## PROGRAM

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- Jasser Auda and Suleiman Hani
- Suleiman Hani and Suzy Ismail
- Mohammad Qatanani and Mohammed Moussa
- Abdul Nasir Jangda and Saad Tasleem
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**Education Workshop**

Where is Your Place in Your Community? Creating Belonging & Acceptance as an Islamic Duty (MUHSEN)

**Location**: Grand Ballroom East — **Speakers**: Abdul Nasir Jangda, Yasmin Mogahed, Joohi Tahir, and Baba Ali

Muslims are under the microscope now more than ever. Are we fulfilling and living the Sunnah? Our goal should be to exemplify civic values including freedom, justice, equality, diversity and tolerance within our own communities for all our brothers and sisters. Living this way will lead to the development of socially responsible participants who engage actively and shine a light on the beauty of Islam. This session sheds light on our responsibilities toward one another and the benefits of sustaining inclusivity within our communities.

Special guest appearance by Baba Ali to discuss the collaboration between MUHSEN and www.HalfOurDeen.com to help Muslims with disabilities find their match!

**Parallel B**

**American Muslims in Volunteerism: Islamic Mandate & Citizenship Duty**

**Location**: Grand Ballroom West — **Speakers**: Abdool Rahman Khan and Mazen Mokhtar

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: “الله غالب إلى الذين يتوفون دينهم و قد كان رسول الله ﷺ هو الغالب إلى الذين يتوفون دينهم” (Tabarani). Volunteerism is one of the most fundamental acts of citizenship in our society and it is a special expression of one’s faith. The meaning of volunteerism in Islam is the offer of time, energy, efforts, skills, talent and knowledge of your own will for the sake of gaining God’s pleasure.

**Dawah Workshop**

Dawah Projects for Muslim Families

**Location**: S105bc — **Speakers**: Karen Danielson and Sabeel Ahmed

This session will offer tips to involving the youth and the whole family to embark on practical dawah projects. We will explore the benefits of involving the youth and parents in common dawah projects and encouraging youth in realizing their role in combating Islamophobia.

**Family Workshop**

Handling Students’ Psychological Challenges (In Islamic and Public Schools)

**Location**: S105a — **Speaker**: Duaa Haggag

In encouraging students to speak out against negative experiences in school, such as bullying and racism, teachers should also be proactive in their involvement to help the student overcome the situations they may face.

Growing and Developing with the Family: Establishing a Family Development Plan

**Location**: S104 — **Speakers**: Sameera Ahmed and Nadeem Siddiqi

Whether we want to strengthen our worship, personal relationships, or career prospects, change doesn’t just happen. It requires focus, time, and evaluation. We also want to make sure our whole family develops and grows. Using a framework developed by the Quran, and integrating psychological and business techniques, this session will help you grow and develop with the family.

Mi País, Mi Religión, Mi Realidad/My Country, My Deen, My Reality

**Location**: S105d — **Speaker**: Abu Sumayyah Lebron

Los Latinos han sido siempre una parte muy importante de este país. En esta sesión se hablará de la realidad de no solo ser Musulmano pero de ser un latino musulmano que a la vez es Americano y Latino. Latinos have always formed an integral part of this country. In this session we will discuss the realities of being not only a Muslim but an American Latino Muslim in today’s world. The struggles that are faced on a daily basis to balance who we are with our new found faith and the challenges that are predicted to come with the new phase America has entered.

**Parallel C**

**Special Blood: The Road to Mending Relationships**

**Location**: Main Hall B — **Speaker**: Omar Suleiman

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**Muslim Immigration Challenges in the Trump Era**

**Location**: S103 — **Speakers**: Khalilah Sabra and Sehla Ashai

The day after Donald Trump won the White House, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) tweeted if the president-elect attempts “to implement his unconstitutional campaign promises, we’ll see him in court.”

But when it comes to the immigrant registration programs that would target Muslims entering the United States, three constitutional lawyers say the ACLU won’t have much of a shot before a judge. Which narrative of the two is correct? Should immigrants among the nation’s top attorneys. Have questions about FBI interviews, visas, discrimination, family law, immigration, civil rights or criminal law? This is where you need to be.

**Muslims and the Latino Communities: Navigating Through Tough Times**

**Location**: Grand Ballroom East — **Speakers**: Altaf Husain and Omar Hernandez

Both Muslim and Latino communities were primary targets in Trump’s presidential campaign talks. With threats of a ban on entering the US, deportation, subjection to profiling, and establishing an identification registry, hate incidents against both communities skyrocketed. How should we react together toward a proactive role? A leader from both communities presents guidelines for navigating these tumultuous times.
### Parallel C

**American Muslims and the Pursuit of Authenticity & Credibility in Society**  
*Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Karen Danielson and Mohamed Abutaleb*

This session highlights the tenants of interfaith engagement as a direction for giving authenticity to Islam and Muslims. It emphasizes achieving credibility in the society through practicing leadership and role modeling.

