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Welcome

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

As we present this issue dedicated to the life and teachings of Prophet Mohammad ﷺ, we pray that Allah enriches our understanding and strengthens our connection to His beloved Messenger. May this deeper insight inspire you and your loved ones to emulate the Prophet's exemplary character and compassion.



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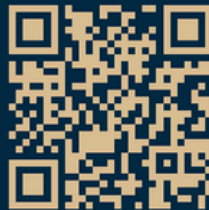
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PROPHET MOHAMMAD ﷺ

Guided by Mercy, Grounded in Strength

In our last newsletter, we explored dawah; now, we focus on the greatest example—Prophet Mohammad ﷺ, whom Allah chose as the ultimate da'i. He was sent as a mercy to all mankind and made our guide in dawah.

After the passing of Abu Talib and Khadija, the Prophet ﷺ went to Ta'if to call its people to Islam. The people of Ta'if rejected the message and threw rocks at him until he bled. As he was returning to Makkah, Allah sent the Angel of the Mountains to him, offering to crush the people between the mountains. The Prophet ﷺ responded, "Rather, I hope that Allah will bring forth from their loins those who will worship Him alone and associate nothing with Him."

In the Battle of Hunain, the Muslims faced a strong and skilled army. The Prophet ﷺ stood his ground when many of the Muslims have fled, he dismounted from his white she-camel and repeatedly said, "I am the Prophet; I do not lie. I am the son of Abdul Muttalib." His courage rallied the Muslims who had fled, and the battle ended in victory for the believers.

The Seerah provides us with 23 years of the Prophet's ﷺ life, offering the best ways to give dawah, no matter the audience or situation. From the story of Ta'if, we learn to show mercy and compassion, even to those who harm us, in the hope that they might one day accept the truth. From the Battle of Hunain, we learn courage and determination, and how they can unite people upon the truth.

We ask Allah to allow us to keep learning about the Prophet ﷺ's seerah, and we ask Him to send His blessings upon the best man to ever walk this earth.



AICI'S OPEN HOUSE

AICI hosted its second open house event of the year in August. This was a beautiful opportunity for the neighboring community to introduce themselves to Islam and visit a mosque for the first time. The event had over 140 people sign-up to indulge in cultural food, henna, a hijab try-on booth, a tour of the mosque, and an Islam 101 lecture.

Our goal as Muslims in our communities is always to be the best interpretation of Islam. Events like these help us make that possible!



● Masjid Open House

Over 50 of our non-Muslim neighbors visited Alhuda to explore and learn.

● Meet & Greet Bonfire

A halaqah & Bonfire for middle schoolers with Ustath Umair Lasania

● Sister's Quran Club

Sister's Only Halaqah on various topics from the Quran

● Alhuda to ALASKA

A beautiful documentary about the journey from Alhudato Alaska

● Welcome Gathering

A welcome ceremony for our newest community member, Ustadh Umair

● Qiyam Night

Our monthly Qiyam night + Halaqah for men and women!

AUGUST

Past Events

● AICI Quran Program

Our newest semester for the HIFZ and Reading class has started

● Tafseer Al-Murslat

Tafseer Al-Murslat Halaqah with Dr. Nasser Karimian

● AICI Basketball Practice

Get ready for the AICI Midwest Tournament with professional coaching!

● Jiu Jitsu

Don't miss out on the Marital Art Classes! Classes for all ages





COMMUNITY CORNER: **The Mystery of** *the Poster*



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I was in my second year of medical school in Egypt when I went to college, as usual, to see many posters warning us that a very important visitor would be coming to visit soon. One of these posters stated that the visitor is the most important character in everyone's life. Many questions came to my mind trying to figure out who deserves the title of the “Most Important Person in My Life”. Most students talked about this incident, but nobody knew the answer to this mystery.

The next day, all the posters were flipped to uncover the secret. The posters stated: “The Visitor is the Prophet Mohammad ﷺ, check your calendar, today is the remembrance of his Birth”. I was not even following the Hijri calendar to find out. My biggest concerns were my career, my exams, my lectures, my classes, etc. I knew that the Prophet ﷺ was the one who had the most significant impact in my life, being a Muslim. However, I did not realize how I had swerved from his complete guidance to succeed in the real exam of life until this moment. Therefore, I started to learn more about him, his characteristics, his life, and his sacrifices to deliver Islam to me. Getting deeper into his rich biography touched me profoundly. I asked myself: “If he visits me today, would he be pleased with my life following him and his path?” I decided to try to make the answer to this question positive and to truly make the Prophet Mohammad ﷺ the only one who deserves to be “The Most Important Person in My Life”.

