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Muhammad, Allah's Messenger

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**In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful**

## Imam's forward

All praise is due to Allah alone, Lord of all that exists. And may His peace and blessings be upon our noble Prophet, the final Messenger, Muhammad, and upon his family and companions.

At Islamic Center Saskatoon (IAS) has been a busy and fruitful year, and all praise is due to Allah. Not only have i continued to build upon the success of 2015/16 by maintaining and increasing regular activities, our regular classes and events continue to go from strength to strength. Very successful 2<sup>nd</sup> Imams conference, Death Awareness weekend course, Monthly all community program, and Panel Discussion was presented to the community attended by notable speakers and their success was attested by the large attendances at every program. As another year comes to an end, and I look forward to the start of a new year, with all the existing and ongoing programs & Events, I am hopeful, with the help of Allah and will continue to meet the needs of our community and offer the services they most require. For this I thank Allah, the Most High, without His aid nothing is possible. I also thank our management team, dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers we are fortunate to have, as well.



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## 1. INTRODUCTION:

As we embark on the start of a year, we reflect on our immediate past, feel encouraged by the fruit of our efforts, enriched by hard lessons learned, and eager to forge ahead with optimism and enthusiasm. We thank Allah (**Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala**) for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. The following is just a brief list of highlights and accomplishments I have achieved from March 2015 to February 2016. These activities are done only for the sake of Allah (**Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala**).

## 2. PRAYERS

### *2.1 Five Daily Prayers*

Alhamdulillah I led the 5 daily prayers regularly throughout the year, except when it was not possible to lead due to an illness or other community related service outside the masjid.

### *2.2 Jumah Prayers*

I led the Jumah Prayers throughout the year. Various topics were covered including the ones requested by the IAS board and the community members.

### *2.3 Funeral (Janazah) Prayers*

In addition to leading the Funeral (Janazah) Prayers, I met with the family members of the deceased at the time of the demise of their loved ones, provided them with full guidance with respect to the entire burial procedure and Islamic guidelines, and ensured that the washing and final burial was performed in a timely fashion in conjunction with Acadia McKague's Funeral Centre. In addition, I was asked to make Dua for the deceased brothers and/or sisters and for those who were seriously ill. Death occurs in the community on the following dates:

	Day	Month
Year 2014	18	March
	19 - 27-29	April
	17	June
	7	November
	24	November

<b>Year 2015</b>	10	January
	18	December
	8	February
	29 prince Albert	January

On Behalf of the IAS Board, community and myself, I would like to thank Br. Hassan Bhutta, Br. Ibrahim, Br. Imran Mogal, Br. Amir Ashfaq, Hafiz Zubair, Sr. Muneera, Sr. Shahina Malik and Sr. Firdosi, Sr. Fatima for their extensive help with the Washing and Burial procedures at the IAS at short notice. Jazak Allahu Khairan.

#### ***2.4 Taraweeh Prayers***

Tarahweh Prayers were held throughout the month of Ramadan, the first twenty days were at the field house while the last ten days was in the Masjid. The prayers were led by me as well as an invited guest from Libya. May Allah reward him for his services to the community.

#### ***2.5 Eid Prayers***

Eid Al Fitr – Eidul Aduha prayers were held at the credit union centre and Prairie Land Park. A large number of Muslims counted in the thousands have gathered for both prayers a short and well-spoken khutbah was presented at both prayers;

During Eidul Adha I helped many families arrange their Qurbani-Adhuyah in Saskatoon (Al-hamdulillah)

A very special effort was made at the time of Eidul Adhuh to bring people together and keep them united with the community of Saskatoon Dispute the difference of opinion on how and when Eid was to be celebrated.

### **3. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### ***3.1. Full-Time Hifz Classes***

The full time Hafiz class is moving on to its third year and the students are ready to complete their memorization by the end of this school year.

### 3.2. *Quran Classes Evening*

Evening Class is also functioning properly and will continue until the end of June all classes are held between 6 P.M – 8 P.M Monday – Thursday and many students are benefiting from the program.

### 3.3. *Talk after Isha*

Various topics were covered throughout the year after Isha either in the form of a hadith or different books.

Main books covered include:

- Mishkaat ul Masaabeeh (from start till end of chapter of salah was completed )
- Hajj (Hadith of virtues was completed )
- Ramadhan (ahadith of virtues )
- Explanation of verses Hajj and story of Ibraheem (A.S.) & virtues of Qurbani
- Virtues of Muharram

### 3.4. *Study Cricles (Halaqas)*

The following Halaqas were conducted:

- Sunday: West Side Masjid. All over the year [After Magrib & Isha]
- Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday {Sep to December } regular Halaqa was conducted and three subjects was covered 40 Hadith of Imam An-Navavi – Tafsir of last 22 Chapters and Fiqh of Taharah & Fiqh of Salah from the book Fiqhus Sunnah}

### 3.3. *Quiz Competitions*

- Hifz -ul- Quran competition was conducted in the month of Ramadan.49 students participated and prizes were awarded after Eid-ul-Fitr Prayer.
- Quiz on Seerah of Ibrahim (A.S.) and Hajj 3<sup>RD</sup> October 2014
- Adhan Competition 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 over 40 participated young and old and observed by large number of the community. short speeches also was delivered by visiting Imams
- Quiz on Seerah of our beloved Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) – Dec 25, 2014 (approx... 60 participants) observed by large number of community. Short speech also was delivered by visiting Imams

### 3.5. Ramadan Preparation

- An effort was made at the beginning of Ramadan & Eid ul Adha to keep the community united
- Ramadhan: Taraweeh, Qiyam Al-Layl (2:45 – 3:30 pm) and Daily short talk after Fajr was a big success.
- A day meeting was organised at IAS for the Imams of all Saskatchewan for unifying our province on issue of Moonlighting over 13 Imams came together and discussed various options and all agree on global moon sighting
- Daily Session before Iftar – benefits of Du’aa before Iftar, how to make Du’aa in the blessed moments before Iftar.