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*Location: S105bc — Speaker: Jamal Badawi*

There is a trend amongst certain Islamic leaders to discard the ‘Quran and Science’ argument during dawah discussion. This workshop will discuss the pros and cons of using science to validate the authenticity of Quran and Islam.

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*Location: S105a — Speaker: Hamed Ghazali*

This session will examine how the theories of teaching a second language will impact the methods of teaching Arabic as a second language. No doubt, learning these theories will impact how you teach Arabic whether in full-time school or weekend school. These theories include behavioral theories and cognitive theories.

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*Location: S104 — Speakers: Duaa Haggag and Mohamed Rida Beshir*

How do we establish a mindful, deep relationship with our children? From both a psychological and spiritual perspective, this session will offer tools and ideas to better connect with your child so they can better manage their emotions, learn appropriate behavior, and master new skills.

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*Location: S105d — Speakers: Abu Sumayyah Lebron*

Being the first generation of Muslims is always a beautiful and difficult challenge. In this session we will discuss the different personal and community struggles that are faced on an individual basis when making the choice to accept Islam. This may involve raising children differently, finding a spouse, or finding a welcoming masjid. In this segment we will also cover the ways we can support this growing community.

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**Mission Possible: The Seerah Reborn**  
*Location: S103 — Speakers: Abdelfattah Mourou and Kifah Mustapha*

The top 7 allegations against Islam and Muslims will be presented and dispelled, myth by myth. The session will empower the attendees to think critically and make them confident in their dawah interactions.

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**Mental Health Stigma & the Muslim Community**  
*Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Sameera Ahmed and Duaa Haggag*

Although mental health treatment has improved significantly over the last decades, many people still choose not to seek treatment or quit prematurely, and relapse. While a number of factors contribute to these disparities, stigma against mental illness is among the most significant. Stigma creates injustices, contributes to declining health outcomes, and results in devastating consequences for the person and the family. We will talk openly about the reality of the mental health issue in the Muslim community and the stigma notion associated with it. Our goal is to increase mental health competence and broaden our horizons on insight and knowledge of these topics.

### Parallel C

**Young Professionals**  
*Location: Main Ballroom B — Speaker: Nouman Ali Khan*

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was known for standing against oppression and taking care of his community. Eventually the very city that opposed him accepted his message. We often think that stories from the past are not relevant to our time, but a closer look reveals how our past parallels our present and will influence our future.

### Dawah Workshop

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Strategy of the Muslim Community After the 2016 Elections
Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Dalia Mogahed
What is the expected impact on civil rights and civil liberties as president-elect Donald Trump prepares his cabinet? What steps should the American Muslim community take to ensure not only Muslim rights but the rights of other marginalized groups? Join us as our speakers discuss one of the most controversial events in modern American History.

Overcoming Challenges Facing the Ummah: The Turkish Experience
Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Guest of Honor from the Republic of Turkey: Sumeyye Erdogan Bayraktar
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Talent Show
Location: Main Hall B
Join us as we showcase up and coming talent in the American Muslim community. This first ever event at MAS-ICNA is aimed at inspiring people to share their talents and use them in ways that can positively benefit the world around us.
Young Professionals

**Trumping Our Emotions**

*Location: S406 Vista Room — Speakers: Suhail Webb & Siraj Wahhaj*

At times our passion for certain causes can blind us and lead us to make hasty decisions. We are passionate about justice and unity, but when the face of injustice and bigotry takes office, we have the potential to get angry. But even in our most enraged internal states, we cannot use our emotions as an excuse for poor decision-making. Instead, we will take this time to reassess our feelings and take charge of our situations.

Youth

**Activism, Not “Victimism”**

*Location: S103 — Speakers: Mazen Mokhtar, Nihad Awad, and Mohammed Faris*

The victim mentality makes one bitter, angry, depressed, and unable to do anything productive. But Allah teaches to be both active and proactive. Therefore, shift your mentality from that of victim to survivor. What are some to be productive ways Muslims can use to overcome the challenges and make the change?

Parallel A

**Moving the American Muslim Community Up the Prioritization Ladder**

*Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Dalia Mogahed and Omar Suleiman*

The shocking and unexpected results of the 2016 presidential elections made it mandatory for the American Muslim community to reconsider its direction, envision its future, prioritize its objectives, and adopt long-term initiatives. This session sheds light on the essential components of the thought process our community must follow moving forward.

Parallel B

**Community Investment: Developing Youth Resources**

*Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Ibtihaj Muhammad, Nadeem Siddiqi, and Suleiman Hani*

According to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, the Muslim American population is much younger, on average, than the non-Muslim population. The survey finds that 59% of adult Muslims are between the ages of 18 and 39, compared with 40% of adults in the general public. This should add to the wealth of the American Muslim community and its potential for flourishing and development, but do the youth have a real chance to grow within the Muslim community?

