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August 30 – September, 2 2019 • Houston, Texas

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Quranic Verses

The environment as a central component of our faith. Both of these primary sources emphasize protecting and valuing human beings to maintain and sustain the environment in good condition. Quran and Hadith/Sunnah (Waqi'a 56: 68-70 – Translation)

"If a Muslim plants a tree or sows the seeds, and then a bird, or a person or animal eats from it, is regarded as a charitable gift (Sadaqah) from him." (Anas bin Malik – Bukhari)

Global warming and environmental issues are now one of the most critical issues to face the world today. As Muslims, who believe that humankind was entrusted with the stewardship and welfare of our planet, it is incumbent upon us to take environmental issues seriously, and do our part, collectively and individually to live and act ecologically. To this end, ISNA has taken steps towards making the convention more eco-friendly and requests you to do your part by observing the following guidelines.

At the Convention
- Recycle all bottles, cans, and scrap paper in the appropriate containers
- Recycle name tags and extra convention bags at the end of the convention
- Conserve water and paper towels while making wudu
- Avoid wasting unnecessary food containers or utensils

Making the Most of Your ISNA Convention
- ISNA Convention is a community gathering for everyone to attend and enjoy. As such, safety of our participants is paramount. Parents and guardians are responsible for their dependents at all times. Attendees under the age of 18 years should be under the supervision of a responsible adult.
- Be mindful of congregational prayer timings. Make wudu in a timely manner, and upon hearing the call to prayer immediately proceed to the prayer area. Observe congregational prayer to the best of your ability. If going to bed late is unavoidable, ensure that you are awakened for fajr.
- Upon receiving your program, select sessions that interest you the most. Plan to attend, take notes, and ask good questions.
- Go out of your way to greet everyone you meet at the convention with assalamu'alaykum, the beautiful greeting that is uplifting and an act of worship.
- Show kindness and respect to your elders as well as children. Remember good manners when interacting with each other and navigating through tight spaces.
- Observe modest dress and behavior at all times. This goes for brothers just as much as it is for sisters.
- Do not block aisles and walkways. Give your brothers and sisters their rights to pass freely and peacefully. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught us how to behave in the walkways: “…Lower your gazes, refrain from bothering people, return greetings, enjoin the good and deter vice.”
- Be kind, polite and patient with hotel and convention staff. Remember you are representing the Muslim community with your behavior.
- Make sure your surroundings remain clean. Pick up litter left behind by others. Remember, “cleanliness is half of faith.”
- Bring your own refillable and reusable water bottles.
- Carpool with friends and family to attend the convention.

We value your feedback, email us at: info@isna.net

Help Make the ISNA Convention Green this Year

“Never waste water even if you were at a running stream.” (Ahmed)

ISNA believes that as Muslims we have a special responsibility to take care of our environment. With this view in mind that we are taking up this cause. This initiative is designed to create awareness and provide guidance in making our masajid environmentally friendly and practices sustainable. It will be appropriate to call the masajid-which along with their traditional role-are also friendly to the environment as Green.

“O Children of Adam, wear your beautiful apparel at every time and place of prayer, and eat and drink, but waste not by excess for Allah loves not the wasters.” (Qur'an 7:31)

ISNA Green Masjid Project

Quran and Hadith/Sunnah are rich in statements, proverbs and precepts that speak of Allah’s design for creation and the responsibility given to human beings to maintain and sustain the environment in good condition. Both of these primary sources emphasize protecting and valuing the environment as a central component of our faith.

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Accordingly an ideal Green Masjid will be the one that is:
- Spiritual center strengthening the faith of Muslims through greater connection and integration into the natural world of which we all are a part.
- Follows environmental conservation and preservation principles.
- Creates an oasis of calm and sustainability in an urban and suburban environment by being eco-friendly.
## ISNA SPECIAL EVENTS

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| 2:00 – 3:15 PM 330A | **Unconditional Care:** How Muslims are Closing the Healthcare Gap Across America And How You Can Get Involved  
In 2018, nearly 50,000 uninsured Americans received medical care from a Muslim-run free clinic. This session sheds light on the inspiring movement of over 70 Muslim Free Clinics operating in United States and provides a toolkit for people interested in joining it. The session features a screening of a new short documentary about a Muslim-run free clinic in Jacksonville, FL and a panel discussion with clinic representatives, the co-author of a new study documenting the impact of Muslim-run clinics, and the co-director of the film.  
*Munazza Bagdadi, Muslim American Social Services (MASS)*  
*Matt Colaciello, Filmmaker*  
*Dr. Monira Hamid-Kundi, Houston Shifa Healthcare & Community Services*  
*Dr. Lance Laird, Boston University School of Medicine*  
*Moderator: Ghazala Salam, American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP)* |
| 3:45 – 5:00 PM 330A | **Lamya’s Poem: The Power of Animated Film to Tell the Muslim Story**  
Learn from animators, Muslim filmmakers and creative professionals in this behind-the-scenes workshop about "Lamya’s Poem," a major animated film about a 13-year old Syrian refugee who tumbles into a dream world where she meets the famous Muslim poet *Rumi*  
*Alex Kronemer, Unity Productions Foundation*  
*Abdalmajid Katranji, Co-Executive Producer for Lamya’s Poem*  
*Mazen Asbahi, Lawyer and Syrian American Activist*  
*Moderator: Tara Zaafran, Taiba* |

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| 2:00 – 4:00 PM 330A | **The Feeling of Being Watched**  
The critically-acclaimed documentary, *The Feeling of Being Watching* (Tribeca 2018), is a first-person investigative documentary in which director, Assia Boundaoui, uncovers one of the largest FBI terrorism probes conducted before 9/11, code-named Operation Vulgar Betrayal, that targeted her Arab and Muslim-American neighborhood in Chicago. With unprecedented access, the film weaves the personal and the political as it follows the filmmaker’s examination of why her community fell under blanket government surveillance. The New York Times calls it a “riveting film [that] is at once a personal story, a journalistic thriller and an essay on the nature of paranoia.  
Following the film is a conversation with organizers and healers on surveillance, and explore how we can build power, seek truth and heal.  
*Assia Boundaoui* |

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| 9:00 – 5:00 PM 320B | **How to Debate Islamophobia**  
An exclusive one-day workshop with Mehdi Hasan  
*Mehdi Hasan* |
| 9:00 – 5:00 PM 371A & 371D (Adults) 361A & 361D (Youth) | **AMHP’s Mental Health First Aid Certification Training**  
Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an evidence-based 8-hour certification program, which introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health issues. Youth MHFA is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people and introduces common mental health challenges for youth (12-18 years).  
The one-day training is appropriate for a wide variety of audiences, including but not limited to community leaders and activists, youth directors, Imams, employers and business leaders, law enforcement personnel, educators, parents, medical providers (e.g., nurses, medical assistants) etc.  
*Omar Shareef, MD, Abeda Khanam* |
Senior Oasis

The Senior Oasis is an exclusive lounge set up in Hilton Hotel 344AB for our respected senior guests. Please feel free to use the lounge from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday & Sunday.

