

54th ANNUAL ISNA CONVENTION

June 30- July 3, 2017

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center • Rosemont, IL

Hope and Guidance Through the Quran

Friday, June 30, 2017

1:30 - 2:00 PM

Jumu'ah Prayer

Prayer Hall

Khateeb: **Azhar Azeez, ISNA President**

3:30 - 4:45 PM

OPENING SESSION

Session 1

Room 12-14



ISNA's Welcome Address

- Recitation from the Holy Qur'an
- Welcome Address from Azhar Azeez, ISNA President
- Messages from government and interfaith leaders
 - Elizabeth Eaton**, ELCA Presiding Bishop
- Brief remarks from leaders of American Muslim Organizations
 - Salam Al-Marayati**, MPAC President
 - Javaid Siddiqi**, ICNA President
 - Mazen Mokhtar**, MAS Executive Director
 - Nihad Awad**, CAIR Executive Director
- Recognition of dignitaries and guests
- Recognition of Program, Steering and Convention Committee Chairs, volunteers and staff

Moderator: **Fatima Salman**

5:00 - 6:00 PM

MAIN SESSIONS

Session 2A

Room 12-14



Role of Faith in a Culture of Fear in America

This panel is an inspiring exposé of constructive theology and leadership where the faith leaders identify various sources of fear and see how we can create an environment of mutual trust and confidence. The panelists as faith leaders have been instrumental in developing approaches and initiatives that have resulted in a positive impact on our communities.

Speakers: **John A. Morrow, Michael Kinnamon, Muzammil Siddiqi**

Discussant: **Kareem Irfan**

Session 2B

Room 10-11

News Makers

While we see and hear from Muslim newsmakers, we rarely have the opportunity to hear their insight about those news stories, what they want to express beyond the sound bytes and especially their personal experiences being thrust into the spotlight. Join us for a discussion with our community activists who are on the front lines, making the headlines.

Speakers: **Abdul El Sayed, Bilqis Abdul-Qaadir, Laila Al-Arian, Moon Khan, Linda Sarsour**

Moderator: **Safiah Chowdhury**

6:00 - 6:30 PM

Asr Prayer

Prayer Hall



ASL Interpreters are available for these sessions

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HOPE AND GUIDANCE THROUGH THE QURAN

7:00 - 8:00 PM

MAIN SESSIONS

Session 3A
Room 12-14**Water is Life**

"We made from water every living thing." (Quran 21:30)

As both a means of survival and a means towards spiritual cleansing, current events have placed the use and abuse of water at the forefront: DAPL, Flint, water shortages, refugees escaping by sea, ongoing droughts, etc. What is the relationship between Muslims, water, and climate change? This session will focus on developing faith based awareness campaigns and provide solutions to take back to our families and communities regarding our responsibilities and encouraging proper stewardship of the Earth.

Speakers: **Ameena Jandali, Zaid Shakir**

Moderator: **Saffet Catovic**

Session 3B
Room 10-11**Ask the Scholars: Open Q&A**

Join Islamic scholars to discuss various issues which each of us face in our daily lives. Come prepared with your questions for our panel to address.

Scholars: **Muzammil Siddiqi, Zulfiqar Ali Shah**

Moderator: **Ihsan Bagby**

Session 3C
Room 24**Cultural Ingenuity (Part 1): The Sleepers of the Cave**

God, through the Quran and prophetic narratives, recognized many different communities throughout history. In each of these communities there are lessons to direct and inspire each of us both in our daily lives and our daily devotionals/ spiritual growth.

The story of the sleepers of the cave is shared among Muslims and Christians. Despite finding persecution overbearing, these youth were unwilling to denounce their faith. Their awakening from a cross-generational sleep had them re-enter into a very different community.

Speaker: **Abdalla Idris Ali**

Moderator: **Safaa Zarzour**

Session 3D
Room 25**I Am a Proud Muslim: or Can't You Tell**

To be a minority among minorities is a privilege very few are able to claim. We will take a look into the narrative of Muslims who do not fit the "standard" traditional look of a Muslim. Can't grow a beard? Skin too pale? Dress a certain way? This session will take an in depth look at why many Muslims feel the need to constantly prove their Muslim identity even among other Muslims.

Speakers: **Nana Firman, Yunus Khaerisman**

Moderator: **Iman Khaerisman**

Session 3E
Room 26**IslamInSpanish & The Latino Muslim Wave (Talk Show)**

IslamInSpanish was established after the tragic incident of September 11th and after 16 years has become a trending leading wave featured by CNN, BBC, L.A. Times, NPR, Univision, Telemundo, and others who understand this segment's growth implication in America. Join us to find out why Latinos and Muslims are the two demographic groups changing the narrative within the Muslim Community and in society as a whole in America and worldwide.

Speakers: **Jaime Mujahid Fletcher, Wesley Abu Lebron**

Host: **Alma Campos**

8:30 PM

Maghrib Prayer**Prayer Hall**

9:00 - 10:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Session 4
Room 12-14



Allah: The Quran's Purpose, Primacy and Promotion

The singular message of the Quran transcends race, gender, nationality and even time. We know about Allah, but do we know Allah. We believe in God, but do we believe God's indisputable omnipotence. How do we translate our love of God into commitments and actions? How do we transform ourselves by exploring the evolutionary nature of faith (Iman) and bring the Divine effectively into our lives?

Speakers: **Yasmin Mogahed, Zaid Shakir**

Moderator: **Mamoon Syed**

10:30 PM

Isha Prayer

Prayer Hall

4:30 AM

Fajr Prayer and Spiritual Talks
 Shaykh Abdalla Idris Ali
 Mazen Mokhtar

Embassy Suites
 Hyatt Regency

10:00 - 11:00 AM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Session 5A
 Room 12-14

Masjid: Sanctuaries for Women in the Age of Islamophobia

Women face increased threats to their security and safety, especially those who are more easily identified as Muslim. Simultaneously, our community tends to deny women access to masajid; the primary communal hub where religion and Muslim culture are transmitted. How can we transform our communities into safe havens for women providing comfort, security, and support grounded in the teachings of the Quran and the Prophetic example?

Speakers: **Tamara Gray, Omar Suleiman**

Moderator: **Aisha al-Adawiya**

Session 5B
 Room 30

Effective Local Political Engagement in Red and Blue States (Roundtable)

State and local political engagement is as vital as ever. Our experts are experienced in political engagement in blue states with relatively little Islamophobia in local and state government, and red states where Islamophobia by public officials is common. How can civically engaged Muslims be effective in both environments? Share your successes and learn from others in this participatory roundtable.

Speakers: **Zahra Billoo, Sherif Zaafran**

Facilitator: **Cyrus McGoldrick**

Session 5C
 Room 24

Saving Rohingya Muslims: Saving a Life is as if Saving Mankind

Crimes against humanity are being committed in Myanmar through various forms of atrocities and summary execution of Rohingya men, women, and children. Thousands of lives have been lost and over a million people have been displaced internally and externally. The Muslim Ummah's efforts to save the Rohingya is like saving all mankind — as it says in The Holy Quran: "...if anybody saves a life, it would be as if he has saved the life of all mankind". (Surah Al-Ma'ida 5:32)

Speakers: **Wakar Uddin, Azeem Ibrahim**

Facilitator: **Asahab Dean**

Session 5D
 Room 25

Relationship Real Talk: Building Marriages That Last

Finding love as American Muslims can seem hopeless when so many are without spouses and those who are married struggle to avoid divorce. But are we really as helpless as we think? By asking difficult questions and highlighting the most important aspects of compatibility, we can empower ourselves to attain healthy relationships—a marriage reality check. Join a professional matchmaker for a workshop addressing how best to match oneself addressing your needs over your wants.

Speakers: **Yasmin Elhady, Mohamed Ali**

Moderator: **Antar Hanif**

Session 5E
 Room 33

Meet the Author: Seeking Knowledge

- *Al-Ghazali: The Book of Knowledge for Children*
- *The Clear Quran*

Speakers: **Virginia Gray Henry, Mustafa Khattab**

Moderator: **Iqbal Unus**

10:00 - 11:00 AM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Session 5F
Room 29
 (CIOGC)

Civil Rights (Roundtable)

Come join us for an in depth conversation with citizens, activists, and community leaders. We will be looking closely at what works and discuss what still needs to be done.

Speakers: **Iman Nacer Boundaoui, Su'ad Abdul Khabeer, Maaria Mozaffar**

Moderator: **Hoda Katebi**

10:00 - 11:00 AM

OTHER SESSIONS

Session 5G
Room 27
 (Sponsored by North
 American Islamic Trust)

**Protecting Your Islamic Center from Threats and
 Protecting Your Center's Assets and Savings**

How can management of Islamic centers protect their masjid from mismanagement? Come learn about the relational tools needed to operate a not for profit Islamic center. Learn how to recruit good volunteers to help operate Islamic centers. Learn ways to protect your center from external threats in the era of Trump. We will discuss masjid management and the important duty to effectively utilize the savings and donations they receive. Come and learn a unique program on how to best protect your centers and assets through NAIT's unique Islamic Center Cooperative Fund program.