Parallel C

**Parenting: Helping Children Challenge and Rise Above Anti-Islamic Bigotry**

*Location: S105a — Speakers: Sameera Ahmed and Altaf Husain*

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**Handling the Media**

*Location: S104a — Speakers: Nihad Awad and Kristin Seremski*

When dealing with the media, this session will prepare you to handle tough situations while explaining the issue carefully and patiently. It will also include tips on capturing the essence of what information to relay to the media.

**Interfaith 101 - Getting the Message Right**

*Location: S105b — Speakers: Karen Danielson and Leslie Williams, Jewish Voice for Peace*

This session will address Christianity, Judaism and the common good, what has to be said in interfaith dialogue, and how to build collaboration through avenues of interfaith, such as open mosque days.

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*Location: S105a — Speakers: Habeeb Quadri*

In this session, the speaker will go over different categories of teaching models such as the direct and indirect teaching models. This session will cover some of these models and will explain the circumstances under which each model is preferred. At the end of the session the audience will be given a scenario to choose a teaching model for it.

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**Latinos Como Parte de la Comunidad Musulmana Americana/Bridging the Gap: Latinos as Part of the American Muslim Community**

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**American Muslims Serving the Ailing Muslim Ummah**

*Location: S102bc - Speakers: Nakibur Rahman and Akram Elzend*

Muslim Americans are part of the global Muslim ummah. The widely-spread Muslim ummah is facing similar internal problems because of the corrupt governance systems in many ailing parts of the ummah. There are many working groups and organizations among the American Muslim community serving different local parts of the Muslim ummah. How can American Muslims coordinate their efforts in serving their ummah to make their efforts more effective and their actions more impacting?

**Safeguard Muslim Community Against Extremism**

*Location: S102a - Speaker: Oussama Jammal*

As Muslim communities, we recognize that extremist narratives are contrary to the teachings of Islam as taught by the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). To safeguard our community and especially our youth from extremism we will discuss countering extremist ideologies, building partnerships, and building cohesive communities.

**Empowering Youth to Tackle Islamophobia**

*Location: S105bc - Speakers: Br. Eddie and Hamza Tzortzis*

This workshop will empower youth with tips on combating Islamophobia in schools; answering questions about dawah from the youth; instilling confidence about Islam in the young ones.

**Alternative Education Methods: Montessori and Online Education**

*Location: S105a - Speaker: Habeeb Quadri*

The Montessori system offers a hands-on approach to education that is designed to produce independent and responsible children. The first lecture will give background information about the Montessori school system and will contrast it with the public school system identifying the main difference between the two systems. The online-school system offers a good alternative to parents who are not putting their children in the Islamic school and do not want to put them in public school. The second lecture will explore the online-school system showing its advantages and disadvantages and how it works.

**Love Language: Getting to Know Your Unique Child**

*Location: S104 - Speakers: Duaa Haggag*

Every child has a unique way of connecting and understanding love from others. How do we best speak our child’s language of love so they deeply feel connected, appreciated, and understood? Using Drs. Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell’s enlightening book, “The Five Love Languages of Children” and our prophetic tradition, this session will help attendees understand how best to speak their child’s language of love so they deeply feel connected, appreciated, and understood.

**No Quiro Regresar Hacia Atras! Entendiendo los Dias de Ignorancia**

*I Don’t Want to Go Back! Understanding the Days of Ignorance*

*Location: S105d - Speakers: Abu Sumayyah Lebron and Omar Hernandez*

“And He found you lost and guided you” (97:7) Todos hemos leído de los días de Jahiliyah/ Ignorancia pero para muchos esos días son parte de su historia. Hacer cambios puede ser difícil y elegir no regresar hacia atrás puede ser una lucha constante. We have all read about the days of Jahiliyah but for many, those days are part of their history. Making a change is hard and choosing not to go back can be a continuous and overwhelming struggle.

**The Medina Model: Coexistence, Rights, and Citizenship Duties**

*Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Siraj Wahaj, Jasser Auda and Saleman Hani*

One of earliest applications of tolerance and coexistence occurred in Medina upon the arrival of the Prophet (peace be upon him) with the establishment of a covenant between Muslims and citizens of other religions in Medina. Differences in beliefs, socioeconomic status, race, and religion were never barriers against peaceful coexistence and positive collaboration. Accepting differences and respecting personal preferences does not diminish one’s beliefs and convictions.

