

CONFERENCE IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Upholding Faith: Serving Humanity

8:30 AM Conference registration opens in the lobby

TENTATIVE

MAIN 9:30-10:00 AM Silver Palm Opening Session	Recitation from the Holy Qur'an - Ali Bashir Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ISNA President - Azhar Azeez• Conference Host - Abdul Hamid Samra• Program Chair - Farhan Syed• Youth Program Chair - Affan Ahmad Emcee: Sujood Bdaiwi
MAIN 10:00-11:00 AM Silver Palm Session 1A	Connecting with Allah: Creating a Just Society <p>The first Muslims were blessed with a constant connection to Allah through the companionship of our beloved Prophet Muhammad—a connection that was felt strongly in their daily lives. Although we live in a time long after the Prophet's death and in a land far away from where the message began, this connection is certainly attainable for us even today. In the Prophet (pbuh), we have the most beautiful example of how to live our lives worshipping Allah as if we see Him, and how to develop a powerful connection to our Creator.</p> Speakers: Nasir Ahmad, Abdul Hamid Samra, Altaf Husain Moderator: Raaid Khan
EDUCATORS 10:00-11:00 AM Emerald Palm Session 1B	Grabbing their Attention: Engaging the Weekend School Student <p>This interactive workshop will provide teachers with best practices and instructional strategies that will grab their students' attention and keep them engaged. Teachers will learn creative projects and activities that they can use to teach their weekend school students.</p> Speakers: Naima Ghany-Khan, Sujood Bdaiwi Moderator:
SPONSOR 10:00-11:00 AM Golden Palm Session 1C	Value Investing Using Islamic Principles <p>This session will be discussing investing using Islamic principles and will cover topics such as investing for retirement, college planning and savings by using Islamic halal investments. I will also discuss possibly how to invest Islamic ally in current 401k plans as well.</p> Speaker: Haitham Al-Sayed , Regional Manager of Saturna Capital

<p>MAIN</p> <p>11:15-12:15 PM</p> <p>Silver Palm</p> <p>Session 2A</p>	<p>Being a Prophetic Voice: Mercy as a Tool for Uniting Communities</p> <p>The Prophet (pbuh) was constantly persecuted day after day, yet never reacted negatively and transformed many of his bullies into believers. The political turmoil here at home and abroad can feel overwhelming. At times, we may even ask ourselves: what can we really do to make an impact? The good news is that our Islamic tradition gives us countless examples of finding strength during tough times, and spells out formulas for creating tangible success within our communities. How can we utilize the techniques of the Prophet (pbuh) to create accountability or surpass being a victim? This session will focus on the importance of exemplifying the Prophetic tradition in our private lives and community affairs, and will also explore practical ways to help us manage our differences and diversity.</p> <p>Speakers: Aisha Subhani, Wilfredo Ruiz, Azhar Azeez, Ihsan Bagby</p> <p>Moderator: Labib Ahmad</p>
<p>MYNA/MSA/Youth</p> <p>11:15-12:15 PM</p> <p>Golden Palm</p> <p>Session 2B</p>	<p>Unity in Diversity</p> <p>"United we stand, divided we fall." Only when we learn to cooperate, despite our differences, can we achieve our common goals. This is why we must learn to interact and work with others who may not share our beliefs or ideologies. Why should we as the youth put aside our differences and work together? What are the benefits to and how can we achieve widespread unity? Join us for an enlightening talk and workshop followed by an open discussion on the significance of unity within and without our community and how we, as youth, can contribute to it.</p> <p>Speakers: Mohamed Magid, Rowanne Ali, Hassan Shibly</p> <p>Moderator: Raania Mohammad</p>
<p>EDUCATORS</p> <p>11:15-12:15 PM</p> <p>Emerald Palm</p> <p>Session 2C</p>	<p>Tried and Tested: Leadership Development within Islamic Schools and Organizations</p> <p>How do we develop leaders within our institutions that can be role models who lead with effectiveness, efficiency and a sense of duty to Allah? Leadership development needs to be explicit at every level within our organizations and provide structure, clarity, and purpose in order for individuals to grow. By incorporating maxims and best practices derived from the Quran and Sunnah, such as modeling an expected behavior, we can lay the groundwork for effective leadership development. Furthermore, it is important to understand how our actions as leaders impact the social-emotional learning of our children and youth, who will one day become leaders themselves.</p> <p>Speakers: Naseeb Khan, Leila Shatara</p> <p>Moderator: Samir Kakli</p>

<p>MAIN</p> <p>12:30-1:30 PM</p> <p>Silver Palm</p> <p>Session 3A</p>	<p>Cultivating Love and Tranquility in the Family</p> <p>Despite all the challenges facing Muslim-American families today, Allah has showered us with abundant blessings. This session will focus on building the foundation of a solid family, based on the fundamental themes from the Quran and the <i>seerah</i>. What are the relevant steps in establishing a strong family? Speakers will share their perspectives on husband-wife, parent-child and inter-familial relationships and their ideas on a wide range of topics, from evolving family structures to recognizing signs of oppression to helping youth deal with peer pressure and other challenges. The Q & A part will allow attendees to interact with experts, ask questions and share their experiences with other attendees.</p> <p>Speakers: Rabia Khan, Tahir Anwar</p> <p>Moderator: Taghrid Hassan</p>
<p>MYNA/MSA/Youth</p> <p>12:30-1:30 PM</p> <p>Golden Palm</p> <p>Session 3B</p>	<p>Activism Rooted in Spirituality</p> <p>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 and be grounded in their faith. 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 the Muslim Ummah.</p> <p>Speakers: Ubaydullah Evans, Altaf Husain</p> <p>Moderator: Azeem Shaikh</p>
<p>LATINO</p> <p>12:30-1:30 PM</p> <p>Emerald Palm</p> <p>Session 3C</p> <p><i>(Bilingual Session)</i></p>	<p>Latino Muslims in America: How are They Perceived</p> <p>Speakers: Daniel Alvarez, Wilfredo Ruizz</p> <p>Moderator: Wilfredo Ruizz</p>
<p>1:30-3:00 PM Dhuhr Prayer / Lunch Break Coconut Palm</p>	