Speakers: **Salah Obeidallah, Azam Nizamuddin**

Session 5H
Room 7
 (AMSET)

Career/Business Development Session

Establishing Career and Business Development Programs at Local Mosques: It is important to develop programs at every local mosque and community center that prepares its members for the highly competitive jobs and businesses in the area of technology, engineering, IT, medicine, law, education, finance, etc. This talk will discuss the need for such programs in Mosques/Islamic Centers and the practical steps to establish them successfully. The community leaders, Imams, Mosque board members, and students can take away good strategies from this session to implement in their local communities.

Myths and Realities of Job Search In Technology Sector: Is it better to search jobs using the tried and tested route, or is it better to take the road less travelled? How does a fresh graduate make the cut when experienced candidates are also competing? Is it possible to get a job in an area different from one's education? Are there any stories in the Quran and Sunnah about finding a job? The session will deal with finding the right Roadmap, Guidance for Personalized Search (GPS) and Milestones that will be helpful for job seekers.

A Visionary Platform to Strengthen Muslim Professional Community — Introducing ALMPG: Strongly adhering to the principles of community advancement, The Muslim Professional Groups (ALMPG) aims at supporting its members through training, guidance and resources for meaningful career development. This network provides a solid platform where the members with similar interests and ideals can unite and work towards enhancing opportunities for each other by job referrals, professional guidance and extend help to one another.

Speakers: **Shafeeq Bandagi, Asad Mohammed, Riyazuddin Mohammed**

Moderator: **Afzal Mohammed**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

MAIN SESSIONS

Session 6A
Room 12-14



Finding al-Furqan: Truth, Lies, and Alternate Facts (Talk Show)

Despite an abundance of information, we have become distanced from the truth. Social media amplifies our preferred bubbles and can propagate false information instead of providing an accurate reality to draw our own conclusions. This challenge not only confronts us politically and socially, but equally within our religious understanding, discourses, and behavior. (Ever ask "Shaykh Google"?) This session will aim to re-establish how to effectively decipher fact from fiction in the world of open source information.

Speakers: **Wajahat Ali, Mariam Sobh, Alex Kronemer**

Host: **Mehdi Hasan**

Session 6B
Room 10-11

Uniting for the Common Good: Supporting Minority Groups (Talk Show)

Minority coalitions such as the LGBTQ community, and pro-choice proponents have been largely overlooked and often persecuted. This session will examine the ways in which Muslims can collaborate with minority groups that hold opinions which differ or may seem to contradict Islamic values to create effective and long-lasting dialogues and relationships.

Speakers: **Zahra Billoo, Khalid Latif**

Host: **Fatima Salman**

Session 6C
Room 24

Ask the Scholars: Open Q&A

Join Islamic scholars to discuss various issues which each of us face in our daily lives. Come prepared with your questions for our panel to address.

Speakers: **Mohamed Magid, Tamara Gray, Abdalla Idris Ali**

Moderator: **Rashed Nizam**

Session 6D
Room 25

Cultural Ingenuity (Part 2): The Children of Israel

God, through the Quran and prophetic narratives, recognized many different communities throughout history. In each of these communities there are lessons to direct and inspire each of us both in our daily lives and our daily devotionals/ spiritual growth.

The most-referenced community in the Quran is by far the Children of Israel under the tutelage and guidance of multiple prophets, most notably, Moses. The linkages and commonalities are many, the lessons, landmines and opportunities abound.

Speaker: **Muzammil Siddiqi**

Moderator: **Safiah Chowdhury**

Session 6E
Room 26

Black, American, & Muslim: Negotiating Race, Class, and Gender (Talk Show)

Black American Muslim women have been leading voices on the struggle for social justice in America. Why then is there constant erasure of their experiences? Join an honest conversation negotiating race, class, and gender with an educator and daughter of a historic American Muslim movement; an artist, activist, and professor of African American Studies and Anthropology; an award-winning scholar on race, gender, and Islam; and an outspoken Sudanese American activist as moderator.

Speakers: **Jamillah Karim, Su'ad Abdul Khabeer, Laila Muhammad**

Host: **Hind Makki**

1:00 – 3:00 PM
South Ballroom
(Rooms 40 – 53)

Community Service Recognition Luncheon*

* PURCHASED TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

The Community Service Recognition Luncheon (CSRL) is an inspiring celebration where a prestigious group of the nation's Muslim leaders, scholars and government officials join to honor an individual dedicated to community service. This year marks the 18th annual luncheon, hosted by the ISNA Founders' Committee, and is considered a major highlight of the annual convention.

Award Recipient: **Sayyid M. Syeed**

Keynote Speaker: **Linda Sarsour**

1:15 PM

Dhuhr Prayer

Prayer Hall

1:30 – 2:30 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Session 7A
Room 12-14

Responding to Challenging Questions with Guidance from the Qur'an

With the rise in Islamophobia, the misconceptions and questions about Islam and Muslims have become more complex and challenging for regular Muslims to respond to. This session identifies current hot button issues and provides a framework and guidelines for responding to challenging questions as well as access to over a hundred answers to common questions about Islam and Muslims.

Speakers: **Salam Al-Marayati, Ameena Jandali**

Moderator: **Tabassum Haleem**

Session 7B
Room 10-11

Dribbling for Dawah: How Sports Overcome Islamophobia

Sports are an essential and important aspect of American society. Sports activities not only improve one's personal health and self esteem, they also play a vital role in strengthening a Muslim's faith and fellowship, and in connecting Muslims with non-Muslims in post-9/11 America. Muslim American athletes at all levels of participation and play, guided by the Qur'an and Islam's teachings, challenge the negative stereotypes and provide positive alternative role models for young and old alike.

Speakers: **Steven Fink, Bilqis Abdul-Qaadir**

Moderator: **Abir Catovic**

Session 7C
Room 24

Mosque Mobilization in the Current Political Climate

ISPU's second report in the "Reimagining Muslim Spaces" series presents a case study of the Muslim Community Association (MCA). MCA, on its own or in partnership with organizations such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), regularly hosts events and activities focused on involving Muslims in the civic life of America. Join ISPU to learn about short and long term strategies and tools to educate and mobilize our mosque communities to respond to Trump era politics with civic engagement.

Speakers: **Alia J. Bilal, Zahra Billoo**

Moderator: **Sarrah Buageila**

1:30 - 2:30 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

**Session 7D
Room 25****Using Fiction to De-Stereotype Islam and Muslims**

Fiction inspires. It is a space that is filled with imagination and creativity. It's a space that allows for writers to live life vicariously through the experiences of their characters. Fiction inculcates values. Muslims have lagged in utilizing fiction to De-Stereotype Islam and Muslims in the West. In teaching non-Muslims about Islam and inspiring Muslims to hold on to their Islam, fiction can tell our story with all its successes and hardships in a way that is effective and potent. This session is directed to answering the question: how can Muslims use fiction to change the negative perception of Islam and Muslims?

Speakers: **Umm Zakiyyah, Wael Abdelgawad**

Moderator: **Hena Zuberi**

**Session 7E
Room 33****Meet the Author: Family Matters**

- *Positive Parenting in the Muslim Home*
- *A Closer Look at Halal Meat from Farm to Fork*

Speakers: **Noha Alshugairi, Munira Lekovic Ezzeldine, Mohammad Abdullah**

Moderator: **Najiyah Maxfield**

1:30 - 2:30 PM

OTHER SESSIONS

**Session 7F
Room 26**
(Sponsored by Helping Hands USA)**Sadaqah Brings Blessings: What is the Best Sadaqah?**

It is mind boggling that around 800 Million people do not have access to clean drinking water. In this session, various problems the world is facing with regards to Water will be discussed, and what are the options that we can utilize to solve these issues so to make a positive difference in the lives of millions in our global village and to earn many rewards from our Creator.

Speakers: **Gyasi Mckinzie, Sehar Iqbal**

Moderator: **Ilyas Hasan Choudry**

**Session 7G
Room 27**
(Sponsored by IMRC)**Challenges to Religious Freedom from East to West**

Our Prophet's sunnah (PBUH) was to take challenges and transform them into opportunities. Today Islam and Muslims are topics discussed globally. Tensions are at an all-time high in the U.S. and for the Muslims in India. Both groups face a common threat of Islamophobia and discrimination. Let's take a look at the Sunnah and how both Muslims in India and in America can confront some of these challenges.

Speakers: **Wajahat Ali, Sarah Anjum, M.M. Ansari**

Moderator: **Maqsood Quadri**

1:30 - 2:30 PM

OTHER SESSIONS

Session 7H
Room 7
(AMSET)

Human Memory Function and Name Disambiguation

Memory under tension: The most profound question in biology is how a cluster of neurons gives rise to memory, learning, and ultimately our consciousness and individuality. In contrast to muscles and bones, neurons are not part of any load bearing or generation system. While it has been observed that neurons generate force both in vitro and in vivo, the link between neuronal force and neuronal functionality is not clear. This talk will present evidence that this mechanical force is essential for neurotransmission which could offer a new paradigm in understanding neurological diseases.