**Islam, Justice, and Human Rights**

*Location: Grand Ballroom West - Speakers: Suhail Webb, Khalilah Subra, and Nihad Awad*

We have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort your testimony or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted [4:135] What is the basic understanding of justice in Islam? Are we, as Muslims, practicing the true meaning of justice in Islam? How does Islam look at and deal with the issue of human rights?
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**— 12:45 – 1:30 PM, Break & Dhuhr Prayer (+ Asr Prayer for travelers) —

**Community Transition at Risk: Where are the Emerging Leaders?**

**Location:** Main Hall B — Speakers: Altaf Husain, Saad Taseem, and Suzy Ismail

American Muslim leaders are aging, and they are leaving behind a void that isn’t being filled. It’s time to lay down a foundation that can encourage and grow young American Muslims into the leaders that are needed.

**What is Love?**

**Location:** S406 Vista Room — Speakers: Yasmin Mogahed and Lobna Mulla

Allah says, "And of his signs is that he created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them." (30:21) A stolen glance here, a text there, a couple laughs. That's pretty much what society has illustrated love as. Year after year at these conventions we find ourselves talking about what love is and how the prophet used to love his wives. But how about the constant media we’re surrounded by that gives a very different description?

**Teaching and Learning Juzaa Amma: A New Graphical Approach**

**Location:** S103 — Speakers: Mohammed Moussa and Abdelgawad Konsouh

The speaker will explore a new method of understanding Juzaa Amma and teaching it. He will utilize graphics and visual summaries to present each surah. This new approach links the different parts of each surah to the name of the surah and shows the strong relationships among the different parts.

**Supporting Children and Youth in Navigating the Realities of Islamophobia**

**Location:** S104 — Speakers: Zahra Billoo and Linda Sarsour

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**The Mosque and LGBT**

**Location:** S102a — Speaker: Leo Yu

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**A Spectrum of Interfaith**

**Location:** S101 — Speakers: Hartford Seminary, Gift of Hope, Jewish Voice for Peace, Parliament of World Religions, and more

A panel and interactive breakout session with interfaith guests. Session extended to 3:30pm.

**Top 50 Dawah Activities for Muslims**

**Location:** S105bc - Speakers: Sabeel Ahmed and Hamza Tzortzis

This workshop provides a comprehensive list of dawah projects for Muslims of various backgrounds. Participants will be able to obtain instructions and embark on one or many of the above projects.

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**Shakatul Hidaya: Entrepreneurship in Professional Development**

**Location:** S102bc - Speakers: Yusuf Islahi and Hafiz Inayatullah

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**What are the Islamic Rules of Collaboration?**

**Location:** Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Jonathan Brown and Jasser Auda

How do we collaborate with individuals and organizations with whom we might have clear differences in beliefs and practices? If Muslims always asked to encourage what is good and eradicate what is bad, then how do we follow this creed in times of differences with our collaborators?

**American Muslims and the Challenge of Media Production**

**Location:** Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Muhammad Bayazid and Hesham Izzedin

The Muslim community lacks a strategy for presenting our narrative, defending our backs, and integrating our efforts within the fabric of the society. Media production is one of the beneficial tools towards that end. Substantial efforts and resources needed to be directed in support of founding and developing professional Muslim institutions and personnel. This session will discuss the need, the necessity, and the way ahead.

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Forming alliances and building coalitions can be an effective way of improving Muslim’s chances of success in influencing public policy and achieving their objectives. There are considerable benefits from forming coalitions and these benefits go beyond increased power in relation to the target of the initiative. Coalition building may also strengthen the members internally, enabling them to be more effective in other arenas. A coalition can fight on more fronts than a single organization working alone, though there is little doubt that fighting more than one battle at a time is more difficult than sticking to just one issue.

Session 105d — Speakers: Abu Sumayyah Lebron and Omar Hernandez

Taking the Latino Muslims to the Next Level
Location: S105d — Speakers: Abu Sumayyah Lebron and Omar Hernandez

Open Discussion: “And you see the people entering into the religion of Allah in multitudes” 110.2 Latinos are the largest group of people coming into the fold of Islam. During this session we will discuss the work that is being done by organizations like Islam in Spanish at both a local and an international level.

Muslim Legal Fund
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--- 3:45 – 4 PM Break ---

A Spectrum of Interfaith
Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Gift of Hope, CIOGC, Hartford Seminary, Parliament of World Religions, Jewish Voice for Peace, and Karen Danielson

Our 2nd MAS Interfaith Symposium presents a diverse panel representing well established Interfaith success components. They are just a few of the gears that spin our interfaith grass operations if you do not take the proper precautions.

--- 4 PM – 4:45 PM ---
Open Mic – Ask your Dawah Questions
Location: S105c — Speakers: Sabeel Ahmed, Abdool Rahman Khan and Br. Eddie
Panel of Daees are responding to questions from the audience. This session is for you to find the answers you were looking for. Come with your questions and learn from other experiences and answers. Only Dawah related questions, no fiqhi questions. Questions may include: Methodology of Dawah challenges in giving Dawah, common or touch questions asked about Islam, allegation about Islam by Islamophobes.

