

Muslims in North America: Accomplishments, Challenges and the Road Ahead
Final Program

Friday, September 2, 2005

Friday, 1:00 – 2:00 pm Room – Hall A (back end) Jummah Prayer
Friday, 3:00 – 4:30 pm Room – Hall A Inaugural Session Presidents of ISNA, AMSS, AMSE, MSA National, MYNA, and other guests and dignitaries
Friday, 5:00 – 6:30 pm Room – Hall A Session 1A: Quest for Excellence: An Islamic Imperative Allah has ordained excellence (<i>ihsan</i>) 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: Jamal Badawi, Muzammil Siddiqi Moderator: Aameena Jandali
Friday, 6:00 – 8:30 pm Room – Hyatt Ballroom 8th Annual ISNA Interfaith Unity Banquet 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.
Friday, 8:30 – 10:15 pm Room -- Hall A Session 2A: Qur'an – Foundation for the Road Ahead 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? Speakers: Muhammad Nur Abdullah, Zainab Alwani, Mokhtar Maghraoui Moderator: S. Imtiaz Ahmad

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Saturday, September 3, 2005

Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Room – Hall A
Session 3A: **Pluralism – Providential or Problematic**
From the time the Prophet Muhammad founded the Medina 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?

Speakers: Feisal Abdul Rauf, Sherman A. Jackson
Moderator: Azhar Azeez

Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Room 3, 4, 11, 12
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.

Speakers: Ekram Beshir, M. Rida Beshir
Moderator:

Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Room 7, 8
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 in both 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 organizations can use these tools to counter Islamophobia in a proactive manner.

Speakers: Arsalan Iftikhar, Corey Saylor
Moderator: Yaser Tabbara

Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30
Room 23
Session 3D: **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: Zoubir Bouchikhi, A. Rashied Omar, Yusuf Zia Kavacki
Moderator: Muhammad Nur Abdullah

Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Room 32
Session 3E: **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 tie in the third priority of the ISNA strategic plan – establishing a sound financial base for ISNA.

Speakers: Yaqub Mirza, La Dale George
Moderator: Farooq Selod

Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Room 33
Session 3F: **Abstract Session A**

	Topic	Speaker
Building Bridges to Islam: The Eldershostellers' Experience at the Islamic Center of Long Island		Faroque Khan
Dealing with Controversial Issues – Interfaith in Nashville		Jawaid Ahsan
Interfaith Dialogue and Peace Making – Interfaith in		Henry Bruner and

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Moderator: Faroque Khan							
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room – Hall A</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Speakers: Abd al-Haqq Alan Godlas, Umar Faruq Abd-Allah Moderator: Amina Peterson</p>							
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 1, 2, 13, 14</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speakers: Fazlur Raheem Mujaddidi, Salman Al-Husaini Al-Nadwi, Smita Narula Moderator: Manzoor Ghori</p>							
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 3, 4, 11, 12</p> <p>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 <i>Mustadifin</i>, 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.</p> <p>Speakers: Ingrid Mattson, Sulayman Nyang, Farid Esack Moderator: Mumtaz Ahmad</p>							
<p>Saturday, 10:45 – 12:00 noon Room 5, 6, 9, 10</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speakers: Bonita McGee, Mohamed Magid Ali Moderator: Mohamad Rajabally</p>							
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 7, 8</p> <p>Session 4E: Priorities and Directions of American Muslims for the Next 10 Years Goals and agenda for the community. Politics. Bridge-building.</p> <p>Speakers: Nihad Awad, Parvez Ahmed, Louay Safi Moderator:</p>							
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 21</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speakers: Ekram Beshir, M. Rida Beshir, Zainab Alwani</p>							