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—Ahmad Soliman

Introducing PEIGHTON PORTER



Get to know Peighton

Peighton Porter is a 24-year-old mother to a two-year-old son. She is an assistant preschool teacher who is passionately pursuing her bachelor's degree in elementary education. With hopes of becoming an ESL teacher one day, she is driven by a deep sense of purpose and commitment to her future career.

Journey to Islam

Before embracing Islam, Peighton knew very little about the faith. Growing up, she was taught to associate Islam with negative stereotypes, which left her with many misconceptions. However, during a dark period in her life, she became intrigued by the peace she observed in others who practiced Islam. This curiosity led her to learn more and eventually embrace the truth.

One of Peighton's biggest questions before converting was about why Muslim women dress modestly and cover their hair. In her own words: "After learning about how Islam protects women, I understood the concept much better and put on my hijab and wore it every single day a month before taking my shahada"

Hobbies & Interests

Peighton has a love for learning new languages, creating art, playing video games, and exploring new cuisines. Her curious and adventurous spirit drives her to continually seek new experiences and knowledge.

Family Challenges

Peighton's decision to convert was met with resistance from her family, who still question her choice. Despite this, she prays that Allah (SWT) will soften their hearts and guide them to understand her journey.

Advice to Others

Peighton reminds us that Allah (SWT) loves everyone, regardless of their past. Whether someone has tattoos, piercings, or a troubled history, Allah (SWT) is the most merciful and forgiving to those who return to Him.

Call for Community

Peighton stresses the need for a supportive Muslim community, especially during Ramadan and Eid, urging everyone to remember and include reverts as they navigate their new faith.

We are happy to introduce Peighton and hope the community will respond positively to her call

SEPTEMBER

Upcoming Events



ESTEEM (HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS)



Fridays 5:30PM - 7:00PM

ESTEEM (MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS)



Sundays 12:00PM - 1:30PM

EMERGE (BOYS)



Tuesdays 6:30PM - 8:00PM

SISTERS QURAN CLASS



Every Tuesday after Maghrib

BASKETBALL PRACTICE



Visit our social media for updates on timings.

TAFSEER HALAQAH



Every Tuesday after Maghrib

USOOL ALFIQH HALAQAH



Every Thursday after Maghrib

JUMMAA TIMES



Friday at 1:30PM, 3PM & 4PM

JIU JITSU



Every Wednesday after Asr

TAJWEED HALAQA



Every Monday after Maghrib

AICI BOYS NIGHT



Every Friday after Maghreb

QURAN PROGRAM



Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 4-7pm
Saturday: 10AM - 1PM

QIYAM NIGHT



Sept 28th, after Isha

ISLAM AND HISTORY OF YEMEN



Sept. 7, after Maghrib



TOUR OF TALES

Sept. 6th, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Background

Ishaq Abadan Mehr, a devoted husband and father of two, Yaqoub and Rehma, grew up in western New York. He made the move to Fishers in 2017, right after performing Hajj in 2016.

Hobbies and Interests

Ishaq enjoys spending time with family and friends, with a passion for grilling and BBQ. He also loves playing basketball and football.

Community Goals

Ishaq hopes to see more brothers and sisters involved in the community and strives to make new members feel welcome and engaged.

Community Work

Working mostly behind the scenes, Ishaq is involved in the Convert Suhba program, Open House, Interfaith events, and youth activities.

Member Recognition

ISHAQ MEHR

Inspiration

Ishaq believes each of us plays a vital role in the community. Instead of complaining, he encourages everyone to contribute in any way they can. His prayer is for the next generation to be stronger and for Allah to reward those who work for our future.

Memorable Experience

Among many experiences, one that stands out is witnessing a brother perform his first slaughter last Eid and donate the meat to the needy. This act of faith made Ishaq deeply reflect on his own journey.



The Fishers Muslim community is truly amazing. This has become home for my family and I feel like there is so much potential to build something huge. I am humbled and at the same time excited to be a member of this community

We are grateful for the dedication and quiet leadership Ishaq brings to our community. His efforts, though often behind the scenes, have a lasting impact on us all.

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