Islamic Education: Teaching in Full Time & Weekend Schools
Location: S105a - Speakers: Hamed Ghazali and Habeeb Quadri
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Practical Solutions to Common Family Problems
Location: S104 - Speakers: Mohamed Rida Beshir and Suzy Ismail
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Open Discussion: A Muslim, a Believer or a Good Doer
Location: S105a — Speakers: Abu Sumayyah Lebron and Omar Hernandez
Is it enough to just be a good person? Is it enough to just just believe? What does Allah really expect from us? What does being a Muslim truly mean, is it in our hearts, words or actions? Join us for this interesting topic

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American Muslims: Owners and Stakeholders, Not Guests
Location: S103 — Speaker: Siraj Wahhaj
Islam is not a foreign religion in the US. Rather, it is deeply rooted in its society since its inception. Studies and reports show that Muslims landed on the New world even before Columbus. Estimates of the percentage of Muslim slaves as a total of the whole vary from 15-30%. Muslims essentially shared the percentage of Muslim slaves as a total of the whole vary from 15-30%. Muslims essentially shared in building the States. This contribution of Muslims makes them shareholders in all that concerns the United States. This session will discuss how we can feel proud of what our Muslim ancestors did and how we maintain an American identity while trying to balance our parent’s cultural norms?

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Shariah & Forbidding Evil: Limits and Etiquettes
Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Jonathan Brown
How should Muslims deal with practices reprehended by the shariah? If enjoining good and forbidding evil is a central Islamic shariah concept and a duty on Muslims in general, what are our limits in implementing it and the etiquettes we need to observe?

Mr. Trump: We Are Assets, Not Suspects
Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Siraj Wahhaj
American Muslims have been part of the United States for generations. And they have played a vital role in law enforcement and the military. American Muslims have alerted officials to possible terror suspects, before U.S. intelligence has. As we head for uncertain times with a president-elect that has continued to feed Islamophobic rhetoric, it's important we reiterate exactly who the American Muslim community is, and what they've done to keep our country safe.

Contributing to Your Country Despite the Odds
Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Ibtihaj Muhammad
Come listen to the inspiring story of Ibtihaj Muhammad, a fencer, who just took part in the 2016 Summer Olympics. She’s the first female athlete from the United States to participate while wearing hijab. Ibtihaj brought home a bronze medal in the Women’s Team Sabre event, and inspired young Muslim women not to give up on their dreams.
Building Bridges Through Interfaith Dialogue
Location: S102a — Speakers: Karen Danielson and Jewish Voice for Peace Representative
This session will teach you the do’s and don’ts in Interfaith dialogue. Learn to avoid the common “faith-wash” pitfall of interfaith dialogue.

Media Production (Part 1): The Words - Message and Content
Location: S105a — Speaker: Samah Safi
When it comes to filmmaking, it is all about the content. This intensive session will cover the development of the concept into screen-write-up with the right message. This is applicable for any short film, PSA or TV Commercial.

Making Spaces: Is Your Masjid Inclusive?
Location: S106a — Speakers: Muslema Purmul and Suroor Raheemullah
Following the prophetic model for masjid spaces, the increased involvement of women in the masjid can be achieved through active engagement with leadership. Research has shown that mosques that are inclusive to women have significantly increased participation from other groups such as youth and converts. Our goals are to promote common prayer spaces, elevate female scholar voices at the masjid, and ensure women serve on leadership boards.

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Palestine, Syria & Turkey
Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Turkish Speaker, Osama Abu Irshaid, and Jawad Abouabdat
This session will discuss the latest developments in three strategic hot spots in the Muslim world. (1) Palestine as it is always in the heart of every Muslim where all regional and even international developments are affected by it and are leaving an effect on it. (2) Syria which is currently the most bleeding wound in the Muslim Ummah with all human genocide crimes and atrocities committed by its regime for nothing but to stay in power. (3) Turkey with its growing role in the area and influence on it and what it was able to not only survive the July 5th failing coup in 2016 but to continue growing as one of the most important players in the region and internationally.

The American Dream — Is it Endangered?
Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Zaid Shakir and Dalia Mogahed
To be rich and famous or poor and homeless? The most successful are those who are content with whatever Allah blesses them with. What is the American Dream? Do Muslim Americans have the opportunity to experience a ‘successful’ life in America? Are we at a disadvantage? Is success based on the accomplishment of a goal, or the contentment of the outcome?
Media Production (Part 2): The Art - Visual Storytelling
Location: S105a — Speakers: Mohammad Bayazid
Having a good script is a good start. The challenge is turning this script into a final heart-touching movie. In this session we will discuss the visual techniques and how they affect your audience: Shot size, camera angles, camera movement, blocking and staging.

Mentor On: The Next Generation of Leaders
Location: S106a — Speakers: Hannah El Amin, Tahani Hassan, Aman Ani Khatibbeh, and Dilara Witrak
This session explores balancing life and work, developing mentors, and fostering relationships with the youth in the community. It will also emphasize the importance of exploring diverse careers and will also discuss how women should lead each other.

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Understanding the Objectives of Shariah and its Role in Reforming the Contemporary Islamic Jurisprudence
Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Jamal Badawi and Jasser Auda
The idea of reforming the Islamic jurisprudence is not a new sentiment; rather, it is an inherently legitimate statement with a historic basis founded in the era of prophet (peace be upon him) and beyond. What are the reasons for the need to reform and rationalize the Islamic jurisprudence along with the corresponding changes in reality, customs and people’s needs? This session will include a quick explanation of the “objective of shariah and understanding its role in reforming the contemporary Islamic jurisprudence.

Media Workshop

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MLFA Young Professionals

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Parallel A

American Muslims: Leading the Initiative and Changing the Narrative
Location: S103 — Speakers: Mariam Sobh, Mazen Mohktar, Ahmed Elkhaldy, Duas Hagagg, and MAS Youth
This panel will discuss how American Muslims should define themselves for the sake of correcting their picture in the public eye and dismantling Islamophobic rhetoric. Daily life action items in different aspects of life will be suggested.
1:30 – 2:30 PM

**Diversity in Solidarity: Lessons From the Struggle of African Americans and Japanese Americans**

*Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Anthony Whitmore and William Yoshino*

In his recent interview with Fox news, Carl Higbie, a former Navy SEAL and a spokesman for the pro-Trump Great America PAC, discussed the plan for creating a registry for immigrants from Muslim countries and hinted to "Immendment" camps which has a precedence with the American Japanese during the WWII. What is the possibility for that to happen again but for the American Muslims? If it happens, what are the viable options for American Muslims?

**Muslim Communities Are Not Immune to Social Ills**

*Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Lorna Mulla and Mohamed Rida Beshir*

By following the divine teachings of Islam we can find protection and safety from the social ills that surround us. Muslim families are prone to the same vices the society they live in such as premarital relations, teen pregnancy, homosexuality, drugs, gang affiliation, and mental illness. This is a hearty message to parents on how to prevent such ills from befalling their families and how to deal with them if they happen.

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Media Production (Part 3): The Tools - Create and Edit

*Location: S105a — Speakers: Muhammad Bayazid*

A comprehensive list of tools: How to choose the best camera, rig, lighting, microphone and computer/software for your upcoming production within a reasonable budget.

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**Spousal Workshop**

Keeping the Flame Alive

*Location: S104 — Speakers: Sameera Ahmed and Nadeem Siddiqi*

Work, children, groceries, laundry, dishes, field trips, and the list goes on. In our busy lives, we often forget the importance of investing in our marriage. This session will provide advice and tips for busy people to keep the romantic flame alive in their relationship, as they move through different stages of marriage.

Reverts Workshops

Marriage: The Islamic Paradigm vs. Sociocultural Constructs

*Location: S105d — Speakers: Karen Danielson and Kifah Mustapha*

Marriage and constituting a family is the cornerstone of building the society. In this session the speakers will portray some of challenges faced after accepting Islam.

**Muslim Women’s Alliance**

Get Lit: Amplifying the Muslim Women Narrative

*Location: S106a — Speakers: Su’ad Abdul Khabeer, Amani Al-Khatahtbeh, and Nevien Shaabneh*

Everywhere in the media, stories are told about what it means to be a Muslim woman today. It’s time to amplify the voices of Muslim women and hear the powerful stories by newly published American Muslim women authors. Muslim women are breaking barriers and stereotypes in the literary world as well.

**Muslim Legal Fund**

In Support of the American Muslim Community Facing Profiling: NAACP Stand

*Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Oussama Jammal and Anthony Whitmore*

The National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People (NAACP) as one of the oldest civil rights groups in the US expressed concern about the consequences of Trump’s campaign and his threatening rhetoric against Muslims, hispanic, and immigrants in general. In the wake of the results of the US presidency elections NAACP used almost the same words as Black Lives Matter: “We intend to fight.” as reported by Newsweek Magazine.

**Public Policy**

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You have been told to “go back to your country.” “Go back to Islamia.” The fact of the matter is Muslims have called America home before the inception of the declaration of independence; in fact, Muslims were brought by the shiploads during the 17th century as slaves against their will. Though Muslims started immigrating to the United States in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, their real impact and presence was observed in the second half of the twentieth century. Therefore, it is crucial for the American Muslims to archive their history and contribution to their country so their generations will feel the depth of their presence and continue the legacy of their ancestors.

American Muslims Archiving Their Historical Narratives
Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Altaf Husain and Riaad Ali

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates there are over 65 million refugees worldwide, 5 million registered Syrian refugees and over 7.5 million internally displaced persons inside of Syria. In this session we will explore the root cause of the refugee crisis in Syria, the response of the diaspora community and how we can all support and welcome refugees to our community using the prophetic model.

The State of Islam, Human Rights, and Democracy in Bangladesh
Location: S102c — Speakers: Nakibur Rahman

In 2016, 3 top leaders of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami were executed including the Ameer and overall human rights abuse is at a new level. On top of that, there is clear evidence of extra judicial killing is on rise of extremism in Bangladesh, “Daesh” claimed responsibility for killing 20 foreigners at a cafe in Dhaka on July 1st and released subsequent videos threatening further attack. However, Bangladesh government is in denial, attributing those atrocities to the opposition parties.

Power Up with Self Defense [Sisters Only]
Location: S105a

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Islamicophobia has become one of the biggest challenges facing American Muslims today. Anti-Muslim hate crimes, acts of vandalism and discrimination have reached a record high. What is Islamicophobia? Who is behind it and how do we counter it? And how can we counteract it?

Countering Islamophobic Rhetoric
Location: S102a — Speakers: Nihad Awad

Clearing Doubts Around Sharia and Aqeeda
Location: S105d — Speakers: Jamal Badawi

When doubts about our faith creep into our thoughts, it can be difficult to get rid of those doubts without proper knowledge. This session will confront common doubts regarding aqeeda and sharia in simple terms. It will also suggest credible sources for expanding knowledge of and correct understanding of sharia and aqeeda.

The Lifetime Companion
Location: S104 — Speakers: Mohamed Rida Beschir

Companionship is a lifelong commitment. As we go through life, our circumstances and situations may change, but our companionship with our spouse should be constantly nurtured and strengthened as we move forward through life. This session will focus on methods to revitalize and solidify your relationship with your spouse.

Shaping the Social Media Landscape: Your Voice Matters
Location: S105c — Speakers: Mariam Sobh

Social media provides platforms to share more than personal life events. They are diverse outlets that allow once silent voices to be heard. It is a collective and personal responsibility to be representing of the community, rather than relying on how many fans or followers we have.
Blurred Lines: Living Within the Bounds of Faith
Location: 5406 Vista Room — Speakers: Zaid Shakir

“These are the limitations set by Allah, so don’t cross them; and whoever crosses the limitations of Allah, then they are the wrongdoers.” [2:229] American society seems to conflict with our deen in many ways. Everyday occurrences that were once seen as blasphemous and taboo have become socially acceptable. These occurrences include gender interactions, making an interest-free living, or supporting people’s choice of sexual expression. Sometimes the lines of our boundaries become blurred. Is it okay to just fit in and “go with the flow” since Allah is the most forgiving and merciful? This session will clarify those boundaries and limitations.

Contributions of African Americans to the Civil Rights Movement
Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Khalilah Sabra and Anthony Whitmore

The Civil Rights Movement or 1960s Civil Rights Movement are sometimes referred to as the "African-American Civil Rights Movement." It encompasses social movements in the United States whose goals were to end racial segregation and discrimination against African Americans and to secure legal recognition and federal protection of the citizenship rights enumerated in the Constitution and federal law. This session covers the phases of the movement and the role the African Americans played in it. What lessons American Muslims can take from that struggle while shaping their way in defending their civil rights against the expected tough time in the Trump era?

Post Coup Attempt: Democracy Struggle of Turkey and the Regional Challenges
Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Ilner Cevik, Emine Nur Günday, Zeynep Jane Kandur, and Kılıç Bugra Kanat

Turkey seems to be on the growth path economically and its political role regionally and internationally is growing as well but it is facing a lot of challenges internally, regionally and internationally. The July 15th 2016 failed attempted coup is one of such challenges. What are the opportunities Turkey has and the challenges it is facing?

Q&A: Activism Challenges and Panel Discussion
Location: 5102a — Speakers: Osama Abu Irshaid and Karen Danielson

This session is for you to find the answers you are looking for. Come with your questions and learn from other experiences and answers.

Empowering the Muslim Family Against the Coming Wave
Location: S103 — Speakers: Duaa Haggag and Hamed Ghazali

What are the expected challenges the Muslim family faces in the Trump era with its Islamophobic rhetoric? How will these challenges impact our children psychologically and academically? This session offers Muslim families and community institutions tips on overcoming these challenges with emphasis on solidifying and strengthening parents-child relationship, having more active community youth programs, and working toward community collaborations with other local groups in services projects.

Q&A Session: Love Your Spouse Challenge
Location: S104 — Speakers: Suzy Ismail and Kifah Mustapha

This session will help you find the answers you’ve been looking for. Come with your questions and learn from other experiences and answers.

