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We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone reading this.

As we look ahead, our commitment to improving and expanding our newsletter remains our top priority. We encourage you to continue sharing your insights and feedback with us. Together, we can ensure that our newsletter remains a vital resource, one that enlightens, unites, and uplifts us all.



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TEN DAYS OF DHUL-HIJJAH

(والفجر* وليال عشر* والشفع والوتر) (الفجر: 3.1)

The importance of the first 10 days

Allah has designated specific times and places for heightened worship and reward, notably the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah. These days are so sacred that Allah swears by them in the Quran: "By the dawn; by the ten nights" [The Qur'an, 89:1-2]. The Prophet Mohammad ﷺ emphasized their importance by stating: "No good deeds done on other days are superior to those done on these days." Even acts of jihad, unless involving extreme sacrifice, do not surpass the deeds done during these ten days.

Arafah and Eid-AlAdha

The first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah are considered superior to the last ten days of Ramadan, while the last ten nights of Ramadan are deemed superior to the ten nights of Dhul-Hijjah. The Day of Arafah, the ninth day of Dhul-Hijjah, is particularly significant, as the Prophet ﷺ said: "There is no day on which Allah sets free more slaves from Hell than He does on the Day of Arafah." We should all attempt to fast on this day to wipe away the sins of two years, the previous and preceding years as the prophet ﷺ mentioned. The subsequent Day of Sacrifice, is Eid al-Adha, where we will be sacrificing an animal for the sake of Allah, it's a day of joy and celebration, as it marks the end of those blessed 10 days.

How to benefit even more?

Engaging in additional prayers, charity, and remembrance of Allah are also highly meritorious acts during this period. As the Quran says, "That they may witness benefits for themselves and mention the name of Allah on known days over what He has provided for them of [sacrificial] animals. So eat of them and feed the miserable and poor." [The Noble Qur'an, 22:28].



MAY

Past Events

▶ BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A basketball tournament for middle school boys and girls.

▶ INTERFAITH MEETING

Interfaith night with 2nd presbyterian church

▶ JIU-JITSU TOURNAMENT

Al Huda's first Jiu-Jitsu Tournament!

▶ MEN'S BONFIRE

An opportunity to destress before finals and hang out with friends.

▶ SISTER'S QURAN CLUB

Every Wednesday, sisters meet to recite, reflect, and memorize the Quran



▶ EMAN SCHOOL GRADUATION

Celebrated the graduation of middle and highschoolers at the AICI venue.

▶ CONVERT DINNER

A dinner event for Muslim brother converts, featuring a lecture about the virtues of the ten days of Dhul-Hijjah .

▶ THE WAR WITHIN OUR HEARTS

A bonfire night for the youth with a halaqah by Ustadh Umair.



Introducing ANTHONY PEARSON

Background

Anthony is a 36-year-old Muslim community member. He is married to Phoebe, and together they have three children: two boys and one girl.

He is currently in the process of opening a home care business. Previously, he owned and ran a small trucking company for two years. Additionally, he is co-partnered with a few dog breeders and has other small investments.

Hobbies and Interests

Anthony enjoys working out, going to the gym at least five days a week, and doing six miles of cardio. He has a passion for learning new things, reading, and obtaining knowledge.

Anthony loves spending time with his family and traveling to various parts of the country, with plans to travel internationally in the near future.

Journey to Islam

Before converting, Anthony knew relatively little about Islam, other than it being a religion outside of Christianity. He had no preconceived thoughts or misconceptions about Islam.

Anthony's interest in Islam was sparked by a close Muslim friend whose character he admired. After studying and reading the Quran, Anthony found himself agreeing with it and decided to embrace Islam.

Impact of Gaza Situation

When asked about his feelings following the events of October 7th, Anthony expressed: Being a Black male born in America, I've witnessed amplified oppression and injustice on a global stage, while those in a position to intervene often stand by and do nothing. Even when these issues are highlighted, the response is inadequate. I sense a bias that leaves me with numerous questions. Undoubtedly, these experiences have profoundly altered my view of the world.



JUNE

Upcoming Events

➤ **REVERT SISTERS
QURAN CLASS**
Every Tuesday after Maghreb

➤ **SHEIKH NASSER
USOOL AL-FIQH**
Every Thursday after Maghreb

➤ **THE MAGNIFICENT
QURAN TOUR**
Saturday, June 1 (7 PM)

➤ **NOORANIYAH AND QURAN
TAHFEEZ INTENSIVE**
June 3rd - June 24

➤ **ARABIC LANGUAGE
SUMMER CAMP**
June 3rd - July 25

➤ **EID AL ADHA**
Joint Salah for the entire
Indianapolis metro area
at the Indiana Convention
Center, downtown.

➤ **JIU JITSU**
Every Wednesday after
Asr (6:30pm)

➤ **AICI BOYS NIGHT**
Every Friday after Maghreb

➤ **FOOD PANTRY**
June 8th & 22nd
10am - 1pm

➤ **QIYAM NIGHT**
June 29th after Isha

➤ **JUMMAA TIMES**
Friday at 1:30pm, 3pm & 4pm

➤ **AHUDA SUMMER CAMP**
June 3rd - July 4th
Monday - Thursday

Member Recognition MOUNTAHA YASIN KASSAB

In this issue, we are proud to recognize a valuable member who has made remarkable contributions to our community, Dr. Mountaha Yasin Kassab. An OBGYN physician by training, she practiced in Syria and Saudi Arabia before moving to Indiana with her family. Prioritizing her children's Islamic identity and Arabic-Quranic language, she dedicated herself to volunteering in Islamic schools and masjids since 1995.

Dr. Kassab has been an invaluable asset to the Alhuda Foundation since its establishment in 2002, serving as a curriculum planner and Arabic Quranic teacher. Her commitment extended to leading Quranic tafseer classes for 16 years and conducting Friday youth halaqas since 2009. She achieved significant milestones, including her license in Annurania in 2015 and her license in Quran recitation with Tajweed in 2018. Her greatest joy comes from witnessing her students read the Quran fluently.

Elected to the Alhuda Foundation Board of Directors in 2018 and re-elected in 2021, Dr. Kassab tirelessly works to ensure our masjid remains a safe, welcoming, and educational environment. As a board member, she champions the voices of our sisters, fostering connection and encouraging new initiatives.



Despite challenges such as maintaining cleanliness, ensuring safety, especially during Ramadan, and recruiting volunteers, Dr. Kassab's dedication never wavers. She envisions a thriving community with students who are moral and spiritual leaders. We recognize and deeply appreciate Dr. Kassab's sacrifices and relentless efforts. May Allah accept her deeds and reward her abundantly. Jazaki Allahu khairan, Dr. Kassab.

MEMBERSHIP

Benefits

Voting Rights: Members have the right to vote on important issues, such as board elections or significant changes in the Alhuda's direction, giving them a say in its governance. This is in addition to eligibility to run for board positions.

Discounts on Services and Facilities: Members will receive a 10% discount on religious services offered by the Masjid (if applicable), including, but not limited to, marriage ceremonies, childcare services, and educational programs, along with discounts on renting facilities, including, but not limited to, the Gym, Fatooma Room, Patio area and Musalla area.

Advertising Discounts: Members are eligible for 10% discount on advertising their businesses through the Masjid's channels, including the Newsletter, Digital Screens, and Social Media platforms.

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