

To Imams and Masjid/Islamic Centers Administrators

Our beloved Prophet peace be upon him was both the civil and spiritual leader of the first generation Muslims. In other words, he was the administrator of the Masjid and the Imam. One can therefore deduce that administrators and Imams of Masjids/Islamic Centers are the ones who should bear the responsibility of Dawah the most. They are the ones who should use the power of the intellect coupled with the spirit of the divine revelations to diffuse and eradicate Islamophobia.

We understand and appreciate the efforts by giant Muslim organizations the like of ISNA, ICNA, CAIR, Professional Muslims Societies, Islamic Relief Organizations and others. However, the loftiest variable in the equation of Islamic activities in the oxidant is the Masjid, which, in a way or another, constitutes the empowering ground for these organizations.

The North American Imams Federation is now seeking to work alongside with Masjids and Islamic Centers in an effort to thwart attacks against Islam and Muslims. Naturally, Imams and Administrators are the ones who are in constant contact with their constituents. They are the ones who are expected to practice and then preach wisdom and good advice in calling to Islam. That puts the responsibility on them to seek knowledge and brainstorm collectively to establish and maintain common terms for legal, logical and effective dialog with those who promote Islamophobia.

To that end, you are cordially invited to attend NAIF's annual conference, information about which is found in our website <u>www.imamsofamerica.com</u>. A conference registration form is attached. The form is also available on the website. Our hope is to hear from you no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2011. On or before this date, you should be able to secure reasonable airfares. We recommend that each person pay for their own travel cost. However, for those who are not in a position to cover their travel expenses, NAIF will contribute \$250 to each, which should be enough to cover airfars when reservations are made earlier. NAIF will cover the costs of boarding and meals for every Imam/Administrator who meets the cutoff date. We also encourage and appreciate any donations Administrators/Imams will bring with them to help us in paying conference expenses. Please share information about the conference with other Imams and administrators within reach even if they are in different states.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of NAIF we thank you in advance for helping us and hope that together we make the experience exciting, enlightening, worthwhile and memorable.

Your affectionately,

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