



**Imam Nadim Bashir** moved to DFW at a very young age. In 1989 he traveled to Pakistan where he memorized the entire Quran at the age of 11. His pursuit of the sacred sciences began in New Orleans and culminated with his graduation from Jamia Taalimul-Islam in Dewsbury, U.K. He currently serves as the Imam at the East Plano Islamic Center.



**Shaykh Arsalan Haque** earned his Bachelor's Degree from Texas A&M University in Biochemistry. After working in a genetics lab for a few years, he traveled to the Middle East in pursuit of the sacred sciences, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from the College of Sharia at the al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt. He currently serves as the Resident Scholar and Director of Taqwa Seminary at the IACC.



**Shaykh Omar Husain** graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Information Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago. After graduating, he travelled to Toronto, Canada where he studied the Arabic language and began his journey in the Islamic sciences. After a brief sojourn in the United States working as a Business Analyst, he traveled to Cairo, Egypt, and graduated from the College of Islamic studies and Arabic Language at the al-Azhar University. He currently serves as the Religious Director at the Muslim Children Education and Civic Center (MCECC) in San Antonio, TX.



**Sr. Amal Kassir** was born and raised in Denver, CO to a German-Iowan mother and a Syrian father. She is an international spoken word poet, having performed in 10 countries and over 100 cities. She has conducted workshops, given lectures, and recited her poetry in venues ranging from youth prisons to orphanages to refugee camps to universities to churches to community spaces for the public. Her work in the community involves humanitarian initiatives for Syria, speaking out and organizing against Islamophobia, and empowering the voice of the marginalized through writing & speaking.



**Imam Salah Mahmoud** was born in Egypt. He completed the memorization of the Quran at the age of 10. He earned his B.A. in Islamic Studies from the al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt, and continued his education to obtain various valuable licenses (Ijazaat) in the Quran. He has served as the Imam at Jamaica Muslim Center and Muslim American Society of Queens in New York City. He has also served as the head of the Islamic Studies & Quran Department at Brighter Horizons Academy. He currently serves as the Imam at the Islamic Center of Frisco.



**Imam Abdullah Oduro** is a first generation Ghanian native that converted to Islam in 1997. He graduated from the College of Islamic Law from the University of Al-Madinah in 2007. He conducts public speeches, sermons, lectures, and workshops around the US on Islamic Law, self-improvement, and convert life. He is currently the Imam at the Islamic Center of Coppell and Lewisville in Dallas, TX.



**Ustadha Aatifa Shareef** is an instructor at Qalam. She teaches at the Sisters' Suhbah Retreat, and at Seerah Intensive. Ustadha Aatifa Shareef is a Licensed Professional Counselor Intern who holds a Masters degree in Psychology with a Clinical Concentration from the University of Dallas as well as an Alimiyah degree from the Qalam Seminary. Born and raised in Columbus, OH, she graduated from Northwestern University with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Religious Studies.



**Ustadha Dunia Shuaib** is a psychoeducator, author, internationally renowned speaker, and host of the radio show Deen with Dunia. She combines her knowledge of Islam and psychology to help Muslims who are striving to create and maintain harmonious relationships between their deen and dunya. She conducts a variety of workshops and conducts weekly halaqat in the DFW area.



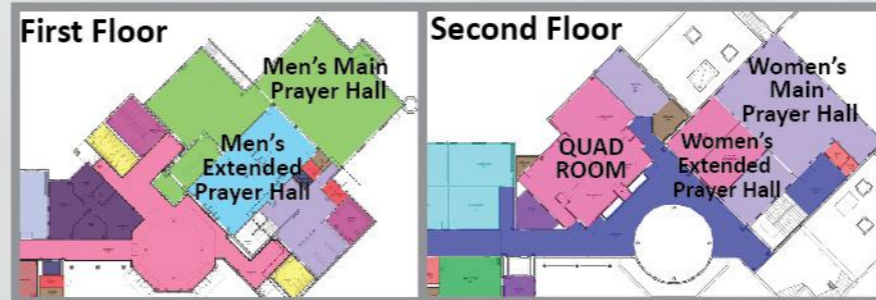
**Imam Azhar Subedar** began his pursuit of the sacred sciences at an Islamic school in Arabi, Louisiana. He has Master's Degree in the Islamic Sciences and Arabic Literature. He served as a Religious Advisor to the Florida Department of Education for over a decade. He was also a Member of White House Faith Based and Community Initiatives under President Bush. He currently serves as Imam of IACC, Plano TX.



**Imam Omar Sulaiman** is the Founder and President of the Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research, and an Adjunct Professor of Islamic Studies in the Graduate Liberal Studies Program at SMU (Southern Methodist University). He is also the Resident Scholar at Valley Ranch Islamic Center and Co-Chair of Faith Forward Dallas at Thanks-Giving Square. He holds a Bachelors in Accounting, a Bachelors in Islamic Law, a Masters in Islamic Finance, a Masters in Political History, and is currently pursuing a Phd. in Islamic Thought and Civilization from the International Islamic University of Malaysia.



