

ISNA CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON
The Power of Faith: Transforming Self and Society

PROGRAM

10:00-10:15 AM

Opening Session

Hayat Ballroom

Welcome

Recitation from the Holy Qur'an: **Amir Ismail Hazem Bata**; ISNA Secretary General, **MJ Khan**; ISGH President

10:15-10:55 AM

Main Session 1

Hayat Ballroom

Seeking and Finding the Help of Allah

Each human is tested with the most rigorous trials and tribulations. In order to overcome these tests designed by God, each of us must strive to achieve patience and hold fast to our faith. In this session, we will examine how to translate stories from the Quran and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) into lessons applicable to our daily strife.

Speakers: **Muzammil Siddiqi, Azhar Azeez**
Moderator: **Hina Syed**

11:00-11:35 AM

Main Session 2

Hayat Ballroom

Leading Movements with Help from A Higher Power

After leading an über successful women's led march on Washington, D.C. the day after President Trump's inauguration, this passionate speaker will help us define the meaning of spiritual and action driven vigor as an absolute necessity in our personal and collective struggles and manner in which it can be achieved.

Speakers: **Linda Sarsour**
Moderator: **Sarah Gowayed**

11:40 AM-12:15 PM

Main Session 3

Hayat Ballroom

Striking a Balance in Life

Islam encourages an equal balance of the mind, body and soul. Achieving a healthy balance with the stressful situations of everyday reality can be difficult. What challenges do we all share in our attempts to strike this balance and what are the best practices available to overcome those challenges?

Speakers: **Kamal El Mekki, Asra Ali, Siraj Wahhaj**
Moderator: **Rabab Sabbahi**

12:30-2:00 PM

Lunch & Dhuhur Prayer

Women's Gymnasium

2:00-2:45 PM

Main Session 4

Hayat Ballroom

Examining Media from the Lens of an Insider

As an acclaimed media personality and social media influencer, this speaker has an inside look at the complex intersection of various forms of media and politics from a Muslim perspective. What role does the media play in fanning flames of controversy and in framing political discourse? What are some opportunities that exist for those seeking to join the media and challenge Muslim-American's current public image?

Speakers: **Mehdi Hasan**
Moderator: **Rehan Aslam**

2:50-3:35 PM

Main Session 5

Hayat Ballroom

Lending Helping Hands

Some of the largest most catastrophic humanitarian crises occurred in 2016. Lending a helping hand to those less fortunate is a *fard* of Muslims everywhere. How can we be most helpful in addressing disasters like Syria, joining together to show support and raising funds and awareness?

Speakers: **Mohammed Wasim Khan, Azhar Azeez**
Moderator: **Shuruq Gayenda**

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2:50-3:35 PM

Sponsored Session 5A

Activity Room 102

Home Buying and Islamic Financing Seminar

This educational presentation will cover the basics of home buying and Islamic financing. Various Islamic financing models and financing terms will be presented so you can make an informed decision. Finally a tip to have sellers cover the closing costs will be explored to assist home buyers with limited down payment funds.

Speaker: **Aijaz Hussain**

3:40-4:30 PM

Main Session 6

Hayat Ballroom

Finding Commonality Through Personal Ties

Each of us has our own story of resilience. These tales speak to the experiences that have helped shape and retain our identities as Muslims, parents, siblings, children, leaders, volunteers and Americans. Our panelists will share their own stories and discuss how they made it through tough situations with tenacity.

Speakers: **Linda Sarsour, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf**
Moderator: **Samiah Khan**

Muslim Chaplaincy Seminar

11:00-11:35 AM

Chaplaincy Session 2A

Activity Room 102

Diverse Roles of the Muslim Chaplain in American Institutions: US Military

Speaker: **Rafael Lantiqua**

11:40 AM-12:15 PM

Chaplaincy Session 3A

Activity Room 102

Diverse Roles of the Muslim Chaplain in American Institutions: Medical Centers

Speaker: **AR Muhammad**

2:00-2:45 PM

Chaplaincy Session 4A

Activity Room 102

Diverse Roles of the Muslim Chaplain in Other American Institutions

This will include looking at American institutions from correctional facilities as well as colleges and universities.

Speaker: **AR Muhammad**

3:40-4:30 PM

Chaplaincy Session 6A

Activity Room 102

The Diverse Roles of the Muslim Community in Support of Chaplaincy

Speakers: **Rafael Lantiqua, AR Muhammad**

4:30 PM

Asr

Women's Gymnasium

6:20PM

Maghreb

7:00 PM

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Hayat Ballroom

ISNA Celebration Banquet

Recitation from the Holy Qur'an: **Zaigham Butt**

"Finding Your Voice," a conversation with **Linda Sarsour, Siraj Wahhaj and Mehdi Hasan**

Community Service Award Recipients: **Dr. Laeeq & Rosie Khan**

Call for Support: **Investing in the Future of ISNA**

Guest: **Preacher Moss**

Master of Ceremonies: **Rehan Farooq**