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| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Hilton Hotel: 344AB | Managing your health in your Golden Years  
Americans are living longer, and by 2030 older adults will account for roughly 20 percent of the U.S. population. The number of older Muslims Americans (over 60 years old) is rising, increasingly needs assistance with home care, transportation, and maintaining their physical health—three factors critical to their physical quality of life.  
**Hasnain Walji, Dr. Barakat Charania**  
**Moderator:** **Arshia Wajid** |
| 3:45 – 5:00 PM Hilton Hotel: 344AB | Al Muntaqim: The Original Avenger  
He is the one, the Avenger. How do we understand Him as our Avenger?  
**Muhammad Nur Abdullah**  
**Dr. Ingrid Mattson**  
**Moderator:** **Dr. Abdul Rauf Mir** |

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| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Hilton Hotel: 344AB | Finding Al Hafiz: Strengthening our connection with Allah  
He is Al Hafiz: our protector, our preserver. How do we use Allah as our source of strength and recognize him as our ultimate superhero?  
**Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi**  
**Moderator:** **Dr. Iqbal Unus** |
| 3:45 – 5:00 PM Hilton Hotel: 344AB | As Salam: Discover Strength Through Peace  
He is the Ultimate provider of peace. How do internalize his attributes to bring peace to our daily lives?  
**Shaykh Abdalla Idris**  
**Dr. Ihsan Bagby**  
**Moderator:** **Dr. Alim Khandekar** |

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**Imam Round Table**  
Leading Imam’s (and masjid leaders) come together to facilitate conversations around Inclusive masjids, Spiritual and Mental Health counseling, and community engagement. Join us as we explore best practices in the space and pave a path forward.  
**Speaker(s):** **Imam Siraj Wahhaj, Shaykh Yaser Birjas, Imam Wazir Ali, Joohi Tahir** from Muhsen, **Natasha Malik, Suzanne Itani** and **Jonquil Woods** from Taiba  
**Moderator:** **Imam Arshad Anwar**
ISNA SPECIAL EVENTS

ISNA Art Exhibition

Come and enjoy the rich tradition of Arts in Islam. Open to Public. Paintings, woodwork, ceramics and all. You can buy art created by renowned artists.
Main Lobby, Level I.
11:00 AM till 8:00 PM, Saturday, 31st of August and Sunday, 1st of September

Live Art Demonstrations:

**Ebru Art:**
A live demonstration of centuries old Turkish art of paper water marbling, Ebru. Experience the magic of colors on water.
Main Lobby, level I
12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM. Saturday, 31st of August and Sunday, 1st of September

**Live Calligraphy:**
Have your name or a favorite Dua written by our master Calligraphers. Something to keep and cherish for years to come!
Main Lobby, Level I.
11:00 AM till 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM till 8:00 PM, Saturday, 31st of August and Sunday, 1st of September

**Henna Art:**
Experience beautiful patterns of henna. Get a henna tattoo yourself and get into a festive mood!
Main Lobby, level I
12:00 PM till 6:00 PM. Saturday, 31st of August and Sunday, 1st of September

**Harmony of Qalams:**
A live, evolving mural of Islamic Calligraffiti. Various artists will be contributing towards a homogenous final mural over the days ISNA is held – incorporating a variety of styles into an amalgamation of Islamic Calligraphy and art.
The final masterpiece will be auctioned to benefit ISNA Endowment fund.
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Saturday

**Art Workshop**
Register for class at our FB page or just scan the QR Code.

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**Islamic Calligraphy with Haji Noor Deen: Advanced 1**  
(Please note that a $45 registration fee is required for this session)

The Islamic Arts Society presents a master class in Calligraphy. Learn Classical Islamic calligraphy with world renowned master calligrapher Haji Noor Deen. This is a once in a lifetime experience you don’t want to miss. Build upon the basic elements learned in the Introductory classes Haji Noor Deen Mi Guang Jiang is a renowned master of Arabic calligraphy. Born in 1963 in Shandong province, China, he brings an immense learning in traditional thought and Islamic art to a modern audience, juxtaposing them in a new calligraphic style all his own, both Eastern and Western.

All supplies included. Just come in and have fun! Bring your friends and family. Ages 12 & above  
Haji Noor Deen |
| 11:30 – 12:30| PARALLEL SESSIONS 4  
**The Art of Islamic Painting with artist Nizar Macnojia**  
(Please note that a $35 registration fee is required for this session)

You will submerge yourself in an experience of vivid colors and craft as well as the art of calligraphy in an alluring art workshop. You will work with an artist to understand the technique and skill that will allow you to create a beautiful backdrop. You will be taught how to move your hands to shape calligraphy and bring your artwork to life. Register for class at Islamic Arts Society FB page or just scan the QR Code.

All supplies included. Just come in and have fun! Bring your friends and family. Ages 10 & above  
Nizar Macnojia |
| 2:00 – 3:15| PARALLEL SESSIONS 5  
**Calligraphy for Beginners: Syed Fakhri**  
(Please note that a $35 registration fee is required for this session)

The Islamic Arts Society presents an Introduction to Islamic Calligraphy:

Learn the basics of contemporary Islamic Calligraphy by IAS Calligrapher Syed Fakhri. Syed Fakhri has taught calligraphy classes to children and adults with the Islamic Arts Society. Register for class early as tickets are limited.

All supplies included. Just come in and have fun! Bring your friends and family. Ages 12 & above  
Syed Fakhri |
| 3:45 – 5:00| PARALLEL SESSIONS 6  
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Haji Noor Deen |
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LEVEL 1 HALL C

JUMU’AH PRAYER

3:00 – 4:00 PM
360B & 360E

ISNA Welcome
Sayyid M Syeed, Safaa Zarzour, Sohail Syed, Nida Saleem
Moderator: Sehrish Siddiqui

4:30 – 5:15 PM
360A & 360D

Peace Requires Encounter
Learn practical bridge-building techniques and strategies from Evangelical and Muslim faith leaders working to restore common ground and build positive interfaith relations.
Pastor Bob Roberts, Senior Pastor NorthWood Church,
Imam Mohamed Magid, Aneelah Afzali, American Muslim Empowerment Network,
Alex Kronemer, Co-Founder of Unity Production Films,
Samia Assed
Moderator: Daniel Tutt, Unity Production Films

5:30 PM

ASR PRAYER

5:45 – 7:00 PM
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SPIRITUAL

PLENARY SESSION 1 (ISNA & MYNA)
Allah's Attributes: The Source of Our Super Powers
Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Invoke Allah or invoke the Most Beneficent (Allah), by whatever name you invoke Him (it is the same), for to Him belong the Best Names. And offer your Salat (prayer) neither aloud nor in a low voice, but follow a way between. 17:110
In our day to day lives, it is important that we always turn towards Allah as the source of our motivation, drive, energy, and passion. We must maintain a constant and strong connection with Him in order to be a force for good. How do His 99 names affect our daily lives and become the source of our super powers?
Moderator: Linda Sarsour, Imam Mohamed Magid, Shaykh Faraz Khan,
Dr. Altaf Husain
Moderator: Ozair Hasan

7:00-8:00 PM

DINNER

7:45 PM

MAGHRIB PRAYER

8:00 – 10:00 PM • LEVEL 1 • HALL A&B • ADDITIONAL TICKET PURCHASE IS REQUIRED

A Conversation with Trevor Noah
Trevor Noah
Hosts: Mehdi Hasan & Malika Bilal • Moderator: Nida Saleem

10:00 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

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| 7:00 – 8:00 AM | **Women's Quran Recitation — Beginning/Intermediate**      
                Sisters, come with your qurans in hand and have your recitation heard by one of our teachers.  
                **Speaker(s):** Haleema Rehman                              |
| 7:00 – 8:00 AM | **Women's Quran Recitation — Intermediate/Advanced**      
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                **Speaker(s):** Ustadha Fatima Lette                        |
| 10:00 – 11:15 AM | **PLENARY SESSION 2**   
                **Origin Stories:** Early Muslims in Makkah and the New World  
                How many of us know the names, stories, and histories of the first Companions and of the first Muslims to step on the shores of the New World? Those early Muslims held steadfastly to their faith in oppressive societies where uttering the Shahada and unapologetically living Islam out loud was an act of defiance often punishable by death. Yet, their forbearance and unwavering faith in Allah built the foundation of Islam as we know it today in the United States and around the world. This session will share lessons of bravery and conviction from the stories of the early Companions of the Prophet in Makkah and enslaved African-Muslims brought to the New World by slavers.  
                **Speaker(s):** Shaykh Yasir Qadhi, Aisha Al-Adawiya, Dr. Rudolph Ware  
                **Moderator:** Hind Makki                                     |
**Multi-faith Collaboration for Social Transformation**

This conversation-style question will feature faith leaders leading innovative work in the United States to leverage their values in cooperation with other faith communities to affect social change in our communities, our country and around the globe.