Name Disambiguation in Real-life: Challenges, and Solution: All individuals are unique, but millions of people share names. How to distinguish among, or disambiguate, people with the same names is an important real-life problem including law enforcement. Effectively solving name disambiguation requires collecting features and developing a classification model from training data. However, the feature collection process may violate the privacy laws in many countries. This talk will first discuss the challenges associated with name disambiguation and discuss ways to overcome them through data mining algorithms.

Speakers: **Taher Saif, Muhammad Al-Hasan**

Moderator: **Sohel Anwar**

3:00 - 4:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Session 8
Main Hall A

**Building Confidence and Moving Forward (Talk Show)**

From the passing of heroes, to economic downturns, and political shifts, 2016 has left us with a need for a spiritual detox to heal and uplift ourselves psychologically. As Muslims, we are an essential component of the American experiment, which is democracy. This is our house. How do we continue to step into our communities with confidence, from a place of strength, unapologetic, and holding our heads high?

Speakers: **Ryan Harris, Jaime Mujahid Fletcher, Dalia Mogahed, Hassan Shibly**

Host: **Wajahat Ali**

5:00 - 6:00 PM

MAIN SESSIONS

Session 9A
Room 12-14

**Cultural Ingenuity (Part 3): The People of Abyssinia**

God, through the Quran and prophetic narratives recognized many different communities throughout history. In each of these communities there are lessons to direct and inspire each of us both in our daily lives and our daily devotionals/ spiritual growth.

The Prophet commissioned a group to migrate to the safety and security of a renowned noble Christian king. How did the first migrants establish a community as a religious minority? What, if any, limitations did they operate within?

Speaker: **Yasir Qadhi**

Moderator: **Ahmed J Quereshi**

5:00 - 6:00 PM

MAIN SESSIONS

Session 9B
Room 10-11**Imam W. Deen Mohammed: Life, Thought and Influence**

IWDM (1933-2008) is rarely discussed in the academic community, but the voice of this African American, related to such things as politics, economics, race and religion, is important for our environment and times. As an American born Muslim, he falls in the same category as such a figure as the late Muhammad Alexander Russel Webb. Like Webb, a European American, IWDM was committed to the principle of Tauhid, which manifested in his spirituality and the individuals that studied his teachings.

Speakers: **Abdul Rahim Muhammad, Laila Muhammad**

Discussant: **Mikal Naeem Nash**

Session 9C
Room 24**Is Muslim Political Engagement Broken? How Do We Fix It?**

Political Engagement is vital. But what does it mean? Who is it supposed to benefit? How do our values fit in? Are American Muslims trying too hard to "fit in" at the expense of our values? How do we deal with ethics in political engagement, where business, foreign relations, national security and police interests all seek to take their place on the agenda of the Muslim community? Our panel of experts will address some difficult questions while suggesting solutions towards principled and ethical engagement in our system of government.

Speakers: **Cyrus McGoldrick, Colin Christopher, Zahra Billoo**

Moderator: **Laila Al-Arian**

Session 9D
Room 25**Building the American-Latino-Muslim Leadership Legacy**

After 1 year of opening the first-of-its-kind, Latino-Muslim-lead, Media-Driven, Spanish-Speaking Islamic Center in Houston, Texas; 56 people embraced Islam. Find out the struggles, history, and challenges faced from prejudice within the Muslim community and marginalization to ultimately building a museum highlighting the Latino roots from our legacy in Muslim Spain to a state-of-the-art Production Studio reaching millions along a mosque streaming Spanish/English khutbahs worldwide serving people from all walks of life as a model to be duplicated across the U.S.

Speakers: **Isa Parada, Alex Gutierrez**

Moderator: **Sakinah Gutierrez**

Session 9E
Room 26**An Activist, A Scholar, and An Artist Walk Onto a Stage... (Talk Show)**

This session will be a candid conversation between activists, scholars, and artists among ourselves surrounding the concept of Islamic Duality. We all ascribe to different groups and identities, do they still mold well with our Islam? As with many things in life, Islam is not just black and white. Islam is a multitude of colors. Join us as we discuss the different shades that Islam brings out.

Speakers: **Iman Yunus, Nana Firman, Muhammad Yunus**

Host: **Yunus Khaerisman**

6:15 PM

Asr Prayer

Prayer Hall

6:30 - 8:00 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Session 10
Main Hall A**The Divine Revelation: His Gift, the Quran (Talk Show)**

The journeys Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) took throughout history were never far from the word of Allah (SWT) as his guide. The attributions and characterization of the Quran tell not only many tales and virtues, but portray the very essence of what Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) lived and breathed; a guide for generations and a guide for our nation. Come ready to explore the pivotal role of the Quran in the time of Rasulullah.

Speakers: Jamillah Karim, Yasir Fahmy, Yasmin Mogahed

Host: Mariam Sobh

8:20 PM

Quranic recitation from a renowned Qari

8:30 PM

Maghrib Prayer

Prayer Hall

9:00 - 10:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Session 11
Main Hall A**Hope & Guidance through the Qur'an**

As challenges facing Muslims intensify, the Qur'an now more than ever serves as a source of hope and guidance. This year's convention will be held just as Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan. In addition to fasting, Ramadan is the month in which the divine gift, the Qur'an was revealed. The Prophet serves as our example on how to internalize and practice the Qur'anic message. Join thousands of Muslims to carry on the lessons of Ramadan, year round, through the appreciation and application of Divine Speech.

Speakers: Azhar Azeez, Abdalla Idris Ali, Mehdi Hasan, Dalia Mogahed, Omar Suleiman, Yasir Qadhi

EMCEES: Alaa Abdeldaiem & Kenan Basha

10:30 PM

Isha Prayer

Prayer Hall

4:30 AM

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PARALLEL SESSIONS

Session 12A
Room 12-14

Creating the Prophetic Masjid

An open discussion on what are the characteristics of the Prophetic Masjid which serve as a model for us, and how do we build the Prophetic Masjid?

Speaker: **Ihsan Bagby**

Facilitator: **Sarah Sayeed**

Session 12B
Room 10-11

Kashmir Tragedy: Hope for a Peaceful Solution

Kashmir dispute is one of the oldest issues pending on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council. Its occupation by India has been left undisturbed by the international community, even though its validity has never been accepted. At no stage, however, have the people of Jammu and Kashmir shown themselves to be reconciled to India's occupation. There is only one way of just and honorable peace, the way chalked out in the international agreements that the future will be decided by the people of Kashmir. Only the exertion of the necessary moral pressure by the world powers will lead the parties to that way.

Speakers: **Imtiaz Khan, Ghulam N. Mir**

Moderator: **Sareer Fazili**

Session 12C
Room 24

Muslim Media in the United States: Challenges and Prospects

This panel explores the challenges and opportunities for Muslim media in the United States with specific reference to the existing publications such as Islamic Horizon. Panelists will discuss ways to strengthen existing publications and the need for using other innovative media platforms to emphasize Muslim media's role in building bridges of understanding between Muslims and Americans at large.

Panelist: **Iqbal Unus, Rummana Hussain, Mohammad Ahmadullah Siddiqi**

Moderator: **Rashed Nizam**

Session 12D
Room 25

Practicing the Sunnah of Foster Care - Caring for the Refugee Minors

The Muslim Ummah is facing an unprecedented crisis of orphaned and abandoned children, and the responsibility falls on all of our shoulders. In this session, the speaker will walk the audience through the outreach efforts New Star Kafala has launched to educate the Muslim community, addressing the Fiqh concerns regarding foster care and adoption through local communities, demystifying and streamlining the process of domestic and refugee foster care, in partnership with major national organizations.

Speakers: **Sarah Haider, Yusra Goma**

Moderator: **Sarah Haider**

Session 12E
Room 33

Meet the Author: Journeys to Truth

- *Visle War*
- *Eye of the Heart*
- *Bosnian Immigrants: Opportunities and Challenges in the Greater Rochester Area*

Speakers: **Abdussalam Ray Lacina, Sommieh Flower, Aisa Purak**

Moderator: **Mohammad Abdul Jabber**

10:00 - 11:00 AM

OTHER SESSIONS

Session 12F**Room 26***(Sponsored by Dar El Salam)***Are You Prepared for Hajj?**

Hajj Basics: Going for Hajj this year, or planning to go soon? Come be inspired by our speakers! Get in the spirit! Learn about the obligation of Hajj, and ask questions about the legal and logistics issues of this sacred rite.

Speakers: **Yasir Qadhi, Hussain Kamani**

Session 12G**Room 27***(Sponsored by Iman Fund)***High Performance without Compromising Values: Investing the Halal Way!**

Is your investment portfolio able to deliver market returns while adhering to Islamic principles? Come hear how an IRA can benefit you. Learn the basics of halal investing. Coffee or college? It's not too late to invest in a college savings program. Work transition or retired? We will discuss if you should move your 401(k) to an IRA. The Iman Fund is a Halal Mutual fund that adheres to Islamic Principles.