Family Ties: “Accompany your parents in this world with kindness”
Location: S105d — Speakers: Omar Hernandez and Hamza Tzortzis

“Be grateful to me (Allah) and to your parents, to me alone is the final return. And even if your parents struggle against you in shirk (worshipping other than Allah), then do not obey them, but accompany them in this world in the most decent manner.” (31:14-15). Maintaining your relationship with your family is essential. This session will focus on navigating the tumultuous feelings your parents may have regarding your conversion to Islam. You will learn how to avoid controversial subjects and how to relieve tense situations.

What’s Next in the New Normal?
Location: S106a — Speakers: Zebra Billoo, Aisha El Amin and Linda Sarsour

The ramp up to the presidential elections has created an abnormal “new-normal” in America. Hear from community leaders and activists who talk about strategies for civic engagement to continue to build and strengthen the American Muslim community.

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Recognizing National Leaders
Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Mukhtar Hadji Kabuka, Abdoool Rahman Khan, Oussama Jammal, Osama Abu Irshaid, Nihad Awad, Khalil Meek, Mir Masum Ali, and W.D. Mohammed

Short messages to the community from the leaders of national Muslim organizations.

The Prophetic Model: Adoring the Creator and Serving the Creation
Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Zaid Shakir

Being a Muslim doesn’t mean you only do the rituals and forget about those around you. Islam is about living your life in a way that also leads to the betterment of society. One way to increase your spirituality is through standing up for justice. The Prophet is our example of someone who practiced spiritual development through civic engagement.
"Unquestionably, by the Remembrance of Allah Hearts are Assured"

**Location:** Main Hall B — **Speaker:** Mohammed Ratib Al-Nabulsi

Heart in His Heart: — Raising the Remembrance of Allah

Unfortunately, there are Muslims without any understanding of Islam who claim to be Muslims. Our faith is relevant for all times and places. Unfortunately there are Muslims without any understanding of Islam who claim to be speaking on behalf of the faith, which they end up tarnishing instead.

Where is the balance?

Struggling Between Islamic Teachings and American Etiquette

**Location:** Main Hall B — **Speaker:** Suhail Webb

Whether it’s a hug from your neighbor or a handshake from your boss, sometimes we find ourselves struggling between following the Islamic traditions and the American etiquette. Where is the balance?

Concluding Remarks and Duaa

**Location:** Main Hall B

Join us in bidding this year’s convention farewell, reflecting upon what we learned, thanking those who made it happen this year, and planning ahead for next year’s 16th Annual MAS-ICNA convention. Concluding dua will take place as well.

Entertainment

**Location:** Main Hall B — Entertainers: Mesut Kurtis, Hamza Namira, Native Deen, Mohammad Abbas and Omar Regan

— 11:45 PM Qiyam Prayers Grand Ballroom Foyer —

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**OBJECTIVES:**

Adding more benefits to attending the convention by translating the topics covered in the lectures into action plans for application in the local communities all year round.

**How does it work?**

**Format:** This is not a lecturing forum where one might expect listening to a speaker but it is a Discussion & Brainstorming forum where attendees are expected to think, talk, and discuss.

**Topics:** Few topics of importance to the community, which will be already covered in the lectures, will be selected for the (Discussion Groups) module.

**Process:** Topics will covered first in the lectures then an invitation will be extended to whoever is interested in joining a 1 hr (Discussion Group) to brainstorm on an action plan for taking the topic into application locally.

**Logistics:** Groups will be meeting for 1-hr during the dinner break of the three days and topics and rooms will be posted in the booklet and online.

**Management:** Discussions will be moderated for maximizing the benefit of the limited time.

**Outcome:** All produced action plans will be published online for the benefit of all local communities.

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**MONDAY (5:40 - 6:40 PM)**

- Marginalized Muslims: Making Muslim Community More Inclusive (S105a)
- Building Coalitions and Forming Alliances (S105bc)
- Safeguard Muslim Community Against Extremism (S105d)

**TUESDAY (5:40 - 6:40 PM)**

- American Muslims serving the Ailing Muslim Umrah (S102a)
- Where are the Emerging Leaders? (S105bc)
- On Campus Activism (S105a)
- Empowering Youth to Tackle Islamophobia (S105bc)
- Parenting: Helping Children Challenge and Rise Above Anti-Islamic Bigotry (S105d)

**WEDNESDAY (5:40 - 6:40 PM)**

- Promoting Media Production in the Muslim Community (S102a)
- #CanYouHearUsNow Empowering Muslim Women in the Community (S105bc)
- Making Mosques More Women-Friendly (S105a)
- Empowering the Muslim Family Against the Coming Phase (S105bc)
- Building Bridges through Interfaith Dialogue (S105d)