*Speaker(s):* Rev. Jennifer Bailey, Faith Matters Network, Kevin Singer, Neighborly Faith, Jenan Mohajir, Interfaith Youth Core, Rabbi Marisa James, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah, NYC  
*Moderator:* Usra Ghazi, America Indivisible

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*Speaker(s):* Hassan Shibly, Ustadha Fatima Lette, Aisha Al-Adawia  
*Moderator:* Safiah Chowdhury

**The Prophetic Mosque (Part 1): A Welcoming and Inclusive Space**

How was the Prophet able to inspire a generation of leaders who not only changed their community, but changed the world forever? It wasn’t just what he said and what he did, but how he made his companions feel that stands out. More than just a pulpit and prayer, the Prophet’s mosque was a place for peace, partnership and empathy. In this session, we explore how the ideal mosque should create a welcoming and inclusive space for all.  
*Speaker(s):* Dr. Ihsan Bagby, Hind Makki  
*Moderator:* Zubair Zafar

**Rape & Sexual Harassment: Islamic Perspective & Rulings**

A panel discussion about how rulings are established for rape, and the consequences for sexual harassment. Several misconceptions will be addressed, especially "are women always to blame?", "does clothing play any role in determining the guilty party?", "how rape is tackled in rural areas of many Muslim countries isn’t ‘real’ Islam?" etc.  
*Speaker(s):* Shaykh Yasir Qadhi, Saba Syed, Hena Zuberi, Reem Shaikh  
*Moderator:* Lubabah Abdallah

**Muslims Count: Census 2020**

Does the Muslim community count? The United States Constitution requires the government to count all residents living in the country every 10 years. The Census impacts roads built, languages taught in schools, community programs funded, library books in different languages...everything. In this panel, government leaders and civic organizations will speak about their local work to make sure all of us count.  
*Speaker(s):* Mayor Sylvester Turner, Mayor of Houston (invited), Honorable Lina Hidalgo, Harris County Judge (invited), Cathy Lacy, Head of Census Bureau Head of Southwest Area, Nabila Mansoor, Emgage, Reema Kamran, IL Muslim Civic Coalition  
*Moderator:* Dr. Dilara Sayeed, IL Muslim Civic Coalition
**Mobilizing Religious Communities to Advance Freedom of Religion or Belief**

Religious freedom has become a topical discussion in the United States and around the world. The Trump Administration has deemed religious freedom a key policy priority, as evident in the recent Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom, which was the largest human rights event hosted by the United States Department of State. In recent years, religious communities have produced a number of documents to advance freedom of religion or belief. In particular, the Marrakesh Declaration has been widely viewed as a major theological document issued by global Muslim scholars to guarantee religious freedom for numerical minority religious communities living in Muslim majority nations. Where do American Muslims stand on the issue of religious freedom on international and domestic fronts? How is religious freedom employed in the US while adhering to the Constitution? When religious freedom is raised in international arenas, are religious minorities used as pawns or voices of courage? This panel seeks to understand how various traditions and religious communities perceive the issue of religious freedom and further discuss how communities can form partnerships to be more inclusive through the implementation of religiously produced documents.

**Speaker(s):** Ambassador Samuel Brownback, United States Ambassador for International Religious Freedom, Rabbi David Saperstein, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Maggie Siddiqi, Faith and Progressive Policy Initiative, Center for American Progress, Asma Uddin, UCLA Initiative on Security and Religious Freedom

**Moderators:** Bibi Watts, Jonathan Iheanacho

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**WHAT’S YOUR SUPER POWER FOR SOCIAL GOOD?**

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**Islam & Philanthropy: Nonprofit Founders & Funders**

Everyone has a cause they are passionate about. Here they can learn more about funders in the space and founders along with their journeys as we explore research done by Institute for Social Policy and Understanding and work with Indiana University's Center on Muslim Philanthropy in conjunction with the El-Hibri Foundation, Proteus Fund, Pillars Fund, and American Muslim Fund.

**Speaker(s):** Joohi Tahir, Zaid Khan, Muhi Khwaja

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**Super Friends: How to work with different allies while maintaining your own identity**

The great salad bowl of America creates unique opportunities for collaborations between cultures and ideals to develop a better society for everyone. Often times, our efforts greatly benefit from the information and resources that diverse groups have to offer. But how do we work effectively with other groups toward a common goal? How do we navigate these relationships when we are unfamiliar with one another or when ideals are not exactly aligned? How do we establish mutual trust and respect while still being true to who we are and where we come from? This session seeks to answer these questions.

**Speaker(s):** Mujahid Fletcher, Imam Wazir Ali

**Moderators:** Bibi Watts, Jonathan Iheanacho

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**Muslim Science Professionals – Role in the Community**

A showcase of the contributions of Muslim Scientists, Engineers, and Technology Professionals in North America.

**Part 1: Panel Discussion**

**Part 2: Muslim communities in North America as the stewards of the Earth**

**Speaker(s):** Part 1: Hasina Huq, Abdullah Rahman, Awadh BinHazim

**Moderator:** Sohel Anwar

**Part 2:** Saiyid Masroor Shah, Awadh Binhazim

**Moderator:** Abdullah Rahman

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Community Service Recognition Luncheon

**Honoree:** Shaykh Abdalla Idris

**Keynote Speaker(s):** Adama Dieng, United Nations Under-Secretary General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide and Responsibility to Protect.

1:00 – 3:00 PM • HILTON HOTEL • LEVEL 2 BALLROOM

*Doors open at 12:30 PM • Entrance by ticket only*

Lunch & Special Activities

12:30 – 2:00 PM

DHUHR PRAYER

1:30 PM
WHAT'S YOUR SUPER POWER FOR SOCIAL GOOD?

2:00 – 3:15 PM
360A & 360D
INTERFAITH

Multi-faith Support for Immigrants and Refugees
In this session, participants will hear from leaders and activists from different faith backgrounds about why and how faith communities in the United States are responding to the pressing issues facing refugees and immigrants, and will engage participants in considering their own involvement in taking action on this critical issue.

Speaker(s): Naomi Steinberg, HIAS, Matthew Kaemingk, Fuller Theological Seminary, Cindy Wu, Houston Welcomes Refugees, Isra Chaker, Oxfam, Taneeza Islam, South Dakota Voices for Peace
Moderator: Nina Fernando, Shoulder to Shoulder

2:00 – 3:15 PM
361A & 361D
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Rohingya in Crisis: How Can You Help?
The citizenship of Rohingya has been revoked and all the basic human rights have been violated by the Government of Myanmar. Several countries, particularly in South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East have provided refuge to millions of Rohingya fleeing the violence by the Myanmar military and the Buddhist extremist mobs. Over 1.2 million Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh are facing major humanitarian crisis. The Government of Myanmar has agreed for dignified and voluntary repatriation of the refugees to their original homes in Arakan/Rakhine state in Myanmar in October 2017, but no implementation of the return of the refugees has taken place. Rohingya people must be repatriated immediately, and they need political and humanitarian support from the Muslim Ummah and the international community.

Speaker(s): Dr. Wakar Uddin, Arakan Rohingya Union, Simon Billenness, International Campaign for Rohingya, Anwar Khan, OBAT Helpers, Inc.

2:00 – 3:15 PM
360B & 360E
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Love, Coffee, Yemen: A Story of Hope, Fueled by Coffee
Mokhtar will discuss his journey to creating a business with social impact at its core and attempting to transform Yemen through empowering its farmers.

Speaker(s): Mokhtar Alkhanshali
Moderator: Hind Makki

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370A & 370D
SPIRITUAL

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Speaker(s): Ebrahim Rasool
Moderator: Ayman Kabire

2:00 – 3:15 PM
360B & 360E
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Return of Super(wo)man: Inspirational Stories from Muslim Americans
Join us for a TED Talk style session hearing from Muslim superheroes from around the country

Speaker(s): Rashed Fakhruddin, Sandra Akkad, Wardah Khalid
Moderator: Safiah Chowdhry
Empowering, Educating, Defending: Building the Next Generation of American Muslims

As the American Muslim community continues to advance the cultural, political, and economic capital of the United States, its individual leaders and institutions must be equipped with best practices and characteristics. This session looks at the impact of the last 25-years of our community’s strategic institutional investments in empowering a generation of American Muslims, built on the creative design, sacrifice and implementation of earlier generations. As we move into the next era of engineered exponential growth, experts and practitioners will discuss the means by which we will empower our community and secure our future through media, law and civic engagement.

