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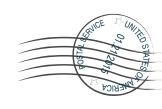


Conference Program Guide

7-9 August | Atlanta, Georgia



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## Welcome

In The name of Allah, the Beneficent, and the Merciful.

#### Dear brothers and sisters in Islam, Assalamu alaikum,

Welcome to Atlanta and the 11th Annual Conference of Muslim Congress. We thank you for attending and for your participation.

I would like to personally welcome you to this unique event. It's an exciting time for our families as we continue to grow and strive to better ourselves as Muslims living in a society with various challenges.

The conference offers us a unique opportunity to interact with brothers and sisters who have dedicated their lives to Islam. We gather together as a family, united in our faith, to listen to and learn from real sources of Islam and to rejuvenate our souls.

We are living in times of constant and rapid change both locally and globally. In such an environment, we need to stay current with the events with analysis from scholars, activists and intellectuals. We are excited to bring together some of the top scholars from within the US as well as overseas who will motivate and inspire us.

These scholars with their vision, knowledge and experience will help us in understanding pure Islam; the Islam that teaches its adherents love and respect of mankind in the mirror of the faith.

We are thankful to Allah (swt) for where we are today and are excited about the future.

Throughout this conference, I urge you to stay engaged. This year we are allocating time for interaction, networking and an opportunity for you to get familiar with the many Muslim Congress initiatives. In particular during the showcase event you will get to meet and converse with individuals who are working on these initiatives. Please make sure to visit the different booths and offer your ideas and suggestions.

The conference is a busy event and we have tried our best to make it valuable for you. Please use this program guide to plan your time properly and take advantage of the scholars, sessions and services.

I express my personal gratitude to all of you. You are truly our greatest asset as we could not accomplish what we do without your moral and financial support.

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Please remember to offer your feedback in order for us to improve this annual event. We will be sending out a feedback questionnaire after the conference to all attendees. There is nothing more powerful than when a community comes together to share ideas and hope.

Regardless whether this is your first time with us or not we will endeavor to have you come back again in the future.

Once again, I welcome you! May Allah bless you and your families.

Syed Sartaj Zaidi Chairman Muslim Congress Board of Trustee

## Al fatehå

Please recite Surah Al-Fateha for Shuhuda of Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Palestine, Pakistan, Yemen and all the Shuhuda of the Muslim world.

### **Conference Schedule**

## Day 1: Friday, August 7, 2015

Note: Events taking place in Main Hall - Centennial	(III - IV) are highlighted in color
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5:00pm - 9:00pm Conference Registration

Front Registration Desk: Centennial Foyer

5:00pm - 9:00pm



Youth Basketball Central Park

6:30pm - 8:15pm Heavenly Match Session Courtland & Dunwoody

8:30pm Salat-ul-Maghrib
Prayer Hall: Centennial I-II

9:30pm Tackling Islamophobia by H.I. Shamshad Haider Main Hall: Centennial III-IV

## Day 2: Saturday, August 8, 2015

5:30am	Salat-ul-Fajr Prayer Hall: Centennial I-II
7:00am - 11:00am	Conference Registration: Centennial Foyer
7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast: Grand Hall West & Hanover
9:00am -11:00am	Medical Camp: Harris & Greenbriar
9:00am	Part 1: Age 9 - 14 Class; Chicago A-E
9:05am - 9:15am	Holy Qur'an by H.I. Abazar Wahidi
9:15am - 9:30am	Welcome Address by H.I. Sartaj Zaidi
9:30am	Special Message by Ayatullah Jawwadi Amoli
9:50am	Ingredients of Pure Islam by H.I. Abbas Ayleya
10:00am - 12:45pm	Qur'an Contest Preliminaries Men: <i>Kennesaw</i> , Women: <i>Inman</i>
10:45am - 11:45am	Making True Islam Accessible Town Hall
12:30pm	Lunch: Grand Hall West & Hanover
1:30pm	Salat-ul-Dhuhrain: Centennial I-II
3:15pm - 4:30pm	Simultaneous Sessions (see page 9)
4:30pm	MC Showcase: Grand Hall East Foyer Qur'an Contest Commentary Round: Kennesaw Afternoon Refreshments
6:00pm	Holy Qur'an by H.I. Abazar Wahidi
6:15pm	Countering Islamophobia Talk Show
7:15pm	Dinner: Grand Hall West & Hanover
9:00pm	Salat-ul-Maghribain: Centennial I-II
9:30pm	Poetry Slam
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## **Conference Schedule**

