

*An Introduction To Islamic Center
In North America*

Islamic Circle of North America

About ICNA

Established in 1968, the Islamic Circle of North America

was a response to the growing need for a supportive Muslim community in North America. The organization initially focused on educating its growing members about Islam, the goal being to adhere to Islamic values amongst a religiously diverse community. In the early 70s, ICNA members, the majority of whom were of South Asian descent, focused their efforts on education and personal/spiritual development.

With the 80s came several key expansion projects—ICNA Sisters’ Wing was formed in 1980, ICNA’s main headquarters established in Jamaica, Queens in 1984 and the annual convention celebrated its 10th year in 1985. With a central location from which to base its efforts, ICNA was able to launch numerous projects, many of them still thrive today.

In the past decade, ICNA has expanded its reach across the US while maintaining an active presence in local communities. Muslim Family Day, first hosted at Six Flags New Jersey in the year 2000, now attracts nearly 50,000 a year at several parks nationwide. The ICNA Council for Social Justice, a branch of ICNA dedicated to representing the Muslim voice on matters of social justice was formed in 2009. ICNA has worked to establish connections between Islam and the public, collaborating with numerous Muslim organizations to reach this end. ICNA also works closely with many national interfaith organizations for the betterment of society. By focusing on self-development, education, outreach and social services, ICNA has cemented its path as a leading grassroots organization in the American Muslim community.

Divisions

ICNA has three divisions: ICNA Sisters Wing, Young Muslims Sisters and Young Muslims Brothers.

ICNA sisters' wing

The ICNA Sisters' Wing is a division of ICNA which strives to provide Islamic education and training to women of all races and backgrounds. This division of ICNA was established in July of 1978. The reason for the creation of the Sisters Wing was to mobilize and empower women of all ages and to enable sisters, to outline the framework of the Deen freely within their own circle by providing platforms through education, outreaching inducing organizational skills.

Young Muslims

Young Muslims is a pioneering national youth organization that has been on the youth scene since the early 90's. **Young Muslims** is an organization dedicated to addressing the vital roles the Muslim youth should play in North America. With different programs attuned to the youths' critical stage in life, YM seeks to address real-life problems and give the support needed to live our lives as dedicated Muslim youth. At this age where temptations are on the rise and flagrant behavior encouraged, Young Muslims attempts to counteract these influences by challenging the youth to take the best of all paths in both this world and in the Hereafter.

Education

The Islamic Circle of North America, a leading grassroots Muslim Organization is proud to introduce a new and exciting educational venture, The Islamic Learning Foundation (ILF), an educational Islamic institution

based in New York. The main objective for ILF is enriching the lives of Muslims in general and Muslim Youth in particular by educating their minds and affecting their hearts with sound knowledge of Islamic Shariah thus deepening their awareness of Islam as a universal and eternal way of living for mankind and providing a new caliber of Muslim leaders.

Social Services



[ICNA Relief USA](#) is a multicultural human development and community building organization. The purpose of the organization is to address the basic human and social service needs of the underserved communities with in the United States, through its local chapters, with its head office located in Jamaica, NY, USA. As a vision and value-led organization, ICNA operates under the principle that all people are created equal and when given the tools, will thrive and bring about change in their own lives and the lives of their communities. ICNA's mission is to promote justice through creating opportunities with young people and families to lead healthy and productive lives.

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For Muslim Family Services, please visit [Muslim Family Services](#).