Speaker(s): Nihad Awad, CAIR National, Hassan Shibly, CAIR-Florida, Gadier Abbas, CAIR National

Host: Jinan Shbat, CAIR National

Power over Pity: From the Kaaba to your Local Mosque

Stories of empowerment and strength will benefit all with inspirational reminders about the differences we can embrace in one another across our communities, how we accommodate for these differences, abilities and needs and how each of us brings value and our own Super Powers. Hear about experiences at MUHSEN’s Umrah and about how we make our communities welcoming places of diversity and acceptance.

Speaker(s): Tariq Musleh, Joohi Tahir, Nadiya Shafi

Mines of Silver & Gold

The Prophet has said in an authentic narration related to us by Abu Hurayrah: “People are like mines of silver and gold. The best of them in the time of ignorance are the best of them in Islam, if they have religious understanding.” (Sahih Muslim). Just like in a gold mine, someone needs to dig, for the sahabah, the Prophet was that person, finding the strength in each one of his companions and honing it so they were able to be the best they could be. This session will focus on a few of the illustrious companions of the Prophet and how they became the people we know today through the company of our beloved Messenger of Allah.

Speaker(s): Shaykh Abdul Nasir Jangda, Mufti Hussain Kamani, Shaykh Mikael Smith, Ustadh AbdelRahman Murphy, Ustadha Fatima Lette

Moderator: Aatifa Shareef
SPONSORED SESSION – WAHED INVEST

Town Hall: Halal Investing and Wealth Creation in America
American Muslims are young, educated and financially savvy and are actively seeking ways to invest and grow their wealth in halal ways. Why should Muslims invest? What are the benefits? What makes investing halal? Who determines what is halal? What halal investment products are available? What kind of returns can you expect? Hear the answers to these questions and bring your own questions to this Wahed Town Hall Meeting. Bring a friend.
Speaker(s): Saad Zariff, Wahed Invest
Moderator: Salaudeen Nausrudeen, Wahed Invest

2:00 – 3:15 PM
382B
FINANCIAL

SPONSORED SESSION – ISLAMINSPANISH

IslamInSpanish: “A New Era of Diverse Inclusion”
The growing Latino inclusion and influence in the U.S. is forcing global companies to fine-tune their strategies to capture this multi-lingual, multi-cultural, and global audience. How is the American-Muslim community adjusting to this reality? Join a diverse panel of academics, media producers, women, and community leaders as they discuss inclusion based on a recent Vice Documentary produced about IslamInSpanish entitled “Why Latinos Are Converting to Islam.” This panel conversation will demystify what it’s like to become a powerhouse global story pioneering a new era of diversity and inclusion inside and outside of the American-Muslim community.
Speaker(s): Dr. Craig Consindine, Jaime "Mujahid" Fletcher, Hany Massoud, Sakinah Gutierrez, Isa Parada
Moderator: Adnan Jalali M.Ed.
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<td>This session will engage participants in an active demonstration of the People’s Supper, one highly effective model for getting people to engage in deep conversation irrespective of their differences. The workshop will also share different approaches the People’s Supper team has taken in using this model to affect local community change. <em>Workshop Leader: K. Scarry, The People’s Supper</em></td>
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<td>It is estimated that the American Muslim community spends approximately $300,000,000 in just legal fees per year on divorce proceedings. Divorces have become commonplace. Our homes are too often a place of crisis, and not the model of tranquility. Unhealthy marriages have a financial and emotional toll and can be traumatic on our children. Current societal norms suggest masculinity is toxic, yet much modern research shows traditional gender roles benefits the family. Many men are well intentioned, but lacking the knowledge and skills to be great husbands, fathers and forces of good in today’s times. We will host a discussion for men to understand a working Islamic model of being benevolent leaders at home and in the world. We discuss a practical model for men to have healthy relationships bridging modern times with Quran and Sunnah. <em>Speaker(s): Hasan Clay, Naaila Clay, Nuriddeen Knight, Michael Sanford</em></td>
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<td>In order for American Muslim communities to improve, they need a clear understanding of their current strengths and weaknesses. This session will highlight the importance of data-driven decision making and also share data collected by Pew Research Center, Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, and the Yaqeen Institute that can help Muslims think strategically about where best to invest time and money. <em>Speaker(s): Dalia Mogahed, Besheer Mohamed</em></td>
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<td>#MyMuslimVote: How To Make Our Voices Heard in 2020 &amp; Beyond</td>
<td>Join us to learn more about civic engagement, how organizations have been building power within their communities and what we can do to make our voices count in 2020. <em>Speaker(s): Ishraq Ali, MPower Change, Sana Shahid, Emgage, Mohammed Missouri, JetPAC, Dr. Abdul El-Sayed, 2018 Michigan Democratic Gubernatorial Primary Candidate</em></td>
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<td><strong>Making the World a Better Place - One Individual, One Organization, &amp; One Community at a Time</strong>&lt;br&gt;Attendees will discover the special skills and abilities given to them by Allah to face and overcome obstacles facing their organizations and/or communities. They will be given tools to put these skills and abilities to help make this world a better place.</td>
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<td><strong>Leadership &amp; Legacy: Muslim Women in History that Impacted the Global Society</strong>&lt;br&gt;Leadership and Legacy is Rabata's curriculum design endeavor: creating empowering materials and highlighting positive role models for educators worldwide. This session will review six phenomenal women in world history that have impacted the greater society. Attendees will learn about Aminah Assilmi, Fatimah Al Fihri, Nana Asma’u, Lubna Córdoba, Razia Sultan, and Clara Muhammad.</td>
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<td><strong>Kashmir under Siege</strong>&lt;br&gt;Kashmiris have survived more than a century of repression and state violence at the hands of India and by the British colonialists before them. India’s Hindu nationalist government have now established the basis for a Hindu settler colonial project in Kashmir, to do to Kashmir's Muslims what has been done to the Palestinians, the Rohingya, and the Uighurs. Learn about the present situation, how it intersects with the plight of other disenfranchised people and the rise of ethno-nationalism, and what you can do about it.</td>
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<td><strong>SPONSORED SESSION  – ARCTURUS INVESTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Investing in Commercial Real Estate&lt;br&gt;Attain financial freedom, build wealth and fulfill your financial goals through Commercial Real Estate Investments. Continue to enjoy your lifestyle, spend time with family, play golf while making passive income from your investment!</td>
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<td><strong>SPONSORED SESSION</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Practical Islamic Finance and Investments – Homeownership and Takaful (Islamic Insurance) Models for All</strong>&lt;br&gt;An Overview of Practical Islamic Finance and Investments - Successful Sharia Compliant and Interest-Free Homeownership and Takaful models implemented in North America will be discussed and opportunities for Muslim communities and communities at large to consider and adopt such models.</td>
<td><strong>Mohammed Jalaluddin</strong>, Ansar Financial Group,&lt;br&gt;<strong>Monem Salam</strong>, Amana, <strong>Fatima iqbal</strong>, Azzad Funds&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Azhar Azeez</td>
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PLENARY 3:

**An Evening with Presidential Candidates**

Join us for this 1-1 moderated discussion with the Presidential candidates

*Introduction:* Lubabah Abdallah

*Bernie Sanders, Julian Castro*

*Moderators:* Debbie Almontaser, Salam Al-Marayati, President MPAC, Wa’el Alzayat, CEO Emgage

PLENARY 4:

**What’s Your Super Power for Social Good**

“Indeed Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves” — Quran [13:11]

Each of us has our own unique story of triumphs, tragedies, happiness and misery combined with our individual competencies and skills. What is important is how we react to our tests from Allah and turn them into opportunities to help not only ourselves but others around us.