**Imam Dawud Walid** is the Executive Director of the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), and a member of the Michigan Muslim Community Council Imams Committee. He served as Imam at Masjid Wali Muhammad in Detroit and the Bosnian American Islamic Center in Hamtramck. He continues to deliver sermons and lectures across the US and Canada.



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# Never Too Late

A DISCUSSION ON  
FINDING PEACE  
DURING TROUBLED TIMES

Friday, Nov. 22nd, 7pm - 10pm  
Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 10am - 10pm

6401 Independence Pkwy, Plano, TX 75023

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## Friday, November 22nd | 7 pm

Inaugural Session by Imam Omar Suleiman

*Finding Peace During Troubled Times*

**Prayer Halls**

8:30 PM [BREAK FOR ISHA SALAH]

## Saturday, November 23rd

**10:30 am – 11:30 am | All**

Session 1A by Shaykh Arsalan Haque

*Uniting Amidst Differences: A Community Blueprint*

**Prayer Halls**

Session 1B by Imam Dawud Walid

*The Racism Within*

**Gym**

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm | All**

Session 2A by Shaykh Arsalan Haque

*Uniting Amidst Differences: A Community Blueprint*

**Prayer Halls**

Session 2B by Imam Dawud Walid

*The Racism Within*

**Gym**

**12:30 pm – 1:15 pm | Parents**

Special Session by Imam Azhar Subedar & Imam Dawud Walid

*Building a Taqwa-Based Home*

**Gym**

2:00 PM [BREAK FOR DHUHR SALAH]

**2:30 pm – 3:20 pm**

Session 3A by Imam Azhar Subedar | **All**

*Building Bridges of Interfaith & Understanding*

**Gym**

**2:30 pm – 3:20 pm**

Session 3B by Imam Dawud Walid

**Young Professionals**

*Activism From A Spiritual Lens*

**Quad Room**

Session 3C by Shaykh Omar Husain & Sr. Amal Kassir

**Youth**

*When Home is Hurting You*

**Men's Extended Prayer Hall**

Session 3D by Ust. Aatifa Shareef | **Sisters**

*Reviving a Sense of Personal Purpose*

**Women's Extended Prayer Hall**

4:00 PM [BREAK FOR ASR SALAH]

**4:15 pm – 5:15 pm**

Session 4A by Imam Abdullah Oduro & Imam Azhar Subedar | **All**

*The Barrier of a Judgemental Nature*

**Gym**

Session 4B by Imam Nadim Bashir & Shaykh Salah Mahmoud | **Parents**

*Troubled – Riding the Waves within the Home*

**Quad Room**

Session 4C by Imam Sajid Ali & Shaykh Omar Husain

**Youth**

*Inspiring Muslims in American History*

**Men's Extended Prayer Hall**

Session 4D by Sr. Amal Kassir

& Ustadha Dunia Shuaib | **Sisters**

*Navigating between Religion & Culture*

**Women's Extended Prayer Hall**

5:28 PM [BREAK FOR MAGHRIB SALAH]

**5:50 pm – 7:00 pm | All**

Session 5 by DFW Scholars & Imam Dawud Walid

*You Are The Solution*

**Gym**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm | All**

Session 6 by Imam Azhar Subedar, Shaykh Arsalan Haque & Mufti Wasim Khan

*Connecting with Allah: The Ultimate Source of Peace*

**Gym**

8:15 PM [BREAK FOR ISHA SALAH]

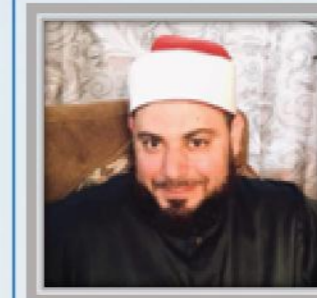
**8:30 pm – 9:30 pm | All**

Session 7 by Sr. Amal Kassir

*Open Mic: Nasheed, Comedy, etc*

**Gym**

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



**Imam Mohamed Al-Gebaly** graduated from al-Azhar University in 1996. He is an instructor at Mishkah University. He also serves as a Mufti for the Fatwa Hotline of the Assembly of Muslim Jurists of America (AMJA), and the Imam at the Salahadeen Islamic Center in Plano, TX.



**Imam Sajid Ali** initiated his formal Islamic studies at the Institute of Islamic Education in Elgin, Illinois. After completing his 'Alim course, he briefly pursued higher secular education before his zeal for jurisprudence led him to Camperdown, South Africa, where he enrolled at Madrasah In'aamiyyah to specialize in the field of issuing legal verdicts (iftaa) under Mufti Ebrahim Desai. He successfully

completed his training in 2010 and received authorization (ijazah) in issuing fatwas (legal verdicts). He currently serves as the Imam at the McKinney Islamic Center.