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### Women's Conference on

*"The Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him):  
The Greatest Champion Of Women's Welfare"*

Dedicated to

*Hazrat Fatima Zahra  
(May God Almighty be well pleased with her)*

**May 6, 2006  
Fremont, California**

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Fremont, California (May 1, 2006) - The Islamic Educational and Cultural Research Center (IECRC), a non-profit, non-political, 501(c)(3) community service organization based in Northern California will hold its first annual Women's conference on **May 6, 2006 at 2:00 PM** at 37270 Niles Boulevard in the city of Fremont, California.

This very special event organized for women by women will celebrate the birth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him, b. 570 CE) as the Light of Guidance for humanity in general and women in particular. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) is believed by Muslims to be the final Prophet of Almighty God sent as a "Mercy to all the worlds" culminating the Divine Message of upholding truth and fighting evil both at the spiritual and social levels. Muslims believe in and love all the Prophets of God including Prophets Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jesus, and Moses (peace be upon them all).

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) was born in Arabia at a time when it was steeped in the depths of oppression and shackles of abuse, especially of women. The Holy Prophet Muhammad's (Peace Be Upon Him) arrival heralded a new era - one in which women were to be considered the equal and committed partners of men in the Path to God with the recognition that at the spiritual level, all humans, both men and women, have been created from a single soul [The Holy Quran, 4:1]. There is an entire chapter dedicated to women's rights in the Holy Quran, believed by Muslims to be the last Divine Text from God confirming the previous heavenly books such as the Torah and the Bible.

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IECRC's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Women's Conference 2006 is dedicated to the eminent daughter of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him): Hazrat Fatima Zahra (may God be well pleased with her), whose life reflects that of her Beloved and Blessed Father (Peace Be Upon Him). Hazrat Fatima Zahra (may God be pleased with her) exemplified her Father's Prophetic nature and qualities creating a stellar role model for women to follow. Through its annual women's conferences IECRC intends to bring to light the shining female luminaries of the Islamic intellectual and spiritual tradition whose contributions are immense and warrant attention in the modern age as a source of inspiration, guidance, and healing to women both within and outside the fold of the Islamic faith and practice.

Amongst those confirmed to present are Dr. Syeda Saiqa Zubeda, Executive Director of the Canadian Women Counselling Centre (CWCC), British Columbia; Syeda Zille Humma Qadri, Chair of the Women's Committee of IECRC; and other dedicated mothers and sisters of the community. The event will also be an exhibition of the rich fabric of Islamic culture in the recitations of poetry praising the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) and Hazrat Fatima Zahra (may God be well pleased with her) in many languages including Urdu, English, Farsi, Arabic, and Punjabi. There will be much young talent on display in the many children's performances which are a part and parcel of all IECRC events. Attendance is expected from around the Greater Bay Area and beyond.

**ADMISSION IS FREE AND THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN.**