*Moderator:* Dr. Asra Ali

*Host:* Sharaf Mowjood

*Speaker(s):* Shaykh Omar Suleiman, Shaykh Yasir Qadhi, Dalia Mogahed, Nurriddeen Knight, Ibtihaj Muhammad

*Address:* Sayyid M Syeed, ISNA President, Noor Sheikh-Khalil, Myna President

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Please join us for some inspirational stories of Muslim Superheroes from the Seerah.
Shaykh Abdul Nasir Jangda

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Women’s Quran Recitation – Beginning/Intermediate
Sisters, come with your qurans in hand and have your recitation heard by one of our teachers.
Speaker(s): Haleema Rehman

7:00 – 8:00 AM
Women’s Quran Recitation - Intermediate/Advanced
Sisters, come with your qurans in hand and have your recitation heard by one of our teachers.
Speaker(s): Ustadha Fatima Lette

10:00 – 11:15 AM
LEVEL 1 HALL A&B
SPIRITUAL

PLENARY 5:

The Power Within

Narrated Anas: The Prophet said, “My Lord says, ‘If My slave comes nearer to me for a span, I go nearer to him for a cubit; and if he comes nearer to Me for a cubit, I go nearer to him for the span of outstretched arms; and if he comes to Me walking, I go to him running.’” Sahih Bukhari Book 93 Hadith 627

As Muslims, it is our duty to reach deep into ourselves and take action. Trust and reliance on our creator enables us to be free from waiting: waiting for the situation to change, waiting for others to take action, waiting for that next step or accomplishment, always waiting, waiting, waiting. How can we tap into our powers within to cause change right now.

Speaker(s): Dr. Altaf Husain, Ustadha Zaynab Ansari, Shaykh Faraz Khan, Ebrahim Rasool
Moderator: Haleema Rehman
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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

What’s Wrong (and Right) about Muslims in Politics
Do the record numbers of American Muslims now in elected office represent our religious values? Is it better to avoid the messy fields of civic and political engagement? Join us for a "fireside chat" with religious leaders, activists, and elected officials on the issue of Muslim apathy in American civic life and whether Muslims must compromise their deen, religious identity, or values to engage in politics.

Speaker(s): Aisha al-Adawiya, Zahra Billoo, CAIR, Mayor Sadaf Jaffer, Montgomery Township, NJ, Wardah Khalid, Poligon

Moderator: Dr. Abbas Barzegar, CAIR

Whatever it takes
Islamic history is painted with great moments of resilience and will power when all hope is lost. A person’s will under the trust of Allah, accompanied by social unity has altered the course of history. Optimism is the currency of faith.

Speaker(s): Mohammed Wasim Khan

Moderator: Dr. Arsalan Tajammul

The Prophetic Mosque (Part 2): From Idea to Impact
How was the Prophet able to inspire a generation of leaders who not only changed their community, but changed the world forever? It wasn’t just what he said and what he did, but how he made his companions feel that stands out. More than just a pulpit and prayer, the Prophet’s mosque was a place of peace, partnership and empathy. Join us as we learn from the Prophet’s tradition and explore how to empower the next generation of Omars, Abu Bakrs, and Aishas.

Speaker(s): Shaykh Hassan Aly, Imam Arshad Anwar

Moderator: Zubair Zafar

Falling in Love with Allah: His 99 Attributes
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Speaker(s): Shaykh Yasir Qadhi, Dr. Rania Awaad

Moderator: Samia Assed

Sisterhood Journeys in Faith and Friendship
What does it mean to reach across the divide and sustain a relationship with those not like you? Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom is a national organization committed to sustaining Muslim and Jewish relationships. Come hear about the Houston Chapter of the Sisterhood and the impact it has had on personal lives. The Sisterhood creates a sacred space of trust, harmony and support in precarious times. This will be a moderated discussion between a few Muslim and Jewish women sharing their experience of deep and sustainable friendship in a time of increased polarization.

Speaker(s): Nabila Mansoor, Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom

Shazma Matin, Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom

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HISTORY

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MASJID DEVELOPMENT
**ISNA and You: General Assembly**
Join ISNA leadership in a meaningful conversation about the future of ISNA and its role in the lives of Muslim Americans. All convention attendees are encouraged to attend and learn more about ISNA.

*Hosted by: ISNA Leadership*

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**Finding the Avenger within Yourself**
Do you know why the Prophet’s generation was the best? The reason is because they used their unique strengths and abilities to serve Allah. This interactive session will inspire you to explore your strengths, personality and passions to create your own personal mission to be successful in this life and the Hereafter.

*Speaker(s): Iqbal Latheef, Melvin LeBlanc*

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**Becoming Wonder Woman:**
Strategies for navigating in a male-dominated society
In the larger American context & within the Muslim community, women are increasingly advocating for greater participation & leadership opportunities in shaping the world in which we live. As a result, the role of women in society & how to accommodate their presence in public life is being challenged. This session will seek to provide strategies on how to navigate these challenges using lessons learned from the lives of historical & contemporary (s)heros who confronted similar difficulties.

*Speaker(s): Bibi Khan, Aneesha Dawan, Ameena Matthews, Kameelah Rashad*

*Moderator: Salimah Shaheed*

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**Your Lord Has Not Forsaken You:**
Addressing the Impact of Trauma on Faith
For most people, the term "trauma" feels like something that doesn't happen to average people like us. However, adverse experiences and traumas can include conflict with family, extreme stress at work, natural disasters, financial trouble, unexpected illness, divorce, or legal issues. When we broaden the definition of trauma in this way, we realize that everyone has likely been touched by it in one way or another.

In this session, we outline the effects of trauma and the importance of healing to make space for connecting with others, experiencing joy, revitalizing your relationship with Allah, and regaining a sense of control over your emotions and thoughts.

*Speaker(s): Shaykh Omar Suleiman, Sarah Sultan, Najwa Awad*

*Moderator: Ali Fiaz*
SPONSORED SESSION – GUIDANCE RESIDENTIAL

Islamic Home Financing: Is it really different? Why does it matter? How does it work?
Guidance Residential is the leading Islamic Home Financing Company, serving the American Muslim community in homeownership. Since 2002, we’ve provided more than $5.5 billion in home financing, serving more than 20,000 families.

When looking at their options for home ownership, many American Muslims look at Islamic home financing and see similarities with conventional mortgages. A common question is: “Is it really different?” Guidance Residential President and CEO Khaled (Kal) Elsayed compares the two approaches and breaks down some of the options for American Muslims and the unique benefits our program offers over the conventional banking system.

Speaker(s): Khaled (Kal) Elsayed, Guidance Residential
Moderator: Hussam Qutub (GHS)

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Want to Fight the Muslim Travel Ban? There's a Training for That

The fight against the Muslim travel ban includes immigration, civil rights, and faith based organizations that understand our common values and the advantage of strength in numbers when it comes to policy change. However, despite being the main population targeted by the ban, only 17% of Muslims contacted their Members of Congress in 2019, the lowest of all faith groups. Is it a coincidence, then, that our community is constantly under attack? Join us for an interactive training on how to make your voice heard with your elected officials - no advocacy experience required. Note: While the focus is on Congressional advocacy, the lessons and tactics shared are applicable to engagement at multiple levels of government and multiple issues.

Trainers: Wardah Khalid, Poligon, Aksa Asgher

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Speaker(s): Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, Nurriddeen Knight, Imam Siraj Wahhaj
Moderator: Rabiya Azeez

Equal Justice for All – The Rule of Law at Guantanamo

This session will feature members from the defense teams working to advocate on behalf of the detainees subject to the Rendition, Detention and Interrogation (RDI) program at Guantanamo Bay. We hope to highlight our efforts in preserving justice and American constitutional values with the work we do at the Guantanamo Military Commissions.

