NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

Friday October 19, 2018

12:00 PM
Conference Registration and Sign-in

1:00-1:30 PM
#NourishYourSoul: Jummah Prayer

1:30-2:15 PM
#NourishYourBody: Lunch and Opening Session

2:15-2:30 PM
Welcome

Muslim Civic Engagement in the Age of Trump and Rising Islamophobia
Speakers: Roula Allouch, CAIR National Board Chair
Nihad Awad, CAIR National Executive Director

2:30-3:15 PM
Main Session

#SpurredToAction: Cultivating Promising Muslim Leaders to Run for Office; How to Build a Movement Behind Your Campaign for Office
Synopsis: Hear from elected Muslim officials on how they successfully built grassroots campaigns that reached beyond the Muslim community and propelled them into the public sphere.

Speakers: Abdul El-Sayed, MD, DPhil
and more
Moderator: Robert McCaw, CAIR National Government Affairs Director

3:15-4:30 PM
Parallel Sessions

Session 1
#IslamophobiaFightClub
Synopsis: This session will feature a panel of experts in diagnosing and combating anti-Muslim hate on both grassroots and grasstops levels, with a target audience of organizers, nonprofit leaders, and local-level advocates.

Speakers: Dr. Khaled Beydoun, Professor and author
Dr. Abbas Barzegar, CAIR National Research and Advocacy Director
Dr. Maha Hilal, Co-Director of Justice for Muslims Collective
Moderator: Zainab Arain, CAIR National Research and Advocacy Manager
4:30-5:00 PM

**Session 2**  
*#Media Mogul: Social Media Master Class*

_Synopsis:_ In this session, you’ll learn how to build your social media presence, how to create a unique voice, how to grow your profile, and how to engage and mobilize your followers.

**Speakers:** Arsalan Iftikhar, journalist and human rights lawyer  
Imraan Siddiqui, CAIR Arizona Executive Director  
and more

**Moderator:** Ibrahim Hooper, CAIR National Communications Director

5:00-6:30 PM

**Parallel Sessions**

**Session 1**  
*#NoMuslimBanEver = #FamiliesBelongTogether*

_Synopsis:_ Learn from experts on how Muslims are moving past the Supreme Court’s Muslim Ban decision and partnering with other impacted immigrant communities fighting to keep the U.S. open to all those who share the American Dream.

**Speakers:** Gadeir Abbas, CAIR National Senior Litigation Attorney  
Isra Chaker, Refugee Campaign Lead at Oxfam America  
Khizr Khan, Gold Star Father  
Jaylani Hussein, CAIR Minnesota Executive Director

**Moderator:** Jaylani Hussein, CAIR Minnesota Executive Director

**Session 2**  
*#MakingSafePlaces*

_Synopsis:_ This session will explore how we can foster an environment for sharing personal experiences with the ultimate goal of effectively mobilizing and organizing for political action.

**Speakers:** Lena Masri, CAIR National Litigation Director, Civil Rights Director  
and more

**Moderator:** To be determined

6:30-8:00 PM

**#NetworkingReception**

**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

7:30-8:30 AM

**#PowerForward Breakfast**

8:30-9:30 AM

**Main Session**

_Prophetic Tradition in Leadership and Activism_

_Synopsis:_ Join our speaker for a discussion on how American Muslims can harness the Prophetic tradition of leadership and activism to inspire the causes we advocate for them, in the pursuit of a just end by just means.

**Speaker:** Dr. Yasir Qadhi

**Moderator:** Edward Mitchell, CAIR Georgia Executive Director
Main Session

Session 2
#OrganizingAgainstUnjustPolicies; Fighting Anti-BDS Legislation
Synopsis: Understanding the combined policies that affect Muslim Americans in advocacy.

Speakers: Dr. Hatem Bazian, Professor—UC Berkeley, Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies
and more

Moderator: Gadeir Abbas, CAIR National Senior Litigation Attorney

Break

Main Session

#TakeItToTheStreets: Making Movements Accessible and Equitable
Synopsis: Examining the impact of rallies, protests, and other organized public events, canvassing around election time.

Speakers: Imam Omar Suleiman – via Skype
Azza Altiraifi, Disability Justice Advocate
Namira Islam, Executive Director Muslim ARC

Moderator: To be determined

#EatPrayAct Lunch and Prayer

#LetsGetStarted
Synopsis: This session answers the question #sowhat? and identifies concrete steps for #futureoriented activism. Participants will assess the #pathforward toward a just, equitable America and activists’ roles in it.

Speakers: To be determined
Moderator: To be determined

Closing Remarks
Nihad Awad, CAIR National Executive Director