



Welcome to the Beloved Seerah Conference
 Friday- Sunday, October 18-20, 2019
**Theme: I AM MUHAMMAD:
 EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH TO
 EMULATE THE PROPHET'S WAY**

Fajr 6:30 / Duhr 1:30 / Asr 4:30 / Maghrib 6:45 / Isha 8:00

Friday, October 18th (5:30 – 9:30pm)

****FREE TO THE PUBLIC****

Time	Sessions	Speaker(s)
Jumuas related to conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Evans: Jamaat Ibadurrahman (IARJ), Fayetteville, Durham • Michael Dan: Islamic Center of Morrisville (ICM) • Ibrahim Darhmaoui & Khalid Shahu @ Apex mosque 	
5:30 – 6:45	<p>Session 1: I AM MUHAMMAD <i>“Say: If you love Allah, then follow me, so Allah will love you” [Al-Imran: 31]</i> - Quran Recitation: Yousuf Siddiqi – Mizmar 2019 Competition Winner - Welcoming & Projection of the theme and topics of the conference (Sh Khalid and Ibrahim Darhmaoui) - Why the Seerah Conference? Rediscover the Prophetic model & make it more relevant to our YOUTH – Often it is noted that our youth strive to look up to role models displayed within our societies, with parameters that do not coexist with our deen. How can Youth define themselves rather than being defined? This session emphasizes the importance of referring to the best example that Allah has set forth. - Video: Youth issues and challenges</p>	<p><i>Khalid Shahu I. Darhmaoui Fatima Hedadji</i></p>
6:15 – 7:00	Maghrib Prayer	
7:00 – 8:00	<p>Session 2: I MUSLIM/BELIEVER <i>“O son! Embark with us and be not with the disbelievers.” [Hud: 42]</i> Every Muslim yearns to know their Lord and strive to learn about their prophet. In our tradition, we learn that even some of the companions struggled with their Muslim identity, and were ousted from their own communities as “strangers”. This session dives into how shahadah looks on a day-to-day basis. What are some of the struggles that our youth are facing with embodying a holistic approach to Islam?</p>	<p><i>Yasmine Mogahed Will Evans</i></p>
8:00 – 8:15	Isha prayer	
8:15 – 9:15	<p>Session 3: OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE YOUTH - Reflecting on session 2, discussing personal experiences and struggles, interactive case study/activity led by panelists</p>	<p><i>Michael Dann Evans Will Chifaa Bouzidi Y. Mogahed</i></p>

Saturday, October 19th (9:30am – 9:00pm)

5:45am	Tahajjud & Duaa Who will call upon me, that I may answer him? Who will ask of me, that I may give him? Who will seek my forgiveness that I may forgive him? Don't miss the Tahajjud	<i>Sh. Hassan Lachheb</i>
9:30-10:00	Free Complimentary Breakfast	
10:00am - 11:00am	Session 4: I AM AMERICAN - Quran Recitation: Yousuf Siddiqi – Mizmar 2019 Competition Winner - American Muslim youth often struggle with their identity. In this session, the speakers will give us the tools to tackle ownership of our American identity and how to assimilate without losing our values and how to nurture out hybrid identities. We will also pay homage to Muslim-American trailblazers.	<i>Suhaib Webb Chifaa Bouzidi</i>
11-11:15am	Short Break	
11:15:am- 12:15m	Session 5: I AM LOVED AND RESPECTED <u><i>“Bridging the Gap between Parents and Children”</i></u> - In this session, we will explore the missing pieces that often lead to a diminishing self-worth. How can we learn from the Prophet’s teaching of self-worth and self-care to achieve respect for ourselves as a perfect creation (drawing inspiration from the story of the “ugliest sahabi”). Speakers will address how Muslim families and communities can instill trust by providing safe spaces for youth who are asking difficult and controversial questions. - Is the family the first and main niche of knowledge and discipline in our youths’ lives? - UIF BANK PRESENTATION	<i>Ihab Saad Y.Mogahed</i>
12:15-12:30	Short Break	
12:30- 1:30pm	Session 6: I AM MINDFUL <u><i>“The similitude of a mindful and neglectful of God is that of a live and a dead”</i></u> - Getting Started is often the hardest part. Some of our youth believe that they are in too deep to begin a new chapter with Allah. How can we use the power of thikr and tadabbur to aid in this process? - Allah blessed the prophet (SAW) with the gift of revelation after a long period of reflection and retreat. This session teaches us the power of embracing the remembrance of Allah and the effect that it has on shaping our narrative. Our speakers will be referencing the book: <i>The Day and Night of the Believer</i> .	<i>Will Evans Hassan Lachheb</i>
1:30 – 3:30	Duhr prayer and Lunch break Open session with the speakers: Suhaib Webb, Will Evans, Hassan Lachheb, Imad Benjelloun, Chifaa Bouzidi, Fatima Hedadji, Ihab Saad, Khalid Shahu, Salma Jekhalef	<i>All Speakers</i>