Speaker(s): Lieutenant Colonel Sterling Thomas, USAF (United States Air Force) Defense Counsel, El Sayed Mostafa, Attorney
Moderator: Aman Abdelhamid

Let’s Talk Taboo

It’s time to confront taboo topics that people keep brushing under the carpet. Whether it’s domestic abuse, sexual violence, addiction, divorce, in-laws or other relationship issues, we need to help people feel comfortable talking about it. We also need to stop misusing religion to dismiss these issues. Saying “it’s haram” or pretending it doesn’t exist is only making things worse. If we can talk about it, we can start healing it. Join a panel of experts to discuss how we can collectively address these taboo issues.

Speaker(s): Imam Khalid Latif, Dr Ketam Hamdan
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THE POWER TO STRENGTHEN OUR DEMOCRACY

“The cornerstone of democracy rests on the foundation of an educated electorate.” This quote by Thomas Jefferson highlights the superpower of everyday Americans — to vote based upon knowledge and education. In this session, we will share new data from the American Muslim Poll 2019 related to civic engagement among American Muslims compared to other Americans. We will also offer data-driven recommendations and solutions to transform American Muslim citizens into civically engaged and politically impactful participants working to save our democracy.

Speaker(s): Dalia Mogahed

THE RISE OF HINDU NATIONALISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Hindu Nationalism has asserted itself on the U.S. political stage in what on the surface may appear to be faith-based advocacy for Hindus in the U.S. However, in the last 15 years the US organizations linked to the Hindu nationalist Indian government have created platforms to institutionalize Islamophobia in US textbooks, lobby to politically isolate U.S. Muslim civil rights groups and whitewash India’s human rights record in D.C. political circles carried out against Indian minority communities. This panel will bring together grassroots leaders of Indian-American Muslim, Dalit, Sikh, Christian, and progressive Hindus working together to battle the incursion of Hindu fascists elements in the U.S. Panelists: Dr. Sana Qutubuddin of the Indian American Muslim Council, Thenmozhi Soundrajan, Executive Director of Equality Labs, Dr. Jaideep Singh of the Alliance for Justice & Accountability and Dr. Sonia Joseph of the South Asian Solidarity Initiative.

Speaker(s): Dr. Sana Qutubuddin, Indian American Muslim Council, Thenmozhi Soundrajan, Equality Labs, Dr. Jaideep Singh, Alliance for Justice & Accountability, Dr. Sonia Joseph, South Asian Solidarity Initiative

NAVIGATING THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF HEALTHCARE DELIVERY & PRACTICE: INTERACTIVE AMHP NETWORKING EVENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS & STUDENTS

Join American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP) for an interactive networking and thought-provoking panel discussion about the changing landscape of healthcare delivery and practice. The event is geared towards health professionals and students who are looking to expand their professional network, support the growth and mentorship of aspiring students and early to mid-level careerists and learn about the latest developments and trends in the healthcare industry from top industry leaders.

Established in 2004, AMHP is a national non-profit dedicated to bringing together and strengthening the impact of Muslim health professionals seeking to improve the health and wellness of all Americans. AMHP’s core areas of focus are professional development, community-based mental health initiatives and advocacy for underserved and minority communities.

Speaker(s): Oluwatosin “Fatima” Ogunlana, DPM, Foot & Ankle Specialist/ Wound Care Specialist, Dr. Sherif Zaafran, MD, FASA, USAP South Texas Vice-Chair, Clinical Governance Board

Moderator: Azra Behlim, Pharm.D., Senior Director, Pharmaceutical Sourcing & Program Services, Vizient
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2:00 – 3:15 PM
381B
SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

A Compassionate Community
We mark our calendars by this historic event, the Hijrah, otherwise known as the Great Migration from Makkah to Madinah exactly 1440 years ago. What made this journey the pinnacle of the Islamic timeline? It was the start of the Prophetic community and the ideal that we strive to inculcate in our lives as an ummah. Join us as we delve into the three-pronged approach for creating a compassionate community developed from the Prophetic model.

Speaker(s): Shaykh Abdul Nasir Jangda, Mufti Hussain Kamani, Shaykh Mikael Smith, Ustadh AbdelRahman Murphy, Ustadha Fatima Lette
Moderator: Aatifa Shareef

2:00 – 3:15 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL A&B
SPIRITUAL ACTIVISM

Confident Muslim: "Victory through Sacrifice"
Confident Muslim is a platform which will seek out the brightest minds of the Ummah seeking to make a positive impact in society. We believe that our tradition is rich with contribution and can inspire change makers in many different ways. Confident Muslim is a conference that invites Muslims to dig deep into that tradition and find themselves and their contribution. Join Bilqis as she shares her journey of victory through her sacrifices and engages in a talk show with Shaykh Omar Suleiman.

Speaker(s): Bilqis Abdul-Qaadir, Shaykh Omar Suleiman, Dr. Altaf Husain

2:00 – 3:15 PM
382B
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Humanitarian Crisis Around Us (Think Care & Act)
Conflict and natural disasters have destroyed communities and economies that once thrived; leaving millions of people displaced from the places they once called home. By implementing many programs such as emergency food projects, water system development, and livelihood training for vulnerable women, humanitarian organizations are helping vulnerable areas move forward. And right now, in emergency zones like Syria, Yemen Palestine and South Asian countries they are providing urgent medical aid, food supplies, shelter and more to those in need. It’s only through your compassion, involvement, education about the existing challenges and your continued support that our brothers and sisters throughout these places know that they are not alone.

Speaker(s): Safaa Zarrour, Syrian forum, Abed Ayoub, United Muslim Relief, Azhar Azeez, Islamic Relief USA
Moderator: Nusrat Deen
“Losing My Religion: The Relevance of Theological Education for the Modern Religious Crisis”

The 2017 Pew Research Center survey, which found that an estimated 24% of those raised Muslim in the U.S. have left the religion entirely, has been the topic of much concern throughout our community over the last few years. Additionally, 55% of those cited who left the faith no longer identify with ANY religion or spiritual practice, identifying themselves as unbelievers, atheists, or agnostic. While the reasons cited for leaving Islam are vast, the underlying concern is essentially similar — what type of foundation are we instilling in our communities? Traditionally, the role of defending the faith and bringing it to address the concerns of contemporary issues was the role of the theologians. Yet we have similarly seen a decline in theological education throughout the U.S., and a growing lack of concern for the study of theology amongst U.S. Muslims in an effort of advocating for unity, and the belief that “faith is not to be found in systematic theology.” The question we seek to address in this panel is: where does the role of proper theological education stand in addressing the modern “crisis of faith” that has affected so many here in the U.S., and what are institutions of higher learning (such as Bayan Islamic Graduate School and others) offering to address this concern?

Speaker(s): Jihad Brown
Moderator: Fouad Elgohari

Lessons from Khadija (ra):
Empowering Financial Independence

This session, designed especially for women and young people, focuses on helping establish confidence in making financial decisions around personal and family finance, business, and estate planning.

What kind of future do you envision for you and your family? What lifestyle do you want in retirement and how will you get there? How will you pay for education? Are you struggling to make a plan? Our representatives will be on hand to guide you with the information and tools you need to begin investing for your future.

Speaker(s): Monem Salam, Dr. Ingrid Mattson
Moderator: Owaiz Dadabhoy
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PARALLEL SESSIONS 6

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**Speaker(s):** Nihad Awad, Ustadha Zaynab Ansari

**Moderator:** Asma Rehman

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**Surviving Marriage, Divorce and the Search for Bae in Islam**

Getting married and staying married has become ever so challenging. This session will cover seeking a mate by halal means including the matchmaking process, staying in a healthy relationship, going through divorce and how to navigate halal love in the age of social media.

**Speaker(s):** Imam Siraj Wahhaj, Baba Ali, Nadirah Pierre

**Moderator:** Rufus and Jenny Triplett

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**How Selfies with Mayors can Boost our Civic Health**

The American Muslim community is in a crisis of civic health. Compared to all other religious communities, we are the least connected to our local government representatives while suffering from increasing anti-Muslim bigotry in our neighborhoods. Learn about how to fight this crisis with a boost of civic health.