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<p>Moderator: Taslima Khaled</p>
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 22</p> <p>Session 4G: Dominant and Emerging Voices in the American Muslim Discourse This panel will set forth the history and evolution of Muslim discourse in the US. In particular, the foundational history shall be discussed, including an examination of the key scholars, intellectuals and activists that launched the 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 the indigenous Muslims, the immigrant Muslims and Muslim American women. Finally, attention shall be paid to the emerging voices and trends in the discourse to ascertain the general direction of American Muslim dialogue. The primary objective of this panel is to demonstrate the diversity and pluralism that has existed in the American Muslim community.</p> <p>Speakers: Saeed Khan, Hank Chase, Maliha Chishti, Rafik Beekun Moderator: Louay Safi</p>
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 23</p> <p>Session 4H: Good Governance and Conflict Prevention in Islamic Centers The questions addressed by this panel include: 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?</p> <p>Speakers: Rizwan Jaka, Gulam Bakali, Patricia Anton Moderator: Kareem Irfan</p>
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 24</p> <p>Session 4I: Muslims and Public Policy The Institute of Social Policy and Understanding will provide insight into the realm 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.</p> <p>Speakers: Muqtedar Khan, Saeed Khan, Salam Al-Marayati, Jumana Vasi Moderator: Farid Senzai</p>
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 34</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speakers: Heba Abbasi, Areej Abbasi, M. Ataf Kaiseruddin Moderator: Rashid Nizam</p>
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 31</p> <p>Session 4K: Islamic Perspective on Counseling This topic has been the focus of past ISNA conferences. Counseling practitioners who have sought to bring together counseling techniques and Islam will present their methods as well as a basic understanding of the subject.</p> <p>Speakers: Aneesah Nader, Abdul Basit Moderator:</p>
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Room 32</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Speakers: Farhan Shah, Ashfaq Khokhar, Asker Ahmed Moderator: Ashfaq Lodhi</p>
<p>Saturday, 10:45 am – 12:00 noon</p>

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Room 33 Session 4M: (AMSE) Improving the Quality of Higher Education in Developing Countries Education played the 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: Mohammad A. Karim, M.H. Rashid, G. Atkinson, Atta-Ur-Rahman Moderator: Mohammad Alam
Saturday, 12:15 – 2:30 pm Room – Hyatt Ballroom 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 North America. Check at the ISNA booth in the bazaar for tickets. Tickets are \$150, if seats are still available. Keynote Speaker: Anwar Ibrahim
Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm Room – Hall A 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? Speakers: Reverend Calvin O. Butts, A. Rashied Omar Moderator: Faroque Khan
Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm Room 1, 2, 13, 14 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: Jamal Badawi, Ameena Jandali, Salam Al-Marayati Moderator: Maha ElGenaidi
Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 PM Room 3, 4, 11, 12 Session 5C: Responding to the Patriot Act: The Next Step for the Muslim American Community The session is to be a continuation of the 2004 panel "Patriot Act and Beyond". The 2004 panel simply introduced and informed the participants on the constitutional implications of the legislation; this panel will present concrete steps a Muslim American community can take to advocate against the renewal of the Patriot Act at the local, state, and national level. The session will provide and use examples of key tools and strategies used by a Muslim community in Illinois. In turn, the Illinois model will be presented as a template for other states to follow in the coming year. Speakers: Maaria Mozaffar, Matt Bowles-Fields, Yasser Tabarra, Farhana Khera Moderator: Naheed Qureshi
Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm Room 5, 6, 9, 10 Session 5D: Dating: Challenges and Solutions to Marriages in North America Marriage has become a challenge for both parents and their children. In a society where dating has become the norm and is seen as a necessary prerequisite for a successful marriage, Muslim families are struggling to save their children from it. This session will present the challenges of marriage and provide practical solutions. Speakers: Yasmeen Qadri, Tasneem Qadeer, Mohamed Magid Ali Moderator: Kamran Qadri
Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm Room 7, 8 Session 5E: Beginning Home Schooling

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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.

Speakers: Priscilla Martinez, Rhonda Reese
 Moderator: Uzma Unus

Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm
 Room 21

Session 5F: 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, Transplantation and Genetic Research. The Islamic Medical Association's position will be discussed along with case studies.

Speakers: Shahid Athar, Faroque Khan, Malika Haque, Hussain Nagamia, Hossam Fadel
 Moderator: Sameer Ahmad

Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 PM
 Room 22

Session 5G:

Speakers:
 Moderator:

Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 PM
 Room 23

Session 5H: 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: Harry Bissell, Rashid Abdur Rahim, Dana Bissell
 Moderator: Cherine S. Abdalla

Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 PM
 Room 24

Session 5I: 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: Bob Edgar, David Saperstein, Clark Chase
 Moderator: Sayyid M. Syeed

Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm
 Room 34

Session 5J: 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: George Fitzgerald, Rabia Terri Harris, Doha Hamza, Ramadan Zakat
 Moderator: Ingrid Mattson

Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 PM
 Room 31

Session 5K: Securing the Future: Challenges of Cooperation among American Muslims of the Subcontinent

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.

Speakers: Mohammad A. Karim, Manzoor Ghori, Faizan Haq, Shafqat Chaudhary, Mhd. Wasiullah Khan, A.R. Nakadar
 Moderator: Ashraf Abbasi

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Session 5L: Islam Amongst Latino Americans

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.