Speaker: **Mohamad Nasir**

Moderator: **Salah Obeidallah**

Session 12H**Room 7***(AMSET)***Islamic Ethical Perspective on New Technologies & Cybersecurity**

- **Ethical Dilemmas of Technological and Intellectual Advancements — An Islamic Perspective:** Cloning, Nanotechnology, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things — just a few of the technological miracles that have the potential of fundamentally changing the world as we know. In-depth understanding of the human brain and new explanations of personal identities are posing unprecedented questions to individuals and family structures. These technological and intellectual feats can present an enormous ethical dilemma — especially to Muslims.
- **Emerging Information Technology Addressing Quality, Information Security from Islamic perspectives:** Technology and software are among the most widely used products in human history. However, it has also one of the highest failure rates and risks of any products in human history due to lack of robust security. One of the fundamental aspects in Information Security is the identity and access management. This talk will cover types of cyber crimes, security failures, international standards, and some recommendations. It will also discuss the Islamic aspects of information quality, privacy and security.

Speakers: **Abdullah Rahman, Abu S. Mahfuz**

Moderator: **Saiyid M. Shah**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

MAIN SESSIONS

Session 13A**Main Hall A****Confident Muslim**

Confident Muslim is a platform that seeks out the brightest minds of the Ummah striving to make a positive impact in society. Join us as we listen to our youth who will dig deep into that tradition, and find themselves and their contribution. They will identify past contributions within an Islamic framework, and offer ideas as to how to go about implementing similar contributions today.

Speakers: **Three Confident Muslim Participants**

Moderator: **Omar Suleiman**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

MAIN SESSIONS

Session 13B
Room 12-14**Ask the Scholars: Open Q&A**

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Panelist: **Ingrid Mattson, Jamillah Karim, Khalid Latif**

Moderator: **Sehrish Siddiqui**

Session 13C
Room 10-11**Muslim-Americans' Roles in Developing American Public Policy (Talk Show)**

Muslim American participation in developing and formulating public policy is necessary. The panelists in this session will discuss how the rich history of Islam promotes civic engagement and will look at strategies for addressing how the Muslim community can focus its energies and resources in developing justice in America.

Speakers: **Nihad Awad, Altaf Husain, Maaria Mozaffar**

Host: **Fatima Salman**

Session 13D
Room 24
**THIS SESSION IS
IN SPANISH****La Belleza del Islam en Espanol**

ALAH envió Mensajeros quienes hablaban el idioma de su gente para clarificar su mensaje en todas las épocas de su Creacion. Esta sesión se enfoca en la belleza del Islam expresado por medio del idioma Español como un vehículo único a los corazones de nuestros familiares y amigos en los Estados Unidos y en Latino-América. Inviten a familiares, amigos, y vecinos o lleguen dispuestos a aprender como compartir el Islam en Español.

Speakers: **Jalil Navarro, Jaime Mujahid Fletcher**

Moderator: **Vilma Lopez**

Session 13E
Room 25**Cultural Ingenuity (Part 4): Muslims In Indonesia**

Indonesia is home to the world's largest Muslim population, yet many do not know exactly how this came to be. Speaker will explore the direction Islam took in its journey to the Pacific islands of Indonesia and what about Islam attracted the Indonesians of then and today.

Speaker: **Nana Firman**

Moderator: **Mamoon Syed**

12:30 - 1:00 PM
Room 6**Announcement of Qira'at Competition Results & Award Ceremony**

Guest Speaker: **Abdalla Idris Ali**

1:00 - 3:00 PM
South Ballroom
(Rooms 40 - 53)**The Young Professionals Luncheon**

Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), brings you the Young Professionals Luncheon. This platform provides Young Professionals with an opportunity to network, share ideas, discuss skill development and professional growth opportunities. This luncheon also features a panel discussion with emerging leaders.

Panelist: **Muna Hussaini, Mona Youssef, Azeem Ibrahim**

EMCEE: **Safiah Chowdhury**

1:15 PM

Dhuhr Prayer**Prayer Hall**

1:30 - 2:30 PM
Main Hall A

Film: The Sultan and the Saint: A Story of Muslim-Christian Peacemaking

Did you know that a great act of compassion by a Muslim ruler turned the tide of history? The Sultan and the Saint tells this great, lost story. Two men of faith, Saint Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt, bucked a century of war in a search of mutual respect. It is the story of peacemaking during the Crusades. Docudrama film - cinematic reenactments with interviews.

Speaker: **Alex Kronemer**

Moderator: **Nadia Malik**

1:30 - 2:30 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Session 14A
Room 12-14

Unity and Diversity: American Muslim Political Views After the 2016 Election

This session will highlight key findings from upcoming surveys of U.S. Muslims by the Pew Research Center and ISPU. The presentation will focus on the insights the surveys offer into how the political and social views of Muslims who are actively engaged in the community are similar to and different from those of the many unmosqued Muslims in the aftermath of the 2016 election.

Speakers: **Besheer Mohamed, Dalia Mogahed**

Moderator: **Ihsan Bagby**

Session 14B
Room 10-11

ISNA and You: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This is your opportunity to engage ISNA leadership in a meaningful conversation about the future of ISNA and its role in the lives of Muslim Americans. You will hear the annual report from ISNA's president for the year gone by and plans for the future. While only members may vote, **all convention attendees are encouraged to attend** and learn more about ISNA's activities and participate in the conversation.

Hosted by: **ISNA Leadership**

Session 14C
Room 24

Navigating Modern Sexual Mores: Islam & the LGBTQ Discourse

Although conventional Islamic teachings have been categorically opposed to same-sex acts as morally wrong, increasing pressure is being placed on Muslim communities and organizations to re-evaluate this traditional take. Between this tension lies a number of unresolved questions: how does the modern concept of "homosexuality" correspond to Islamic categories and terms? How can individuals struggling with same-sex desire conceptualize themselves in a way that doesn't necessitate an existential spiritual crisis?

Speakers: **Mobeen Vaid, Sarah Sultan**

Moderator: **Hena Zuberi**

Session 14D
Room 25

Sharing Hope & Guidance through Muslim and Jewish Storytelling

Join us for an evening of stories from Muslims and Jews about coming together in solidarity. This session will begin to create a dialogue in which even those with differing experiences can find commonalities and build solidarity through storytelling. Through this storytelling event we invite Muslims and Jews to know themselves, and through sharing their stories, to know each other.

Speakers: **Tasneem Noor, Tuli Skaist**

Moderator: **Aziza Hasan**

1:30 - 2:30 PM

OTHER SESSIONS

Session 14E**Room 26**

(Sponsored by
Waheed Investments)

Halal Investing in the New Age

The panel will mainly discuss what shari'ah compliant investing is, the different assets one can invest in, how Wahed is changing the industry standards, how to purify your returns and what are purification reports.

Speakers: **Taha Abdul Bassar, Junaid Wahedna**

Moderator: **Saad Zariff**

Session 14F**Room 27**

(Sponsored by
AMANA Mutual Funds)

Islamic Finance 2.0: The Changing Landscape

Islamic Finance is now over 40 years old and well on its way to becoming a powerful force in the worldwide financial system. During this period, industry emphasis has been on "forbidding evil," as the Qur'an directs. Now that this principle has gained acceptance and industry recognition, we also need to prioritize "enjoining the good." Combining these two related Qur'anic injunctions will allow Islamic Finance to become influential in the fast-growing Sustainable & Responsible Investment Industry. Added to this, estate planning with strategies designed to preserve wealth for future generations and provide for nonprofit institutions can help define the American Muslim legacy as one that "enjoins the good."

Speakers: **Monem Salam, Amina Saeed**

Moderator: **Amjad Quadri**

3:00 - 4:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Session 15**Main Hall A****Global Conflicts — Lessons on Mercy and Justice in Islam (Talk Show)**

While the heartbreaking human rights abuses from Syria continue, we as Muslim Americans have an opportunity to make a difference through relief and charitable endeavors, as well as influencing foreign policy. This session will examine what the Quran and early life of the Prophet (PBUH) discussed in regard to the promotion of human rights advocacy. Learn how these lessons can translate and be part of your everyday action.

Speakers: **Dalia Fahmy, Ameena Jandali, Omar Suleiman**

Host: **Ash-har Quraishi**

5:00 - 6:00 PM

MAIN SESSIONS

Session 16A
Room 12-14



Formulating Strong Identities (Talk Show)

Our identities are constantly in flux. For whatever various cultural, social, political or ideological reasons, each of us often has difficulty melding each rich and complex identity with another. Some of us do not feel "Muslim" enough, others don't feel "American" enough. This lecture will explore the current landscape of what it means to be Muslim-American and how we can work together to build a united Muslim collective identity and cultivate strong individual identities as well.

