</p> <p>This session examines the role of Muslim chaplains in America and explores the theoretical context for accommodating Muslim pluralism in the work of chaplaincy. Questions addressed include: What challenges Muslim chaplains face? What kind of support do they need from the larger Muslim community? How can chaplains better serve as agents of integration of Islam into American society?</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Yusuf Yee, Mumina Kowalski, Sohaib Sultan, Abdur Rashid Muhammad</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ingrid Mattson</i></p>	
11:00 – 12:30 pm	SESSION 9H:	23
	<p>Challenges of Halal Foods in North America</p> <p>This session will help people understand the growth of the Halal industry. Halal is no longer just a purely religious issue; it is becoming a global symbol for quality assurance and lifestyle choice. Many Muslim nations are reaching a stage of development where they can begin to impinge on world markets, both as producers and consumers.</p> <p>Speaker: <i>Mazhar Hussaini</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ahmed ElHattab</i></p>	

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11:00 – 12:30 pm	SESSION 9I: Interfaith Relations and Dialogue Muslims cannot dispel many of the misunderstandings and stereotyping against them. Hear from important religious leaders of other faith communities who are committed to helping dispel misunderstanding about Islam and work to build bridges of understanding between people of faith in our pluralistic society. <i>Speakers: Muhammad Shafiq, Father Francis Tiso, Rabbi Peter Knobel, Shanta Premawardhna</i> <i>Moderator: Muzammil Siddiqi</i>	24
11:00 – 12:30 pm	SESSION 9J: How American Muslims are Challenged by Civilizational Issues in the Muslim World The goal of this session is to explore and communicate ways in which issues relating to culture and civilization raised in Muslim societies overseas have an impact on the life of Muslims as individuals and as a community in North America. Such impact – positive or negative – relates to how Muslims are perceived in the West, the respect or disrespect they earn, and the opportunities or the lack of opportunities they face in daily life and as social group in North America. <i>Speakers: Mumtaz Ahmad, Iqbal Unus, Aly Abuzaakouk</i> <i>Moderator: Kamran Bukhari</i>	34
11:00 – 12:30 pm	SESSION 9K: Planned Charitable Giving: An Islamic Perspective-Part B Despite our yearly presentations at past conventions on the same topic, a survey has shown that less than 5% of Muslims have valid wills. Many people who request the ISNA Will Kit do not understand it and file it away without realizing the legal requirements to successfully implement the Will. They rarely have it reviewed by an attorney to make certain it completely meets their needs and are valid in their state. A survey of Muslimas shows that many of them think it is only the responsibility of men to have a will. Surveys also show that less than 1% has done estate planning and are aware familiar with how charitable trusts can be used for this purpose. This part two of a two part seminar will go through the various techniques through which Muslims can insure that their	31

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	assets are conveyed to the people they would like while minimizing the tax burdens on their estate. Speakers: <i>Yaqub Mirza, Mir Ali, Salmam Azam, Mokhtar Maghraoui</i> Moderator: <i>Ghulam Nabi Mir</i>	
11:00 – 12:30 pm	SESSION 9L: (iTAG) Technology Roadmap for Your Community Information Technology (IT) is used by organizations large and small, commercial and not-for-profit to enhance productivity, streamline operations, manage finances, and handle communications. Islamic institutions are no less able to benefit from smart investments in IT. Is your organization getting the most from its technology spending? Does it have an IT budget? What are other successful “Hi-tech Communities” doing? Speakers: <i>Imran Merchant, Rizwan Jaka, Abid Malik</i> Moderator: <i>Shehzad Jameel</i>	32
11:00 – 12:30 pm	SESSION 9M: (AMSE) Building Secured and Prosperous Societies What can engineers and scientists do to counter terrorism and extremism? Terrorism is adversely affecting the global Muslim community and significantly reducing the high tech investments in the Muslim World. It is also impacting the Muslims ability to acquire knowledge in advanced scientific, engineering, and technological fields. This session will focus on exploring the causes and possible remedies to this global problem from engineers’ and scientists’ perspective. Speakers: <i>Hank Chase, G. Atkinson</i> Moderator: <i>Khurshid Qureshi</i>	33
2:30 – 3:15 pm	SESSION 10A: ISNA and You (Annual General Assembly) ISNA leaders discuss the working of the organization, offer their ideas for advancing Islamic work and the ISNA mission, and receive feedback from members. Speakers: <i>ISNA President, ISNA Secretary General, Majlis Ash-Shura, Executive Council</i> Moderator: <i>Sayyid M. Syeed</i>	Hall A

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3:15 – 4:15 pm	SESSION 10B: Against Terrorism and Extremism: Muslim Position and Responsibilities This introspective session will present the Islamic stance against terrorism and religious extremism drawing upon the Qur'an and the traditions of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). It will highlight the recently-issued Fatwa against terrorism by the Fiqh Council of North America and the launch of ISNA's landmark brochure covering this sensitive topic. This is a must-attend session for Muslims to understand and act upon their Islamic responsibilities concerning the twin scourges of religious extremism and terrorism. Speakers: <i>Jamal Badawi, Mohamed Magid</i> Moderator: <i>Kareem M. Irfan</i>	Hall A
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 11A: Muslims in North America: Noble Neighbors or Suspicious Strangers In the past few years, North American Muslims have continued to enjoy the friendship and support of many non-Muslim neighbors and faith communities. On the other hand, there are individuals and organizations determined to raise suspicions about Islam and Muslims and to create a generally negative climate towards Muslims in North America. What can Muslim individuals and organizations do to better establish themselves as a positive presence in society? In what ways do government policies and legislation encourage or discourage discrimination against Muslims? Speakers: <i>John Esposito, Salam Al-Marayati, Maha ElGenaidi</i> Moderator: <i>Eman Hassaballa</i>	Hall A
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 11B: Contemporary Fiqh Issues Open Session with Members of the Fiqh Council of North America answering questions on various difficult topics. Speakers: <i>Jamal Badawi, Mohammad Adam El-Sheikh, Ihsan Bagby</i> Moderator: <i>Iqbal Unus</i>	1, 2, 13, 14

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4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 11C: (iTAG) The Challenges and Future of Human Development in the Muslim World An articulation and exchange of ideas on bringing into mainstream the people disadvantaged economically, educationally, socially, religiously and spiritually, thereby improving their quality of life and reducing their susceptibility to extremist influences. Speakers: <i>Nasim Ashraf, Minister, National Commission for Human Development, Pakistan</i> Moderator: <i>S. Imtiaz Ahmad</i>	5, 6, 9, 10
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 11D: American Muslim Entrepreneurial Forum. This session will provide participants various ways in becoming a successful entrepreneurship. In addition to a “nuts and bolts” presentation, opportunity to ask two successful entrepreneurs questions there will also be an opportunity to network with other participants. Speakers: <i>Yaqub Mirza, Abid Abedi</i> Moderator: <i>Abid Malik</i>	7, 8
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 11E: Networking Between Metropolitan Shura Councils This session will provide participants various ways in becoming successful entrepreneurs. In addition to a "nuts & bolts" presentation, this will provide opportunity for interaction and networking with other members of the Business community. Speakers: <i>Abdul Malik Mujahid, Rizwan Jaka, Shakeel Syed, Rodwan Saleh</i>	21
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 11F: Community Service through Interfaith Partnership. ISNA has been working with interfaith coalitions to promote activities that will alleviate hunger and homelessness and provide assistance to the uninsured. This panel will discuss the focus of the various coalitions and how faith communities must come together to fight against these problems. ISNA has also created partnerships with	22