3:30-4:30	<p>Session 7: I AM CONFIDENT <i>“A strong believer is better than a weak believer”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quran Recitation: Sumer Bsisou – Mizmar 2018 Competition Winner - This session offers Strategies in Overcoming Ego with a healthy dose of pride. How can we be mindful of the harmful impact of nafs on our lives? Our speakers will guide us through methods and exercises that sharpen our focus and enhance our minds. Trusting the process of hardwork as we try to make our dreams become a reality is an essential part of our faith. - Emulating the Prophet’s Bravery in hardship and following his footsteps is key to get us moving on the path of nearness to Allah. - ZAKAT FOUNDATION PRESENTATION 	<p><i>Abu-Taleb Salma Jekhalef</i></p>
4:30 – 5:00	<p>Asr prayer and Short Break</p>	
5:00-6:00pm	<p>Session 8: I AM HUMBLE & THANKFUL <i>“Should not I be a thankful servant?!”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "And...walk not in insolence through the earth. Verily, Allāh likes not any arrogant boaster (Loqman: 18) - As we overlook the bigger picture and forget to focus on what is most important, becoming unhappy with our lives is a trap we all fall in. Our speakers will discuss the power of positivity and how it can help us achieve happiness through gratitude. - HELPING HANDS PRESENTATION 	<p><i>Will Evans Imad Benjelloun</i></p>
6:00 – 7:00	<p>Maghrib Prayer and Dinner Break</p>	
7:00 – 8:00	<p>Session 9: I AM KIND <i>“And lower to them the wing of humility, out of mercy. [Al –Isra: 23]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quran Recitation: Abdullah Ali – Mizmar 2017 Competition Winner - One of the most beloved character qualities to Allah is Kindness and gentleness. The Prophet peace be upon him says “Whoever is given his portion of kindness has been given his portion of goodness, and whoever is deprived of his portion of kindness has been deprived of his portion of goodness” - Our speakers relay qualities of compassion and inclusion in the prophet, especially towards the youth and provide applicable practices. 	<p><i>H. Lachheb Suhail Webb</i></p>
8:00 - 8:15	<p>Isha Prayer and Short Break</p>	
8:15 – 9:00	<p>Session 10: ENTERTAINMENT: CELEBRATING MERCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quran Recitation: Abdushakur Ali - Play: <i>“Three Houses & a Pair of Thieves” (Rakan)</i> - Islamic Relief Presentation - Tayseer Seminary Presentation - Fundraising Drive for the conference - Announcing the Winners of the 4th Annual Hadith Competition - Closing remarks of Day 2 by Rakan 	<p><i>Rakan Khalid Shahu</i></p>

Sunday, October 20th (9:30AM – 1:30PM)

5:45am	Tahajjud & Duaa Who will call upon me, that I may answer him? Who will ask of me, that I may give him? Who will seek my forgiveness that I may forgive him? Don't miss the Tahajjud!	<i>Imam Khalid</i>
9:30-10am	Free Complimentary Breakfast	
10:00 – 11:00am	Session 11: I AM BALANCED & MODERATE <u><i>"And we made you a nation of the middle" (Al-Baqarah)</i></u> - Quran Recitation: Sumer Bsissou - Mizmar 2017 competition winner - Speakers will discuss the healthy balance we must uphold within ourselves as we interact with the people around us. Speakers will walk us through how to interact with our community in a harmonious way, how to live in America in a manner that is consistent with Islamic values, concerns couples have of raising their children in America. - Speakers will also mention realities that face our youth and how we can address them. Issues like rise of extremism among youth, and mental and virtual addiction to marriage, dating, zinna, wearing hijab, and fasting.	<i>Ihab Saad Salma Jekhalef</i>
11-11:15	Short Break	
11:15 - 12:15	Session 12: I HAVE A PURPOSE IN LIFE <u><i>"And be purposeful in your walking" [Loqman: 19]</i></u> - "Whoever reaches the morning and his major concern is not in Allah, he does not belong to Allah. And whoever reaches the morning not concerned with his Ummah's affairs, he does not belong to it" - Let's contemplate our legacy and what impact it will have on us, our community, and towards the message of our beloved Messenger (SAW). Our speakers will draw inspiration about service from the seerah and emphasize the importance of building servitude in our Youth. - GUIDANCE BANK PRESENTATION	<i>Imad Benjelloun Fatima Hedadji</i>
12:15-12:30	Short Break	
12:30- 1:30	Session 13: I AM INFLUENCIAL <u><i>"The believer is similar to the rain, wherever it falls, it brings benefits"</i></u> - The Quran instructs us to be a community of balance, one that follows a divinely ordained standard, not subject to the ever-changing whims of cultural ideologies. - Social, political and even religious discourse continue to devolve into divisive rhetoric and hardened positions on extreme ends.. Is there still room in the middle? - How can Muslim youth stay true to the path of moderation and uplift broader society?	<i>H. Lachheb M. Abu-Taleb</i>
1:30-2:00	Closing Ceremony	<i>Khallid Shahu</i>