Speakers: Abdussamad Romero, Ricardo Pena, Rebecca Abuqaoud

Moderator:

Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 PM
Room 33

Session 5M: (AMSE) Doctors, Engineers, and Professionals for the Betterment of the World

Most of the developing world is in need of the basic infrastructure for housing, water, power, transportation and communication. However, almost all of the volunteer work is conducted by non-Muslim volunteers because of the lack of interest by Muslim intelligencia. This panel will be an inspiration for the attendees and is a must for those who intend to take the first step in volunteerism and uplift the Ummah. One of the main objectives of this session is to develop a Muslim resource directory of volunteers.

Speakers: Parvaiz Malik, Bernard Amadei, Khurshid Qureshi, Farooq Selod

Moderator: Parvaiz Malik

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room – Hall A

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: Ingrid Mattson, Maliha Chishti, Abdullah Adhami

Moderator: Parvaiz Malik

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 1, 2, 13, 14

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: Mehdi Bray, Nihad Awad, Talib Abdul Rasheed, Agha Saeed, Kareem Irfan

Moderator: Shabbir Safdar

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 3, 4, 11, 12

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: Afeefa Syeed, Mohamed Magid Ali, Shahina Siddiqui, Sarah Sayeed

Moderator: Fedwa Wazwaz

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 5, 6, 9, 10

Session 6D: Pioneering Efforts in Islamic Finance

Islamic finance has grown all over the world. Today our communities want to know more about Islamic banking and Investment opportunities that go with the Islamic principles. The field of finance and banking is critical to the economic success of Muslim community in North America. This session will shed some light on the field of banking and finance with an Islamic perspective.

Speakers: Pervez Nasim, Rehan Dawer

Moderator: Mohamed Elsanousi

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 7, 8

Session 6E: From Book to National Television: The Evolution of a Documentary about Islam in Early America

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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.

Speakers: Michael Wolfe, Alex Kronemer, Sulayman Nyang
Moderator: Jawaad Abdur Rahman

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 21

Session 6F: Core Values and Practices for Human Development

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.

Speakers: Muhammad Nur Abdullah, Muzammil Siddiqi, S. Imtiaz Ahmad
Moderator: S. Imtiaz Ahmad

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 22

Session 6G: Institutional Dawah: Islamic Center/Mosque reaching out to the Community

The goal of this session is to share with and inform the audience about some of 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.

Speakers: Asma Ejaz, Nazli Chaudhry, Shaida Khan
Moderator: Zubieda Lunat

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 23

Session 6H: Using Multimedia to Present Diversity Training on Muslims to Police Departments and Corporations

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.

Speakers: Maha ElGenaidi, Azra Hussain, Soumaya Khalifa
Moderator: Zafar Siddiqui

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 24

Session 6I: Kashmir Problem and Building a Peaceful South Asia

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.

Speakers: Agha Saeed, Ghulam N. Mir, Nazir Shawl, Lord Nazir Ahmad
Moderator: Ghulam N Fai

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 34

Session 6J: Affects of Trauma on Muslim Refugees and Resettling them in the US

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 issue. Through a civil rights attorney's research for a documentary, the difficulties being faced by Muslim refugees as they resettle in the US and the implications of the disconnection between the Muslim American community and the refugee community are shown.

Speakers: Maaria Mozaffar, John Tuskan, Abdul Basit
Moderator: Aneesah Nadir

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 31

Session 6K: Building Bridges between Islam and the West: 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.

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Speakers: Mohammad A. Karim, M. Omar Farooq, Shafi Khaled
Moderator: Abu Bakr Ahmed

Saturday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 32

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: La Dale George, Salam Al-Marayati, Ismail Tahir, Ihsan Bagby
Moderator: Louay Safi

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Room 33

Session 6M: Meet With the Elected Muslim Leaders of America

Speakers:
Moderator: Faizan Haq

Saturday, 8:15 – 10:15 pm
Room – Hall A

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: Omar Siddiqi, Hadia Mubarak, Zaid Shakir, Abdalla Idris Ali, Siraj Wahhaj

Saturday, 10:20 – 11:30 pm
Room – Hall A

ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday, September 4, 2005

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room – Hall A

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?

Speakers: Ihsan Bagby, Aisha Al-Adawiya, Mazen Hashem
Moderator: Louay Safi

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
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Session 8B: Fiqh – Part A

Sighting the Moon in North America

Speakers: Mohib Durrani, Jamal Badawi, Adam El-sheikh, Muhammad Nur Abdalla
Moderator:

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room 3, 4, 11, 12

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

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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.

Speakers: Safaa Zarzour, Suhaib Quadri, Monem Salam
Moderator: Bassam Osman

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room 5, 6, 9, 10

Session 8D: Why Islam, Dawah Project

Provide an overview of the project of how it uses billboards, mall booths, and local street tables; give step by step process of implementing; and highlights the importance of dawah in a land where Islam is not wide-spread and how to approach People of the Book. Provide attendees on how they can volunteer their services and be a part of a national network of volunteers; describe the do's and don'ts of dawah.

