U.S Muslim Leaders to Address Poverty in America Around Occupy Protests Anniversary

*United Against Poverty* conference brings together diverse group of religious voices to tackle wealth inequality across the nation.

Stamford, CT ([PRWEB](http://www.prweb.com)) August 29, 2012 -- On September 29th, the organization United for Change will hold a conference titled "United Against Poverty" to discuss the realities of poverty in the U.S and what role Muslim Americans should play in advocating for the poor and disenfranchised.

The program will have various sessions throughout the day, including proper ways to respond to poverty; Muslim women shelters in America; the physical versus spiritual definitions of poverty; and the wisdom behind alms giving, a major pillar of Islam. One session entitled ‘We are the 1%’ will evaluate the Occupy Movement slogan in light of global realities.

“We feel this is a most timely topic as our country is experiencing the greatest degree of economic polarization and marginalization in its history,” said Imam Zaid Shakir, United for Change Chairman.

“What role will Muslims play in challenging the system, and how can people maintain both their dignity and their sanity as they engage in this struggle? These are just some of the themes we will tackle at what promises to be the best conference in our four-year history.

It is also known that the Occupy Movement was largely inspired by the Arab Spring, so to have the American Muslim community come back and make a statement around its first anniversary is really coming full circle,” said Shakir.

Speakers will include Shaykh Hamza Yusuf, co-founder of Zaytuna College; Chris Hedges, acclaimed journalist and author; Imam Mohammed Magid, President of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA); Yasmín Mogahed, American Muslim writer and speaker; Imam Zaid Shakir, co-founder of Zaytuna College; Dr. Yasir Qadhi, leading American Muslim writer and scholar; Dr. Fatimah Jackson, renowned scholar and researcher; Imam Suhaib Webb, popular American Muslim scholar; and others.

The conference will be held at the Stamford Hilton, 1 First Stamford Place, Stamford, Connecticut, 06902, September 29, 2012. More information is available at: [http://www.unitedforchange.com](http://www.unitedforchange.com)

United For Change was created to galvanize the Muslim leadership in North America to take on issues that are too large for any one individual leader, organization or group to effectively address. Formed in 2009, it is dedicated to highlighting the broadest and most consuming topics in the national Muslim community to the forefront.
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