Day 3: Sunday, August 9, 2015

Note: Events taking place in Main Hall - Centennial (III - IV) are highlighted in		
5:30am	Salat-ul-Fajr <i>Prayer Hall: Centennial I-II</i>	
7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast: Grand Hall West & Hanover	
9:00am -12:30pm	Medical Camp: Harris & Greenbriar	
9:15am	Part 3: Age 9 - 14 Class; Chicago A-E	
9:15am	Holy Qur'an by H.I. Abazar Wahidi	
9:30am	Letter of the Supreme Leader by Sheikh Hamza Sodagar	
10:00am	MC Annual Qur'an Contest Finals	
11:15am - 12:15pm	Simultaneous Sessions (see page 9 for details)	
12:15pm	Lunch: Grand Hall West & Hanover	
1:30pm	Salat-ul-Dhuhrain Prayer Hall: Centennial I-II	
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Simultaneous Sessions (see page 9 for details)	
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Afternoon Refreshments	
5:00pm	Holy Qur'an by H.I. Abazar Wahidi	
5:10pm - 5:45pm	Awakening: Steps towards the Imam by Sheikh Amin Rastani	
5:45pm	Closing Ceremony, Awards and Recognition	

## **Breakout Sessions**

## Saturday Session:

3:15pm - 4:30pm

Centennial III H.I. Ali Aqib Jafry  Pre-registration required	Youth and Aqaed The media campaign against religion has created a lot of doubts in the minds of our youth. They are required to prove their belief, but unfortunately have no formal training in that area. This leaves the youth vulnerable to anti-religious ideas. This session is designed to equip the youth with the necessary tools to logically prove and defend their faith in God. Attendees will be required to think logically and not react emotionally.
Centennial IV  H.I. Farrokh Sekaleshfar	Hayaa360: Jihad an Nafs In the beginning of life every human being develops mental constructs which allow them to immerse into society. Later in life, these constructs can become a hurdle in one's spiritual journey. Within the teachings of Islam there is specific guidance about how to liberate the self from these constraints and understand our true place in the cosmos. Using the book Vicegerency: Risalah al-Wilayah by Allamah Tabatabai, H.I. Dr. Farrokh Sekaleshfar will go over some of these basic principles.
Regency V Agha Asim Hashmi	The Illumination (I.L.M.) This session will offer an introduction to directly understanding the Holy Qur'an in Arabic for Non-Arabic speakers. It does this without getting into detailed grammar. This is a preview of the 60 hour course provided by the speaker. The vision of the long program is to make our nation a Quranic nation by means of implementing this program in as many of our centers and organizations as possible such that after 10 or so years, most of our children are raised understanding the Holy Qur'an

directly with the help of Allah (s).

## **Breakout Sessions**

## Saturday Session (contd.): 3:15pm - 4:30pm

Grand Hall East A-B H.I. Badiei, Sheikh Nuruddin	Reverts 360: Workshop  The challenges faced by the revert community are unique and not easily understood. This session aims to provide essential tools and tips while sharing experiences to strengthen and educate the community. It is recommended for all audiences.
Grand Hall East C-D  Dr. Mohammad A. Jafri	Professional Networking: How to become a doctor This session will provide young adults the opportunity to understand the steps and process in becoming a physician and connect with professionals, mentors, and students alike.
Centennial I-II (Prayer Hall)	Alim 1:1 Private sessions between an alim and participants are scheduled throughout the conference. These 15-minute sessions allow for question and answer in a confidential and relaxed setting. Participants are encouraged to prepare questions.