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	<p>national youth programs and the panelists will discuss the scope of their organizations and how Muslims may become more involved with these programs</p> <p>Speakers: <i>George Sparks, Shanta Premawardhna, Jay Rock, Ingrid Mattson</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Louay Safi</i></p>	
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>SESSION 11G:</p> <p>Education Forum</p> <p>Islamic education is an important force in the developing, shaping and enhancing the American Muslim character. Schools are dedicated not only to religious education but academic excellence. ISNA hosts an annual conference called the Education Forum which brings together over 400 Muslim educators from over 100 full-time Islamic schools. This session will highlight the important issues discussed at the Education Forum 2005, determine the needs of Islamic schools in the future and examine ways in which to further Islamic education.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Abdalla Idris Ali, Afeefa Syeed, Zahra Williams</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Safaa Zarzour</i></p>	23
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>SESSION 11H:</p> <p>National Association of Muslim American Nonprofits (NAMANP).</p> <p>In this informative and interactive session, the Taskforce will present its report to the National Council of American Muslim Nonprofits (NCAMN). Muslim nonprofits are forming the Council to set high standards of financial transparency.</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Karen Keyworth, Mohamed Elsanousi, Muqtedar Khan</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ahmed Younis</i></p>	24
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>SESSION 11I:</p> <p>Social Issues Facing Muslims in North America</p> <p>Social welfare and mental health issues are among the challenges facing Muslims today. Research indicates that most mainstream social workers and human service professionals are not well prepared to provide services for religious clients. Moreover the Muslim community lacks the infrastructure as well as the sufficient cadre of professional social workers, counselors, psychologists and psychiatrists to address the issues. This session will provide a multi-pronged approach to addressing the issues Muslims face today and will present the challenges, accomplish-</p>	34

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	ments, and future strategies for improving the social condition of the Muslim community. Speakers: <i>Aneesah Nadir, Shahina Siddiqui</i> Moderator: <i>Yusuf Zia Kavacki</i>	
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 11J: Implementing Zakah in North America The session will address the importance of Zakah to the complete practice of Islam and discuss the particularities of giving Zakat in the North American context. Fiqh issues and differences pertaining to the calculation and distribution of Zakat according to Islamic principles will also be discussed. Speakers: <i>Muzammil Siddiqi</i> Moderator: <i>Wayel Azmeh</i>	31
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 11K: Africa: A Continent at the Crossroads Contextualizing the terrain: from the OAU to the AU; Sudan: Darfur and conflict in the South post-Garang; “Inter-Faith Action for Peace in Africa”; The role of children in conflict. Speakers: <i>Sulayman Nyang, Muhammad Nur Abdullah, Nura Amatullah, Olara A. Otunnu</i> Moderator: <i>Amir Al-Islam</i>	32
4:30 – 6:00 pm	SESSION 11L: Freedom House Report This panel will review the widely distributed publication of Freedom House titled <i>Saudi Hate Literature Fill American Mosques</i> . The panelists will highlight the strategy used in “dissecting” the flaws in this study, which led to a meeting of Muslim leaders with the Freedom House board. This in turn will lead to major changes in the governance of Freedom House and a more collaborative environment between FH and the Muslim community. Speakers: <i>Faroque Khan, Junaid Afeef</i> Moderator: <i>Eric Hamza Byas</i>	33

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6:00 – 7:30 pm	ENTERTAINMENT	Hall A
8:15 – 9:45 pm	SESSION 12A:	1, 2, 13, 14

Engaging Social Change: Islam and Politics

North American Muslims are fully engaged in the political process at all levels. This session is a rare opportunity to hear in one forum from a number of Muslims who have succeeded in being elected to a political office.

Speakers: *Saghir Tahir, Shafiq Qaadri, Masrur Javed Khan, Larry Shaw, Yepheth El-Amin*

Moderator: *Kareem M. Irfan*

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Monday, September 5, 2005

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10:00 – 11:30 am	SESSION 13A:	Hall A

Recap of Convention Sessions

Following a resoundingly successful launch of this novel session in 2004, articulate Muslim professionals will offer a synopsis of core concepts and essential ‘take away’ actions from key convention speeches and sessions during the past three days. These informative presentations will enlighten the many convention attendees, leaders, guests, volunteers, speakers/moderators, and vendors who were unable to attend all of the convention sessions of high interest and importance.

Speakers:

Moderator: *Fayyaz Hussain*

MSA PROGRAM

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42th ANNUAL MSA CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE
Friday, September 2nd to Monday, September 5th, 2005

Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel @
Donald E. Stephens/Rosemont Convention Center
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IN PURSUIT OF THE DIVINE: SUBMISSION, SINCERITY, AND SACRIFICE

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **ALL MSA SESSIONS** will be held on **LEVEL ONE, of the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel**, unless otherwise indicated.
- 2) **All AFTER FAJR Workshops & LATE NIGHT EVENTS** will be held in the **Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel**.
- 3) Priority will be given to MSA registrants for all MSA sessions first, then MYNA registrants, and then ISNA registrants.
- 4) The MSA Continental Conference program may have been modified since its publication in the Program Booklet. For the most updated copy of the MSA Program please visit the MSA National booths located on **LEVEL ONE** or the MSA National booth located in the bazaar at Donald E. Stephens/Rosemont Convention Center. There will also be volunteers handing out the **FINAL** version of the MSA Program throughout the weekend during sessions as well at the Registration booths.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Jazakum Allahu khayran for your patience and understanding

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Friday, September 2, 2005

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
1:00 – 2:30 pm	SALATUL JUMMAH	
3:00 – 4:30 pm	ISNA Inaugural Session Presidents of ISNA, AMSS, AMSE, IMANA, MSA, MYNA	Main Hall — Convention Center
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Quest for Excellence: An Islamic Imperative Speaker(s): <i>Jamal Badarwi</i> <i>Muzammil Siddiqi</i>	Main Hall
6:30 – 8:15 pm	MAGHRIB & DINNER	Convention Center
	MAIN SESSION 1	
8:00 – 9:30 pm	Introduction & Welcome to 42 th Annual MSA Continental Conference <i>Mohamed Sheibani</i> (MSA National President) and Executive Board <i>Sumerah Bakhsb</i> (Conference Chair '05)	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt
	In Pursuit of the Divine: Submission, Sincerity, and Sacrifice We are witnesses to an era marked by confusion in our relationship with the Divine. From understanding His (swt) nature to applying His (swt) message in our daily lives, our words say we are in pursuit of Allah (swt) but our methods and actions leave something to be desired. Muslim students have never been a passive bunch. The world awaits us; political strife, human rights violations, intellectual debates, moral bankruptcy...undying potential for a better condition worldwide. Its time we take a step back to remember our central pursuit and the keys to its attainment; a prophetic recipe celebrating the empowerment of submission, benef- icence of sincerity, and exponential benefits of sacrifice. Speaker(s): <i>Abdullah Adhami, Ingrid Mattson, Omar Mahmood</i>	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt
9:45 - 10:45 pm	Rhythmic Reflections Description: What happens when you put some of the continent's most gifted poets and performers under one roof? You get Rhythmic Reflections! Hosted by Imam	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt

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	<p>Zaid Shakir and Altaf Husain, Rhythmic Reflections is a lyrical, humorous, smart, and exciting new way to bring entertainment to students and guests gathering from across the USA and Canada. Immensely talented MSA members will perform original and enjoyable pieces—so get ready for a night of creative and unique brilliance! <i>Zaid Shakir, Altaf Husain, student performers from Canada and the US</i></p>	
	LATE NIGHT EVENTS	
10:30 – 12:00 am	ISNA/MSA/MYNA Brothers Ball Tourney	Convention Center
	Meet brothers from all over North America on and off the court and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood! Friendly competition with brothers from around the continent, enjoy more than just the game! ALL BROTHERS EVENT!	
11:00 – 12:15 am	PURSUING THE DIVINE SET A:	
	The Pursuing the Divine Sets provides short in-depth views into specialized topics focusing on the guidelines of gender interaction; marriage in Islam; and improving our connection with Allah. There will also be an opportunity for open Q&A, and sessions geared towards meeting one another with brotherhood & sisterhood building sessions on Friday night.	
	SISTERS ONLY	American Braniff — Hyatt
	11:00 – 11:20 pm:	
	MSA Sisters Welcome You!!	
	Come network with sisters from MSAs all over North America. This will be your chance to experience what sisterhood in Islam is all about. There will be fun-filled activities scheduled throughout the session.	
	<i>Zainab Khan, Rubina Khan, Asma Mirza, Umarah Ahmed</i>	
	11:20 – 11:45 pm:	
	LATE NIGHT SESSION:	
	Submission Sahabah Style:	
	Examples from the Lives of the Prophet's (saw) Community	
	From Rumaysa bint Milhan who accepted Islam despite the hardship it would cause her domestically, to Umm Salamah who gave up wealth, prestige and high society for the love of Allah (swt), to Mus'ab ibn Umayr who even gave up the favor of his mother to follow the Prophet (saw)...the history of the companions of Muhammed (saw) present innumerable examples of people and situations that teach us what true	

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	submission means. A look to the past for lessons that will give us our futures... Speaker(s): <i>Mohamed Magid</i>	
	11:45 pm – 12:15 am: Open Q & A An open forum for questions and discussions of issues, trends and challenges faced by Muslims students. This session is for sisters only in order to provide a comfortable environment for the participants. <i>Saliba Shakir, Noura Shamma</i>	
11:00 – 12:15 am	BROTHERS ONLY	Northwest — Hyatt
	11:00 pm – 11:20 pm: MSA Brothers Welcome You!! Come and unite with your Muslim brothers from all over North America. This will be your chance to strengthen and experience the brotherhood bond. <i>Mohamed Sheibani, Ahmed Sidky, Omar Zakaria, Hani Ezzadeen, Hasan Mustafa Alam</i>	
	11:20 pm – 11:45 pm: Open Q & A An open forum for questions and discussions of issues, trends and challenges faced by Muslims students. This session is for brothers only in order to provide a comfortable environment for the participants. <i>Abdullah Idris Ali</i>	
	11:45 pm – 12:15 am: LATE NIGHT SESSION: Submission Sahabah Style: Examples from the Lives of the Prophet’s (saw) Community <i>Same as Above</i> Speaker(s): <i>Mohamed Magid</i>	
12:15 – 12:45 am	Qiyam ul Layl The Prophet (saw) said: “Keep up qiyam al-layl. It was the way of the virtuous who came before you; it draws you nearer to your Lord, atones for your sins, forbids you from evil and protects the body from sickness.” (Tirmidhi) <i>Muhammad ibn Faqih</i>	Hyatt Prayer Room

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Saturday, September 3, 2005

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
	AFTER FAJR SERIES	
5:30 – 6:30 am	Rejuvenating the Soul: Beyond the Obligatory	Hyatt Prayer Room
	A look at salat al istikhaara, hajaah, tahajjud, prayers for rain, eclipses, and other prayers to help us strengthen our connection with Allah. Where do these extra prayers come from and what is their history? How do we make them and what are their benefits? Take a few minutes after fajr to learn about the bountiful opportunities for blessings Allah (swt) provides throughout the day and maybe try adopting one or two over this weekend. <i>Gyasi McKinzie</i>	
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	MAIN SESSION 2	
9:00 – 10:30 am	Islam on a Spectrum: Understanding Ideological Perspectives	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt
	Course catalogs are beginning to offer a number of different classes on Islam. Bookstores are over-flowing with new memoirs from self-proclaimed reformers and revivalist of Islam. In discussion sections we all claim to be progressive but have different understandings of how to interact with traditional understandings. What do the categories flooding airwaves, headlines, and our syllabi imply and how can we make an informed opinion about where we stand? In the spirit of submission, sincerity and sacrifice, engage the idea of Islam as a plurality, confronting traditional, modern, conservative, and progressive readings of Islam. Speaker(s): <i>Zaid Shakir, Ingrid Mattson, Hatem Bazian</i>	
	MAIN SESSION 3	
11:00 – 12:30 pm	At the Forefront of Change: Students on Campus	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt
	Change does not come without submission to the goal, sincere effort, and significant sacrifice. Muslim students have always been at the forefront of organizing, mobilizing and educating their campus communities about Islam; implementing the '3 Ss to success' philosophy. Discover what campuses across North America	

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	have done, what role MSA National has served and has the potential to serve in the future. Network with your zonal representative and other MSA chapters in your area! Find out about the many projects underway and how you can become involved. Join us and add your voice to the growing national student movement that strives to elevate MSAs locally, regionally and nationally. Speaker(s): <i>MSA National Executive Board, Siraj Wahajj</i>	
12:30 – 2:30 pm	LUNCH TIME	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	University of Texas at Austin — MSA Alumni Meeting For all graduates of UT-Austin for the establishment of an MSA Alumni Association <i>Zeyn Patel</i>	Parallel A — Hyatt
12:30 – 1:30 pm	University of California Berkeley — MSA Alumni Meeting For all graduates of UC Berkeley for the establishment of an MSA Alumni Association <i>Faisal Ghori</i>	Parallel B — Hyatt
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Northern Illinois University — MSA Alumni Meeting For all graduates of NIU for the establishment of an MSA Alumni Association <i>NIU MSA Rep</i>	Parallel C — Hyatt
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Tools for College Success Tips on the application process for undergraduates and graduates, scholarship and fellowship seekers etc. How to write a personal statement, who to seek letters of recommendation from and what timelines to follow. Looking for a little insight and guidance, come learn from our panel of admissions reps, fellowship advisors and experienced students. <i>University admissions and fellowship representatives</i>	Parallel D — Hyatt
	BREAKOUT SESSION SET I	
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Lecture Series 1: Islam’s Intellectual Giants — Imams Bukhari and Muslim	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt

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	<p>If there is one thing we miss out on as students in the public school system, it's exposure to and appreciation of a rich Islamic history. Plato aside, Aristotle recognized, who came before Aquinas? Their names still trickle into our textbooks and their works grace our library shelves...who were Ghazali and Imam Nawawi? During this two part series we will highlight a few major Islamic thinkers, explore their historical contexts, ideas, and influences on human thought. The question, however, will remain. Will you be the next one to take Islam to the top of the intellectual charts?</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Abdalla Idris Ali</i></p>	
2:30 – 4:00 pm	<p>Lecture Series 2: Holding on to the Rope of Allah – Daily Qur'an</p> <p>“O you who believe...hold fast by the rope (<i>habl-Allah</i>) of Allah all together and be not disunited.” (Ch. 3:103)</p> <p>Maintaining an active relationship with Allah (swt) is no more difficult than reaching out and opening His (swt) book. Yet, the Qur'an, while one of the most widely printed books in history, is also quickly becoming one of the least read and most misunderstood. The truly sad news comes not from its desecration at Guantanamo Bay, but the disregard it is shown by Muslims themselves in their lack of everyday engagement. In this session, the first of a series meant to highlight steps towards strengthening our connection to Allah (swt), we will discuss the place of the Qur'an in Muslim life and how we can make it a part of our daily lives.</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Mokhtar Maghraoui, Muhammad ibn Faqih</i></p>	Parallel C — Hyatt
2:30 – 4:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session A:</p> <p>(This session may be revised after printing. Please check updated MSA program onsite)</p> <p>Your Rights, Your Fight — Constitutional Liberties and What's at Stake for the Muslim Community</p> <p>Especially since the attacks of September 11 and the subsequent passage of the Patriot Act shortly thereafter, the issue of civil liberties has become a highly contentious and controversial issue. The issue of balancing security and personal freedom has hit the public forum and Muslim students are missing out on contributing to the national debate. Muslim students, foremost, should be aware of their rights and why they must act fast to stop the government from being provided the ability to perform roving wiretaps, secret searches, and indefinite detentions. During this session the MSA Political Action Taskforce will provide a forum for</p>	Parallel D — Hyatt

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	students to learn more about their rights and how they can strive to ensure that their civil liberties are upheld and respected. Speaker(s): <i>Ahmed Younis, Mahdi Bray, Hatem Bazian</i>	
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Breakout Session B: Sharing Muslim Stories Through Main Stream Media It is time for Muslims to define their own image through a medium where we can truly change these negative images that have been thrown our way. This is the time to stand up and be counted because if we don't define our image... others will. From journalism to filmmaking, media is a goldmine; full of potential for Muslims to express themselves and engage their neighbors. From a producer of a documentary about Muslim snowboarders to award-winning filmmakers, its time to talk about really moving into the mainstream using media, visual and print, as a creative medium for discussion and exchange. Speaker(s): <i>Omar Mahmood, Alex Kronemer, Michael Wolfe, Mariam Sobh</i>	Parallel A — Hyatt
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Breakout Session C: COMPASS Presents: Best Campus Organization: Your MSA is Next This academic year, if you intend to work in a campus organization, especially your MSA chapter, don't miss this session. The highly experienced staff of MSA National's new training program, 'Compass,' will be on hand to provide consultation for you and your chapter. They will share some of the secrets to managing highly effective campus organizations with dedication and excellence. Join us! Speaker(s): <i>Altaf Husain, Idris Elbakri, Omaira Alam, Amin Venjara</i>	Parallel B — Hyatt
	MAIN SESSION 4	
4:30 – 6:00 pm	'Verily I have been sent to perfect morals': The Cooperative Enterprise of Islamic North American Culture We've often judged the "purity" of our adherence to the religion in reference to how devoid of "culture" it is. Yet, this divorcing of Islam and what is perceived to be inauthentic human innovations of custom and tradition veers far from historical reality and prophetic example. In a hadith related by Anas ibn Malak (ra) the Prophet (saw) is reported to have said 'Verily I have been sent to this world to perfect akhlaaq [morals, character].' {Muwatta, V 2, Bab al husn al-khulq, #8} In place of rejection-	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt

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	<p>ism or isolationism he espoused a program of engagement and improvement. From the Arabian Peninsula, to China, Indonesia, and Ireland the reality of Islamic history has been a synthesis of indigenous cultures and religious values and laws, ingeniously striking a unique balance between a universal Islamic paradigm and yet remaining recognizable and relevant to the varieties of human experience it encounters. How we dress, talk, the causes we adopt, a healthy relationship between our American and Canadian identities and the practice of Islam are aspects of an emerging culture. Its success depends on conscious thought and systematic development.</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Umar Faruq Abdullah, Sherman Jackson, Mokhtar Maghraoui</i></p>	
6:00 – 8:30 pm	MAGHRIB & DINNER	
6:15 – 7:30 pm	Establishing Regional Councils For those college and university campus MSAs looking to establish local, regional, and city councils, this session is geared to you. Find out the ins and outs of councils, the mistakes and the tried-and-true methods of council building and maintaining. Learn how to keep the momentum going! <i>Past & Present Council Presidents & Members</i>	Parallel A — Hyatt
6:15 – 7:30 pm	Get Hungry for Change: The Fast-a-Thon Initiative In Ramadan 1422 (2001), the MSA @ the University of Tennessee – Knoxville designed a program to feed the hungry, work with the non-Muslims and teach the campus population about Ramadan. In Ramadan 1423 (2002), MSA-UTK paired up with MSA National and took the Fast-a-thon initiative across North America. If you want to find out how to get your campus involved in serving humanity, then join participating MSA members as they guide you through the process. <i>Sanjanah Ahmed</i>	Parallel B — Hyatt
6:15 – 7:30 pm	Justice Delayed is Justice Denied: Organizing for Ahmed Abu Ali Ahmed Abu Ali, an American born citizen, was detained for 20-months in a Saudi jail at the request of his own government. While incarcerated he was whipped and tortured while our government did nothing to help one of its own citizens. He is currently being held without bail while awaiting trial. Join the MSA National Standing for Justice Committee and make a difference by protecting human, political, and civil rights. <i>Hadia Mubarak</i>	Parallel C — Hyatt

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6:15 – 7:30 pm	ALIM Reunion	Parallel D — Hyatt
	BREAKOUT SESSION SET II	
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Lecture Series 1: The Overlooked and Underserved: New Muslims on Campus <i>Muslim Student Reverts-Needs, Support System and Integration</i> We make it among our top priorities to present Islam our campus communities. We are disappointed when Muslims are misrepresented and we spend hours upon hours organizing teach-ins and intro to Islam courses. But what thought and organization do we put engaging our reverted brothers and sisters? More than a hug after taking the shahadah, they need and have a right over our time and resources. Its time to be hands on practical, building the support system and avenue of integration any minority group would need to successfully become a part of the community. Speaker(s): <i>Gyasi McKinzie, Kamal El Makki, Jeffery Lang</i>	Parallel C — Hyatt
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Breakout Session A: College and Professional Success: Because Money Matters: Financial Planning for Muslim College Students and Professionals Thinking about taking out loans for college? Still paying off school debt three years after graduation? One of the most tricky and stressful realities of higher education is paying for it, and doing that without drowning in debt and getting stuck with unlawful financial arrangements. The fact of the matter is that – money matters, and we all need to deal with it. This interactive session will present a clear and organized look at how to plan for and handle your financial portfolio from freshman year through the first few years of professional life. Experienced financial planners and consultants will walk you through some important tips and show you how to make financial worries a thing of the past. Speaker(s): <i>Amir Rehman, Monem Salam</i>	Parallel A — Hyatt
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Breakout Session B: Political Activism — The Forgotten Sunnah Abu Sa'id al-Khudri (ra), reported that the Messenger of God (saw) said: “Whoever amongst you sees anything objectionable, let him change it with his hand, if he is not able, then with his tongue, and if he is not even able to	Parallel D — Hyatt

