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2015 Fall Meeting

October 24, 9:30 a.m.

Peacemaker, Healer, Scholar



Dr. Najeeba Sayeed-Miller

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Claremont School of Theology**

Join us at the **Tierrasanta SDA Church**
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***Meet the Speaker* lunch to
follow the worship service**

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Professor Sayeed-Miller is recognized as a leader in peacebuilding and has twice received the Jon Anson Ford Award for reducing violence in schools and interracial gang conflicts. Named Southern California Mediation Association’s “Peacemaker of the Year” in 2007, she has chaired national conferences on Muslim and Interfaith Peacebuilding, served as a mediator in many cases, devised mediation programs in many institutions, including several middle and high schools as well as the University of Southern California, which have reported a subsequent drop in disciplinary referrals and violence. Because of her success as a peacemaker, state, federal and White House initiatives sought her advice, as well as leaders in international conflicts in Guam, Afghanistan, Israel, Palestine, India and France.

She formerly served as the Executive Director of the Western Justice Center Foundation, founded by Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Dorothy Nelson. Prior to that appointment she served as the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center. Under her directorship the organization grew significantly in the areas of school based interracial conflict resolution, anti-bullying initiatives, cross cultural conflict resolution training, officer involved shooting community/police mediation, gang intervention, community engaged design, and has served a range of clients including the Coca-Cola Company, UCLA, USC, Art Center College of Design, and the Department of Justice.

Dr. Sayeed-Miller’s research has concentrated on: 1) Mediation between law enforcement and communities; 2) the intersections of law with religious minority communities; and 3) Interfaith Just Peacemaking. Collaborating with colleagues, she has developed training modules for Harvard law School, focusing on Islamic conflict resolution and mediation. Serving as an advisor on interfaith dialogue, cooperation and public engagement to local and federal agencies, she was most recently engaged at an advisory convention sponsored by the Interfaith Youth Corps in collaboration with *the White House*

Challenge: The President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.

Dr. Sayeed-Miller has created and facilitated conflict resolution processes for conflicts in many school, community, environmental, and public controversies. She serves as the Co-Chair of the American Academy of Religion's Religion and Politics Section and is a member of the Academy's Religion, Social Conflict and Peace Section. Additionally, she serves on the Higher Education Advisory Council for Interfaith Youth Corps as well as the Advisory Council for Peace and Conflict Resolution at the Tanenbaum Center. She is a past board member of both the National Association for Community Mediation and the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, and past Chair of the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women, and has served on the Teaching Team for the Luce American Academy of Religion Summer Seminar on Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theologies.

She regularly blogs for *Muslim Voices*, the Huffington Post, and has been featured in the Los Angeles Times, on NPR, PBS, on the Tavis Smiley show, and as a result, her work has been quoted by print and news media around the globe. Her lectures have included keynote speeches and named lectures at major universities including La Sierra University, University of Southern California, Harvard University, Boston Theological Seminary, University of Toledo, Eastern Mennonite University and her *alma mater*, Guilford College.

She is a 1995 graduate of Guilford College where she received the Oexmann Fellowship for community based mediation and was awarded the 2012 Young Alumni Achievement Award. She is graduated in 2000 from Indiana University Maurer School of Law where she was a teaching fellow in the area of mediation and ran the university's mediation program. She also has appointments as extended faculty at Claremont Graduate School of Religion.



Meet the Speaker

The San Diego Adventist Forum invites you to continue the discussion with our guest speaker over a fellowship meal of pasta, salad, bread, and dessert immediately following the 11:15 am Worship Service.



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