

# **MCP News Bulletin January 2016**

## **What's been happening with MCP...**

### The Board and E.D.

- An interim board and executive director were appointed to incorporate the organization and establish its operations. Meetings have been held monthly to refine bylaws, plan activities and set administrative priorities before the AGM and election of a board of directors with a two year term.

-Dr. Mohammed Iqbal Alnadvi, President

-Waseem Ahmed, Vice-President

-Muntaz Ali, Treasurer

-Farina Siddiqui, Secretary

-Dr. Salha Jeizan, Board Member

-Rabia Khedr, Executive Director

### Official Launch

- On Sunday November 22, 2015, MCP was officially launched at the Sayeda Khadija Centre in the presence of several Imams and community leaders as well as special guests including the Honourable Dipika Damerla, Associate Minister of Health and Long-term Care, and Peel Regional Police Chief Jennifer Evans.

### Membership

- Membership in MCP has been growing and includes the Sayeda Khadija Centre, Masjid Farooq, Brampton Islamic Centre, IPC/Jame Masjid Mississauga, DawaNet, Muslim Neighbour Nexus, West-End Islamic Centre and MAC/ICCO.

### Community Engagement

- We have been participating in several community meetings including the United Way of Peel Muslim Community Engagement Group, Interfaith Council of Peel, the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition Queen's Park Religious Leaders Forum: Faith Moving Mountains and the Peel Faith and Mental Health Action Group Children's Aid Society Workshop.
- We have also taken initiative to support the Syrian newcomer settlement process by initiating a community meeting in partnership with DawaNet and participating in the United Way and Region of Peel workshop on Syrian newcomers.
- We held an awareness raising workshop titled "Serving Syrian Newcomers to Peel: Ensuring Social Inclusion" which was attended by over 80 individuals including several private sponsors from churches, community agencies and government representatives. We invited Mustafa Alio from the Refugee Career Jumpstart Project to present about Syrian culture. Sheikh Nasir Khattab donated musullas to give away as gifts for refugees and for agencies wanting to accommodate Muslims in the workplace.
- We have been asked to serve on the Peel Syrian Settlement Working Group with governmental officials, lead settlement agencies and the United Way of Peel in order to help link them to the Muslim community and facilitate information sharing.

Important Dates: You Are Invited...

Monday February 1 7:30 to 9:00am

World Interfaith Harmony Week Breakfast hosted by Interfaith Council of Peel and the Fo Guang Shan Temple, 6525 Millcreek Drive, Mississauga Ontario

Tel: 905-814-0465; Website: [www.fgs.ca](http://www.fgs.ca)

RSVP before Thursday January 28th, 2016

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Hafiz Ishaq Faridi will participate in the program on behalf of the Muslim community and will recite the Quran.

Thursday February 18 7:00 to 9:00pm

MCP First Annual General Meeting hosted by the Brampton Islamic Centre on 6 Lowry Drive.

RSVP by February 15 at

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/mcp-first-annual-general-meeting-tickets-20990361737>

The program will include dinner, keynote, AGM business and election of board

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