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Th.D. (Doctor of Theology)

Imām Dr. Talal Eid is the Imam and Director of religious Affairs of the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo since June 2015.

Previously, Imam Eid has served the Muslim community in the greater Boston, MA since 1982, first as the Imam and Religious Director of the Islamic Center of New England, 1982-2005, and later as the founder and the Executive Director of the Islamic Institute of Boston, 2005-2015. He was also the Muslim chaplain at Brandeis University, the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and the Brigham and Women Hospital in Boston. He is Adjunct Professor of Arts of Ministry at Hartford Seminary.

- Over 40 years of experience as an Imam and marital and family therapist.
- 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 and International Religious Freedom.

- 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.uscifr.gov](http://www.uscifr.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 c/o Salam Institute), 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), Morocco, Nigeria (4 times), 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 from 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 and international radio and television programs, and through articles published in local and global magazines.

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