In the name of God, the Beneficent the Merciful

The recent events in France and similar ones in some other Western countries have convinced me to directly talk to you about them. I am addressing you, the youth of the West, not because I overlook your parents, rather it is because the future of your nations and peoples will be in your hands; and also I find that the sense of quest for truth is more vigorous and attentive in your hearts.

I don’t address your politicians and statesmen either in this writing because I believe that they have consciously separated the route of politics from the path of righteousness and truth.

I would like to talk to you about Islam, particularly the image that is presented to you as Islam. Many attempts have been made over the past two decades, almost since the disintegration of the Soviet Union, to place this great religion in the seat of a horrifying enemy. The process of blaming Muslims also represents an unfortunate trend in the behavior of political and other institutions of the West that has been exposed in our descriptor.

Here, I don’t intend to deal with the different myths with which the Western nations have thus far been indoctrinated. A cursory glance at the history of Western intervention and colonialism in the Muslim world, even the first and most recent events, would reveal a feeling of horror and hatred and its utilization has unfortunately a long record in the political history of the West.

My second request is that in reaction to the flood of prejudgments and disinformation campaigns, try to gain a direct and elevated perspective. I would like to present Islam and the Muslim community in their dynamic and effective reality in today’s world to be introduced to you through resentments and prejudices. Don’t
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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.
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

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

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| 5:00pm - 9:00pm | Youth Basketball  
*Central Park* |
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*Main Hall: Centennial III-IV* |
| 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* |

Note: Events taking place in *Main Hall - Centennial (III - IV)* are highlighted in color.

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<td>Qur’an Contest Preliminaries</td>
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Centennial III
H.I. Ali Aqib Jafry

Youth and Aq'aed
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.I.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

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<td><strong>Reverts 360: Workshop</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Grand Hall East C-D</td>
<td><strong>Professional Networking: How to become a doctor</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Dr. Mohammad A. Jafri</td>
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<td><strong>Leading the Youth</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Centennial IV</td>
<td><strong>Hayaa360: Family Affairs</strong></td>
<td>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?</td>
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<td>Regency V</td>
<td><strong>Civil Rights</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Imam Al-Asi, Dr. Kevin Barrett, H.I. Mazin Al-Sahlani, Hajj Barakat</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>H.I. Nafees Taqvi, H.I. Ali Badiei, H.I. Mehdi Agha, H.I. Mirza M. Abbas</td>
<td>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?</td>
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<td>H.I. M. Baig, Sheikh Amin Rastani, Sister Asma Hanif, Sister Fatima Sadique</td>
<td>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.</td>
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**Al Fatêha**

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Naeema Kazmi binte Syed Bashir Ahmad Kazmi, 
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Guests and Speakers

**Ayatullah Jawadi Amoli (H.A.)**
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’l, Ayatullah Sayyid Muhammad Muhaqqiq Damad, and Imam Khumayni (ra). He was also fortunate to attend the private lectures of Allama Tabataba’l 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.

**H.I. Syed Sartaj Zaidi**
Resident Alim, Zainabia Center of Michigan
Chairman Muslim Congress Board of Trustee (BOT)

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Imam Abdul Alim Musa  
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  
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H.I. Syed Nafees Taqvi  
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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

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**Br. Dawud Walid**
Executive Director, CAIR Michigan
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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

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Resident Alim, IEC, Washington D.C.

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

Please recite Surah Al-Fateha for 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.

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

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. |
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| 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.

**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.

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

**Ribbon Color Identification**
- BOT Members ——— Red
- Speakers ——— Purple
- BOD Members ——— Green
- Panelist ——— Yellow

See any BOD Member for questions regarding the 2015 conference.

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See map on page 16 for locations. Times and locations are subject to change.
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 activities, 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 ulama.

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 ulama 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 fatehā

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

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