



YOUR MONEY AT WORK

ISNA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
2014 YEAR IN REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

2014 Year in Review

JANUARY

3rd Annual West Coast Education Forum “Empowering Educators to Prepare Students for the Future”

More than 250 educators and board members participated in the forum providing an opportunity for professional development and networking. A special track during the event focused on board leadership and role in fundraising, legal issues facing Islamic schools and strategic board development.



FEBRUARY

Religious Practices in the U.S. Military

An ISNA representative spoke with Voice of America to emphasize the need for further religious accommodation for men and women serving in the armed forces, particularly in the case of women who choose to wear a head covering and men who choose to grow a beard.

MARCH

ISNA Representative on “Covering Islam in the Media” at Ball State University, Muncie, IN

A presentation was given by ISNA’s communications director about the basic beliefs and practices of Islam as well as providing alternative frames and stories that journalists can cover that would more accurately reflect the diversity of the American Muslim community and enable fair, balanced coverage in the media.

MYNA Spring Camps “Keep Calm and Pray On”

Camps took place in Texas, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The program focused on the direct connection each Muslim has with God, and topics such as fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence), supplication and spiritual aspects of worship were included.



Webinar with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) “Muslims and the Health Insurance Marketplace”

ISNA collaborated with American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP) and HHS to raise awareness about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and promote health insurance enrollment in Muslim communities.

“Young Professionals: Future Philanthropists” Webinar Program



ISNA in collaboration with the Indiana University Fund Raising School, launched a new program to empower young Muslim professionals with training in philanthropic studies and nonprofit leadership. This training will enable young Muslim professionals to engage in meaningful causes and organizations within their communities as volunteer leaders. Participants receive a certificate from the Indiana University Fund Raising School and ISNA upon completion of the program.

Doha Interfaith Conference

ISNA, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID) held the conference in Doha which brought 60 interreligious leaders, government actors and activists from around the world to discuss how to raise awareness about the issue of religious minorities in the Middle East.



APRIL

15th Annual ISNA Education Forum “An Islamic Worldview for Mastery in Education” in Illinois

The forum continues to promote excellence in Islamic education and foster the growth of learning communities. Over 600 attendees from across the U.S. and Canada benefitted from the wide array of session topics and expert training.



“The pre-conference workshop was amazing. The amount of concrete, immediately applicable information I received in such a short time was unimaginable. In the one week that has passed since attending the [forum], I’ve already noticed a marked improvement in my teaching delivery and content.”

Communications Director Participated in “Islam in College Curricula” at the annual Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies Conference in Chicago



The panel discussed several challenges and opportunities in creating curricula on the topics of Islamic Civilization, incorporating the Islamic World in History of Science as well as utilizing experiential learning and outreach with American Muslim organizations like ISNA, as a supplement to classroom instruction.

MAY

2nd ISNA Masjid Forum

Over 125 attendees heard presentations and participated in discussions focused on the challenges of improving and growing our masjid. The highlight of the forum was the launch of the Masjid Development Network (www.masjidnetwork.net)—which is envisioned as an association of masjid, masjid leaders and interested Muslims—joining together to share best practices and develop a consensus on masjid guidelines and policies to meet the needs of all those it was made to serve.



Hazem Bata became the new Secretary General of ISNA



JUNE

South Central Conference “Reawakening the Spirit of Islam in Our Lives”

Over 600 people attended the event in Dallas, which aimed to help strengthen bonds within the community and promote the spirit of Islam through education and outreach programs at local and regional levels.



MYNA Jam in Flint, MI “Izatul Islam: The Prestige of Our Deen”

Over 500 youth and parents took part in this one day event that featured prominent speakers and an entertainment session including a talent show featuring the youth. Parents were able to partake in sessions on raising children in the 21st century and dealing with social media.



