



With G-d's Name, The Merciful Benefactor, The Merciful Redeemer

COMMUNITY WIDE SHURAA CONFERENCESM

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"Unleashing and harnessing the capacity inherent in the group intellect..."

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"[We] must work to build a better place for [ourselves], one that will benefit all people, regardless of race or religion. Form alliances, firstly among yourselves...Leadership is in the resourceful people that represent the productive life of society"—Imam W. Deen Mohammed (ra)

Re: CWSC National Town Hall for Mutual Consultation, August 15th - 17th St. Louis, MO Crown Plaza Hotel

Dearest Believer: As-Salaamu-Alaikum.

You are one of our community's resourceful persons and a recognized leader or contributor to our Community's model vision of community excellence.

On behalf of the planning team of the Community Wide Shuraa Conference (CWSC), I am pleased to extend a special invitation to attend a historic **National Town Hall for Mutual Consultation: Towards An Intelligentsia, August 15-17, 2014 at the Crown Plaza Hotel Downtown in St. Louis, Missouri.** A program flier accompanies this invitation. Please visit cwsconline.wordpress.com for more information and to register.

I'd like to share briefly the aim of our work and how we pray to be a resource for all our communities throughout the nation. CWSC's primary mission is to establish a venue promoting national shuraa amongst the widest possible population of believers throughout the country. Our goal is to help our community unleash and harness the full capacity inherent in our group intellect.

CWSC takes its impetus from Al-Quran, Prophet Muhammad (S) and our leader, Imam W. Deen Mohammed, who encouraged his Association to *form alliances and an intelligentsia* to help our community practically advance its model community vision and help remake the world. We have taken the Imam's words to heart and begun to build that national intelligentsia that will serve as a powerful, skilled resource body and think tank to address chronic or systemic issues affecting our community life and simultaneously to explore new opportunities that will benefit the total community.

To accomplish our mission, we need the widest possible participation of the group intellect across geographic, age, gender, socio-economic and any other boundaries that have in the past thwarted the pragmatic synergy of intellectual resources. Imagine for a moment if a local community could tap into the national group intellect at will via a national resource directory of skilled experts willing to help you in any area of concern? Your local circumstance would no longer be constrained by the limited asset mix of just local human resources. Almost overnight, you could change the human resources and talent accessible to help you take your community to the next level.

Conversely, imagine the national group intellect benefitting from a program or process that is working extraordinarily well for your local community? Shouldn't the idea be shared with everyone? And that's just the beginning of the strategic plan CWSC is working on for the benefit of our total community. But we need your help to think and implement.

Currently, as an Association, we lack the framework to effectively coordinate and share the most powerful resource we have available to us—the power of the group intellect to solve problems and discover new opportunities. And the Imam told us this explicitly when he stated:

"What is hurting minority communities more than anything else is that we are not informed enough and we are not aware of what is going on. In order for a community of people that's deficient or weak to get strong...they have to open communication lines, not so much with the outside community, but within themselves."

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CWSC is established to pragmatically address Imam Mohammed's comments head on.

Just as important as to what our mission is, is what our mission is not. CWSC is established to help bring focus to major issues and opportunities that present for our Association in the United States and abroad and is not intended to address or resolve a specific issue of controversy or disagreement that may exist within a particular institution.

Moreover, CWSC and its leadership team are committed to maintaining CWSC as a community service organization without the need or desire for overarching hierarchies or intrusion into any organization's autonomous affairs and governance. On the contrary, we want to be a resource to assist any institution who desires help in achieving the highest level of excellence in their operations.

Make history with us as we embark on this historic path to help all our institutions go to the next level! The Town Hall will include conferences, panel discussions, nominations and ratifications, all in an atmosphere of respectful shuraa, where the common believer's voice can be heard, the intellect of every believer can contribute and the work of our total community life can be enhanced. Share your issues, concerns, ideas or recommendations and follow us for breaking updates at cwsconline.

A CALL FOR SKILL-BASED EXCELLENCE! With your help, CWSC is building a National Resource Directory of talented people just like you—committed to the Model Communities Vision. All trades, professions, and qualifications are needed, from high school seniors expert in php to retirees...you're needed to help take our community to the next level. Help build a national intelligentsia to help you, your masjid or school and all our community! Visit cwsconline and click on "Get Involved" to register your talents in the **Model Communities National Resource Directory**.

I hope that what I have shared sounds exciting. I can share with you that our team and many believers around the country are enthusiastic about CWSC and the positive impact such an organization can have on our community.

Our St. Louis team is busy planning every detail to welcome you properly as our guest. If I can answer any questions, please email or call and either I or another representative will gladly assist you.

CWSC is completing its first full year of operation, having had a successful first conference at Fayetteville's Masjid Omar Ibn Sayyid last year. We're firmly committed to helping our community and ask for your dua's especially during this Blessed Month as we execute the 2014 Conference and take on the next challenges of bringing CWSC to its full potential. Thank you for your consideration. We greatly anticipate your reply and pray we can enjoy the honor of your presence...together we can remake the world.

As-Salaam Alaikum.

Your brother in faith,



Thomas Abdul Salaam
The Twin Servant of Peace
CWSC Planning Team

P.S. Help planners prepare for your arrival, register today at cwsconline. We're also appreciative of your financial support for this noble work. Please consider making a Ramadan contribution to help us get the job done!