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	<p>do so, then with his heart, and the latter is the weakest form of faith.” Emulating the Prophet (saw) is a must for every Muslim. But does this mean merely growing a beard or eating with the right hand? Of course not! As Muslims, we must look back on our rich history and remember that challenging oppression and unjust practices of governments and leaders is not simply a phenomenon of democracy, but a deeply entrenched Islamic practice that was perfected by our Prophet (saw) and a must for all Muslims living from China to California.</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Ahmed Maaty, Hatem Bazian, Nihad Awad</i></p>	
	LATE NIGHT EVENTS	
10:00 – 11:30 pm	Sisters’ Event Night VI: Sisters’ Night Live! <p>Live from Chicago, it’s sisters’ event night with your Host: MSA! Musical guests, We’ll -b- stepping and Tae Kwan Do; international show by our multicultural entourage, songs, poetry, and movies from your oh so talented sisters across the US and Canada!! Join us for an entertaining night of thrills and chills, sista style! ALL SISTERS EVENT!</p>	Grand Ballroom— Hyatt
10:30 pm	ISNA/ MSA Brothers Ball Tourney Continued... <p>Meet brothers from all over North America on & off the court and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood! Friendly competition with brothers from around the continent, enjoy more than just the game! ALL BROTHERS EVENT!</p>	
	PURSUING THE DIVINE SET B:	
10:30 pm – 12:00 am	SISTERS ONLY 10:30 pm – 11:15 pm: Death: The Journey of a Lifetime <p>The Prophet (saw) advised us to remember death often, to visit graves and reflect on what we cannot see but must inevitably experience. What precisely does happen at the moment of death and what journey must the soul take afterwards? Amidst all our activities and priorities in this life, how can we prepare ourselves for a peaceful and joyous death? In our pursuit of the Divine we are often preoccupied with our service to Him (swt) in the dunya, but will we prepare ourselves</p>	Parallel C — Hyatt

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	to meet Him (swt) once our bodies no longer move and only the sincerity and purity of our hearts can reach Him (swt)? Speaker(s): <i>Mokhtar Maghraoui</i>	
	11:15 pm to 12:00 am: Social Ills, Islamic Pills: The Etiquette of Gender Relations “Brother, don’t you know? If you want to get married join the MSA.” As members of the MSA, we have a collective responsibility to uphold the purpose for which the MSA has been established. Understand the guidelines of gender interaction as you embark on your university or college career. Special focus will be placed on the need for brothers and sisters to work together as stipulated by our Beloved Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The speakers will also identify the boundaries within environments such as school, organizations and the workplace. The concept of ‘just friends’ and how we may approach the topic of marriage as outlined in our tradition will also be addressed. Speaker(s): <i>Abdullah Adhami</i>	Parallel C — Hyatt
10:30 pm – 12:00 am	BROTHERS ONLY 10:30 pm to 11:15 pm: Social Ills, Islamic Pills: The Etiquette of Gender Relations <i>Same as Above</i> <i>Abdullah Adhami</i>	Parallel A — Hyatt
	11:15 pm to 12:00 am: Death: The Journey of a Lifetime <i>Same as Above</i> <i>Mokhtar Maghraoui</i>	Parallel A — Hyatt
12:00 – 12:30 am	Qiyam ul Layl and Khatira The Prophet (saw) said: “Keep up qiyam al-layl. It was the way of the virtuous who came before you; it draws you nearer to your Lord, atones for your sins, forbids you from evil and protects the body from sickness.” (Tirmidhi) <i>Muhammad ibn Faqih</i>	Hyatt Prayer Room

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5:30 – 6:15 am	Reflections on Surah Ikhlaas (Sincerity) Speaker(s): <i>Abdullah Adhami</i>	
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	BREAKOUT SESSION SET III	
9:00 – 10:30 am	Lecture Series 1: Strengthening our Faith — Everyday Fiqh: <i>Historical Development of Madhahib and their Relevance Today</i> How and why did the five primary madhahib (Schools of Fiqh), Hanafi, Shafi`i, Maliki, Hanbali, and Ja`fari emerge and evolve? What is the reason behind this lack of uniformity and the meaning of it? More and more, study and practice of one madhhab is a topic of concern and discussion for Muslim students in the West. North America provides a unique case and challenge. With Muslims from all over the world, there is no one madhhab that is singularly prominent or adhered to in our communities. Furthermore, in an age of renewed engagement with Islamic thought, questions about how to interact with the history of Islamic religious thought abound. Speaker(s): <i>Gyasi McKinzie, Zaynab Alwani</i>	Parallel D — Hyatt
9:00 – 10:30 am	Lecture Series 2: Holding on to the Rope of Allah — Repentance, Forgiveness and Du'aa “And hold fast by the rope (habl-Allah) of Allah all together and be not disunited.” (3:103) Continuing our series on ‘holding to the rope of Allah,’ we explore the concepts of repentance, forgiveness and du’aa. In the Qur’an it is stated “When My servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me...” (2:186) We are, by our very natures, forgetful. We err when we do not intend to and make mistakes as hard as we may try to avoid them. The problem is not in that nature itself, but in how we respond to it. Allah (swt) has given us the tools to find and be near Him (swt), even in face	Parallel C — Hyatt

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	<p>of the sins we may commit. Join us as we learn more about how to seek forgiveness according to the teaching of the Qur'an and sunnah and why repentance is so readily available via the most mundane activities.</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Mokhtar Maghroui</i></p>	
9:00 – 10:30 am	<p>Breakout Session A:</p> <p>Islam in Academia — The Study of Islam in Western Institutions</p> <p>As one avenue by which people can understand the Muslim world and influence public opinion and policy, Islamic studies in North America is taking on whole new dimensions from foci on anthropology, to sociology, linguistics, and political theory. How does one go about studying and researching Islam in the West? What's the difference between the study of Islam and Islamic studies? What research institutes, universities, and organizations support the best programs? Whether a religious studies major, historian of world civilizations or curious student monitoring the powerfully dynamic and exceptionally public growth of Islam in academia, this is the session not to miss for any academically concerned and involved Muslim student.</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Ahmed Hisbam, Jamillah Karim, Intisar Rabb, Dilnawaz Siddiqui</i></p>	Parallel A — Hyatt
9:00 – 10:30 am	<p>Breakout Session B:</p> <p>The Overlooked and Underserved: Muslim Refugees in America</p> <p>As the Muslim refugee population in North America grows it becomes more and more evident that we have not developed the internal organization necessary to effectively and successfully integrate it into our community or mainstream society. But if there is one duty that is uncompromisingly incumbent on every Muslim, it is to serve and sacrifice for the sake of her/his sisters and brothers in faith. Will we continue to forget and lose or fellow Muslims, or will we step and overcome barriers of language, culture, class and facilitate their rights over us?</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Altaf Hussain, Milia Islam, Aneesah Nader, Rami Nashishibi</i></p>	Parallel B — Hyatt
9:00 – 10:30 am	<p>Breakout Session C:</p> <p>Operation MSA: Realizing Your Student Organization's Full Potential</p> <p>So you're about to kick off the new academic year and you can't figure out how to get more than 15 people to come to those weekly MSA meetings? Or maybe you can't figure out why to go? Or is it that those ideas from last year need a new twist</p>	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt

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	<p>and you're having trouble coming up with unique and meaningful projects to adopt? Whatever your MSA woes, this is the session NOT to miss. From being involved with student affairs, to locating prayer space on campus, to organizing Friday prayer sermon workshops, its time to organize and amaze!</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Representatives from successful and award-winning MSAs across the continent!!</i> <i>Zonal representatives and MSA National Zonal Director</i></p>	
	<p>MAIN SESSION 5</p>	
10:45 – 12:15 pm	<p>Al-Adl wa Al-Muqsit: In Pursuit of Justice and Equality</p> <p>Allah (swt) is Al-Adl and Al-Muqsit, the Just and Equitable. As reflections of His Divine plan, we are dedicated to establishing justice and striving for equality in all aspects of life. Yet the reality of our domestic and international situation beckons us to step beyond simple rhetoric and move onto constructive cooperation. Recent history leaves us no dearth of issues to deal with; from social justice and problems of education, homelessness, youth violence to organized attacks on civil liberties and the ongoing yet expanding phenomenon of occupied lands, ours is a mission to actualize justice and equality in our minds, works, and worldwide reality.</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Jamal Badawi, Abdullah Adhami, Anwar Ibrahim</i></p>	<p>Grand Ballroom — Hyatt</p>
12:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>LUNCH TIME</p>	
12:30-1:30 pm	<p>MSA Execs Roundtable</p> <p>A forum for MSA former/current executive members to discuss issues affecting them on their campus communities. Work on the local, regional, zonal and national level to determine the next step.</p> <p><i>MSA Chapter Executives & Board Members</i> <i>Zonal Representatives and MSA National Zonal Director</i></p>	<p>Parallel A — Hyatt</p>
12:30 – 2:30 pm	<p>College and Professional Fair</p> <p>This is an opportunity you don't want to miss! Learn about undergrad and graduate programs, professional faculties, and internships with Muslim organizations! See the possibilities in your chosen careers and learn how to get in and get ahead!</p> <p><i>Meryam Kazmi</i></p>	<p>Parallel C/D —</p>

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	Bringing the World Home — Islamic Study Opportunities Across North America Learn about opportunities to earn degrees or participate in non-degree programs in Islamic Studies in the United States & Canada. Featured schools include: American Open University, Graduate School of Islamic Social Sciences, Islamic American University, and Internet Islamic University. Non-degree programs include: Zaytuna, ALIM, AlMaghrib and Deen Intensive. Also included are Arabic Study opportunities: Arabic Intensive by Zaytuna & Al-Lisan by ALIM. <i>Meryam Kazmi</i>	Parallel C/D — Hyatt
12:45 – 1:45 pm	University of Michigan Ann Arbor — MSA Alumni Meeting For all graduates of UMich-Ann Arbor for the establishment of an MSA Alumni Association <i>Wajeeha Shutri</i>	Parallel B — Hyatt
2:30 – 4:00 pm	MAIN SESSION 6 Completing the Faith: Challenges Facing Our Generation If there is one thing that can be said about our generation it is that we have a lot on our plate to deal with. From an impending cultural imperative to come to terms with and consciously define our identities as North American Muslims; to making sense of an international outbreak of the depreciation of human life; to the then seemingly simple daily juggle of balancing religiosity, academia, careers, and family — we are a generation with the weight of a world on our shoulders. Whether we respond successfully or otherwise will depend on our ability to find Allah (swt) at the source of our identity and as the goal of our activism. How will we fare given the challenges ahead? Speaker(s): <i>Zaid Shakir, Hatem Bazian, Altaf Husain</i>	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt
	BREAKOUT SESSION SET IV	
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Lecture Series 1: Strengthening our Faith — Everyday Fiqh <i>Worship (Ibadaah) in Ramadhan</i> With Ramadhan just around the corner this is our opportunity to begin making	Grand Ballroom — Hyatt

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	<p>the most of that blessed month. Often times we see Ramadhan speed past us, left with nothing more than hungry stomachs and less spiritual rejuvenation than we had the opportunity for. From the variety in ways to pray Taraweeh — is it 8 or 20 rakat — to knowing what du'aa to make when, and how to utilize the night of power (laylat-ul-qadr), this is a session not to miss. Come with notebooks in hand, questions on mind, and a readiness to make this Ramadhan the best you've ever experienced!</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Gyasi Mckinzie, Muhammad ibn Faqih</i></p>	
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>Lecture Series 2:</p> <p>Holding on to the Rope of Allah: Patience and Gratitude</p> <p>“And hold fast by the rope (habl-Allah) of Allah all together and be not disunited.” (3:103)</p> <p>Continuing our series, we explore the concepts of sabr (patience) and shukr (gratitude). Traditionally taught as counterparts of each other, fortitude in patience and gratefulness are closely related in their ability to help construct healthy relationships with Allah (swt) and His Will. When the going gets tough and the tough gets going, it becomes easy to lose yourself in disillusionment and despair, and either feel unrealistically self-reliant or deeply alone. Whatever end of the spectrum you end up on, Allah seems far away and unrelated, and that is really the only failure we will ever face in life. In this session we will confront the inter-relatedness of these two concepts and how they are central to fostering a healthy nearness to Allah (swt).</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Mokhtar Maghraoui, Yusuf Yee</i></p>	Parallel D — Hyatt
4:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>Breakout Session A: Our Identity, Our Values —</p> <p>Muslim Students in Pursuit of a Sound Political Culture</p> <p>Where do you stand? What values do you represent? Where do you see yourself on America's dynamic political spectrum? Muslim students facing the aftermath of continued terrorist attacks and domestic political shifts are being asked to grapple with these questions posed not only by the American public, but fellow Muslim community members as well. Defining and strengthening political identities is essential to not only answering these important questions, but also in facilitating a more dynamic and creative Muslim American political culture.</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Amin al-Sarraf, Edina Lekovic, Ahmed Matty, PATF</i></p>	Parallel B — Hyatt

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4:30 – 6:00 pm	Breakout Session C: Activism and Identity — Defining the Canadian/American Muslim So are you Muslim or Canadian? Ever wonder what an American Muslim looks like? Struggling with issues of identity formation, isolation, and alienation, ours is an endeavor for legitimacy and positive existence. When the world insists on seeing us in extremes, from victim to villain, or simply considering us enigmas of religio-cultural clashes, we must respond. Join us as a dynamic panel of Western youth activists lead us in a discussion of cultural construction and identity formation. From Muslim snowboarders, to Chicago's inner city youth, to LA's free-clinics, they come with the very perspective and insight that will be the hallmark of our future existence. Speaker(s): <i>Omar Mahmoud, Rami Nashishibi, Yasser Aman, Mohamed Majid</i>	Parallel A — Hyatt
6:00 – 8:15 pm	DINNER TIME MAIN SESSION 7	
8:15 – 9:30 pm	Message to the Students <i>Hadia Mubarak, Mohamed Sheibani</i> <i>(MSA National President)</i> Today's Students, Tomorrow's Community: As the fledgling Muslim community in 7th century Medina dug a protective trench around the city, one rock caused a delay in construction. With three strikes of a pickaxe, however, the Prophet (saw) did more than simply remove the obstacle. Each blow was accompanied a vision of the Yemen, Syria, and	Main Hall — Convention Center

