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Th.D. (Doctor of Theology)

Imām Dr. Talal Eid is the Imam and the Executive Director of the Islamic Institute of Boston, serving the Muslim community at large. He is Adjunct Professor of Arts of Ministry أستاذ مشارك at Hartford Seminary.

Previously, Imam Eid has served the Muslim community in the greater Boston, MA since 1982, as the Imam and Religious Director of the Islamic Center of New England, 1982-2005. He was also the Muslim chaplain at Brandeis University, the Massachusetts General Hospital & the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. In addition, he served as the Imam & Director of Religious Affairs at the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo from June 2015-June 2019.

- Officiate marriage and interfaith marriage and Conduct funeral arrangements.
- Over 30 years of experience as an Imām and marital and family therapist.
- Expert on Issues related to International Religious Freedom.

- Consultant, specialist, and expert on Islamic law, including issues of youth, Islamic Will and inheritance, marriage, marital dispute and conflict, marital violence and spouse abuse, divorce, divorce abuse, and child custody.
- Besides being a theologian, Imam Eid is an expert on Interfaith Dialogue and Muslims-Christians-Jewish Relations and Issues related to Islamic pastoral care and counseling.
- On May 14, 2007 until June 7, 2011, Imam Eid was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as a Commissioner at the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom [www.uscirf.gov](http://www.uscirf.gov). He completed two terms of his appointment as a Presidential Appointee Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> term (2 years) under President George W. Bush and 2<sup>nd</sup> term (2 years+) under President Barack H. Obama. During that period, in addition to once/twice monthly meetings in DC, he conducted with colleague Commissioners Diplomatic mission trips related to Religious Freedom and as a US speaker at the request of the State Department to: Afghanistan (as a US Speaker), Bahrain (as a US Speaker), Bangladesh (2015 as a US Speaker), Brussels (Belgium), Bucharest (Romania), Chad (Twice 2012 & 2014 as a US Speaker), Egypt (3 times, one as a US Speaker), Erbil (Iraq), France, Geneva (Switzerland), Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait (as a US Speaker), Malaysia (as a Presidential Delegate), Mauritania (2016 as a US Speaker), Morocco, Nigeria (4 times), Montenegro (2017 as a US Speaker), Philippines (as a US Speaker & as a Commissioner), Qatar (as a US Speaker), Rome (Italy), Saudi Arabia (twice), South Korea, Sudan (Khartoum and Juba twice), Syria, Cyprus (north and south), Turkey, Turkmenistan, Vienna (Austria), and Vietnam (twice).

#### **Educational Background:**

- Doctor of Theology (Th.D. – 2005) in Comparative Religion. Harvard University, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA. Thesis titled, "Marriage, Divorce, and Child Custody as Experienced by American Muslims: Religious, Social, and Legal Considerations."
- Master of Theological Studies (MTS – 1991) Harvard Divinity School.
- Bachelor Degree in Islamic Law, al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt, School of Islamic Sciences & Law, 1974.

Imam Eid is a well-known Muslim scholar, theologian, activist, and lecturer on Islam and Muslims, and on Christian, Jewish, and Muslim relations in North America and around the globe. He promotes the knowledge of Islam through local and national radio and television programs, and through articles published in local and national magazines.

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