

Democratic Club of West Orange County

May 27, 2009 6:30 pm

**Learn About the Basic Tenets of the Islamic Religion and the
Challenges of being Muslim in The OC**

with Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi

Social 6:30; Speaker 7:00

Green Valley Community Center

17250 Los Jardines West, Fountain Valley

(Between Warner and Slater)



Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqi was born in India in 1943. He received his Islamic education at Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama, Lucknow, India. Dr. Siddiqi graduated from the Islamic University of Medina in Saudi Arabia in 1965 with a higher degree in Arabic and Islamic Studies. He received an M.A. in Theology from Birmingham University in England and a Ph.D. in Comparative Religion from Harvard University.

He has been the Imam and Religious Director of the Islamic Society of Orange County since 1981 and is the Chairman of the Shura Council of Southern California (the Council of Mosques and Islamic Organizations in Southern California.) He is also an Adjunct Professor of Islamic Studies at Chapman University in Orange.

In 1999 Dr. Siddiqi received the 'Humanitarian of the Year' Award from the National Council of Christians and Jews. In November 2005, he was recognized by Orange County Register as one of the top 100 most influential people who shaped Orange County in the last twenty five years. In August 2006, as part of a special feature called "The West 100", the Los Angeles Times recognized Dr. Siddiqi as one of the top 100 most powerful people in Southern California with the following description: "Siddiqi, whose mosque is among the largest in North America, is the religious leader of thousands of Southern California Muslims at a time when xenophobia is running high... he has been a leader in driving home the point that Muslims in the U.S, are peace-loving."

Dr. Siddiqi is the current Vice President of the Academy of Judaic-Christian and Islamic Studies in California. He has participated in many inter-religious dialogues and has

spoken e at the World Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Vancouver and the World Assembly of Religions in Vatican among others.