Speakers: **Yasir Fahmy, Dalia Fahmy, Mohamed Magid**

Host: **Younus Mirza**

Session 16B
Room 10-11

Cultural Ingenuity (Part 5):

Call Me Bilalian!: Race, Religion, and Struggles for Social Justice

Black Americans were searching for a more representative name to call themselves in the late 20th century. Imam W.D. Mohammed chose a name that shifted away from the focus of color to spiritual ascendancy and that didn't erase their struggles for social justice. His Qur'an-based call to humanity, on behalf of his community, reveals universal lessons we can still benefit from in today's climate of increased racial tension.

Speakers: **Precious Rasheed Muhammad, Laila Muhammad**

Moderator: **Hind Makki**

Session 16C
Room 24

Internal Vulnerabilities:

Collaboration, Community, and Connections

Muslim communities are visible minorities and our women, children, those with disabilities, and the elderly are our most vulnerable. What strategies can we employ to assist and provide levels of security? This session will focus on how men and women can help community building/mobilization, security patrols, and neighborhood watch opportunities for the Muslim communities which can also be used to help the greater communities in which we live.

Speakers: **Rizwan Jaka, Tamara Gray**

Moderator: **Rizwan Jaka**

Session 16D
Room 25

Nurturing Compassion within the Family

Educational research indicates that the key to success for any individual lies in their emotional quotient or the EQ. How do we, as Muslim families, help our children develop their EQ? This session will address issues pertaining to bullying, mindfulness, and presence. What are the tools that we need to be focusing on as parents and mentors to help develop the skills of resiliency, grit, inner strength, and spirituality?

Speakers: **Ameena Jandali, Altaf Husain**

Moderator: **Safiah Chowdhury**

Session 16E
Room 26

Becoming Muslim:

What Draws One to Islam (Talk Show)

This session is an opportunity to share stories of conversion from our panelists; stories of challenge, opportunity, growth, and friendship. Our panelists will also highlight the tools that communities can use to be more inclusive of the convert community and what supports need to be in place for those who are new to Islam.

Speakers: **Jaime Mujahid Fletcher, Sommieh Flower, Abdussalam Ray**

Host: **Aisha al-Adawiya**

6:15 PM

Asr Prayer

Prayer Hall

6:30 - 8:00 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Session 17

Main Hall A

MSA

**MSA Session**

- Taking the Bull by the Horns
- Think Big, Act Bigger
- Road Less Traveled

(See pages 55-56 for full details)

Speakers: Khalid Latif, Dalia Mogahed, Omar Suleiman

8:20 PM

Quranic recitation from a renowned Qari

8:30 PM

Maghrib Prayer

Prayer Hall

9:00 - 11:00 PM

Main Hall A

**Sunday Night Entertainment**

Join us for unique entertainment and performances that will be sure to put a smile on everyone's face. Be the first to arrive and the last to leave for this inspiring and exciting program.

Preacher Moss, Dean Obeidallah, Deen Squad, Native Deen, Raef, Dr. Umar Malik, ADAMS Beat

9:00 - 11:00 PM

Room 12-14

Bazm-e-Adab Mushaira

Prominent local and international poets have been invited to share their Urdu poetry referring to this year's theme to uplift the spirits of the audience. In this relaxed session we will also listen to the praise of the Prophet (saw) along with other nasheeds from the reciters.

10:30 PM

Isha Prayer

Prayer Hall

4:30 AM
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Fajr Prayer

10:00 - 11:30 AM

PLENARY SESSION

Session 18
Room 12-14



Eid: A Moment to Pause and Celebrate

Even in the most difficult of circumstances the Prophet was a source of optimism and positivity. Our traditions and celebrations remind us of this beautiful Sunnah which we should pass on to our children. How do we enjoy Eid when there is so much sadness and despair in the world? How do we establish this tradition of celebration and gratitude so that our children can look forward to them every year?

Speakers: **Ingrid Mattson, Mohamed Magid**

Moderator: **Asra Ali**

11:45 - 12:45 PM

WORKSHOP SESSION

Session 19
Room 12-14

Building an Ambassador Program

The session will focus on how to organize an Ambassador Program composed of active community members who embody the Islamic principles through compassion, mercy and justice through service. The Ambassadors are trained to provide civic trainings at local masjids, register voters year round, phone bank to motivate Muslim voter turnout, announce legislative updates and community events at Friday Jummah and work towards the passing of resolutions and countywide ordinances.

Speakers: **Olivia Cantu, Azhar Subedar**

Moderator: **Vetnah Monessar**

MSA Convention

Identify Theft • Who Am I?

5:00 – 6:00 PM
Session 1
Rosemont AB

What About Me?

"Seeking knowledge is a duty upon every Muslim, and he who imparts knowledge to those who do not deserve it, is like one who puts a necklace of jewels, pearls and gold around the neck of swines." (Sunan Ibn Majah)

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ «طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ
وَوَاضِعُ الْعِلْمِ عِنْدَ غَيْرِ أَهْلِهِ كَمُقَلَّدِ الْخَنَازِيرِ الْجَوْهَرَ وَاللُّؤْلُؤَ وَالذَّهَبَ»

In this Hadith, the Prophet SAW commands every Muslim to seek knowledge. Although you may be in a position of leadership and teaching, it is absolutely necessary to increase in your own spirituality as well. Activism is a beautiful thing, but it must be coupled with a strong Islamic education and background for you to be able to serve your role to the best of your ability. Make sure that every day you are increasing in your knowledge to prevent complacency. Do not let a day pass that you do not utilize your time to the best of your ability. "You are nothing but a number of days, and whenever a day passes away, a part of you passes away" — (Hasan Al Basri)

Speakers: Yasmin Mogahed

6:45 – 7:00 PM
Session 2
Rosemont AB

Ted Talk: Stressed Out!

We often believe we can handle all of our responsibilities while continuing to take on more, but it's okay to learn how to say no. Learning how to manage your stress will help you become a more effective and efficient leader. Identifying your stressors and learning how to manage them will improve your overall performance. Abd Allah bin Umar reported the Prophet (SAW) saying: "A Muslim is a Muslim's brother: he does not wrong him or abandon him. If anyone cares for his brother's need, Allah will care for his need ; if anyone removes a Muslim's anxiety, Allah will remove from him, on account of it, one of the anxieties of the Day of Resurrection; and if anyone conceals a Muslim's fault, Allah will conceal his fault on the Day of Resurrection." — Sunan Abu Dawud.

حَدَّثَنَا قُتَيْبَةُ بْنُ سَعِيدٍ، حَدَّثَنَا اللَّيْثُ، عَنْ عُقَيْلٍ، عَنِ الزُّهْرِيِّ، عَنْ سَالِمٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ،
عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ «الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ لَا يَظْلِمُهُ وَلَا يُسْلِمُهُ مَنْ كَانَ فِي حَاجَةِ أَخِيهِ
فَأَنَّ اللَّهَ فِي حَاجَتِهِ وَمَنْ فَرَّجَ عَنْ مُسْلِمٍ كُرْبَةً فَرَّجَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ بِهَا كُرْبَةً مِنْ
كُرْبِ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ وَمَنْ سَتَرَ مُسْلِمًا سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ»

Speaker: Mohammad Alshaikh

7:00 – 8:15 PM
Session 3
Rosemont AB

Finding Yourself

"And He found you lost and guided [you]" — Surat Al-Dhuha Ayah 7

﴿وَوَجَدَكَ ضَالًّا فَهَدَى﴾

Finding ourselves seems to be among the biggest issues for us teens and young adults. The identity crisis is becoming worse than ever before, especially for young American Muslims. It is hard to find ourselves in such a chaotic society. How do we navigate through this world and try to implement order into our lives?

Speaker: TBD

8:30 PM

Maghrib Prayer

9:00 – 10:00 PM
Session 4
Rosemont AB

Skeletons in My Closet

Do you feel that your mind is stuck on your past? That even though you feel you have grown, you are constantly reminded of your sins and mistakes. Your past doesn't define you, so it's important to learn to let go of your history and accept your present.

﴿إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا
وَمَنْ تَابَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَإِنَّهُ يَتُوبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَتَابًا﴾

Except for those who repent, believe and do righteous work. For them Allah will replace their evil deeds with good. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful. And he who repents and does righteousness does indeed turn to Allah with [accepted] repentance. Surat Al-Furqan Ayah 70-71.

If Allah can forgive you for all your sins, who are you to not forgive yourself? Allah guides whom he wills and blessed us with the feeling of guilt so we can turn to him seeking forgiveness. It is important to learn how to cope with our pasts even when they come knocking at our door.

Speaker: Yassir Fazaga

10:15 – 10:30 PM
Session 5
Rosemont AB

Ted Talks: Big Change Starts With Small Steps

«أحب الأعمال إلى الله: أدومها وإن قل»

Many of us are very passionate leaders, committed to making a change in people's lives through our Islamic work. We often have visions of huge ideas and grand events, which sometimes makes us forget that we need to take things in small, baby steps. As narrated in Sahih Muslim, the Prophet (SAW) said, "The acts most pleasing to Allah are those which are done continuously, even if they are small." This means that it is better for us to do small and consistent good deeds, than large one time events. Even when Allah created the heavens and the Earth, He did so in six days when he could have just as easily did it one. But Allah uses Himself as the ultimate example of doing things slowly and with perfection in order to make the greatest amount of change.

