

Friday, Feb. 10, 2017

Friday Sermon <i>Jummah Khutbah</i>	12:15pm				
	<p style="color: red;">Quran – A Message of Hope and Change</p> <p>Speaker Sh. Kamal El Mekki</p>				
Conference Registration	6:30pm				
Session - Adults	7:00pm to 8:00pm	Main Hall - Gym			
	<p>Moderator: Br. Tariq Yusuf</p> <p style="color: red;">The Final Sermon: A Message of All Times from a Messenger for All Times</p> <p>Speaker Sh. Kamal El Mekki</p>				
	<p>The Final Sermon of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) emphasized, among many things, Muslims' social obligations towards one another and towards society at large. What valuable lessons can we glean from the Final Sermon regarding human rights, religious tolerance, and our communal obligations as Muslims within our Global Village? Furthermore, how does Islam define social and individual equality? The Speaker will discuss key lessons that can be drawn from the Prophet's (PBUH) Final Sermon.</p>				
Session – Youth Only	7:00pm to 8:00pm		MPR		
	<p>Moderator: Br. Ahsan Nadeem</p> <p style="color: red;">Title: Islam & the Cultural Imperative</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Umar Faruq Abd-Allah</p>				
	<p>Islam must reflect the good in America's diverse races and ethnicities. Historically, Islamic jurists have upheld the Prophet's legal precedent for respecting non-Arabs' ethnic and cultural differences as long as they did not contravene his teaching. Islam's spread and triumphant past reflects this glorious global culture. Like a crystal-clear river, Islam and sacred law are pure</p>				

	but colorless, until they reflect the Chinese, African, & other bedrock over which they flow.		
Main Session – Adults & Youth Combined	8:20pm to 10:15pm		Main Hall - Gym
	<p>Moderator: Sr. Aneelah Afzali</p> <p>The Tie that Binds Us All</p> <p>Speaker: Imam Mohammad Joban</p>		
	<p>The First Islamic State of Medina – Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness</p> <p>Speaker Sh. Kamal El Mekki</p>		
	<p>After Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) migrated from Makkah to Medina, he established the first Islamic State. The first constitution of the Islamic State was implemented by the Prophet (PBUH) based on the prophetic and divine interpretation of the Holy Quran. The talk will focus on how the constitution of the first Islamic State promoted peace, justice, tolerance, and prosperity. What parallels exist between the United States constitution and that of the first Islamic State in the protection of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?</p>		
	<p>The Covenant of Bene Adam: The Realm of Souls, The Day of Rising, and the World in Between</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Umar Faruq Abd-Allah</p>		
	<p>In the Qur'an God reminds us that before this world all souls were in the Divine Presence, bearing witness to the Truth. In this world, God has sent His Messengers so that we may remember and honor this original covenant. In the Qur'an we are also informed that this world is but a test and that all souls shall stand together before God on the Day of Rising. This brief worldly life can only be properly understood in light of the world that preceded it and the world that will follow. As children of Adam we are bonded together by this noble covenant that God has given us. To uphold the covenant on our journeys in this realm we must understand where we come from and where it is we are going.</p>		

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017

MAPS-AMEN Sponsored

- Workshop: Racism within the Muslim community
- Documentary "13th" and Discussion

11:30am: Workshop begins

12:30pm: Break for dhuhr

12:45pm: Continue workshop until 1:25pm

1:30pm: Movie showing begins

3:15pm: Movie ends and break for Asr

3:30pm: Panel Discussion on movie

4:30pm: End time

Workshop: Addressing the Racism Within

We know our beloved Prophet (pbuh) challenged notions of racial superiority in his life and teachings. Yet our country and our ummah still struggle with the spiritual diseases of the heart that lead to racism. We see this manifest on a daily basis and even impact international conferences. Is it Black Lives Matter, or All Lives Matter? Why does it even matter?

This unique workshop will explore the difficult (and therefore, not often discussed) topics of race and institutional racism. Engage in a sincere discussion about the personal real-life experiences of racism not only in larger society but also within our own Muslim community and Islamic

spaces. The objective is to become more aware and mindful of racism and learn how to combat internalized racism through actions and words. We will also talk about and understand the Black Lives Matter movement and its implications for our nation and our community. As the Quran teaches us, "Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves" (Quran 13:11). This is your opportunity to positively change what is in yourself! Don't miss this important and timely training.

Documentary Showing: 13th and Panel Discussion

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." -- 13th Amendment to U.S. Constitution (emphasis added)

Join us for the highly acclaimed and captivating documentary 13th -- a riveting film on the history of racial inequity in our country and its perpetuation through the criminal justice system. The film is named after the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which legally ended slavery yet contained a significant and exploited loophole that allowed for slavery to continue through the prison industrial complex. As Odie Henderson writes: "The film builds its case piece by shattering piece, inspiring levels of shock and outrage that stun the viewer, leaving one shaken and disturbed before closing out on a visual note of hope designed to keep us on the hook as advocates for change." You simply have to see this film -- and watch it again and again to fully absorb it. After the movie showing, there will be an engaging discussion with a group of qualified interfaith panelists. All are welcome to attend the movie showing and discussion.