## Sunday Session 1:

## 11:15am - 12:15pm

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Centennial III Sheikh Hamza Sodagar	Leading the Youth This session aims to provide guidance on how to seek out and connect with some of the leading youth and get inspired by them. The session will also provide direction to those youth who are in leadership positions. The session will feature an audio visual presentation, a short video, and a brief discussion. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Question/Answer session.
Centennial IV  Sheikh Hasnain Mir, Sheikh Amin Rastani, Sr. Safiyyah Abdullah	Hayaa360: Family Affairs What are some of the core societal issues affecting Muslim families today? How can we best perform our duties and observe the rights of our family members in spite of external and internal pressures? Where are we negligent, and where must we improve?
Regency V Br. Dawud Walid	Civil Rights The panel will discuss knowing your rights when re-entering the country, when questioned at home or the workplace by FBI agents and how to report rabble-rousers who come into the community that could potentially be informants.
Grand Hall East A-B	Alim 1:1 Private sessions between an alim and participants are scheduled throughout the conference. These 15-minute sessions allow for question and answer in a confidential and relaxed setting. Participants are encouraged to prepare questions.
Grand Hall East C-D	Alim 1:1 Private sessions between an alim and participants are scheduled throughout the conference. These 15-minute sessions allow for question and answer in a confidential and relaxed setting. Participants are encouraged to prepare questions.

## **Breakout Sessions**

## Sunday Session 2:

## 2:30pm - 4:30pm

#### Centennial III

### Imam Al-Asi, Dr. Kevin Barrett, H.I. Mazin Al-Sahlani, Hajj Barakat

#### **Current Affairs**

The objective of this session is to provide the attendees with the proper Islamic perspective and political analysis vis-à-vis the current issues and challenges facing the Muslim Ummah.

Specifically, the panel of speakers will cover: 1)

Standing against Takfiris' - tools/approaches; 2)

The outcome of standing your ground for the sake of Allah as individuals and as nations; 3) Fanaticism in the service of zionists; 4) The Cartoon War on Islam; and 5) Uniting Muslims in the West Against Islamophobia. Additionally, the attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Question/ Answer session with the panelists.

#### Centennial IV

#### H.I. Nafees Taqvi, H.I. Ali Badiei, H.I. Mehdi Agha, H.I. Mirza M. Abbas

#### **Mahdiviat**

This session will cover a biography of Imam Mahdi (a.s) and the requirements of his reappearance. We will learn about the companions of the Imam (a.s) and how to stay in touch with him. This session will help attendees answer the following questions: Are we truly awaiting our Imam? What are our responsibilities before and after the appearance?

#### Regency V

### H.I. M. Baig, Sheikh Amin Rastani, Sister Asma Hanif, Sister Fatima Sadique

#### Hayaa360: Islam at the grass roots

Women and children are disproportionately affected by poverty and negligence worldwide. Historically, every social movement has been established with social service networks at its base and as part of its outreach. Women are often at the center of these networks, spearheading projects and providing invaluable legwork. It is essential women specifically, and communities in general, build solidarity with and take inspiration from organizations and individuals who are actively working at the grassroots to help answer the call of those in need.

## Sunday Session (contd.):

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Grand Hall East A-B  Br. Jameel Hyder, Br. Alireza Baig	Professional Networking: Information Technology Participants will get to network with IT professionals, build skills, get job guidance, develop ideas and utilze resources to further enhance and strengthen the Muslim ummah through professional support.
Grand Hall East C-D Br. Ali Kazmi	Professional Networking: Business & Finance Networking session by Business and Finance expert. Participants will get to build business related skills, get job guidance, develop ideas and utilze resources.

