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Welcome

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As we share this issue focused on the power and promise of our youth, we pray that Allah nurtures their potential and keeps their hearts firm on the path of goodness. May they grow into the leaders, builders, and caretakers of tomorrow, with the strength and guidance to shape a brighter future for the Ummah. Let this issue be a reminder to uplift and support them in every step of their journey.



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The Importance and Responsibility of The *Youth*

In this issue, we turn our focus to the youth, who hold a special place in our community. Their energy, passion, and fresh ideas breathe new life into our Ummah, pushing us forward and making us stronger. Just as the roots of a tree give it life, the youth are the roots of our future—nurturing them means nurturing the growth of the Ummah itself.



The Prophet ﷺ taught us the significance of youth and their potential. He, ﷺ, said, "Seven are the persons whom Allah will give shade of His Throne on the Day when there will be no shade except His Throne's shade." One of them, he mentioned, is "a youth who grew up worshipping Allah."

In a time when distractions are many, evil is abundant, and sin is easier than ever, the community must provide an inviting environment for the youth to learn and grow in their religion. At the same time, the youth ought to feel a sense of belonging and responsibility in strengthening and empowering their communities.



By involving our youth in the affairs of the community, we plant seeds of wisdom, courage, and leadership. Their involvement ensures the continuous revival of our traditions, blended with new ideas, keeping us united on the straight path.

Traveling the Muslim World



YEMEN

Yemen is located on the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, bordered by Saudi Arabia and Oman. It has a rich history, with ancient civilizations such as the Sabaean Kingdom. Its capital is Sanaa, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Yemen's economy traditionally relies on agriculture, fishing, and oil exports. In recent years, Yemen has faced significant challenges due to ongoing civil conflict, humanitarian crises, and political instability. Despite these issues, Yemen remains known for its diverse cultural heritage, beautiful landscapes, and historical significance in the Arab world.



Capital City

Sanaa



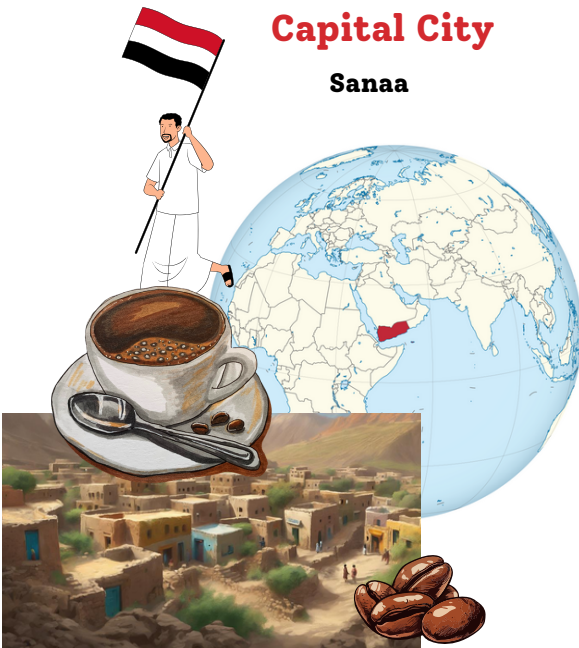
33.7 Million (2022)

Popular Dishes

Saltah
Mandi
Maraq

Fun Facts

- Yemen is the birthplace of Coffee
- The Ancient City of Sana'a Is a UNESCO World Heritage Site



September

Past Events

- **Tour of Tales - Miftah**
Mufti Abdul Wahab Waheed
- **The War Within our Hearts**
Umair Lasania
- **Islam and History of Yemen**
- **The Legacy of Ibrahim**
Mufti Daoud
- **Sister's Quran Club**
- **Dodgeball and Halaqah**
Umair Lasania
- **Girls Study and Coffee Day**
YMS & MSA & AICI
- **Qiyam Night**
- **Tafseer Al-Mursalat**
- **AICI Quran Program**





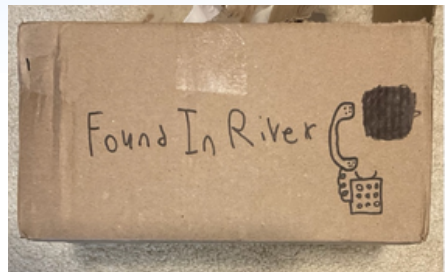
COMMUNITY CORNER:

The Lost Phone



This past summer, a few friends and I went on a Halaqa retreat to the Smokey Mountains. One of the activities we planned was whitewater rafting, and since I had the reservation details, I decided to take my phone on the raft. We spent hours enjoying the water, and by the end of the route, one of my friends suggested we take a picture. When I reached for my phone, I suddenly realized it was gone. I panicked, patting myself down, and quickly realized it had fallen into the river.

