

M.A.R.I.A.M. hosts marriage conference

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Masjid An Nur, 1729 Lyndale Av. N., Minneapolis, will host a weekend marriage conference January 22-24. The conference is sponsored by Muslim American Research Institute Advocating Marriage (M.A.R.I.A.M.) which conducts conferences nationwide presenting research on marriage in the urban population, the conference will unveil findings of the Institute's latest survey.

Presenters include Dr. Verna Price, Ph.D., founder, president and principal consultant of J. Cameron & Associates. She has authored numerous research and educational articles and chapters, and two best-selling books: *The Power of People: Four Kinds of People Who Can Change Your Life* (2003) and *The Silent Cry: Dealing with Subtractors in Work and Life* (2008). Price is a Leadership Institute faculty member at The College of St. Catherine.

Also presenting is Zehra Ansari, M.A., a licensed practicing psychologist who holds masters degrees from Osmania University in India and University of Wisconsin, River Falls. Ansari, a school psychologist, has a 25-year practice in Twin Cities. Her clientele in private practice are predominantly Muslims from all ethnic backgrounds and other immigrant populations.

The Institute's founder, Faheem Shuaibe, of Oakland, CA, researched distinct features of urban American marriage and presents findings from the nationwide poll on the state of marriage in that population. Statistics shows that half of all marriages end in divorce and for certain populations marriages are even slower to form. The M.A.R.I.A.M. Conferences explores causes and cures for marriage breakdown. For more information about the conference Contact: Kamilah Shuaibe (510) 677-5782 (napture3k@yahoo.com or Arlene El-Amin at (612) 521-1749 (info@masjidannur.org) .