**Speaker(s):** Mayor Sadaf Jaffer, Montgomery Township, NJ, Dr. Abdul El-Sayed, 2018 Michigan Democratic Gubernatorial Primary Candidate, Commissioner, Usra Ghazi, America Indivisible and D.C. Interfaith Council, Commissioner, Nadia Hassan, MD Commission on African and Middle Eastern American Affairs

**Moderator:** Ghazala Salam, Muslim Caucus Education Collective

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**Deconstructing the Supervillain Manifesto**

Recently, white nationalists - including the perpetrators of massacres in Christchurch, Quebec City, Charleston, and Oslo - have found inspiration from the songs, slogans, and terminologies of the genocidal 1990s wars in the Balkans. This session will dissect how and why today’s white nationalists are inspired by this genocidal language to commit terrorist attacks in religiously diverse Western societies and will discuss ways to challenge the hate speech of white nationalists and politicians in election years.

**Speaker(s):** Dr. Hatem Bazian, Dr. Dalia Fahmy, Ebrahim Rasool

**Host:** Mehdi Hasan

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**What can you do to help the Muslims in China?**

Currently about 1M Uyghur and Han Muslims in China are under persecution from the Chinese government. As American Muslims, what can we do to stand in solidarity.

**Speaker(s):** Mihrigul Tursun, Hena Zuberi, Shaykh Omar Suleiman, Dr. Sulayman Aziz

**Moderator:** Danish Siddiqui
The Realities of Female Leadership in Muslim Spaces
American Muslims are a diverse and growing community. As this community continues to establish itself and become representative of its members, women become increasingly involved in leadership of Muslim organizations alongside men. While our faith instructs us of equality and respect for one another, this concept is more often than not overlooked in practice. Join us for an open and frank conversation regarding the challenges female leaders in our community face, and how to resolve these challenges.
Speaker(s): Dr. Ingrid Mattson, Ustadha Iesha Prime, Zahra Billoo, Kameelah Rashad
Moderator: Dr. Asra Ali

Muslim Women in the Literary Landscape: The Journey of American Muslims in Literature, Motivation to Write, & Writing Workshop
Combating stereotypes about Muslim women in literature is not limited to one genre. In fact, the efforts to promote Muslim women’s voices in the literary landscape can be seen in fictional work to academic writing. Join today’s authors for a session on the journey of Muslims in America as they embarked on spreading their voices through written word, inspiration on writing your own work, and an engaging writing workshop with published, award-winning authors.
Speaker(s): Najiyah Maxfield, Tayyaba Syed, Nuriddeen Knight
Moderator: Afshan Malik

"I Should've Gotten Over It by Now": Surviving the Impact of Grief on Faith
People often misinterpret the grieving process as a sign of discontentment with the decree of Allah. When things in your life are not going in the direction you anticipated or a sudden event causes you to feel hurt or devastated, feeling this way does not indicate a weakness in your relationship with Allah or in your ability to accept what He has written for you. In this session, we walk through healthy ways of coping with grief and offer practical exercises you can implement.
Speaker(s): Sarah Sultan, Dr. Altaf Husain, Najwa Awad
Moderator: Ali Fiaz

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Mob Violence, Lynching and Impunity: Challenges to Democracy and Rule of Law in India
People often misinterpret the grieving process as a sign of discontentment India has claims to a noble tradition of 'Ahimsa' or non-violence, but in recent years there has been a significant increase in hate crimes, mob violence and lynchings of minorities and Dalits with impunity. The attacks are motivated by a specific religious chauvinism known as Hindutva, a right-wing Hindu nationalist ideology that establishes a Hindu hegemony, and is the ideology of the current ruling party, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The ruling elite in India are abetting mob violence, and these lynchings are a form of state terrorism that seeks to direct the anger and attention from the Hindu masses — many of whom are still struggling for basic necessities like food, water and security — towards oppressed groups, instead of the neoliberal state which is to blame.
Speaker(s): Syed Ali, IAMC VP, Humayun Rashid, IAMC Board Member
Moderator: Arshad Qavi, IAMC, Dallas President
5:00 PM
ASR PRAYER

5:30 – 6:30 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL A&B
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
PLENARY 6:
Defeating Super Villains
Muslim communities face serious hardships around the globe. Hear from the panelists how American Muslims can support our global community through our powers, both at an individual and collective level.
Speaker(s): Azeem Ibrahim, Hena Zuberi, Safaa Zarzour, Dr. Hatem Bazian, Dr. Dalia Fahmy
Host: Zarqa Nawaz

6:30 – 8:00 PM
DINNER & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

7:45 PM
MAGHRIB PRAYER

8:00 – 10:00 PM
ENTERTAINMENT
Harris J, Siedd, Rozina Malik, Omar Offendum, MC: Nadirah Pierre

10:00 PM
ISHA PRAYER
PLenary 7:

Mission Possible

Your mission, should you choose to accept it: harness your own God given “super-power” to effect social good. Having heard inspirational stories of Muslim heroes and sheroes over the last three days, both from Prophetic times to modern times, how can you now discover and amplify your own personal strengths? Hear from speakers how one can leverage his/her own skill sets and expertise to better our world.

Speaker(s): Imam Siraj Wahhaj, Imam Khalid Latif, Zahra Billoo
Moderator: Safiah Chowdhry

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Unapologetically Muslim
Negative stereotypes, racist implications, and harmful generalizations of the Muslim community in mainstream media have become an unfortunate norm. It’s up to American Muslims to showcase the diversity of our community and our identities, and the true nature of our religion. This session aims to address the importance of reclaiming our narrative as Muslims in America through a media that often likes to speak about us, without us. Coffee and a conversation in this casual but dynamic session.

Speaker(s): Dalia Mogahed, Mehdi Hasan, Ibtihaj Muhammad
Moderator: Artisia Susanto

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019

10:00 – 11:15 AM
342A & 342D

The Upswing, Coming Back from a Spiritual Downfall
We have all been there before: you fall and fall hard. It is difficult to find the strength to get back up again, after sinning, breaking your own spiritual trust in yourself. Sometimes it feels like you have sunk so low, you can never rise again, especially if you used to find yourself in a better state. How can we empower ourselves to seek Allah’s forgiveness and move towards healing ourselves, changing our lifestyles, and getting back up again after a spiritual downfall? Join us as we push ourselves to think deeply about our own spiritual growth.

Speaker(s): Imam Mohamed Magid, Shaykh Abdalla Idris, Dr. Altaf Husain
Moderator: Ameera Khan

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
342A & 342D

Resistance: Combating Oppression, Inspiring Action
“When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty” - Thomas Jefferson
While protests, demonstrations and marches are increasingly commonplace strategy for fighting against systemic injustice, there is a lack of clear vision among our community to consider these a successful practice of resistance. Taking notable contributions and efforts into consideration, there is a particular need for intellectual resistance alongside social resistance so that, while our physical presence is known in opposition to injustice, we are also engaged in intellectual discourse and offering our perspective. Both tools are vital in working to deconstruct the prevailing injustices found in society. Join us for a conversation on the resistance necessary to liberate our community from injustice and how to work toward our central mission of peace, justice, constant activism and servitude to promote what is good and reject what is harmful.

Speaker(s): Dr. Dalia Fahmy, Dr. Hatem Bazian
Moderator: Jaafar Salim

2:00 – 3:15 PM
342A & 342D

The Attitude of Gratitude
Gratitude is not simply a noun but a way of life, and a virtue central to our blessed tradition. What power would a life of gratitude have over our own spiritual states, our family lives, our local communities and the culture of our society at large? What does practicing gratitude look like and how can we transform the way we live, think, and interact with others to better reflect this important aspect of our faith? Join us for a vibrant talk-show style session exploring this powerful concept.