Speakers: Abdalla Idris Ali, Mazen Moukhtar
Moderator: Rizwan Bari

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room 7, 8

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 the West. 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.

Speakers: Ibrahim Hooper, Rabiah Ahmed
Moderator: Ahmed Rehab

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room 21

Session 8F:

Speakers:
Moderator:

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room 22

Session 8G: Building Bridges of Faith: Legacy of Abraham and Interfaith Cooperation.

This panel examines commonalities among the three Abrahamic faiths, and explores possible areas of cooperation, and ways and means to improve relations. Panelists will discuss unique interfaith programs in their grassroot communities that can be implemented in other communities across the nation.

Speakers: M. Shafiq, Aziz Ahsan, Ghalib Begg
Moderator: Faroque Khan

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room 23

Session 8H:

Speakers:
Moderator:

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Room 24

Session 8I: Abstract Session B

Topic	Speaker
Enhancing Board Performance in the Islamic Nonprofit Sector: Analysis and Recommendations	Aamir Rehman
Challenges of Raising Children in USA	Shamim Sufi
Caring for a Muslim Patient: A Survey Study	Moustafa Aouthmany
The High Cost of Cheap Food	Shireen Pishdadi
Takengon Central Aceh Orphanage	Dian Alyan

Moderator: Kamran Memon

Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

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<p>Room 34 Session 8J: 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.</p> <p>Speakers: Noreen Ahmed-Ullah, Sana Beg, Dilnawaz Siddiqui Moderator: Shabina S. Khatri</p>
<p>Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am Room 31 Session 8K: 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 reviewed by an attorney to make certain it completely meets their needs and is 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 familiar with how charitable trusts can be used for this purpose. This part one of a two part seminar will go through the various techniques through which Muslims can insure that their assets are conveyed to the people they would like while minimizing the tax burdens on their estate.</p> <p>Speakers: M. Yaqub Mirza, Mir Ali, Salman Azam, Muzammil Siddiqi Moderator: Abdul Alim Khandekar</p>
<p>Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am Room 32 Session 8L:</p> <p>Speakers: Moderator:</p>
<p>Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am Room 33 Session 8M: (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: M.I. Khan, I.S. Ahmad, M.A.G. Abushagur Moderator: M.I. Khan</p>
<p>Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Room – Hall A Session 9A: 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: Amir Rehman, Jamillah Karim, Altaf Husain Moderator:</p>
<p>Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Room 1, 2, 13, 14 Session 9B: 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> <p>Speaker: Anwar Ibrahim Moderator: S. Imtiaz Ahmad</p>
<p>Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Room 3, 4, 11, 12 Session 9C: Harmony in the Family.</p>

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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: Mohamed Magid Ali
 Moderator:

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Room 5, 6, 9, 10

Session 9D: 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: TriKarti Karingsi, Parvaiz Malik, Afeefa Syeed, Naeem Muhammed, Manzoor Ghori
 Moderator: Faroque Khan

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Room 7, 8

Session 9E: 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: Inur Mamoor, Rafia Hamid, Kushala Ahmed, Aneesah Nadir
 Moderator: Shaida Khan

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Room 21

Session 9F: Islam and Your Children's Rights in Public Schools

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.

Speakers: Ahmed Bedier, Yasmeen Qadri, Maha ElGenaidi
 Moderator: Gretchen Harms

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Room 22

Session 9G: Accommodating Muslim Pluralism in Chaplaincy

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?

Speakers: Yusuf Yee, Mumina Kowalski, Suhaib Sultan, Abdur Rashid Muhammad
 Moderator: Ingrid Mattson

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Room 23

Session 9H: Challenges of Halal Foods in North America

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.

Speaker: Mazhar Hussaini
 Moderator: Ahmed ElHattab

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Room 24

Session 9I: Interfaith Relations and Dialogue

Muslims cannot dispel many of the misunderstandings and stereotyping against them. It is critical that leaders of all Abrahamic faiths work together to build bridges of understanding. This is very critical for a society that is committed to building a pluralist environment.

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Speakers: Muhammad Shafiq, Father Francis Tiso, Rabbi Peter Knobel
Moderator: Muzammil Siddiqi

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Room 34

Session 9J: How American Muslims are Challenged by Civilizational Issues in the Muslim World

The goal of this session is to explore and communicate the 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.