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	<p>finally Persia. The Prophet (saw) was certain of the spread of Islam. Grappling with minority mentality and issues of non-acceptance, we take this opportunity during the 42nd MSA Continental Conference, a testament in its own right to the permanence of Islam in America, to tackle the perception of an “un-relationship” between Islam and the West. It is a meeting the Prophet (saw) foretold of, so why are we so averse and unable to facilitate it? In the footsteps of a forward-looking leader, Muslim students of the US and Canada are in a unique position to make sense of Islam and North American in fusion, proactively and preemptively transforming the discourse from ‘Islam versus the West’ to ‘Islam and the West.’</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Siraj Wabhaj, Altaf Hussain, Zaid Shakir, Sherman Jackson</i></p>	
	<p>PURSUING THE DIVINE: SET C</p>	
11:00 pm – 12:00 am	<p>SISTERS ONLY</p> <p>Late Night Session:</p> <p>Marriage: The One Who Reminds You of Allah</p> <p>It is reported that the Prophet (saw) said that one’s best friend is that person who reminds her/him of Allah (swt). Marriage is a partnership between best friends, two people who find that they can best develop their awareness of Allah (swt) through mutual assistance and reminder of each other. Eager to find this individual, this session is the place to learn more about what to look for in such a companion, how to pursue the relationship Islamically, and foster it in a way that yields a family and home dedicated to Him (swt).</p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Saliba Shakir</i></p>	Parallel D — Hyatt
11:00 pm – 12:00 am	<p>BROTHERS ONLY</p> <p>Late Night Session:</p> <p>Marriage: The One Who Reminds You of Allah</p> <p><i>Same as above</i></p> <p>Speaker(s): <i>Mohamed Magid</i></p>	Parallel C — Hyatt
12:00 – 12:30 am	<p>Qiyam ul Layl and Khatira</p> <p>The Prophet (saw) said: “Keep up qiyam al-layl. It was the way of the virtuous who came before you; it draws you nearer to your Lord, atones for your sins, forbids you from evil and protects the body from sickness.” (Tirmidhi)</p> <p><i>Abdullah Adhami, Mokhtar Maghraoui</i></p>	Hyatt Prayer Room

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MYNA 20th Annual Continental Conference Rosemont/Donald E. Stevens Convention Center 2nd Floor, Rooms 25-29

Welcome to the MYNA Continental Convention of 2005. This year is particularly special for us, as we are celebrating the 20th year of this important organization.

This year's theme focuses upon the Best of Creation, the Mercy to Mankind, the Reason for Existence, our Beloved Messenger Muhammad (S). Without him, we would not have the message of Islam, and would be lost in a desert of confusion and despair. In a time when his message is being twisted to justify the most brutal of actions, we take time to reflect upon his true teachings, and work to increase our love for him.

As we move forward in our process of reviving MYNA, we ask you to help us by joining in our workshops, sessions, and entertainment.

We pray that this conference will revitalize you as you go home, and provide you with the energy to cultivate your Islamic identity in the coming years.

The program in this booklet may have changed since its publication. For the most up to date information, please consult the MYNA program flyers that will be available at the MYNA PR and Bazaar booths. These will also be passed out during the day by MYNA volunteers.

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Friday, September 2, 2005

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
5:00 – 6:00 pm	MAIN SESSION #1	25, 26, 27
	A Healer to Our Hearts, A Mercy to Mankind, Our Beloved Prophet (S). Our Beloved Prophet's (S) beautiful character, continued struggle, and abundant love attracted the masses towards the path of Allah (SWT). He (S) is the best of creation and the closest to our Lord. Our faith can only be complete upon acceptance of him (S) as the final prophet. None other can carry a name upon which both the creation and the Creator Himself invoke blessings. He is the healer of our hearts, a mercy to mankind: our Beloved Prophet (S). <i>Altaf Husain, Imam Muhammad Magid</i>	
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Dinner and Maghrib	
9:00 – 10:30 pm	MAIN SESSION #2	25, 26, 27
	Welcome Message <i>Omar Siddiqi, Maryam Quadri, Kulsoom Salman</i>	
	Which of the favors of your Lord, will you deny? (Surah Rahman) As Muslims we are blessed to be a part of the greatest ummah, the ummah of Muhammad (S). Although we did not have the privilege to meet him (S) in this life, he is still our direct connection to Allah (SWT), and his (S) Sunnah alone is such a great gift. However, we have let our love for the dunya blind us, neglecting to love what Allah (Swt) loves: the Rasul (S). Have we denied the Have we denied the greatest favor of Allah? Which of the favors of your Lord will you deny? <i>Shaykh Abdullah Adhami, Mufti Abdul-Rahman ibn Yusuf</i>	
8:50 pm	Isha	
10:30 pm	ISNA/MSA/MYNA Brothers Basketball Tourney Meet brothers from all over North America on & off the court and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood! Friendly competition with brothers from around the continent, enjoy more than just the game! ALL BROTHERS EVENT!	

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10:00 – 11:00 am	MAIN SESSION #3 Focusing on the Future In his book “Losing my Religion,” author Jeffrey Lang explores the difficulties that young Muslims face in the United States, and the fact that their alienation could significantly weaken the next generation of Muslims in North America. In this session, Dr. Lang will explore with the Muslim youth how to improve our current situation, so that we may have an energetic and productive future generation of Muslims in the USA and Canada.” <i>Jeffery Lang</i>	25, 26, 27
11:00 – 11:30 am	If You Don’t Know, Ask Those Who Do (Q&A) You got Questions... We got Answers An open forum focused to answer every one of your important questions. A great opportunity for youth, to address issues of importance and ask questions to people who have experienced the same situation. Brothers: <i>Omar Mahmood</i> Sisters: <i>Salma Kazmi</i>	28 29
11:30 – 12:30 pm	MAIN SESSION #4 United Against Hatred Forum As we awake to a world that has been scarred by terrorist bombings and fanatic rhetoric, we must rouse ourselves and unite against one of the most fearsome aspects of the human being; hatred. This forum will address the concerns of the youth with regards to extremism, terrorism, and the Prophetic wisdom that exhorts us to combat such evils. The panel will be led by the current leadership, both young and adult, of the Muslim community. <i>Altaf Husain, Ingrid Mattson, Rami Nashashibi, Omar Siddiqi, Kulsoom Salman</i>	25, 26, 27
12:30 – 2:30 pm	Lunch and Dhur	
2:00 – 3:00 pm	MAIN SESSION #5 Simplicity in His (S) Character One would imagine that the greatest of creation would live a life of luxury. Our	25, 26, 27

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	<p>Prophet (S), however, slept on a folded mat, lived on water and dates for days on end, and gave away whatever wealth he had. His (S) thoughts and desires were only of the hereafter. His lifestyle of outward simplicity and inward wealth continues to endear mankind to him today.</p> <p><i>Shaykh Hussain Abdul-Sattar</i></p>	
3:00 – 4:00 pm	MAIN SESSION #6	
	<p>Emerging From London’s Shadow</p> <p>Although the vicious attacks that occurred on the London underground occurred across the Atlantic Ocean, they still left a deep wound upon our community. Join us as we condemn the attacks in one voice, and work together to rebuild the image of Islam in the community at large.</p> <p><i>Omar Siddiqi, Mohamed Sheibani, Hadia Mubarak, Kulsoom Salman</i></p>	25, 26, 27
4:15 – 5:15 pm	MAIN SESSION #7	
	<p>Blast From the MYNA Past: 20th Anniversary and MYNA Revival</p> <p>Have you ever been to a MYNA camp? Do you know any MYNA raps beyond “M-U-S-L-I-M...”? If you’re like most people, you probably haven’t. The Muslim Youth of North America (MYNA) began in 1985 and had its glory days in the late 80s and early 90s. However, as that generation of young activists grew older and went on to MSA, the MYNA hype began to die down and the once flourishing organization lost its momentum. Today, when only a few active chapters remain in North America, an effort is being made to revive MYNA and fulfill the potential that it has. But how can you help to unite young North American Muslims? Come to this blast from the PAST to hear about MYNA’s accomplishments, and all the old school’s great experiences, and do your part to move this Ummah FORWARD.</p> <p><i>Native Deen, Omar Siddiqi, Kulsoom Salman, Taslima Khaled</i></p>	25, 26, 27
5:15 – 6:00 pm	PARALLEL SET #1	
	<p>The Sunnah, The Better: Speech</p> <p>With soft speech, the prophet (S) would illuminate the hearts of man with his(S) words. His(S) words were of truth and in gentle manner, speaking of good and flowing with the words of Allah. From lying to backbiting, our tongue takes over making us fall into sin. We need to apply the Sunnah into our life-style by controlling our</p>	25

