

FIFTH ANNUAL  
**TEXAS PRISON  
DAWAH & REENTRY  
SYMPOSIUM**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2023**

**8:30 AM - 2:00 PM CST**

**MASJID TALEEM MUHAMMAD**

**511 E 40TH 1/2 ST, HOUSTON, TX 77022**



**REGISTRATION LINK:**

**<https://bit.ly/texasreentrysymposium>**

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# TEXAS PRISON DAWAH & REENTRY SYMPOSIUM

## PROGRAM AGENDA

### A CREATIVE INNER-CITY AND SUBURBAN COLLABORATION

#### OBJECTIVES:

- Celebrate the first Muslim Chaplain, Imam Hamid Hardizi, in Harris County jail, promoting religious diversity and cultural understanding and celebrate the first Jail Commissary for providing free Qurans to all inmates.
- Support individuals with a history of addiction and involvement in gangs as they transform into beloved Khateeb, addressing prevalent health issues, family challenges, and promoting inclusivity and diversity within our inner-city and suburban communities.
- Empower sisters through the coordination of 15 female units, while focusing on the Tayba Foundation's & Link Outside's professional curricula, to support the reintegration of women into society after incarceration.

#### *Executive Board of Directors, Salaam Reentry Program*



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### DOORS OPEN & REGISTRATION CHECK IN

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

#### WELCOME

**9:05 am - 9:15 am**

**Imam Basil Abdullah** | *Founder, Masjid Taleem Muhammad*

Imam Basil Abdullah is a living testament to the power of transformation and redemption. Originally sentenced to 99 years in prison for a crime involving drugs and a death, he underwent a profound change during his incarceration. His journey led him to embrace Islam and make it the cornerstone of his life. Over four decades ago, Imam Abdullah started the practice of Salat-ul-Juma' in his old neighborhood, turning a former crack house into a place of worship. Additionally, he established a gymnasium to engage local teenagers, providing them with opportunities to avoid the pitfalls he once faced. His remarkable journey from a troubled past to becoming a respected figure in the community highlights the transformative power of faith and community support.



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## OPENING DUA/PRAYER

**9:20 am - 9:30 am**

**Dr. Laeeq Khan** | *Founder, ISGH Prison Dawah*



Dr. Laeeq Khan is a dedicated pioneer of prison dawah for over three decades. Operating from Masjid Bilal in North Houston, he has provided essential dawah materials to inmates, volunteers and Muslim Chaplains. Three years ago, Dr. Khan encouraged Salaam Reentry to expand services to incarcerated sisters in prison, as we have services sisters in county jails. Following his advice, Salaam Reentry has actively been coordinating efforts to serve all fifteen female prisons in the State of Texas.

## LEAD SPONSOR

**9:30 am - 9:45 am**

**Ayman Kabire** | *Founder, ISGH president*



Ayman Kabire, the President of the Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH), brings a wealth of professional expertise and experiential competence to the organization's leadership. Through his dedicated efforts, ISGH has successfully implemented its strategic objectives and key initiatives. One of the significant achievements under Br. Ayman's leadership has been the sponsorship of a part-time Muslim Chaplain in Harris County Jails. This endeavor was so impactful that it led to the appointment of a full-time Muslim Chaplain, Imam Hamid Hardizi, who had been serving as a volunteer since 2015. Ayman Kabire's visionary leadership and strategic approach have been instrumental in strengthening ISGH's presence and impact in the community.

## MENTAL HEALTH: CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

**9:45 am - 10:15 am**

**Tabari Abdul-Zahir** | *Reentry Manager & Drug Counselor, Tayba Foundation*



Tabari Abdul-Zahir, the Reentry Manager at Tayba Foundation, began his formal study of Islamic Sciences in 2003 under the guidance of scholars from Zaytuna Institute. Unfortunately, a series of life choices led to his incarceration for a non-violent drug offense from 2005 to 2016. During his time in prison, Abdul-Zahir dedicated himself to learning and teaching key Islamic subjects, including Aqeedah, Fiqh, Tazkiya, and Arabic, which form the foundation of the Tayba Foundation's educational curriculum. Upon his release, he pursued further education, earning an Associate's degree in Behavioral Sciences and a Master's in Clinical Social Work. Currently, Br. Tabari Abdul-Zahir works as a therapist and drug counselor in Southern California, exemplifying the power of personal transformation and education.

## PROJECT FATIMA OVERVIEW

**10:15 am - 10:45 am**

**Nusayba Elqabbany** | *Program Coordinator & Coach, Tayba Foundation*



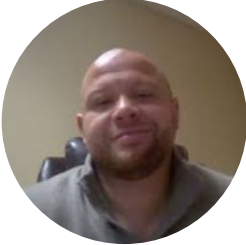
Nusayba Elqabbany serves as the Program Coordinator and Coach at Tayba Foundation, dedicating her time to supporting women affected by incarceration, whether through their own experiences or the incarceration of close family members. Her work focuses on helping these women connect with vital resources, integrate into Muslim communities, and secure safe living conditions for themselves and their children. Nusayba's role extends to developing curricula tailored for Muslim students with lower literacy levels, ensuring inclusive educational opportunities. She plays a pivotal role in supporting the reentry process for adults from diverse backgrounds, making a tangible and meaningful difference in their lives.

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## “WALKING THE PATH OF LOVE”

10:45 am - 11:15 am

**Jesse Maroney** | *Outreach Director, Link Outside*



Jesse Maroney, the Outreach Director at Link Outside, has a remarkable journey that started with his acceptance of Islam during an eight-year prison sentence. Upon his release, he continued his Islamic studies and became a public speaker (khateeb) in the state of Connecticut. In his current role at Link Outside, Brother Jesse plays a significant part in promoting Islamic spiritual practices for inmates. He conducts weekly classes at California State Prison-Los Angeles County (Lancaster) and California Institute for Women (CIW), where he imparts Islamic studies and spirituality practices. Jesse Maroney is a dedicated student of the works and teachings of Shaykh Faisal Abdur Razak and Shaykh Mohammed Al-Yacoubi, and his journey from incarceration to becoming an advocate for Islamic education and spirituality is truly inspiring.

## BREAK

11:15 AM - 11:35 AM

## THE TEXAS SCENE - A PANEL DISCUSSION

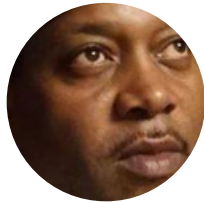
11:35 AM - 12:25 PM

*Moderated by: Syed Fawad Raza, Secretary, Salaam Reentry*

### PANELISTS:



**Ahmet Gunduz**  
Volunteer Coordinator  
TDJC



**Baqee Sabur**  
Founder  
Huma Faith DFW



**Nimrah Riaz**  
Treasurer & Volunteer  
Salaam Reentry



**Hamid Hardizi**  
Muslim Chaplain  
Harris Country



**Joseph Clark**  
Founder  
Halal House Project

## BREAK

12:25 PM - 12:40 PM

## TEXAS & BEYOND - BREAKOUT SESSIONS

12:40 PM - 1:30 PM

### SPEAKERS:



**Tabari Abdul-Zahir**  
Reentry Manager  
Tayba Foundation



**Nusayba Elqabbany**  
Program Coordinator & Coach  
Tayba Foundation



**Jesse Maroney**  
Outreach Director  
Link Outside

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## 2024 ACTION ITEMS: WHO, WHEN, & WHAT?

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

*Closing Remarks and Action Items for 2024*

## CLOSING DUA & PRAYER

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