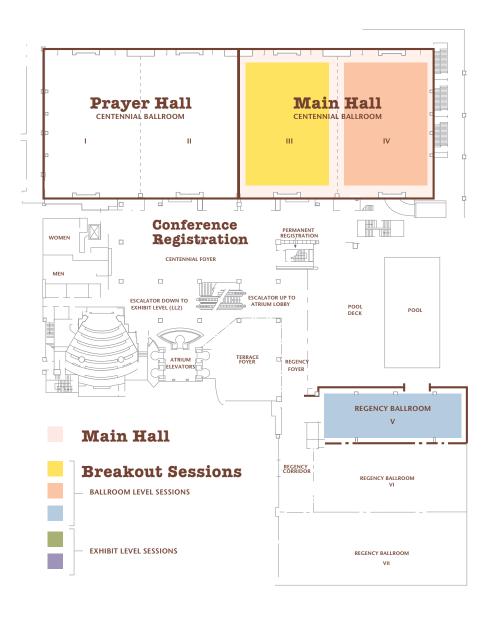
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Syed Muhammad Daud Rizvi ibn Syed Muhammad
Shafi Rizvi,
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Friday August 7	8:30pm - 9:30pm	Salat ul Maghrib & Isha - Prayer Hall (Centennial I-II)			
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	5:30am	Salat-ul-Fajr - Prayer Hall (Centennial I-II)			
	7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast - Dining Area (Grand Hall West & Hanover)   Conference			
	9:05am	Holy Qur'an Recitation by H.I. Abazar Wahidi			
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	5:45pm	Closing Ceremony by H.I. Shamshad Haider			
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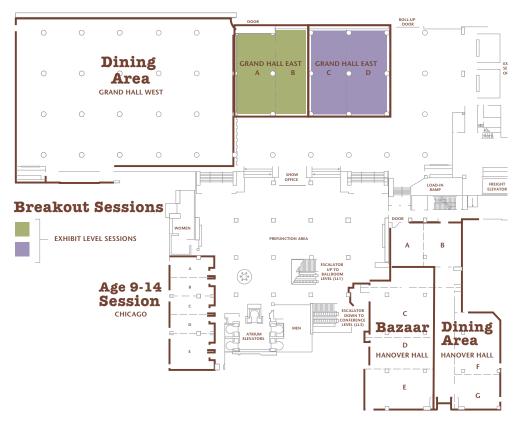
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#### Ballroom Level

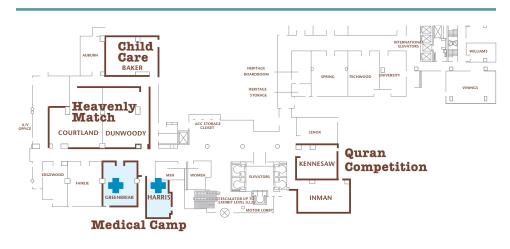


Floor plans have been modified to highlight event locations. Program locations are subject to change.

### **Exhibit Level**



### Atlanta Conference Level



## **Guests and Speakers**





one of Qum's most senior scholars and a student of great scholars like Ayatullah al-Udhma Sayyid Muhammad Husayn Boroujerdi, Akhund Khurasani, Ayatollah Shaykh Muhammad Taqi Amoli, Ayatullah Sha'rani, Ayatullah Ilahi Qumshe'I, Ayatullah Sayyid Muhammad Muhaqqiq Damad, and Imam Khumayni (ra). He was also fortunate to attend the private lectures of Allama Tabataba'I for 25 years -learning the books "Al-Asfar al-Arba` ah" (The Four Travels) of Mulla Sadraa and al-Shifa' (the chapters on logic & theology) of Ibn Sina.

Ayatullah Amoli has blessed and encouraged the efforts of Muslim Congress in the past by composing an address for the annual conference. He will speak to the audience via a pre-recorded message this year as well.



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Resident Alim, Zainabia Center of Michigan Chairman Muslim Congress Board of Trustee (BOT)

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Director Masjid Al-Islam, Washington D.C. Muslim Activist, Member of Institute of Contemporary Islamic Thought (ICIT)

#### Dr. Rebecca Masterton

Lecturer in Islamic mysticism at Islamic College for Advanced Studies, UK PhD, Islamic literature of West Africa

#### H.I. Hamza Sodagar

Teacher and student at Hawza Ilmiya of Amir-ul-Momineen (a.s)

#### Dr. Mohammad Sobhanie

A Dynamic Speaker from Illinois Engineer, and Student of Islamic Studies

#### H.I. Hasan Mujtaba Rizvi

Resident Alim, Toronto, Canada

#### Sheikh Nuruddin Ali

Teacher and student of Islamic Studies, Tampa, FL

#### Sheikh Mohammad Amin Rastani

Teacher and student of Islamic Studies, Qum, Iran

#### Sheikh Hassan Habhab

Resident Alim, Dearborn, MI

#### H.I. Syed Nafees Taqvi

Resident Alim, Atlanta, GA

#### Sheikh Mazin Al-Sahlani

Founder of Almakarim Islamic Foundation Scholar and Resident Alim, Erie, PA

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Scholar, Speaker, Translator, Teacher Associate: Imam-Ali Seminary, Orlando, FL

#### Hajj Ali Barakat

**Community Activist** 

## **Guests and Speakers**

#### **Br. Dawud Walid**

Executive Director, CAIR Michigan Imam Masjid Wali Muhammad, Detroit, MI

#### Sheikh Hasnain Aleem Mir

Scholar, Speaker, Resident Alim, UK

#### **Imam Mohammad Al-Asi**

Activist, Imam Jum'a, Washington D.C

#### Imam Mujahid Abdul Karim

Imam Masjid Al-Rasool, Los Angeles, CA

#### H.I. Rasool Nagavi

Resident Alim, IEC, Washington D.C.