<p>MAIN</p> <p>3:00-4:00 PM</p> <p>Silver Palm</p> <p>Session 4A</p> <p><i>(Panel Discussion)</i></p>	<p>Making a Difference: Turning Challenges into Opportunities</p> <p>We as a community are at a critical crossroad in our history as Muslims in America. Everyday we come across negative terms being used in the media – broadcast or print – to describe Muslims or Islam. The term “Islamic Terrorist” indicates that Islam has something to do with terrorism; that obviously leads to misapprehension of this great faith. These gross misinterpretations produce a domino effect and ultimately results in the stereotyping of Muslims and Islam. Islamophobia should be dealt with unequivocally, which requires concerted efforts at the community level. In this misrepresentation lies anathema to justice and peace, and hampers the progress of rebuilding and reconciliation to bring all communities together. Panelists will share their perspectives on proactively dealing with Islamophobia, discrimination at workplaces, bullying in schools, attacks on masjids, targeting Hijabi sisters and other challenges etc.</p> <p>Speakers: Azhar Subedar, Maha ElKolalli, Hassan Shibly</p> <p>Moderator: Saman Movassaghi-Gonzalez</p>
<p>MYNA/MSA/Youth</p> <p>3:00-4:00 PM</p> <p>Golden Palm</p> <p>Session 4B</p>	<p>The Power of <i>YOUTH</i></p> <p>“Tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today” - Malcolm X. Youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow but, given the right tools and environment, can be the leaders of today. As youth, how do we amplify our voice? How do we realize the immense potential in each of us? Join us in a discussion of youth’s rights and responsibilities as part of the community and let your passion be the fuel to your journey.</p> <p>Speakers: Uzma Jalil, Tahir Anwar, Mufti Sultan</p> <p>Moderator: Kareem Mirza</p>
<p>EDUCATORS</p> <p>3:00-4:00 PM</p> <p>Emerald Palm</p> <p>Session 4C</p> <p><i>(Round Table Discussion)</i></p>	<p>Candid Conversation: “Hold Fast, All Together, by the Rope...”</p> <p>Education Leaders, principals, board members and community leaders discuss the needs, vision and mission for South Florida Muslim schools. How can our community work together as a whole to meet the needs of students and families? How can our community produce students who uphold faith and serve humanity?</p> <p>This session will offer an opportunity to join like-minded believers to explore options and strategies for collaborating with other educators and schools to establish educational institutions in Florida that are morally and academically effective and sustainable.</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Education Leaders, Principals, Board Members & Community</p>
<p>4:05 PM Asr Prayer Coconut Palm</p>	

MAIN**4:15-5:15 PM****Silver Palm****Session 5A****Muslims for Human Dignity and Social Justice**

Justice is the basis of all human relations and a foundation of Islam. This is one of the essential pillars in the maintenance of natural and social order in human society. As Muslims, we must clearly illustrate to the world that our religion is indeed the religion of peace. However, our striving for peace must never allow us to be unjust, nor should it allow us to passively accept injustices. We must take a stand for justice, as we are ordered in the Qur'an; *"Be you upright supporters of justice..."[4:135]*". However, that stand must go far beyond slogans, and move into the realm of positive action, inspired by the Qur'an and the words and deeds of our illustrious Prophet (pbuh).

Speakers: **Shafayat Mohamed, Ubaydullah Evans**Moderator: **Hassan Shibly****MYNA/MSA/Youth****4:15-5:15 PM****Golden Palm****Session 5B****Open Spaces**

Join us in this judgment-free, open space to discuss modern-day issues relating to you. Our team of MYNA mentors will provide their input by guiding conversations and helping you with issues they've encountered through their own experience. Topics include: family life, identity and peer pressure, gender, and dealing with struggles (school, stress and anxiety, etc).

Moderators: **Ivana Zajkovska and Hiba Kakli****MAIN****5:30-6:30 PM****Emerald Palm****Session 5C*****(Joint Session)*****Envisioning the Prophetic Community: the Future of Masajid in America**

The Prophet (pbuh) and his companions created a community that was vibrant with diverse personalities, talents, and customs, yet united in embracing the most beautiful way of life. Brotherhood and sisterhood between all Muslims was encouraged, no matter what background an individual had. The Prophet's Masjid played a vital role in the lives of early Muslims. Are we using our Masjid to its fullest potential in structuring our community as well as the image of Muslims?

Panelist: **Azhar Subedar, Shafayat Mohamed, Naseeb Khan, Asad Siddiqui**Facilitator: **Ihsan Bagby****6:30 PM****Maghrib Prayer****Coconut Palm****7:00-9:00 PM****Silver & Golden
Palm Room*****(Entry by Ticket)*****ISNA Celebration Banquet**

- Welcome remarks – **Zahid Qureshi** and **Azhar Azeez**, ISNA President
- Community Service Recognition Award Ceremony
- Serving Humanity, Living a Purposeful Life - Keynote address from **Mohamed Magid Ali**
- Entertainment program & nasheed singing

9:30 PM**Isha Prayer****Coconut Palm**