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With the start of a new year, we pause to reflect on the one that has passed. A year filled with moments of growth, moments of struggle, quiet efforts, and unseen acts of worship. Some goals were reached, others were not – and that is part of the journey Allah has written for us.

As we step into this new year, we do so with gratitude for what Allah allowed us to experience, and hope for what lies ahead. May this year be one of sincerity, consistency, and closeness to Him. We ask Allah to accept what has passed, forgive our shortcomings, and place barakah in what is to come.

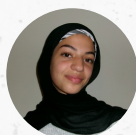
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وَجَزَاكُمُ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا

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Purifying intentions

Every journey in Islam begins with intention. Before action, before planning, before outcomes – there is the heart.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ"

"Actions are judged by intentions." (Bukhari & Muslim)

This hadith is not only the first hadith in Sahih al-Bukhari, but it is also the first hadith in the 40 Nawawi hadiths. The scholars intentionally placed it at the beginning to remind us that nothing that follows has value without sincerity.

Allah tells us that deeds without the right intention hold no weight:

﴿وَقَدِمْنَا إِلَىٰ مَا عَمِلُوا مِنْ عَمَلٍ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ مَبَاءً مُنْتُوًّا﴾

"And We will turn to whatever deeds they did, and We will make them scattered dust." (Al-Furqan 25:23)

As we begin a new year, it is easy to focus on goals, plans, and results. But Islam teaches us to begin elsewhere – with intention. A sincere intention can turn ordinary actions into worship, and small deeds into lasting reward.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"مَنْ هَمَّ بِحَسَنَةٍ فَلَمْ يَعْمَلْهَا كُتِبَتْ لَهُ حَسَنَةٌ كَامِلَةٌ"

"Whoever intends a good deed but does not do it, it is written for him as a complete good deed."

(Bukhari & Muslim)

Even when the action falls short, the intention is never lost with Allah.

You may strive, serve, give, teach, or improve yourself this year and never see the results you hoped for. But Allah does not measure success the way we do. He looks at sincerity, effort, and truthfulness of the heart.

So as this year begins, renew your niyyah – not just for big goals, but for every step along the way.

اللهم اجعل أعمالنا خالصة لوجهك الكريم

O Allah, make our actions sincerely for Your sake.



PAKISTAN

Pakistan, located in South Asia, is a historically and culturally rich country shaped by ancient civilizations and Islamic heritage. It is the world's fifth-most populous nation and home to the second-largest Muslim population, with Islam central to its identity. From the Indus Valley Civilization to early Muslim caliphates, Pakistan's legacy and diverse geography reflect a blend of South Asian, Central Asian, and Islamic influences.

Capital of Pakistan
Islamabad


255.2 million

Traditional foods

Biryani
Korma
Gulab Jamun

Fun Facts

Over 70 languages are spoken in Pakistan.
Home to the 2nd tallest mountain.
Pakistan has 6 climates.



Past events

- ▶ **Youth Winter Camp**
High schoolers spent 4 days of their winter break preparing for ramadan while engaging in fun activities.
- ▶ **Qiyam Night**
A night of prayer, reflection, and connection with Mufti Daoud Khan.
- ▶ **Eman School Fundraising Dinner**
Enjoying a meal while supporting a great cause!
- ▶ **Miftaah Guardians of the Heart**
An evening spent on strengthening our hearts, reflection, growth, and revival.
- ▶ **Fifa to Feed**
Great food, a wonderful community, and all while supporting the youth soup kitchen.
- ▶ **Sistersgiving**
A cozy evening spent on food, halaqah, and strengthening sisterhood.



A look into 2026

▶ **Juz'Amma Review Day**

Review your memorization and recitation of Juz' Amma with our huffadh together as a community.

▶ **Alhuda Open House**

Come out and enjoy an amazing time exploring what's going on inside our mosque

▶ **AICI Midwest tournament**

The AICI Midwest Tournament – hosted by Alhuda Spark – is planning to host yet another basketball tournament.

▶ **Alhuda Ramadan Bazaar**

Get Ramadan-ready with everything you need in one place.

▶ **Tafseer Tuesdays**

▶ **AICI Youth Seminary**

▶ **Qiyam Nights**

▶ **Eid and Fall Festival**

Meet the team

Get to know the people behind your monthly newsletter.



Omar Abdelalim
Editor-In-Chief

My name is Omar, and I was raised in Madinah, where my early years shaped my connection to the masjid and love for community service. I truly enjoy working with and serving the masjid, as I believe it is the foundation of a united community. I lead the Al-Huda Newsletter because I believe it's an effective way to keep our community involved and informed. Beyond that, I have a strong interest in technology and enjoy using it to improve day-to-day life and to strengthen the Muslim ummah.



Joud Abdelhafez
Head of Visuals

Salaam! My name is Joud. I was born in New York, moved to Bloomington, then finally settled in Fishers, Indiana. Spending my youth in this community has truly been such a blessing, and I wouldn't be the person I am without it. My hobbies are cooking, volunteering, poetry, and enjoying a good movie or series! Through this newsletter, I hope to inshaAllah have a simple yet meaningful impact to my community, and I'm grateful to be a part of this.



Dana Aljebawi
Writer

Asalammu Alaykum,

My name is Dana Aljebawi. I was born in Dubai and have been living in Fishers since the age of five. Alhamdulillah, I've watched AICI grow drastically throughout my childhood and only hope to help it grow further as I enter adulthood. As a senior in high school planning on attending IUI, I aspire to gain insightful knowledge to display Alhuda's purpose through my contribution to the newsletter.

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Muhanad Abd Rabbou
Head of Content Development

I'm Muhanad, you've probably seen me walking around the masjid with a camera once or twice before. Contributing to the revival and rise of this Ummah once again is what motivates me to be as active as I can in my community. I strongly believe that the reform of any society has always been rooted in its youth, something made clear throughout history and most notably in the Seerah. So I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to work, grow, and learn alongside this amazing team, and I look forward to serving our community in every way I can in the future.



Maya Abd Rabbou
Editor

I'm Maya Abd Rabbou. I was born and raised in Syria, and somehow, the Al-Huda Community found me at the ripe age of 17. One thing about me is that I absolutely adore cats. I know they say "curiosity killed the cat," but that hasn't stopped me from being curious and seeking knowledge every day. Alhamdulillah, I strive to use the knowledge I gain to add meaningful insights to the newsletter



Sana Alfrhan
Contributor

Salam! My name is Sana, and I'm relatively new to the Al-Huda community. I'm originally from Crown Point, IN, and moved here about a year and a half ago for IU School of Medicine, where I am currently a second-year student. From the start, I've truly appreciated how warmly I've been embraced by Al-Huda, and I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to contribute toward bringing our community closer together through this newsletter, inshallah!

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