“Stop Hunger” Project

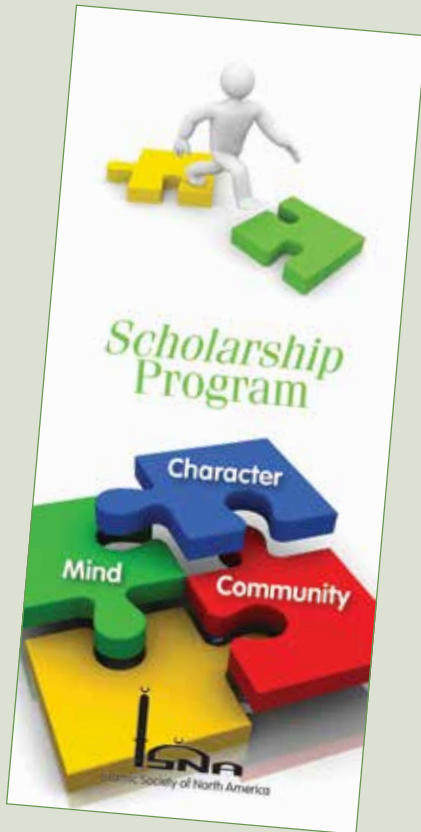


ISNA in collaboration with Jamaica Muslim Center in New York, hosted a service project entitled, “The Joy of Caring & Sharing: Feed the Hungry.” The event was facilitated by the “Stop Hunger Now” project and co-sponsored by the North American Bangladeshi Islamic Community (NABIC) and Islamic Relief USA.

JULY

ISNA Student Scholarship Programs: Dr. Abdulmunim A. Shakir, Dr. Abdus Saleem, Aziz Jamaluddin, and Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

A selection of 40 students were awarded scholarships totaling \$185,000. Subject majors vary from journalism, political science, medical technology, computer science, business administration, medicine, media, social sciences, finance/banking, economics, engineering and more.



Mental Health and Faith Community Partnership Inauguration “Reducing Stigma and Improving Mental Health Care”

ISNA took part in the inauguration of this partnership which is a collaboration between psychiatrists and clergy aimed at fostering a dialogue between the two fields, reducing stigma, and accounting for medical and spiritual dimensions as people seek care.

AUGUST

MYNA Summer Camps in California and Michigan “IQRA”

Youth learned more about Islam and the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), how to implement lessons from his life into our lives today, as well as the necessary leadership skills for success.



ISNA Biennial General Election of Majlis Ash-Shura and Leadership

Two year terms: President, Azhar Azeez; Vice President- USA, Altaf Husain; Vice President- Canada, Pervez Nasim; four year terms: New Majlis Members- M. Affan Badar, Manzoor Ghori, Ziauddin Mahmood.



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51st Annual Convention “Generations Rising”

- Over 200 renowned speakers and 100 sessions
- 5k Family Run/Walk
- Health Fair
- Bazaar
- MYNA parallel track— “The Lifeline, Traveling the Straight Path”
- Community Service Recognition Luncheon (CSRL) Award Recipient Dr. Osman Ahmed was acknowledged for his service and contributions to the Muslim community for more than 50 years; including being a former MSA president, first director of its first headquarters in Gary, IN, and founding and directing the International Muslim House (first U.S. dormitory run by and for Muslim students) in Ann Arbor, MI. Former US President Jimmy Carter was keynote speaker at CSRL and a main session.



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- Government Breakfast "How to Get Muslim Youth Civically Engaged"
- 17th Interfaith Unity Banquet "Broadening Interreligious Partnerships: Promoting Common Good" Interreligious community leaders renewed their commitment to interfaith dialogue and partnerships to benefit all of humanity.
- Children's Carnival
- Community Service Projects
- Blood Drive
- Matrimonial Banquets
- Meet the Author Program
- Qirat Competition
- Film Festival
- Entertainment Program
- Basketball Tournament
- Candlelight Vigil & Prayer for the Oppressed



