

Community Leadership Summit

June 6-7 2014 Cleveland Ohio

Summary Report

The Section Conveners held their third Community Leadership Summit (CLS) the weekend of June 6-7, 2014 in Cleveland Ohio. The CLS is an effort to provide a forum for Section Conveners, leaders of national organizations, and individuals with national influence in the community of Imam W. Deen Mohammed to come together to discuss topics and issues affecting the national community and find ways of cooperating that can enhance the advancement of our community.

Midwest Leadership Team Reports

The Midwest Section is structured with leadership teams that have been organized to work in specific areas of community development. The teams reach out to the resourceful people in the community to recruit their membership and they utilize the leadership talent of the resourceful people to achieve their goals. The teams that presented at the CLS were the Education, Communication, Marriage and Family, American Coalition for Good Government and the Culture team. The leaders for the Business and Youth teams were not able to attend.

The teams were invited to participate in the CLS to report on their own activities and efforts, but more importantly to share how they got started and the strategies they are using to establish and grow their teams. National Convener Bashir Ali invited them to as inform and encourage the development of such teams in the other Sections of the country.

There was a question and answer period accompanied by vigorous discussion.

National Muslim Business Council Report

A report from the National Muslim Business Council (NMBC) was presented to inform and educate the participants about the mission and benefits of NMBC, which is to encourage and inspire business development and provide a vehicle for business persons throughout our community to connect with each other, learn about each other, and build unity of purpose in the area of business. Business is one of the four birds and NMBC wants to help motivate the business community to be

successful in the effort to turn our community into an economic powerhouse so we can fulfill our destiny.

There was a question and answer period accompanied by vigorous discussion.

South Africa Report

A group of businesspersons, Imams and others went to South Africa on a business and religious exploratory trip. They learned about opportunities for cooperation with the South African Muslim religious and business communities. A report was given about the opportunities that are available for cooperation right now and steps that need to be taken to take advantage of those opportunities.

There was a question and answer period accompanied by vigorous discussion.

Health Issues

A presentation on health as it relates to our community's age and success was given. The report provided insights not only to the obvious challenge of youth following in our path to become the next generation of leaders pursuing our destiny, but also from the perspective of maximizing the longevity with which our aging population can remain effective.

There was a question and answer period accompanied by vigorous discussion.

CLS Priority Discussions

The very first CLS established five areas of major priority: Business, Education, Culture, Government and Youth. There were presentations, vigorous discussions and debates on issues of concerns in the areas of Business, Government and Education.

National Website

There was discussion about ways to utilize that national website to improve communication and connectivity throughout the country.