

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Two important announcements

1. The Connecticut 9-11 Memorial Service – “UNITED IN PEACE, HEALING WITH HOPE”

The Muslim Coalition of Connecticut, along with an alliance of faith communities, interfaith and community organizations and labor unions, has joined together to organize a memorial service around the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on our nation. On **September 11th 2011**, a service with the theme **“United in Peace, Healing with Hope”** will be held at **St. Joseph’s Cathedral** on Farmington Avenue in Hartford. This event will **commence at 7:00pm** and last about an hour and a half.

Please join us to hear this diverse community speak strongly of the need to live as an American family in peace, remembering and honoring all who were lost on September 11th 2001, and to chart a course of hope in our future. We have invited Governor Dannel Malloy as our guest of honor, and we will have four key speakers: on Unity, Peace, Healing and Hope. This will be accompanied by prayers, poems and music from many faith traditions. Please visit our website at **ctpeacehealinghope.org** for further details on this service and the complete list of **participating faith communities and organizations:**

Muslim Coalition of Connecticut
Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut
Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford
Connecticut AFL- CIO
Connecticut Center for a New Economy
Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding
Hartford Seminary
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Hartford
National Conference for Community and Justice of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, Inc.
Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice
West Hartford Citizens for Peace and Justice
Bosnian American Islamic Cultural Center, Hartford
Bridgeport Islamic Community Center, Bridgeport
Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford
Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, Chester
Congregation Mishkan Israel, Hamden
Connecticut Sikh Association, Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar
Connecticut Valley Hindu Temple Society, Middletown
Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, Berlin
Islamic Institute of Ahl’ Albayt
Islamic Society of Western Connecticut, Danbury
Jafaria Association of Connecticut, Rockfall
Muhammad Islamic Center of Greater Hartford

2. Open House for mosques – Getting to know your Muslim neighbor.

Throughout the state of Connecticut, on **September 10th 2011** from **7pm to 8:30pm**, mosques listed below will participate in an Open House welcoming our neighbors to get to know us better. Participants will witness a prayer service and the hospitality of the Muslim community, and get to know us and our dreams for a vibrant, prosperous and peaceful America.

This event is coordinated by the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut, **muslimcoalitionct.org**

Please see an updated list of participating mosques at **ctpeacehealinghope.org**

Participating mosques and organizations:

1. Bosnian American Islamic Cultural Center - 595 Franklin Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114
2. Bridgeport Islamic Community Center, 525 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
3. Islamic Association of Greater Hartford - 1781 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT 06037
4. Islamic Center of New London, 16 Fort Street, Groton, CT 06340
5. Islamic Society of Western Connecticut, 388 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810
6. Jafaria Association of Connecticut, 1 Meriden Road, Rockfall, Connecticut 06481
7. Madina Academy, Full Time Islamic School, 519 Palisado Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095
8. Muhammad Islamic Center of Greater Hartford – 155 Hungerford Street, Hartford, CT 06105

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