Speaker: Azher Javaid

10:30 – 11:30 PM
Session 6
Rosemont AB

American Dream or American Nightmare

Malcolm X once said in his famous Ballot or Bullet speech, "I do not see an American Dream, I see an American Nightmare." Are we living in a nightmare? What is our place in society? When the Prophet (SAW) and the Muslims went from Mecca to Medina they had to find their place in society. As Muslims, we need to step up and find our place in society. We must follow in the sunnah of our Prophet (SAW) and bring benefit to the society we live in. We belong here, so we must stop acting like guests. When the Muslims entered Medina, Prophet Muhammed (SAW) said:

«يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ وَأَطْعِمُوا الطَّعَامَ وَصَلُّوا بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّاسُ نِيَامٌ تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِسَلَامٍ»

O people, spread peace, feed the hungry, and pray at night when people are sleeping and you will enter Paradise in peace.

Sunan Ibn Majah Book 5 Hadith 1334

One of the reasons for this hadith was to show the Muhajireen that they belong, and they must give back to society and find their place in it.

Speaker: Zaid Shakir & Linda Sarsour

10:00 - 11:00 AM
Session 7
Rosemont AB

There is no I in Team

﴿وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا﴾

"And hold firm to the rope of Allah together and do not become divided."
(Surat Al-Imran 3.103)

In our past, the Ummah was strongest when it was united. Today, we find that we dispute over the smallest things that, in turn, cause rifts in our relationships. In this day and age, it is even more important for Muslims to come together and unite as one. There is beauty in our differences. We must learn to look past our different personalities, races, and cultures and hold true to the one thing that we all have in common: Islam.

Speaker: **Hasan Shibly & Linda Sarsour**

11:30 - 11:45 AM
Session 8A
Rosemont AB

Ted Talks: The Power of Positivity

Do you look at your life as a glass half full or half empty? Perception is the key. "This world cannot break you—unless you give it permission. And it cannot own you unless you hand it the keys—unless you give it your heart. And so, if you have handed those keys to this dunya for a while—take them back. This isn't the End. You don't have to die here. Reclaim your heart and place it with its rightful owner: God," (Yasmin Mogahed). Transforming your thinking will help make this time on Earth easier for you. When you live your life working towards your Akhira you will then see the purpose of this dunya. Being positive is easier said than done.

Speaker: **Aminah Zegar**

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Session 8B
Rosemont D

MSA Leadership Strategy Session

Join MSA board members from across the nation in a strategy session to learn from best practices from other MSAs and regional councils as well as network with national MSA leadership.

Facilitator: **Maheen Ahmed**

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM
Session 9
Rosemont AB

That Was Easy

﴿مَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ حَرَجٍ﴾

"Allah does not intend to make difficulty for you" Surat Al-Ma'dah Ayah 6. Allah makes Islam easy for us, we are the ones that complicate it. We often over think our religion and look past the fact that what makes it so beautiful is its simplicity. Hadith is proof of this principle: "Religion is very easy and whoever overburdens himself in his religion will not be able to continue in that way. So you should not be extremists, but aim to be near to perfection and receive the good tidings that you will be rewarded; and gain strength by worshipping in the mornings and the nights." Imam Bukhari. Religion gives our lives purpose and meaning which aids us in living a simple, structured life.

Speaker: **Yassir Fazaga**

1:30 - 2:30 PM
Session 10
Rosemont AB

A Clear Mind, A Sound Heart

"Those who believe and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allah, Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest." (Surat Al Ra'd, Ayah 28)

Oftentimes we become so immersed in the actions and words of others that our minds are constantly analyzing the little details, leaving us forgetful of Allah. How can we clear our minds of the distractions around us and instead, redirect our hearts to finding the path that is pleasing to our Lord? The path where our hearts find true contentment and rest.

Speaker: **TBD**

3:00 - 4:30 PM
Session 11
Rosemont AB

SHH! We Don't Talk About That Here

".....A'isha said: How good are the women of Ansar (helpers) that their shyness does not prevent them from learning religion." (Sahih Muslim).

«.... فَقَالَتْ عَائِشَةُ نِعَمَ النِّسَاءِ الْأَنْصَارِ لَمْ يَكُنْ يَمْنَعُهُنَّ الْحَيَاءُ أَنْ يَتَفَقَّهْنَ فِي الدِّينِ.»

There are many miscellaneous or taboo topics that often are not brought up merely for the sake of preventing controversial conversations. They may in fact be controversial topics, but they are conversations that need to take place rather than brushing them under the carpet. It is important for us not to shy away, and to educate ourselves on these topics so that we are prepared with the necessary tools and proper understanding to have such discussions. We must remain firm in our ethical values despite the rapidly changing moral compass of our society.

Speaker: **Yasir Qadhi & Yassir Fazaga**

5:00 - 6:00 PM
Session 12
Rosemont AB

Failure is Amazing

Every muslim who claims to be a believer will be tested and that is a promise from Allah as He says,

﴿أَحْسِبِ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا آمَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ﴾

"Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried?" (Surah Al Ankabut Ayah 2).

Allah says it very clearly and lets us know that trials and tribulations are coming our way. A perfect example would be the Prophet Muhammed (SAW) and how he was able to overcome obstacle after obstacle. When he first went to the city of Ta'if, the people rejected him. He knew he had to be persistent and not give up even when times got tough. Through patience and prayer, Allah SWT gave him something even better: the city of Medina. Oftentimes whenever things in life become tough we are ready to quit and quickly rush to the easy way out. We must remember trials are not meant to be deterrents rather encouragements to stay on the straight path and become the best Muslims we can be.

Speaker: **TBD**

6:30 — 10:30 PM

Joint Program With ISNA

11:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Session 13
Rosemont AB

We Just Text...

When it comes to the word zinna, most people think of the action itself, but zinna in its broad meaning indicates any prohibited act leading to it. Whether it is not lowering one's gaze, unpurposeful talk, intimate contact with the opposite gender, or even any desire that may lead to illicit sexual relations. Ibn Abbas (RA) said: "There is no major sin if one asks for forgiveness, and there is no minor sin if one persists in repeating it." All these acts might not seem wrong at first, but they all lead to major issues down the road. In the end, we must do things the halal way in order to prevent the snowball effect of minor sins...

Speaker: **Yasmin Mogahed & Yasir Qadhi**

10:00 - 11:00 AM
Session 14
Rosemont AB

Safe Haven

Jabir ibn Abdullah reported: The Prophet (SAW) would speak before the people and he said, "Is there a man who can take me to his people? Verily, the Quraish have prevented me from preaching the word of my Lord." Sahih Al Tirmithi

We live in a world where attacking Muslims is the norm. Many Muslims feel unsafe in their own skin. They feel lost and confused with no one or no place to turn. This is where the MSA's come in. When all of these attacks are being taken out on Muslims, we find our safe haven within the MSA. The MSA becomes our Medina period. We unite with our brothers and sisters and stand firm together.

Speaker: **Altat Husain & Ingrid Mattson**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Session 15
Rosemont AB

When the Activists Become Quiet

"And hold fast all together by the rope which Allah (stretches out for you) and be not divided among yourselves; and remember with gratitude Allah's favor on you; for ye were enemies and He joined your hearts in love so that by His grace ye became brethren; and ye were on the brink of the pit of fire and He saved you from it. Thus doth Allah make his signs clear to you: that ye may be guided."

﴿وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَى شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ﴾

(Surat Al Imran Ayah 103)

Many active members of the Muslim community have stopped volunteering or have lost the passion they once had for dawah due to the issues that arise in Islamic institutions. What is an effective way to prevent one's self from losing the initial vision and upright intentions during times when others are not as passionate or supportive of the Islamic work?

Speakers: **Rami Nashishibi**

1:30 - 1:45 PM
Session 16
Rosemont AB

Ted Talks: The Power of Impact

Muslim Student Associations are, in essence, mobile masajid. They help people stay connected with their deen regardless of where they are. MSA's serve as a safe haven for people to protect themselves from the Fitnahs of high school and college. MSAs are IMPORTANT. Sometimes when working in MSAs, we get so caught up in Shurah disputes and communication issues, that we fail to realize that we have an opportunity to make a positive impact. And what's more important for us to realize is that impact begins with us, "For verily Allah does not change a state of a nation until they change what is within themselves." [Surat Al Rad Ayah 11]

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّى يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ﴾

Speaker: **Abdullah Baig**

1:45 - 2:30 PM
Session 17
Rosemont AB

My Way or The Highway

Every single person in this world is facing some sort of trial or test in their everyday lives, even MSA leaders. Oftentimes, we are quick to judge and get upset at leaders when they don't pick our marvelous ideas when we think our ideas are the best. As Muslims we need to be extremely understanding to others so that we may be of goodness and ease to each other rather than burdens. Most importantly we must be patient with each other. As Allah says,

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾

"O you who believe! Be patient and excel in patience and remain steadfast, and be careful of (your duty to) Allah, so that you may be successful" (Surah Ali-Imran Ayah 200).