#### Sayyed Ali Aqib

Student, Hawza Ilmiya

#### Syed Rizwan Rizvi

Masjid-e-Ali New Jersey, NJ

#### Sheikh Asim Ali Hashimi

Scholar, New Zealand

#### H.I. Zainul Abideen Shahrestani

Representative of Ayatullah Sistani

#### Syed Majid Shahrestani

Scholar

#### Sheikh Hisham Hussaini

Scholar, Karbala Center, Dearborn, MI

#### Dr. John Morrow

Professor, researcher, author

#### Syed Ali Mohsen Rizvi

Student, Hawza Ilmiya

#### H.I. Mirza Abbas

Scholar

#### Dr. Kevin Barrett

Professor, author, radio host

## Al fatehå

Please recite Surah Al-Fateha for Marhomeen of Syed Ejaz Hasan Rizvi and Mehnaz Hasan.

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Naseem Haider ibn Mukhtar Ahmad, Kaneez Zehra binte Syed Azam Hussain Naqvi, Syed Muhammad Shafi Rizvi ibn Syed Hashim Ali Rizvi, and Anwari Begum binte Syed Wilayat Hussain Rizvi.

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Please recite Surah Al-Fateha for marhoomeen khanwadeh Mirza Wajid Hussain and all Mo'mineen/Mo'minaath.

## Al fatehå

Please recite Surah Al-Fateha for marhoomeen khanwadeh Mirza Muqbil Hussain Qizilbash and all Mo'mineen/Mo'minaath.

## **Conference Services & Information**

### Available for pickup at Front Desk upon Registration

#### **Identity Badges**

Please have your name badges clearly visible at all times.

Your name badge allows you admission to all conference events. Please wear it at all times while attending the conference. Volunteers will not allow admittance without a badge. There may be a \$15 charge to replace a lost badge. Please make sure to find 5 meal tickets with it.

## Available for pickup at Front Desk

#### **Meal Tickets**

All participants are provided with five complimentary meal tickets to be used at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Please treat these tickets as cash. We cannot replace lost tickets or make cash refunds. 1 ticket= 1 meal (breakfast/lunch/dinner). Tickets will be found in the back of each name badge inside the pouch.

#### 9:00am-1:30pm (Sat) 9:00am-12:30pm (Sun) Harris & Greenbriar

#### Free Medical Camp

A Cardiovascular Risk Assessment will be conducted. Services will also include Total Cholesterol Check, HDL Cholesterol Check, Blood Pressure, Weight Check and Eye exam.

No Fasting will be necessary for diagnostics.

Complete Doctor-Patient Confidentiality will be preserved. Male and Female Medical Staff will be available and separate Medical Screening will be conducted for the male and female patients.

Muslim congress and volunteer staff will not be held responsible or liable for any errors or consequences.

#### Open all day (except Salaat times) Hanover C-E

#### Bazaar

The Bazaar will have a variety of books, clothes, tasbeehs (prayer beads), musallahs, Islamic swimsuits, hijaabs, and many other Islamic items.

#### Child Care

Children 3 - 8 years of age can be admitted to the childcare facility located in Baker. Parents are requested to pick up their kids during salaat, dinner, lunch, and snacks time. Please cooperate with our volunteers. Open after Breakfast Baker

#### Ages 9 - 14 Session

All the young boys and girls 9 - 14 years of age should attend a special session with H.I. Baig at Chicago A-E. There will be quiz competition and prize distribution and lots of fun and learning activities.

#### Saturday: 1st Class: 9:00am 2nd Class:6:00pm

Sunday: 9:15am Chicago A - E

#### **Heavenly Match**

The match making service allows brothers and sisters to Islamically meet potential spouses. This service is under the supervision of an Alim.

