

Following is a short report of our seminar:

The Family is the corner stone and the foundation of a social cultural and religious structure in the society. If family is good then the members of the family are good if family is not good then the members of the family can not be good said Dr.Ahmed Nezar Kobeisy, Director of Islamic Learning Foundation in a seminar organized by the North Eastern region of North American Imams Federation for the Imams in New York city on Thursday April,30,2009. Whereas Dr.Omar Shahin the chairman of NAIF was the chief guest of the program.

The program started with the recitation of the holy Quran by Hafiz Qari Mujibur Rahman.Br.Nasiruddin the president of Madina masjid welcomed NAIF to choose their masjid as the venue.

In the caption of "family counseling and guidance to the youth" Dr Kobeisy thoroughly discussed through power point presentation for about 90 minutes. He said that there is no alternative of family to mould the children towards the right way. He quoted a number of verses from the holy Quran and from the sunnah of the prophet Muhammad (saw) in this regard. He urged the Imams to play a vital role to convince the attendees of masjid to establish such type of families. In Islam family life is a worship and all the activities have manifold rewards from Allah (swt) compare to unmarried life. An extended family is a blessing of Allah (wot). Family life helps a person to live a stable life; morally, socially, spiritually even economically. Family is for worldly and heavenly benefits he concluded.

In the second session Dr. Omar Shahin in his speech of chief guest uphold the responsibilities of Imams in the community. He said it is the Imam to whom everybody comes to solve their problems. Imam should have the ability to diagnose the problem efficiently and guide them towards the useful way

Br. Ahmad AlBindari the president of Muslim American Society, Br. Abed Ayoub CEO of Islamic Relief and Br. Yousuf of Islamic relief of New Jersey also spoke on the occasion and explained their activities.

The meeting was moderated by AGM Mohiuddin and presided by the NAIF president Imam Ashrafuz Zaman Khan. Imam Khan in his concluding speech expressed his thanks to the guest speakers, participating Imams and others and thanked Islamic Relief for their sponsorship of the program. Later on all were invited to dinner.

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