Divine Penmanship: The Art and Devotion of Islamic Calligraphy

Time: Monday, February 12, 2018, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Venue: St. Andrew UCC, 2608 Browns Lane, Louisville, KY 40220

The Topic:
Muslims believe that the words of the *Qur'an* were revealed through the agency of Archangel Gabriel to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Following the prohibition in the Ten Commandments, "You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth." (Exodus 20:4), Islamic Art focused on representing the divinely-revealed words of the Qur'an, making Calligraphy the highest of all art-forms for Muslims who expressed their love and devotion to God through the immaculate beauty and superb craftsmanship of their artistic work. Dr. Saleem Seyal takes us on an inspired journey through the evolution of Calligraphy demonstrating through examples of various styles and scripts, the profound connection between seekers of God and their Beloved who is *Rabb al 'alameen* (God of all peoples and universes)

Presenter: Dr. Saleem Seyal, M.D.
 Dr. Saleem Seyal, noted cardiologist in the Kentuckiana area, is a board-certified specialist in cardiovascular medicine, nuclear cardiologist, clinical lipidologist and hypertension specialist.
Dr. Seyal is an avid patron of the arts and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts

LOVING to write with fountain pens of which he has a sizable collection, Dr. Seyal has become an enthusiast of the art of calligraphy and continues to learn this craft as a sacred hobby. He will be assisting attendees to this presentation try their own creation of calligraphy.

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