#### (Fri)6:00pm - 8:30pm

Courtland & Dunwoody

#### Ribbon Color Identification

BOT Members — Red
Speakers — Purple
BOD Members — Green
Panelist — Yellow

See any BOD Member for questions regarding the 2015 conference.

#### Designated Smoking Areas

All conference areas have been designated as nonsmoking. Attendees must abide by hotel's smoking policy and smoke only in designated areas. Please smoke only in areas indicated by a smoking sign.

#### **Business Center**

The business center serves as your office away from home, providing a complete business environment. From supplies and photocopying to packaging and shipping, the business center is the perfect answer for all of your business conference needs. It is located Lobby level. Ask the Hotel Reservation for directions. The business center is open 8:00am - 4:00pm on Saturday and Sunday.

8:00am - 4:00pm

## **Muslim Congress Initiatives**



#### Hayaa360

Aims to provide Muslim women living in North America with opportunities to learn the lessons of Ahlul-Bayt (a.s.) from Muslim scholars. Our goal is to craft initiatives that are culturally relevant and which will, insha'Allah, increase the faith and piety. Hayaa360 seeks to expand, diversify, and strengthen its base of core volunteers to help carry out future programming and initiatives.



#### **Heavenly Match**

Muslim Congress is pleased to offer this service for those seeking a spouse. Through the Heavenly Match website and in-person sessions, participants can meet and interact in an Islamic environment.



#### **Islamic Will**

The importance of having an Islamic Will, especially for Muslims residing in the West cannot be understated. Muslim Congress provides a template of an Islamic Will. Private consultations can also be arranged with experts in the field.



#### Justice360

Living in the US, it's important to understand the laws and rights affecting us in our day to day lives. This service provides legal bulletins and brief write ups on legal or policy issues to assist Muslims in understanding how laws impact them. Attorney referrals and local presentations are also available upon request.



### **Regional Camps**

Year round camps in various regions throughout the US provide local communities an opportunity to interact, develop skills, engage with scholars, and enjoy various activites, all while developing strong Islamic identity to become effective members of society.



#### Scholarship

The annual Imam Jafar Saddiq (a.s.) Scholarship program provides high school seniors, hawza students and those currently enrolled in college or university a financial resource to further pursue their education.



#### Self Building

This resource provides audio podcasts of various topics for self enrichment and education. Topics include: The Concept of Sacrifice, Fear of Allah, and The Heart in the Qur'an. Each topic is covered over a series of discussions with ulaama.



#### Sunday School Syllabus

Muslim Congress has created a syllabus for weekend Islamic schools grade 1 through 6. This syllabus combines the study of Holy Qur'an, Islamic History, Islamic Jurisprudence and Etiquette in a thematic approach.



#### Weekly Friday Audio Message

This unique weekly service provides a brief audio message from esteemed ulaama every Friday covering topics heard in Friday sermons. The service is available on iTunes as a podcast.



#### **Interest Free Student Loans**

Muslim Congress is excited to announce its student loan program. The program provides students an interest free loan. The program is managed by Jafaria Interest Free Loans (JIFL), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

## **Special Thanks**

Muslim Congress would like to extend special thanks to all the guests and speakers who generously donated their time to be part of this year's conference and imparted their knowledge on critical issues. We would also like to acknowledge the tireless and selfless efforts of all our volunteers who helped organize this event. Last but not the least, from the bottom of our hearts we thank all the attendees who traveled from far and wide to attend the conference.

May Allah (s.w.t) reward all your efforts in this endeavor. See you again next year, Insha'Allah.

## Al fatehå

Please recite Surah Al-Fateha for marhumeen of Sr. Zehra Abidi.

#### Your Ad can be here!

Want to advertise your business? Or include the name of any deceased family member or loved one for Fateha in the 2015 Muslim Congress Conference Program Guide? Please see any Board Member (with Green Identity tag) or email <a href="mailto:info@MuslimCongress.org">info@MuslimCongress.org</a>.



THE PRE HAWZA ONLINE PROGRAM OFFERS INTRODUCTORY ISLAMIC LEARNING FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE TEACHING METHOD, CURRICULUM AND PREREQUISITES OF THE TRADITIONAL SEMINARY SCHOOL (HAWZA); AS WELL AS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO GAIN DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM.