I was visibly upset, mostly worried about losing all my pictures, messages, and data. However, we still had two days left on the trip, and I didn't want my situation to ruin everyone else's experience. I prayed two rak'at, put my trust in Allah SWT, and promised myself not to dwell on it.



Hey, good news I found your phone!
I go diving in the river for fun to look for lost items and I happened to find your phone at the Pigeon River in Tennessee. The phone works fine and I found your ID with it. I'm hoping your address is still the same but in case it's not, I reset the phone so that nobody can get into it. If this is your phone please text me at [REDACTED] to let me know you got it. If this is not your phone please return it to the sending address.

Two months later, I went to check the mail and found a package with my name on it. To my surprise, the words "Found in River" were written on the side, along with a drawing of a phone. I opened it, and there was my old phone!

I immediately prayed Sajdat Shukr, overwhelmed by Allah's unexpected blessing. This experience reminded me of the Prophet's (SAW) saying, "Verily, you will never leave anything for the sake of Allah Almighty but that Allah will replace it with something better for you." It was a powerful lesson in patience and Tawakkul, and how Allah always makes a way for those who trust in Him.

Omar AlHaffar



Introducing

UMAIR LASANIA

Umair Lasania grew up in Springfield, Ohio, where his father serves as the town's imam. Coming from a family deeply rooted in Islamic scholarship, his mother is an Alimah and teacher, while his brother is an Imam in Columbus. Umair's journey in faith and leadership was shaped by his family's commitment to serving the Muslim community.



Educational Background

Umair completed his high school education and Hifz at Darul Uloom Bury in Manchester, UK—the first Darul Uloom in the Western Hemisphere. He studied Arabic at Qasid Institute in Amman, Jordan, before joining Qalam Institute in Dallas, Texas, where he completed the five-year Alimiyah program.

Hobbies & Interests

Outside of his work, Umair enjoys sports like soccer, basketball, and anything competitive. He also spends time at the gym, has taken up cooking, and recently got into fishing. On the gaming side, he loves playing FIFA and Warzone.

Work at AlHuda

Umair's main focus at AlHuda is supporting the youth. He leads programs, classes, and mentorship sessions. His goal is to serve as an older brother figure, helping youth navigate life's challenges while keeping Islam central to their lives.

Community Goals

Umair hopes to see kids excited about coming to the masjid and proud to be Muslim. He envisions a community where the youth feel a deep connection to the masjid and see it as a positive, welcoming space.

Upcoming Programs

Look out for the "War Within Our Hearts" class for high schoolers and bi-weekly middle school discussions on the values of a Muslim.



We are honored to have Umair Lasania's leadership and mentorship at AlHuda, and we hope this page has helped the community get to know him better.



FUTURE 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

▶ **BASKETBALL PRACTICE**

Visit our social media for updates on timings.

▶ **TAFSEER HALAQAH**

Every Tuesday after Maghrib

▶ **JUMMAA TIMES**

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

▶ **JIU JITSU**

Every Wednesday after Asr

▶ **TAJWEED HALAQAH**

Every Monday after Maghrib

▶ **AICI BOYS NIGHT**

Every Friday after Maghrib

▶ **QURAN PROGRAM**

Visit our social media for updates on timings.

▶ **QIYAM NIGHT**

October 26th, after Isha

 **AICI MIDWEST
TOURNAMENT**
November 9th-10th

Member Recognition



UMAIR

MINHAS

About Umair

Umair Minhas, of Pakistani background, originally from Toronto, Canada, moved to Indiana in 2021 for work as a gastroenterologist in Anderson. He completed his medical training in Buffalo, NY, and after relocating, married his wife, Ruba. Umair quickly found a sense of belonging through Masjid Al-Huda and became an active part of the community.

Interest

Umair loves traveling, trying new foods, and is a passionate ice cream enthusiast. He also enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Community Involvement

Umair is deeply involved in organizing events at Masjid Al-Huda, including the open house and interfaith programs. He is also part of the revert incorporation group and helps bring scholars to the mosque for various events.

Memorable Experience

Umair's most memorable experience was during the first open house event. A coworker from the hospital expressed interest in bringing their spouse, who had been studying Islam. After attending the event and learning more, the spouse decided to take their shahadah by the end of the day, officially accepting Islam. This moment remains one of the most rewarding and wholesome experiences in Umair's life.

Vision for the Community

Umair envisions the masjid as a community center for people from all backgrounds, with a focus on engaging the youth. He sees the community growing rapidly and believes it will become a key Muslim community in the Midwest.

Umair's dedication has significantly strengthened community engagement at Masjid Al-Huda, and we are grateful to having him in our community

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