SEPTEMBER

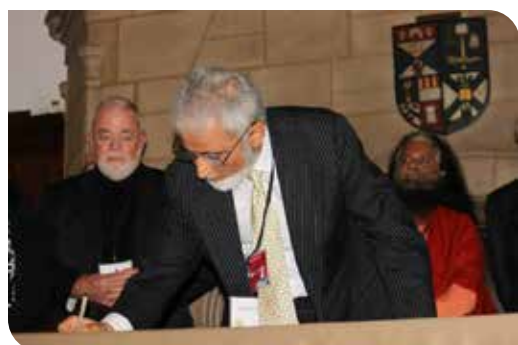
“Countering Hate” Webinar

Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign and Muslim Advocates collaborated to host the webinar. Presenters gave tools, resources and strategies to push back against hate in our communities and online, and emphasized the importance of coalition-building and creative engagement in countering hate speech.



ISNA's executive director/CEO, along with a cross-section of American Muslim leaders, met with the president of Turkey to discuss how to strengthen the American Muslim community and how Turkey can contribute.

Executive Committee Meeting of Religions for Peace “Climate Change”

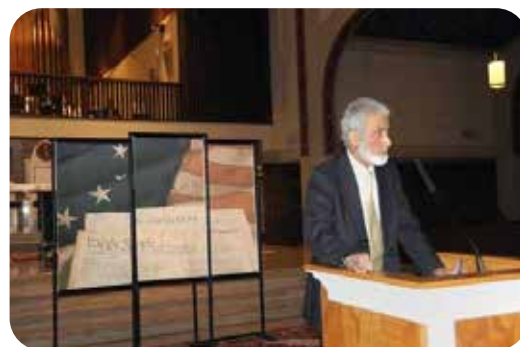


ISNA representative attended the meeting in New York to help produce a multi-religious call for action on climate change.

OCTOBER

20th Annual Midwest Muslim-Catholic Dialogue “From Mutual Esteem to Mutual Collaboration: Poverty and Privilege among Catholics and Muslims” and “Mission and Da’wah in the United States”

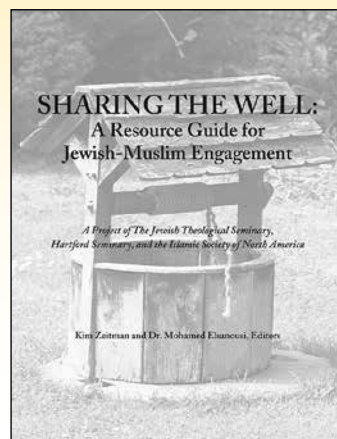
The purpose of the event was to reinforce the ongoing relationship between ISNA and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and to bring scholars from both groups to discuss the topics.



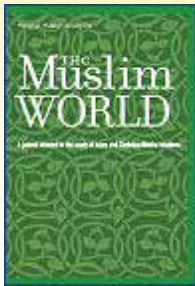
NOVEMBER

Judaism & Islam in America Project (JIA) Publication Release

At the conclusion of a four year project between the Islamic Society of North America, the Jewish Theological Seminary and Hartford Seminary, the publication of two special volumes were released.



- **The Muslim World**, now in its 104th year of publication, is an academic journal “devoted to the study of Islam and Christian-Muslim relations.” This special issue is their first dedicated to the study of “Judaism and Islam in America” and includes articles by Jewish and Muslim scholars.



- **Sharing the Well: A Resource Guide for Jewish Muslim Engagement** is designed to assist and enhance Jewish-Muslim interactions at the community level. It includes a guide to dialogue, eighteen articles by Jewish and Muslim leaders, a sampling of 24 successful Jewish-Muslim engagement programs from across America and a glossary of Jewish and Muslim terms.



ISNA Chaplaincy Services

- Two chaplain candidates were endorsed
- Four distinctive faith group leaders (lay leaders) were endorsed
- Two VA chaplain endorsements were updated
- Three military endorsements were updated



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