



ISLAMIC
COORDINATING
COMMITTEE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

واعتصموا بحبل الله جميعا ولا تفرقوا
إن هذه أمتكم أمة واحدة وأنا ربكم فاعبدون

And Hold Fast To The Rope Of Allah All Together And Be Not Divided Among Yourselves (3:103)
Verily This Ummah Of Yours Is A Single One And I Am Your Lord Therefore Worship Me (21:92)

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Dear Brother/Sister:

Assalamu Alaykum

All praises be to Allah (SWT) who in His Divine Wisdom gathered us in this land of opportunity. May He (SWT) help us to respond to His call and support us to do His Will.

This letter from the members of the Islamic Coordinating Committee, established during the 28th Annual ISNA Convention held in Dayton, Ohio, in September 1991, deals with the subject which is foremost in the minds of all Muslims and Islamic organizations, namely, the future development of Islam and Muslim Community in North America. The need of forming such a committee was deeply felt and unanimously agreed upon in a general session attended by a large number of Muslim community leaders representing all regions of North America.

During the last few decades Muslims have established themselves as a viable community in North America. The community has Masha Allah grown numerically, intellectually and economically. Thus, Islamic work has achieved new dimensions, and expressed itself in various dimensions.

This growth of Muslim Community and progress of Islamic community work has been, Alhamdu lillah, faster than our expectation. It is now a common concern among Islamic workers and community organizations that special attention be paid to enhancing the quality of Islamic work now being carried on by Islamic centers, masjid, educational institutions and specialized organizations sometimes working in complete isolation of one another. The valuable experiences of one community may guide and inspire others. It is our belief that in North America Allah (SWT) has blessed us with a unique opportunity to take the challenge of utilizing all opportunities arising out of our diversity, for a well-coordinated development and progress.

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With this concern in mind this Committee invites you and your organization to participate in preparing for the proposed conference (tentatively scheduled to be held on April 17-19, 1992) which, insha'Allah will deal with the following problems:

- a) Bringing together all Islamic centers and Muslim organizations in North America,
- b) Enhancing the quality of Islamic work already in progress,
- c) Exploring all existing opportunities and plans for community development,
- d) Preparing specific and practical agenda for future action,
- e) Creating formal or informal institutional framework to ensure the continuity of this effort.

We are inviting you to participate in this important community development effort. We hope that you will especially respond to the following three points:

1. Inform us about your views on the need for and benefits from such an endeavor.
2. Review the enclosed tentative agenda (prepared only as a guideline) and give your comments and suggestions for finalizing a well-considered agenda for the delegates at the proposed conference.
3. Provide basic information on your organization by filling up the enclosed form. It will help us to know you better and communicate more effectively. (If you wish to share any further information about the work of your organization please feel free to send it to us.)

After we receive your response to this letter we will let you know about the final date and place of the conference.

It is our belief that in this phase of our work no single organization or individual alone is in a position to guide the community comprehensively. It is the collective experience and wisdom of us all that must be harnessed for planning an Islamic future for generations to come. Your active cooperation is thus vitally important.

We are looking forward to receiving a positive response to our request. May Allah (SWT) guide our efforts throughout this undertaking.

Your brother in Islam,



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Committee Chairman