Dealing with others in MSA is no different, there will be times where you agree with decisions made and times where you disagree with everyone and everything going on. Learning to cope with others and creating a strong bond even with their differences is what truly makes a team, a team.

Speaker: **Altat Husain**

3:00 - 3:15 PM
Session 18
Rosemont AB

Ted Talks: It's the Little Things

It's not common for credit attributed to the 'behind the scenes' work in an organization, but rather the successful event is what receives the standing ovation. Luckily, Allah and His Messenger place great value on the small, good deeds that we perform.

The Messenger of Allah said: Do as many deeds as you are capable of doing, for Allah will not become weary (of giving you reward), but you would be tired (of doing good deeds) And the most beloved of good deeds to Allah is that in which a person persists, even if it is little" (Sahih al Bukhari).

«.... خُذُوا مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ مَا تُطِيقُونَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَنْ يَمَلَّ حَتَّى تَمَلُّوا» ...
«أَحَبُّ الْعَمَلِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَا دَاوَمَ عَلَيْهِ صَاحِبُهُ وَإِنْ قَلَّ»

So how can we come to appreciate the little things, and what are the good deeds that carry great value in the eyes of Allah?

Speaker: **Shereen Salama**

3:15 - 4:30 PM
Session 19
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Love Before Leading

﴿قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا فَلَمْ يَزِدْهُمْ دُعَائِي إِلَّا فِرَارًا
وَإِنِّي كُلَّمَا دَعَوْتُهُمْ لِتَغْفِرَ لَهُمْ جَعَلُوا أَصَابِعَهُمْ فِي آذَانِهِمْ وَاسْتَغْشَوْا ثِيَابَهُمْ
وَأَصْرَوْا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا اسْتِكْبَارًا ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جَهَارًا ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ
لَهُمْ إِشْرَارًا فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا﴾

He said, "My Lord, indeed I invited my people [to truth] night and day. But my invitation increased them not except in flight. And indeed, every time I invited them that You may forgive them, they put their fingers in their ears, covered themselves with their garments, persisted, and were arrogant with [great] arrogance. Then I invited them publicly. Then I announced to them and [also] confided to them secretly. Then I announced to them and [also] confided to them secretly.

(Surat Nuh 71.5-10)

You can not genuinely lead people until you form a relationship with them. Cut the leader act for some time and just be there as a friend; be more approachable. As MSA leaders, we tend to judge people and give up on others. Nuh (AS) preached for over 950 years, so who are we to give up so easily? We have no power to write people off, rather we must follow in the sunnah of Nuh (AS).

Speaker: **Khalid Latif**

5:00 - 5:15 PM
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Ted Talks: Art of Listening

Julian Treasure does a Ted Talks lecture titled "How to speak so that people want to listen." That video has over 10 million views. He also does a lecture titled "5 ways to listen better." This video has about 1 million views. Do you see the difference? We love to talk and we want to be heard, but we don't like to listen to others. By listening to people, we can stop miscommunication, a lack of empathy, and misunderstandings. The best example of caring and listening to others is by the Prophet Muhammed (SAW), especially when it came to listening to his companions. He always took the time out to genuinely engage with others when they would ask questions and talk to him. He leaves us with wonderful advice when dealing with others, as Anas ibn Malik reported that: The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said, "Do not hate each other, do not envy each other, do not turn away from each other, but rather be servants of Allah as brothers" (Sahih al-Bukhari). This message serves as a great reminder each and every day to care and respect others the way we would like to be treated as well.

Speaker: **Bashar Abuseini**

5:15 - 6:00 PM
Session 21
Rosemont AB

Yaqeen Institute: The Prophet (PBUH) & The Jews

In this academic session, Shaykh Omar Suleiman will discuss a research publication from Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research on the topic of Antisemitism in Islam. We will delve into how the Prophet (SAW) engaged and treated the Jews of his time, and gain some insight on how we can implement such Prophetic behavior in our time.

Speaker: **Omar Suleiman**

6:30 -7:00 PM
(ISNA Session 17)
Main Hall A

Taking the Bull by the Horns

Having a voice is one thing, but having a voice that makes a difference is another. One issue that prevents us from speaking up is fear. The fear of what will come if we are to say our true beliefs on issues and not to just follow the norm like sheep. We tend to hold back on our opinions in this country because we don't want to be marginalized, or labeled with terrible names. As Muslims in America, we must realize that we cannot remain silent when times are calling for Muslims to be the most vocal and active, especially with the prevalent injustice on innocent Americans.

We are told to have no fear when standing up for the truth, Allah says,

﴿إِنْ يَنْصُرْكُمُ اللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ وَإِنْ يَخْذُلْكُمْ فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ﴾

"If Allah helps you, none can overcome you: If He forsakes you, who is there, after that, that can help you? In Allah, then, let believers put their trust" (Surah Ali-Imran, Ayah 160). Standing up for our beliefs is tough, but with a strong belief in God and unity amongst the Muslims, it is our duty to step up and face these issues head on.

Speaker: **Khalid Latif**

7:00 - 7:30 PM
(ISNA Session 17)
Main Hall A

Think Big, Act Bigger

"Say, Take action! Allah will see your action – as will His Messenger and the believers – and then you will be returned to Him who knows what is hidden and what is seen, and He will tell you what you have been doing."

﴿وَقُلْ اْعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَسَتُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ﴾

(Surat al-Tawbah, Ayah 105)

Today, more than ever, it is necessary for Muslims to rise and unite to protect our rights, identity, and honor. But sadly, a silent, contagious disease has taken over members of the Muslim Community: cowardice. The "leave it for the next guy" mentality has evolved into a "leave it to the Imams and Linda Sarsours" stigma. It should be an obligation for all Muslims to be advocates for social justice and stand up to the violence and hate that is not being disenfranchised by our world leaders. How can we start being active?

Speaker: **Dalia Mogahed**

7:30 – 8:00 PM
(ISNA Session 17)
Main Hall A

Road Less Traveled

«بَدَأَ الْإِسْلَامَ غَرِيبًا وَسَيَعُودُ كَمَا بَدَأَ غَرِيبًا فَطُوبَى لِلْغُرَبَاءِ»

The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: “Islam began as something strange and it will return to being strange, so blessed are the strangers.” — Sahih Muslim

This hadith captures the nature of practicing our religion in America. Being constantly reminded that we are different from others can sometimes take an emotional toll on us. But what we often forget is the value that Allah sees in those who follow His path. Sometimes being the minority means belonging to the majority in the eyes of Allah and entering Paradise later. So how then, can we remember that we do not need to receive gratitude or approval from others when practicing our religion, but that the true road to Paradise, sometimes the road less traveled, is the road to Allah?

﴿مَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ حَرَجٍ﴾

“Allah does not intend to make difficulty for you” Surat Al-Ma’dah Ayah 6. Allah makes Islam easy for us, we are the ones that complicate it. We often over think our religion and look past the fact that what makes it so beautiful is its simplicity. Hadith is proof of this principle: “Religion is very easy and whoever overburdens himself in his religion will not be able to continue in that way. So you should not be extremists, but aim to be near to perfection and receive the good tidings that you will be rewarded; and gain strength by worshipping in the mornings and the nights.” Imam Bukhari. Religion gives our lives purpose and meaning which aids us in living a simple, structured life.

Speaker: **Omar Suleiman**

MYNA Convention Program

THEME: *Heeding the Message, Changing the Situation*

It is the responsibility of every Muslim to stand up for what is right and uphold the messages of Rasool (SAW) and the Quran. These righteous actions cannot be done without a proper understanding of the wisdom given to us by Allah. This year, MYNA hopes to help the youth better understand the life of the Prophet (SAW) and the stories provided to us through the Quran to cultivate a generation of 'go getters' and enhance the American Muslim experience.

Here are five tracks to help navigate you through our program:

	<p>Do the Deen: These sessions will introduce you to and connect you with members of MYNA and its work with youth development.</p>
	<p>Knowledge: These sessions are designed to enhance your knowledge of the deen.</p>
	<p>Community: These sessions will provide tools for you to become engaging in your local communities.</p>
	<p>Identity: These sessions will explore the many parts that make up our identities and what it means to be Muslim in America today.</p>
	<p>Action: These sessions are merely ways for youth to engage themselves in stimulating activities.</p>

5:00 – 6:00 PM
Room 21/22



Welcome from MYNA

Come join us as the MYNA team welcomes you, introduces the weekend's theme, and shares with you our exciting plans for this convention. Meet our Executive Committee, Majilis Youth Council, and Convention Committee.