Speakers: Mumtaz Ahmad, Iqbal Unus, Aly Abuzaakouk
Moderator: Kamran Bukhari

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Room 31

Session 9K: Planned Charitable Giving: An Islamic Perspective-Part B

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Speakers: Yaqub Mirza, Mir Ali, Salmam Azam, Mokhtar Maghraoui
Moderator: Ghulam Nabi Mir

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Room 32

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: Imran Merchant, Rizwan Jaka, Abid Malik
Moderator: Shehzad Jameel

Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Room 33

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: Hank Chase, Atta-ur-Rahman, G. Atkinson
Moderator: Khurshid Qureshi

Sunday, 2:30 – 3:30
Room – Hall A

Session 10A: 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 cover the Convention 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: Jamal Badawi, Mohamed Magid
Moderator: Kareem Irfan

Sunday, 3:30 – 4:15
Room – Hall A

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Session 10B: **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: ISNA President, ISNA Secretary General, Majlis Ash-Shura, Executive Council
Moderator: Sayyid M. Syeed

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room – Hall A
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: John Esposito, Salam Al-Marayati, Maha ElGenaidi
Moderator: Eman Hassaballa

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room – 1, 2, 13, 14
Session 11B: **Contemporary Fiqh Issues**
Open Session with Members of the Fiqh Council of North America answering questions on various difficult topics.

Speakers: **Jamal Badawi, Mohammad Adam El-Sheikh, Ihsan Bagby**
Moderator:

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 3, 4, 11, 12
Session 11C:

Speakers:
Moderator:

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 5, 6, 9, 10
Session 11D: **(ITAG) Higher Education, Science and Technology – Imperatives for the Development of the Ummah**
Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman will discuss the importance of including science and technology in the education system to develop a viable Ummah. Other initiatives and accomplishments of the Higher Education Commission in Pakistan will be presented.

Speakers: Atta-ur-Rahman, Minister of Higher Education Commission, Pakistan
Moderator: Safi Qureshy

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 7, 8
Session 11E: **American Muslim Entrepreneurial Forum.**
This forum will provide an opportunity to network with other successful Muslim entrepreneurs.

Speakers:
Moderator:

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 21
Session 11F: **Networking Between Metropolitan Shura Councils**
To foster networking between local Shura Councils; to leverage each others strength and learn from each others unique experiences

Speakers: Abdul Malik Mujahid, Rizwan Jaka, Shakeel Syed, Rodwan Saleh
Moderator: Kalim Farooki

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 22
Session 11G: **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.

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ISNA has also created partnerships with national youth programs and the panelists will discuss the scope of their organizations and how Muslims may become more involved with these programs

Speakers: George Sparks, Shanta Premawardhna, Jay Rock, Ingrid Mattson
Moderator:

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 23

Session 11H: Education Forum

This session will give a report on the Education Forum 2005 (EF05) and other programs and projects the education committee wants to start.

Speakers: Abdalla Idris Ali, Afeefa Syeed, Zahra Williams
Moderator: Safaa Zarzour

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 24

Session 11I: National Association of Muslim American Nonprofits (NAMANP).

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.

Speakers: Karen Keyworth, Mohamed Elsanousi, Muqtedar Khan
Moderator: Ahmed Younis

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 34

Session 11J: Social Issues Facing Muslims in North America

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, accomplishments, and future strategies for improving the social condition of the Muslim community.

Speakers: Aneesah Nadir, Shahina Siddiqui
Moderator: Bonita McGee

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 31

Session 11K: 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: Muzammil Siddiqi, Ingrid Mattson, Mokhtar Maghraoui
Moderator:

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 32

Session 11L: 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: Sulayman Nyang, Muhammad Nur Abdullah, Ibrahim Ramy, Nura Amatullah, Olara A. Otunnu
Moderator: Amir Al-Islam

Sunday, 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Room 33

Session 11M:

Speakers:
Moderator:

Sunday, 8:15 – 9:45 pm
Room – Hall A

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Session 12A: **MSA**

Speakers:

Moderator:

Sunday, 8:15 – 9:45 pm

Room – 1,2,13,14

Session 12A: **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, Yephet El-Amin

Moderator: Kareem Irfan

Sunday, 10:00 – 11:30 pm

Room - Hall A

Entertainment

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Monday, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Room – Hall A

Session 13A: **Convention Wrap-Up**

Articulate Muslim professionals will offer a synopsis of core concepts and essential 'take away' actions from key convention speeches and sessions during preceding 3 days. These informative presentations will enlighten the many convention attendees, leaders, guests, volunteers, speakers/presenters, and vendors who are unable to attend all of the convention sessions of high interest and importance.

Speakers: Selected Speakers from convention sessions

Moderator: