



ICNA COUNCIL FOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE
ADVOCATING JUSTICE FOR ALL

ICNA Council for Social Justice

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Mission

- Systematically facilitate assertive Muslim involvement in the field of human struggle for the rights of the poor and oppressed in the United States.

Our Divine Inspirations

- *O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice (Qur'an 4:135)*
- *And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty (Qur'an 5:2)*
- *“Whoever among you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; if he cannot, then with his tongue; if he cannot, then with his heart- and that is the weakest of Faith.” (An-Nasa’i)*

What We Do

- **Interfaith** – We routinely meet with other religious leaders to discuss and share our faiths in order to better understand and learn from each other.
- **Partnership coalitions** – We proudly and consistently work with both Muslim and Non-Muslim organizations around social justice issues. Some of these names include Helping Hand, National Religious Campaign Against Torture, Interfaith Workers Justice, Religions for Peace-USA, and others.
- **Public advocacy** – We participate in constructive protests/rallies and other forms of advocacy to bring about awareness surrounding issues of injustice in our society.
- **Publish materials** – We publish materials related to social justice issues (booklets, brochures, pamphlets, CDs, DVDs, etc.)

Board of Directors

- **ICNA Foundation for Social Justice:** Talat Sultan (Chair), Mohammed Yousufuddin, Junaid A. Shaikh, Muhammad Tariqur Rahman and Naseem Shahzad
- **ICNA Council for Social Justice:** Imam Khalid Griggs (Chair), Farrukh Raza, Mohsin Ansari, Mahmood Aijazi, Mahmood Khan, Fariha Shakeel, Maheen Siddiqui, Hena Syed, Hamid Siddiqui, Arif Mannan and Salman Syed

Local Chapter Representatives

- **Chicago** – Mahmood Khan
- **New York** – Shahid Farooqui
- **Texas** - Haider Imam
- **Southern California** – Waqas Syed

Our Partners

- Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD)
- ICNA Relief USA (IRUSA)
- National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT)
- Interfaith Peace-Builders (IFPB)
- Interfaith Workers Justice (IWJ)
- Religions for Peace – USA (RFP-USA)
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
- National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms (NCPCF)

Interfaith

- Organized and planned interfaith dialogue at the annual ICNA convention
- Participated in the **Muslim-Catholic Dialogue** in NJ on topic of Secularism
 - Invited all of the Muslim speakers via phone and e-mail and organized their trip schedules
- Participated in an interfaith meeting hosted by **Religions for Peace USA** in Washington, D.C.
- Participated in an interfaith dialogue on **Concept of Peace in Religious Texts** at the Church of Scientology in Washington, D.C.

Workers' Justice

- Published **Labor Rights in Islam** booklet by Sh. Abdool Rahman Khan.
 - Shipped the booklets to 20+ chapters of ICNA throughout the country
- Published a pamphlet on **Islam Forbids Torture** and distributed them.
- Participated in the national **Walmart Black Friday** campaign conducted by **UFCW** and **OUR Walmart**.
 - Reached out to presidents of other ICNA chapters throughout the country to participate in their own local rallies against Wal-Mart.

Anti-Torture

- Published a pamphlet on **Islam Forbids Torture** and distributed them
- Participated in the **CLOSE GUANTANAMO** rally with NRCAT
- Dallas, TX Chapter participated in the **Free Aafia** rally

Civil Rights

- 3-4 NCPCF, one of our partners, executive and board meetings held at CSJ office
- Arranged for NCPCF workshops at ICNA Atlanta Convention and ICNA NE Rochester Conference
- Br. Naeem Baig is serving as the Chairman of NCPCF and Br. Rameez Abid as the Treasurer
- Br. Naeem Baig spoke at the Fundraising Dinner of NCPCF held in Albany, NY
- Participated in the **Pro-Palestinian** rally in D.C.
- Imam Khalid Griggs was one of the presenters at the NCPCF Family Conference in D.C.
 - He also participated at a NCPCF session at the ICNA Southeast Conference in Atlanta

2014 ICNA Annual Convention

- Hosted at least two social justice related workshops
- Organized and planned Imams' Breakfast
- Organized at least two meetings between VA Muslim leadership in order to promote the convention

CSJ Marketing & Promotion

- Had a new logo designed for CSJ
- Started a regular monthly e-newsletter for CSJ
- Website & Facebook
 - Redesigned the website for CSJ
 - Started regularly updating the CSJ website and Facebook page
- Set up a CSJ booth at the Houston, TX and Peoria, IL regional ICNA conventions
- Represented ICNA CSJ at the **Foundations of Effective Organizational Leadership** course at IIIT
- Representing ICNA CSJ as a steering committee member for the **2015 Muslim Advocacy Day** in Washington, D.C.
- Published **Social Justice: An Islamic Perspective** by Tariq Ramadan
 - Shipped the booklet to various chapters of ICNA throughout the country

Administration

- Currently completing paperwork and process to have CSJ and FSJ legalized in the state and federal level so that we can open a bank account and start adding funds
- Have regular ICNA CSJ meetings on a monthly basis to plan out our work

CSJ in Action



The End

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