Speaker(s): Shaykh Faraz Khan, Ustadha Zaynab Ansari
Moderator: Shayan Ghani
Feeding The Soul:
Maintaining A Spiritual Connection on Campus
With all the demands placed on a college student’s life, making time for the development and maintenance of a relationship with God often gets pushed down on a list of priorities. However, our connection with God should be our biggest priority. This session will discuss spiritual routines, religious practices, and the importance of making time for worship even on a busy college campus.

*Speaker(s):* Shaykh Abdul Nasir Jangda, Imam Khalid Latif
*Moderator:* Seth Van Matre

MSA Leadership Strategy Dinner
We invite all current MSA Board Members for the upcoming school year from across the nation to join us for dinner! This session is geared to help you learn ways to improve your MSAs and also to network with MSA leaders from across the nation! Dinner will be provided.

*Facilitator:* Hammad Hussain

ISNA Monthly Sustainer — A Good Deed Done Regularly!
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MYNA Welcome
Houston, We Have A... Solution! Join our Muslim Youth of North America (MYNA) leaders as we embark on a journey to find our passion and purpose. Collectively, we will inspire, discover, and transform both ourselves and those around us. Our director, MYNA Convention Committee, and Executive Committee will take us through a brief overview of the upcoming weekend as well as how we hope to achieve this year’s theme: “Finding Your Passion and Purpose.”
Speaker(s): Fiyyaz Jaat, MYNA Leadership
Moderator: Naumaan Hussain

5:30 PM

ASR PRAYER

5:45 – 7:00 PM
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Allah’s Attributes: The Source of Our Super Powers
Say (O Muhammad): “Invoke Allah or invoke the Most Beneficent (Allah), by whatever name you invoke Him (it is the same), for to Him belong the Best Names. And offer your Salat (prayer) neither aloud nor in a low voice, but follow a way between. 17:110
In our day to day lives, it is important that we always turn towards Allah as the source of our motivation, drive, energy, and passion. We must maintain a constant and strong connection with Him in order to be a force for good. How do His 99 names affect our daily lives and become the source of our super powers?
Speaker(s): Linda Sarsour, Imam Mohamed Magid, Shaykh Faraz Khan, Dr. Altaf Husain
Moderator: Ozair Hasan

7:10 – 7:45 PM
EXPO STAGE

Quran Recitation Session
Listen to our amazing Qari’s in our unforgettable Quran Recitation that will show the beauty of our Holy Book.
Qari’s from Houston
Moderator: Zakariyya Al-Quran

7:45 PM

MAGHRIB PRAYER

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### Serving with Purpose: Housing Insecurity in America
Join us in an interactive workshop that focuses on the social issue of housing insecurity in America. Speakers will discuss the effects of housing insecurity and how one small step in volunteering can be the start to creating a greater change.

* Moderator: Kulsoom Ghias

### Making Your Passion Your Purpose: The Prophet's Example
Creating passion and finding purpose are not easy tasks. It is difficult to understand what these terms mean alone, but their Islamic meanings bring the words to life. From the ways of the Prophet, we are shown not only our purpose, but also how to find passion in that purpose. This session will describe how we can learn to apply our Islamic roots to our daily lives.

* Speaker(s): Imam Mohamed Magid, Shaykh Abdalla Idris
* Moderator: Mariam Soliman

### Poetry Competition: TwoBeeMoore
Join us in a poetry competition hosted by the organizers of TwoBeeMoore. Bring your creative caps and be prepared to enjoy some talented poetry. Join in by spitting out your own creative poem for a chance to win a MYNA Prize!

* Speaker(s): TwoBeeMoore Organizers - Bibi Watts and Jonathon Iheanacho

### Islamic Inspirations: Using Islam to Create Passion
This session will cover the gems from our religion that allow us to reflect and grow, to become better versions of ourselves, so that we can change people’s lives. For example, the blessings and barakah from prayer alone have an immense impact. Duaa teaches us to rely on the Creator instead of creation. Ultimately, Islam has set all the tools we need to foster healthy passions and create genuine purposes.

* Speaker(s): Zahra Billoo, Shaykh Yasir Qadhi
* Moderator: Kulsoom Ghias

### Interactive Family Seerah Stories
Who better to look up to for motivation than the Prophet Muhammed himself? This session includes short seerah stories with demonstrations performed by youth from the audience to learn key historic moments of the Seerah, giving youth a better understanding and love for the Prophet.

* Speaker(s): Wasat Institute
* Moderator: Mariam Soliman

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ISNA BASKETBALL AREA

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**3:15 – 4:00 PM**
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fight for Change, Now: A Battle Against Yourself
Many youth want to wait until they are older to start their journey in using their passions for purpose, but that should not be the case. Through hearing stories of youth in Islamic history and their impact at such a young age, youth will be inspired to start their own stories, rather than wait until they are older. The time is now to be that change and inspiration!
Speaker(s): Mufti Hussain Kamani, Hassan Shibly
Moderator: Zakariyya Al-Quran

5:00 PM
ASR PRAYER

5:30 – 6:30 PM
350E & 350F

Purposeful Service: Hunger and Homelessness in America
Join us in an interactive workshop that focuses on the social issue of hunger and homelessness in America. Speakers will talk about the effects of hunger and homelessness on many people in America and how one small step in volunteering and educating ourselves on the issue can make a large impact in helping those affected by Hunger and Homelessness.
Moderator: Kulsoom Ghias

6:45 – 7:45 PM
351A & 351D

Teenage Superheors: Lessons from the Trenches
Meet high school students who are leaders in nonprofit organizations talk about their experiences, lessons learned, and keys to keep in mind for people of that age as they look to give back and make a difference.
Moderator: Mariam Soliman

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MAGHRIB PRAYER

8:00 – 8:30 PM
MYNA LOUNGE

QURAN RECITATION SESSION
Listen to our amazing Qari’s in our unforgettable Quran Recitation that will show the beauty of our Holy Book.
Qari’ from Houston
Moderator: Naumaan Hussain

10:30 PM
ISHA PRAYER

10:30 – 11:15 PM
350B

Build Her Up – Support, Solidarity, and Sisterhood
Attend this unique, interactive workshop to learn how to build a stronger sisterhood. This workshop will reframe how we support one another, provide uplifting strategies, and spur us into action. (SISTERS ONLY)
Speaker(s): Nausheena Hussein
Moderator: Mariam Soliman

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It Starts With You!
"Be the change you wish to see in the world." What better way to make change than to start with yourself? The time is not tomorrow to realize that we have the power to influence, the time is now. We have the tools, we just need to find it within ourself to genuinely fight for what we believe. Despite what we’re told, improving our society starts with us: the youth.
Speaker(s): Ustadha Iesha Prime, Dr. Dalia Fahmy, Zahra Billoo
Moderator: Kulsoom Ghias

Breaking Chains, Transforming Ourselves
Often, it is difficult to act on a passion because of the "lack of resources." However, a "lack of resources" may simply be an excuse that holds us back. In reality, there is an abundance of assets we have been given to create our passions. This session will provide insight on the tools Allah (SWT) has blessed us with to fulfill our purpose, giving us the ability to transform ourselves!
Speaker(s): Shaykh Faraz Khan, Imam Khalid Latif, Ustadh Hisham Mahmoud
Moderator: Mariam Soliman

ACE Your College Applications – Secrets from Harvard & 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; 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 pick up interview techniques to impress.
Speaker(s): Amer Rehman
Moderator: Zakariyya Al-Quran

MYNA Alumni Reunion
Calling all MYNA Alumni! Register for our Alumni Lunch at www.myna.org
**More Information on registration page**
Speaker(s): MYNA Leadership and Staff

Aspire to Inspire: A Discussion with Influencers
Inspiration comes from learning from the stories of others and resonating with their stories. This panel will give youth the chance to hear from those that have inspired many, giving them a means to think about their individual inspiration and how they can begin to create their own stories through their passions.
Speaker(s): Ustadha Iesha Prime, Dr. Hatem Bazian, Mehdi Hasan
Moderator: Kulsoom Ghias
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