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	tongue and speaking truth and justice. In every aspect of our daily life the Sunnah and Hadith tells us the right way to go from it. The Prophet (S) specifically did things a certain way, which made his(S) life style of simplicity and consistency. Walk through a day in the life of our beloved Prophet (S) in the way he(S) spoke/communicated. <i>Noura Akhras</i>	
5:15 – 6:00 pm	The Hero of the Ummah: His (S) Struggles From his (S) birth to his death, every chapter of our beloved Prophet's life shows piety and strength. From the death of his loved ones, through receiving the revelation and being ridiculed by the non-believers, to guiding his people in battle. The prophet persevered through his tests with patience and remembrance of Allah. This session presents deep heart-felt stories of the Prophet through his hardships, showing us how to deal with our tests of today. <i>Kamran Riaz</i>	27
5:15 – 6:00 pm	MYNA REVIVAL From its inception in 1985 to the present day, MYNA has played a vital role in the development of young Muslims in the USA and Canada. From MYNA raps to MYNA camps, young people all over this continent have benefited from its activities. Now, on the eve of its 20th anniversary, we seek to explore its deep roots in our community, and discuss manners in which to revitalize this seminal organization. <i>MYNA Past Presidents</i>	29
6:00 – 7:00 pm	MAIN SESSION #8 Changing Our Condition Imam Zaid Shakir of Zaytuna Institute brings their acclaimed 'Changing Our Condition' seminar to the MYNA convention. Adapted to address the youth, this session seeks to engender a genuine concern for the future of Islam in North America, and leave them with a focused vision of how to improve the state of their community. <i>Imam Zaid Shakir</i>	25, 26, 27
8:50 pm	Isha	
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10:00 – 11:00 am	MAIN SESSION #9	25, 26, 27
	<p>Dawah: Spread the Word</p> <p>“Say to the People of the Book and to those who are unlearned: ‘Do ye (also) submit yourselves?’ If they do, they are in right guidance, but if they turn back, thy duty is to convey the Message” (3:20).</p> <p>Similar to our daily prayer it is our duty as Muslims to convey the message of Allah (SWT) in its truest form. After the Prophet (S) received the revelation, he and his companions spread the message of Islam through their words and their actions. As a result, 1400 years later, Islam has been spread to all corners of the globe. Using the example of the Prophet (S) and the early Muslims, we can continue this legacy fulfilling our duty to Allah (SWT) and conveying His message to all of mankind.</p> <p><i>Zaynab Alwani, Ingrid Mattson</i></p>	
11:15 – 12:00 pm	PARALLEL SET #2	25
	<p>The Hero of the Ummah: His Sahabas</p> <p>From his(S) birth to his(S) death, every chapter filled between shows our beloved Rasul (S) piety and strength. He is truly the Hero of our Ummah, Guiding us as the last prophet so we are not lost today. This session presents Deep Heart Felt Stories of Prophet (S) with his beloved sahabas. Preserving the Qur’an, sharing laughs, learning, the sahabas were his friends and were the exemplary of his(S) sunnah.</p> <p><i>Altaf Kaisuruddin</i></p>	
11:15 – 12:00 pm	The Sunnah, The Better: Dress	27
	<p>His (S) character of modesty and simplicity reflected his (S) clothing. From wearing white and only a few pair of clothing, the prophet (S) clothing is/was the fashion of Islam. His style has been preserved compared to our everyday changing trends and worries of fitting in, when we fit in perfectly in Islam when following the Sunnah. In every aspect of our daily life the Sunnah and Hadith tells us the right way to go from it. The Prophet (S) specifically did things a certain way, which made his (S) life style of simplicity and consistency. Walk through a day in the life of our beloved prophet (Saw) in the way he(S) dressed.</p> <p><i>Sa’ad Quadri</i></p>	

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11:15 – 12:00 pm	Living the Deen: Family Man A husband, treating his wives with kindness and a Father treating his children with dignity, the Prophet (S) was known as the best family man. Allah created us to be His servants, and further to use us in what we are best in, to help the people around us. We know our first priority before others is our family. In order to be the best in something or perfect an action, we need to use our perfect example: Prophet (S). A person beyond a prophet, the best of husbands and fathers a role of every man in this society. <i>Monem Salam</i>	28
11:15-12:00 pm	HELP!: A Workshop On Standardized Testing Nobody likes taking standardized tests. From the SATs to the APs to the ACTs to the SAT IIs, we'll talk about how to embark on the path of success in these examinations. <i>Milia Islam, Sanjana Ahmed</i>	29
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Q & A You got Questions... We got Answers An open forum focused to answer every one of your important questions. A great opportunity for youth, to address issues of importance and ask questions to people who have experienced the same situation.	
	Brothers <i>Naeem Muhammad, Altaf Husain</i>	28
	Sisters <i>Sr. Saleha Shakir</i>	29
12:30 – 2:30 pm	Lunch and Dhur	
2:30 – 3:30 pm	MAIN SESSION #10 Mothers of the Believers The nurses of our needs, the mothers of mankind, and the female companions of our beloved Rasul (S) had a high place in society and a strong dedication to the Rasul (S). We can all learn valuable lessons about what it means to be a true believer through these women, from Khadijah (R) who consoled him when he (S) first received the revelation, to Nusaybah a female warrior at his (S) side, to Aisha (R) stroking his beard on his deathbed. Male or female, it is important to hear about	25, 26, 27

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	them and learn how the best of creation treated his women as a father, husband, and friend. <i>Shaykh Abdullah Adhami</i>	
3:30 – 4:00 pm	HELP!: A Workshop on the College Admissions Process Your parents are bugging you about college. We'll help you deal with how to write the essay, fill out the application, and have fun in the process. <i>Milia Islam, Sanjana Ahmed</i>	28
4:00 – 5:00 pm	MAIN SESSION #11 Walking in His Footsteps: Cultivating the Prophetic Identity As youth we admire and strive to be like our role models or people we respect and look up to. From Prophet (S)'s daily character to his (S) leadership skills, he (S) is a model for all humanity, the true identity of Islam. Through his (S) character and connection to Allah (SWT) we can understand and hopefully attain his (S) glorious qualities. He (S) composed himself in such a way that upheld the values and characteristics that every Muslim today should incorporate into his/her own identity. "He who clings to my Sunnah when my Ummah is corrupt will receive the reward of a hundred martyrs." Insha'Allah by following his (S) perfect example can we truly match up our footprints to his, and uncover our identity as true Muslims. <i>Omar Mahmood</i>	25, 26, 27
5:15 – 7:00 pm	MAIN SESSION #12 Ummati Ummati: His Love for Us Would that our Prophet (S) were still with us, teaching us, holding our hands, looking at us with his blessed eyes. However, like all humans, he had to leave this earth, and his physical disappearance from the earth causes tears to flow from the eyes of even the most sinful. In this session we seek to remind each other about the message of the Beloved of Allah (S), and inculcate the love of him that is his right upon us. <i>Shaykh Abdullah Adhami, Imam Mukhtar Maghraoui</i>	25, 26, 27
8:50 pm	Isha	