



“Social Issue Conference 2009” Gender Equity and Social Issues

Objectives:

MFNS will address the challenges our community is facing that hinder our growth and development. In providing important conferences, MFNS hopes to forward critical and intellectual thinking among Calgary Muslims in empowering themselves and their surroundings. We expect that these skills will be used by the conference participants in providing cross cultural and religious dialogue with the greater Canadian society and fostering increased involvement and participation in future activities by both the Muslim and the larger society.

As concerned partners of the community, we see a tremendous need to rescue our youth and their families before they are lost in confusion about who they are and what is expected from them as Muslim Canadians. We need to come together to help them to be confident Muslims that will God-Willing contribute to making the Muslim community in Canada strong and vibrant. Muslim Canadians have overall much to offer in improving the life of every Canadian, but we cannot do this if we let problems run rampant in our communities. We believe that if we can deal with these problems, then we can let flourish a productive and confident Muslim community - God Willing. To realize this vision, we have set the following objectives:

- To help mitigate the negative effects of the mass media on Muslims’ religious and cultural identity. Misunderstood issue-awareness on social justice and the equality of all Muslims.
- This conference will aim to improve the quality of services to resolve contemporary issues.
- It is our mandate to provide an educational program for the community on these topics through an event such as this. As you will know, in 2004 – 2005, MFNS did an extensive survey within the community to exactly find out about the challenges our community is facing.
- Bridging the gap between diverse cultural practices and religious– understanding of contradicting practices.
- Workshops are aimed at improving the quality of life for everyone.