- **Lectures by Invited Guests**

Various Imams/ShaiKhs were invited to speak on different topics.

- Shaikh Shujaath Ally from Vancouver B.C. (Nov 8-10, 2014)
  - Lectures were given on Ashurah and the Seerah of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) at both the IAS and the west masjid (PMA)
  - Panel Discussion for Non-Muslims at Canadian legion on March 12, 2015
- Shaikh Nawalurrahman from Chicago U.S.. (Dec 25-29, 2014)
  - Dec 26, 2013 – Divine Directives from Surah Maryam
  - Dec 27, 2013 – The Life of Jesus in light of the Quran
  - Dec 28, 2013 – The Radiant Lamp, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)
- Sheikh Abbas Nadvi South Africa Lecture on Importance of Reading October 03/2014
- Imam’s Conference ( December, 24, 2014 to December 27 2014)
  - The following Imam’s visited us:
    - Shaikh Yusuf Badat (Islamic Foundation of Toronto)
    - Shaikh Asim Rashid (BCMA Director, Vancouver)
    - Shaikh Mazher (Kamloops B.C.)
    - Shaikh Mustafa (Regina)
    - Shaikh Shujaat (Vancouver)
    - Sheikh Maqsood Sher FortMacmarry A.B.
    - Sheikh Bashir Red dear A.B.
    - Sheikh Guma Prince Albert.
      - ✓ Dec 27, 2014 – Panel Discussion “Together we can stay strong”
      - ✓ Dec 26, 2014 – Friday Khutbah IAS – Shaykh Yusuf Badat, Second Jumah Khubah IAS – Shaykh Maqsood Sher

- ✓ Friday Khutbah PMA – Shaykh Shujaath Nadvi Vancouver B.C.
- ✓ Dec 24, 2014 – Luncheon in honouring our pioneers @ IAS with visiting Imams and guests from the Saskatoon Correctional Service, Police Chief, City Counsellors faith leaders and pioneers of our community etc.
- ✓ Many other Lectures & presentations were done by visiting Imams.

#### 4. COMMUNITY SERVICES

##### *4.1 Visits to IAS*

Important Visits to the IAS by Non-Muslim Groups:

<b>Mar 14, 2014</b>	<b>Saskatoon Correctional Centre Chaplin Group</b>
<b>April 9, 2014</b>	Red willow Center Saskatoon
<b>April 16, 2014</b>	Saint Marks Catholic School (Grades 7-8)
<b>April 18, 2013</b>	Bishop Donald Bolen from Catholic Pastoral Center & Group
<b>May 18 2014</b>	Rev. Dr. Deborah Tanasieciuk Regional Chaplain, Prairies
<b>May 27 2014</b>	Social service, open-door, & principal of Mount Royal Colligate.
<b>Nov 28, 2014</b>	Mount Royal Collegiate (Grade 12)
<b>Dec 2014</b>	Bedford Road Collegiate
<b>Jan 14, 2014</b>	Spiritual Care class at St. Paul's Hospital

##### *4.2 Invited as a Guest Speaker*

Invited Presentations given to the following groups:

<b>August 14, 2014</b>	Valley United Church
<b>Oct 28, 2014</b>	Saint Paul Hospital
<b>Oct 31, 2014</b>	Mount Royal Collegiate
<b>Nov 13 2014</b>	Islamic Association of North Battle Ford
<b>Nov 17, 2014</b>	Royal University Hospital, Spiritual and Cultural Care.
<b>Nov 22, 2014</b>	Islamic Association of Lloydminster
<b>Dec 16, 2014</b>	City Centre Church, Christian/Muslim interconnections
<b>Dec 16, 2014</b>	St. Paul's Hospital, Spiritual and Cultural Care
<b>Jan 5, 2014</b>	Islamic Center of Lethbridge A.B.



#### 4.3 Nikkah Services

Twenty two (29) marriages were performed in the year 2014/15. Islamic Sharia rituals were performed and everything has been legally documented.

#### 4.4 Islamic Counselling

Members of the community were provided with counselling services on the following dates:

	Day	Month
Year 2014	9	April
	8	June
	18	August
	10	November
	12	December
	13	January

#### 4.5 Marital Disputes

Marital Disputes were addressed on the following dates:

	Day	Month
Year 2015	17	January
	19	January
	11	February
	21 to 27	February
	15	March
	17	March

#### 4.6 Inauguration Ceremonies

- Family visits include new born baby azan/Iqama, Tahneek and inauguration of new homes and businesses. Over 18 visits for congratulating families on their new born and making Dua for them, upon their request

#### *4.7 New Comers to Saskatoon*

- Helped many international students and new families in adjusting to Saskatoon.

### **5. CONCLUSION**

I wish to thank all of the community members the IAS Board for a wonderful year. Insha Allah this New Year will prove to be rather exciting as I am planning to continue with some of the programs held in the past and many more exciting events in order to benefit our community.

### **6. NOTE**

*A Special Thanks to The Board of Directors and Shura members for their support in organizing events and keeping the community together (May Allah reward them all in abundant).*

*A Special thanks to brothers Yaqoob Chodhry, Saeed Iqbal, Hashim, Yousaf, Kamal, Talha, Razi, Anas, Tasin, Fayaz, Ejaz, Mustafa Mustaan, Ubaidullah Azeemi, Kamal, Imran Mughal and many other who made many of the programs successful.*

*I would also take this opportunity to acknowledge the sincere efforts of the board of the West Masjid who understood the consequences of having a separate Eid and making sure that the community stays united. May Allah reward them all.*



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