

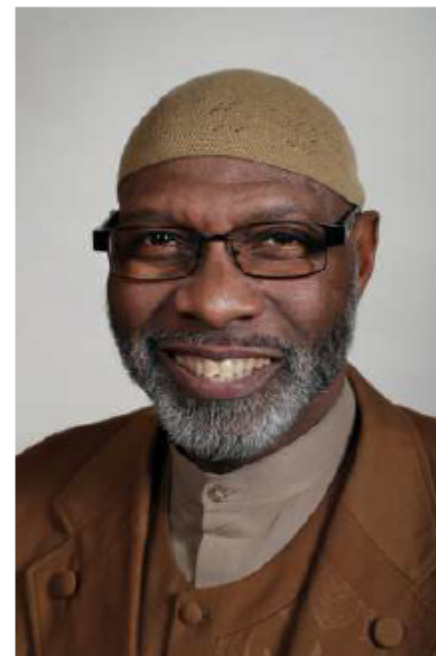
**Ako Abdul-Samad – Des Moines (D)  
District 35**

**Term:** Serving seventh term in House. **Profession:** Founder and chief executive officer of Creative Visions Human Development Institute. **Education:** Graduate of the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law and International Diplomacy. **Memberships and Activities:** Currently co-vice chair of the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus. Established and directed business functions that include employment assistance, support services, health care management, community development, advocacy, and consultancy on culture and diversity education. Current elected chair of American Muslim Alliance. Elected to Des Moines Public School Board in 2003 and served as vice president. Co-founder and coordinator of YMCA Downtown Teen Program, vice president of the Center for the Study and Application of Black Economic Development, and co-founder of the first black student union in the state of Iowa. Published author of "The Deeper Truth: Revelations of the Soul." Awarded by Filipino American Society, October 2018; Community Outreach Achievement Award, June 2018; Interfaith Alliance Community Advocacy Award, 2016; National Caring Award, 2004. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines.



**Ako Abdul-Samad – Des Moines (D)**  
**District 35**

**Term:** Serving sixth term in House. **Profession:** Founder and senior executive officer of Creative Visions Human Development Institute. **Education:** Graduate of the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law and International Diplomacy. **Memberships and Activities:** Published author of “The Deeper Truth: Revelations of the Soul.” Former chair of the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus. Current elected chair of American Muslim Alliance. Elected to Des Moines Public School Board in 2003 and served as vice president. Co-founder and coordinator of YMCA Downtown Teen Program, founder and president of African-American Islamic Association, vice president of the Center for the Study and Application of Black Economic Development, and co-founder of the first black student union in the state of Iowa. Established and directed business functions that include employment assistance, support services, health care management, community development, advocacy, and consultancy on culture and diversity education. Awarded the National Caring Award in 2004. 2016 Interfaith Alliance Community Advocacy Award. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines.



**Ako Abdul-Samad – Des Moines (D)  
District 35**

**Term:** Serving fifth term in House. **Profession:** Founder and senior executive officer of Creative Visions Human Development Institute. **Education:** Graduate of the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law and International Diplomacy. **Memberships and Activities:** Published author of “The Deeper Truth: Revelations of the Soul.” Current chair of the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus. Newly elected chair of American Muslim Alliance. Elected to Des Moines Public School Board in 2003 and served as vice president. Co-founder and coordinator of YMCA Downtown Teen Program, founder and president of African-American Islamic Association, vice president of the Center for the Study and Application of Black Economic Development, and co-founder of the first black student union in the state of Iowa. Established and directed business functions that include employment assistance, support services, health care management, community development, advocacy, and consultancy on culture and diversity education. Awarded the National Caring Award in 2004. Awarded for his contributions to the community by Bankers Trust in 2015. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines.



**Ako Abdul-Samad - Des Moines (D)**  
**District 35**

**Term:** Serving fourth term in House. **Profession:** Founder and senior executive officer of Creative Visions Human Development Institute. **Education:** Graduate of the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law and International Diplomacy. **Memberships and Activities:** Elected to Des Moines Public School Board 2003. Vice president of the Des Moines Public School System School Board, cofounder and coordinator of YMCA Downtown Teen Program, vice president of KUCB Radio, founder and president of African-American Islamic Association, vice president of the Center for the Study and Application of Black Economic Development, cofounder of the first black student union in the state of Iowa, and member of International Civil Rights Solidarity Movement. Established and directed business functions that include employment assistance and support services, health care management, community development and advocacy, and consultancy on culture and diversity education, and served as an empowerment advocate and community resource network manager to improve quality of life for at-risk youth. Awarded the National Caring Award in 2004. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Raised and resides in Des Moines.



**Ako Abdul-Samad – Des Moines (D)  
District 66**

**Term:** Serving third term in House. **Profession:** Founder and senior executive officer of Creative Visions Human Development Institute. **Education:** Graduate of the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law and International Diplomacy. **Memberships and Activities:** Elected to Des Moines Public School Board 2003. Vice president of the Des Moines Public School System School Board, cofounder and coordinator of YMCA Downtown Teen Program, vice president of KUCB Radio, founder and president of African-American Islamic Association, vice president of the Center for the Study and Application of Black Economic Development, cofounder of the first black student union in the state of Iowa, and member of International Civil Rights Solidarity Movement. Established and directed business functions that include employment assistance and support services, health care management, community development and advocacy, and consultancy on culture and diversity education, and served as an empowerment advocate and community resource network manager to improve quality of life for at-risk youth. Awarded the National Caring Award in 2004. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Resides in Des Moines.



**Abdul-Samad, Ako - Des Moines (D)  
District 66**

**Term:** Serving second term in House. **Profession:** Founder and senior executive officer of Creative Visions Human Development Institute. **Education:** Graduate of the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law and International Diplomacy. **Memberships and Activities:** Elected to Des Moines Public School Board 2003. Vice president of the Des Moines Public School System School Board, cofounder and coordinator of YMCA Downtown Teen Program, vice president of KUCB Radio, founder and president of African-American Islamic Association, vice president of the Center for the Study and Application of Black Economic Development, cofounder of the first black student union in the state of Iowa, and member of International Civil Rights Solidarity Movement. Established and directed business functions that include employment assistance and support services, health care management, community development and advocacy, and consultancy on culture and diversity education, and served as an empowerment advocate and community resource network manager to improve quality of life for at-risk youth. Awarded the National Caring Award in 2004. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Resides in Des Moines.



**Abdul-Samad, Ako - Des Moines (D)  
District 66**

**Term:** Serving first term in House. **Profession:** Founder and senior executive officer of Creative Visions Human Development Institute. **Education:** Graduate of the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law and International Diplomacy. **Memberships and Activities:** Elected to Des Moines Public School Board 2003. Vice president of the Des Moines Public School System School Board, cofounder and coordinator of YMCA Downtown Teen Program, vice president of KUCB Radio, founder and president of African-American Islamic Association, vice president of the Center for the Study and Application of Black Economic Development, cofounder of the first black student union in the state of Iowa, and member of International Civil Rights Solidarity Movement. Established and directed business functions that include employment assistance and support services, health care management, community development and advocacy, and consultancy on culture and diversity education, and served as an empowerment advocate and community resource network manager to improve quality of life for at-risk youth. Awarded the National Caring Award in 2004. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Des Moines. Resides in Des Moines.