Speakers: **Jawad Shah, Fiyyaz Jaat, Sana Baban, Izza Ahmed-Ghani**

6:00 PM

Asr Prayer

MYNA Zone

6:20 – 7:20 PM
Room 21/22



Heeding the Message: Wisdom

"Iqra." "Read." Allah first command to His Prophet (SAW) shows the importance of Muslims being students of knowledge. Knowledge is nothing without application, however, and those who apply it properly have what's truly valued: wisdom. Join us for a session that delves into what it means to have wisdom and how to attain it.

Speaker: **Mohamed Magid**

7:30 – 8:20 PM
Room 21/22



How to: Make the Quran a Habit

The Quran is a complete code of life, and a guidance for mankind. Just as it was for those who heard it from the lips of the Prophet (SAW), the Quran is a direct piece of communication from God. Its words are timeless and transforms events from the past into lessons that are relevant to our current experiences. Those lessons need to be integrated fully into our lives.

Speaker: **Tamara Gray**

8:30 PM

Maghrib Prayer

MYNA Zone

9:00 – 10:00 PM
Room 21/22



How to: Interact with the Opposite Gender

Without the proper intentions, interaction with the opposite gender can be extremely dangerous. Many youth have difficulty drawing the line and making the best decisions when communicating with the opposite gender. This session will cover the Islamic guidelines of how to present and protect yourself in an appropriate and respectful manner.

Speakers: **Habeeb Quadri, Fiyyaz Jaat**

10:30 PM

Isha Prayer

MYNA Zone

10:00 - 10:45 AM
Ages 12 & Under —
Room 23
Ages 13 & Up —
Room 23



Educate Yourself: The Body's Rights

MYNA-IMANA Collaboration -- Our consumption of the world around us has an effect on our bodies, one that can be positive or negative. From body shaming to struggles with masculinity, the spectrum of standards young Muslim men and women must face is simply too large. We will delve into some of these issues to prepare ourselves for the challenges many come across. Join us as we deepen our understanding about the way Allah created us.

Speakers: **IMANA Organizers**

11:00 - 12:00 PM
Room 21/22



Heeding the Message: The Rasool

From LeBron James to Kylie Jenner, we are constantly bombarded with images of people we are expected to imitate and admire. However, the best role model for the Muslim Ummah is Prophet Muhammad (SAW). The way he dealt with people, reacted to issues, and lived his life embodies the very best of humanity. This session emphasizes the dire need for Muslims to remember that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is the closest to a perfect human being, and therefore an example to us all.

Speaker: **Fiyyaz Jaat**

12:15 - 1:05 PM
Room 22/23



How to: Balance Deen and Dunya

As we become immersed in our increasingly fast-paced lives, the struggle to set aside time for worshipping and practice our faith magnifies. However, Allah ﷻ has certain rights upon all of us, and it is our obligation to fulfill those rights. We are taught in Islam to strive for balance in all things, and that alone is assurance that it is possible to maintain the responsibilities of this life and the next. This session aims to educate attendees on our duties to Allah ﷻ, and how we can prioritize them in our daily lives.

Speaker: **Mohamed Magid**

1:15 PM

Dhuhr Prayer

MYNA Zone

1:35 - 2:05 PM
Rooms 22/23



MYNA Networking

Venturing or curious about a certain profession? MYNA presents its first youth mentoring networking event up in the MYNA Zone. Come meet MYNA alumni and counselors with other youth seeking advice and who have questions about their futures.

Careers presented include, but are not limited to, Medicine, Business, Engineering, Arts and Communication, Activism, and more!

Speakers: **MYNA Alumni and Counselors**

2:20 - 3:20 PM
Rooms 22/23



Heeding the Message: The Science of Islam

Sometimes, our lives come to a point where we don't know who or where to turn to. When we try to connect to Allah, we may feel spiritually numb. We might struggle with faith as we hear voices of those who argue "there's not enough proof." However, we could argue that we have been handed evidence through scientific discoveries that were predicted way before their time. This session will go into the miracles of the Holy Quran that show that our religion can only be that of divine revelation.

Speaker: **Jawad Shah**

3:30 - 4:45 PM
Rooms 22/23



Heeding the Message: Syrian Refugee Crisis

As youth it is easy to become complacent when people are struggling overseas. We use the excuse of not having money or resources to donate. But Allah has blessed each and every one of us with ways to help our sisters and brothers in Islam. Come to this session to learn specific ways to help our Muslim Ummah.

Speaker: **Hussain Kamani**

4:50 - 5:35 PM
Room 21/22



Heeding the message: Mental Health

Nowadays, mental health problems are either ignored or romanticized— two extremes that do not cover the essence of these issues. Disorders such as depression and severe anxiety plague our country more than ever and deeply affect the Muslim community. How do we reach towards Allah in times of difficulty and still seek the help of professionals when we need it? This session will discuss what Islam says about mental health and how to effectively address the topic in our communities.

Speakers: **Yasmin Mogahed, Altaf Husain**

5:40 - 6:10 PM
Room 21/22



How to: Interfaith

Interfaith is essential now, more than ever. The constant ignorance, misinformation, and disrespect regarding Islam is very saddening and potentially dangerous. This session will help youth learn how to gain confidence in beliefs and teach them how to represent their religion in a beautiful way, with the eventual goal of changing inaccurate perceptions of Islam.

Speaker: **Ameena Jandali**

6:00 PM

Asr Prayer

MYNA Zone

6:30 - 8:00 PM
Room 21/22



Interfaith Panel

In this session, the youth will connect with people of other faiths to understand how to better interact, communicate, and understand the different communities around us.

Speakers: **Young Life, Jewish Voice for Peace, Ingrid Mattson**

10:00 - 11:00 AM
Room 21/22



ACE Your College Applications — Secrets from Harvard and Yale Insiders

Set yourself apart with the right high school plan and high-impact college application. The panelists will share their insider knowledge on class selection and standardized tests. They will particularly give advice on how to write outstanding essays, get glowing letters of recommendation, organize activities into strong resumes, research a final list of first choice colleges, decide if early admission is right for you, and share impressive interview techniques.

Speakers: **Amer Rehman, Zainab Khan**

11:15 AM - 12:25 PM
Room 21/22



How to: LGBTQ+ relations

The LGBTQ+ community is comprised of our friends, coworkers, and peers. They often proudly support the Muslim community and we would like to do the same. However, it can be difficult to understand how Islam recommends that we address this vulnerable population. How can we expand our knowledge and be open minded, while maintaining our doctrines of faith?

Speaker: **Habeeb Quadri**

12:30 - 1:00 PM
Room 21/22



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Speakers: **MYNA Alumni and Counselors**

1:15 PM

Dhuhr Prayer

MYNA Zone

2:30 - 3:30 PM
Room 21/22



How to: Be Muslim in the 21st Century

Outwardly, we may hide our identities as Muslims and try to remove ourselves from all that declares itself to be Islam. Inwardly, we comprehend that we are Muslim, but what does that mean? We search our minds and our hearts to discover who we are but often struggle to find the answers we seek. Join us as we uncover what it means to be a 21st century Muslim.

Speakers: **Rabeeya Azeez, Zahra Billoo, Fiyyaz Jaat**

3:45 - 4:45 PM
Room 21/22



Heeding the Message: Spirituality and Activism

We need both. All of us, whether we be Muslim youth, non Muslim youth, or adults, need both spirituality and activism. We need Muslim activists and Muslim scholars to be knowledgeable, outspoken, and open minded about current issues. We need them to have empathy. How can we utilize the scholar in every activist? How can we harness the activist in every scholar? Join us as we explore how youth should aim to be a mixture from portions of each to utilize their God given talents to serve the Muslim Ummah.

Speakers: **Dalia Mogahed, Hussain Kamani**

5:00 - 6:00 PM
Room 21/22



MYNA Pop-Up Performing Arts Showcase

Come ready to be blown away! Join us for a pop up poetry and audiovisual arts performance that will be unlike any other. Check out the MYNA Zone for more details. Sign up in the MYNA Zone to be a part of the performance; everyone is welcome to join us!

6:15 PM

Asr Prayer

MYNA Zone

6:30 - 7:30 PM
Room 21/22**How to: Excite your Community**

For Muslims, community is one of the most essential components of our religion. We are told that a strong ummah helps to strengthen our identity and values as Muslim individuals. However, for various ideological, political or social reasons, we've grown apart in our communities and as a broader Muslim. This lecture will be a conversation about the current social landscape of Muslim communities in North America, what we can do to improve them, and how we can come together to build a stronger and more united Muslim collective.

Speakers: **Altaf Husain, Zahra Billoo**

6:45 - 8:15 PM
Room Rosemont D
(Hyatt Hotel)**MYNA Alumni Reunion***By Invitation Only*

All MYNA alumni are invited to commemorate our 34th year! Hear from MYNA's leadership, give a testimonial, and enjoy the company of other awesome MYNA alumni. This gathering is a great opportunity for youth currently involved to meet some of those who have passed through the very same camps and MYNA events years ago. Join us for a chance to reconnect with old friends, enjoy delicious food, and learn from MYNA's living history.