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ISM Parking Expansion and Exit

In March 2013 the ISM purchased 5.321 acres of land on the west side of the existing Islamic Center property (see red triangular area in photo below). The land was purchased from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation following the I-94 Construction project which included the reconfiguration of the I-94 exit and entry ramps on Layton Avenue.



Following multiple meetings with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and officials from the City of Milwaukee, the ISM was granted "right turn in and right turn out access" on Layton Avenue (see yellow square on photo above). The new access is subject to a number of conditions. There will be no median opening (which would allow left turn in and left turn out). Another requirement is that the east-bound left turn lane at the Layton Avenue and 13th Street intersection



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President's Message

The 2016 Republican Presidential Spectacle

Assalaamu alaikum, brothers and sisters:

As the 2016 election year approaches, we have witnessed the spectacle of many of the Republican presidential candidates making or endorsing Islamophobic remarks in their attempts to garner the Republican nomination. I include four examples below. It is the obligation of American Muslim citizens to educate themselves about candidates for public office, including their attitudes towards Islam and Muslims. If possible, American Muslims should volunteer or donate to candidates who represent both what is best for our country and our community.



According to Pew Research, billionaire and TV personality Donald Trump leads with 25% support among likely Republican voters. However, during a campaign stop in New Hampshire last month, an audience member asked Trump, "We have a problem in this country. It's called Muslims. Our current president is one. We know he's not even an American." He added "We have training camps growing where they want to kill us. That's my question: When can we get rid of them?" Instead of denouncing the premises of the comment, Trump responded: "A lot of people are saying that and a lot of people are saying that bad things are happening out there. We're going to be looking at that and a lot of different things."

The second leading candidate is retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, who while speaking on Meet the Press last month, said that Islam is not consistent with the U.S. Constitution and that he would not vote for a Muslim for President. Even after it was pointed out that Article VI of the Constitution prohibits such religious tests for public office, Carson refused to alter his stand and later added that the next president should "be sworn in on a stack of Bibles, nit a Qur'an." Several days later, during a CNN interview, Carson added, "I would have problems with somebody who embraced all the doctrines associated with Islam. If they are not willing to reject sharia and all portions of it that are talked about in the Qur'an."

Carly Fiorina is tied for third place with 8% support according to Pew. Fiorina has earned some respect from Muslims in the past, largely due to her speech that she delivered on the contributions of Islamic civilization in 2001, which can be read here: <http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/execteam/speeches/fiorina/minnesota01.html> Moreover, after Carson's comment on Meet the Press, Fiorina appeared on the Jimmy Fallon's Tonight Show on NBC and slammed Carson, saying, "I think that's wrong. It says in our constitution that religion can not be a test for office. It's also true that this country was founded on the principle that we judge each individual and that anyone, of any faith, is welcome here. I actually believe that people of faith make better leaders. Whether they're Christians as I am — my faith has sustained me through very bad times: I've battled cancer, I've lost a child, I've been tested. Whether it's a person of Christian faith, or Jewish faith, or Muslim faith or other faiths, I think faith gives us humility and empathy and optimism and I think those are important things. So, yes, I would be fine with that."

Finally, although no longer a Republican candidate the 2016 presidential nomination, Wisconsin's governor, Scott Walker, stated at a campaign stop at a VFW Post in Derry, New Hampshire in August that there are only a "handful of reasonable, moderate followers of Islam who don't share the radical beliefs that these radical Islamic terrorists have." I wrote an Open Letter to Governor Walker (which can be read on the ISM's website along with the names of about 30 other Wisconsin Islamic organizations and interfaith leaders signing in support) asking that he "personally clarify this issue: it is only a relative handful of the world's 1.6 billion Muslims who support terrorism; the vast majority of Muslims are reasonable, moderate and peaceful."

I have followed up with phone calls and e-mails to Governor Walker's office asking for a meeting with him or a high-ranking staff member. To date, the only response from his scheduler has been, "We will be reviewing the Governor's schedule in the coming days and I will let you know if this is something we can accommodate in his schedule."

The only reason that politicians normally attack part of their voting electorate is because they feel that they can get more votes by doing so. Muslims need to be educated about the respective candidates for any political office and be willing not only to vote on election day, but to be active participants in our country's democracy, whether that might be supporting a political candidate by meeting with them and asking questions, making a contribution, or writing letters. The efforts should begin at home with the education of you, your spouse and your children. Your efforts should continue with your friends or work acquaintances who indicate a willingness or interest in discussing such subjects. I believe that one of the reasons that so many Americans fear Islam or Muslims is because they know nothing about Islam and have no Muslim friends or co-workers. In a March 2015 YouGov poll, only 23% of the respondents indicated that they have a Muslim friend and only 16% indicated that they have a Muslim co-worker. See: <https://today.yougov.com/news/2015/03/09/poll-results-islam/>

May Allah (SWT) guide and protect us, our families and our communities. Ameen.

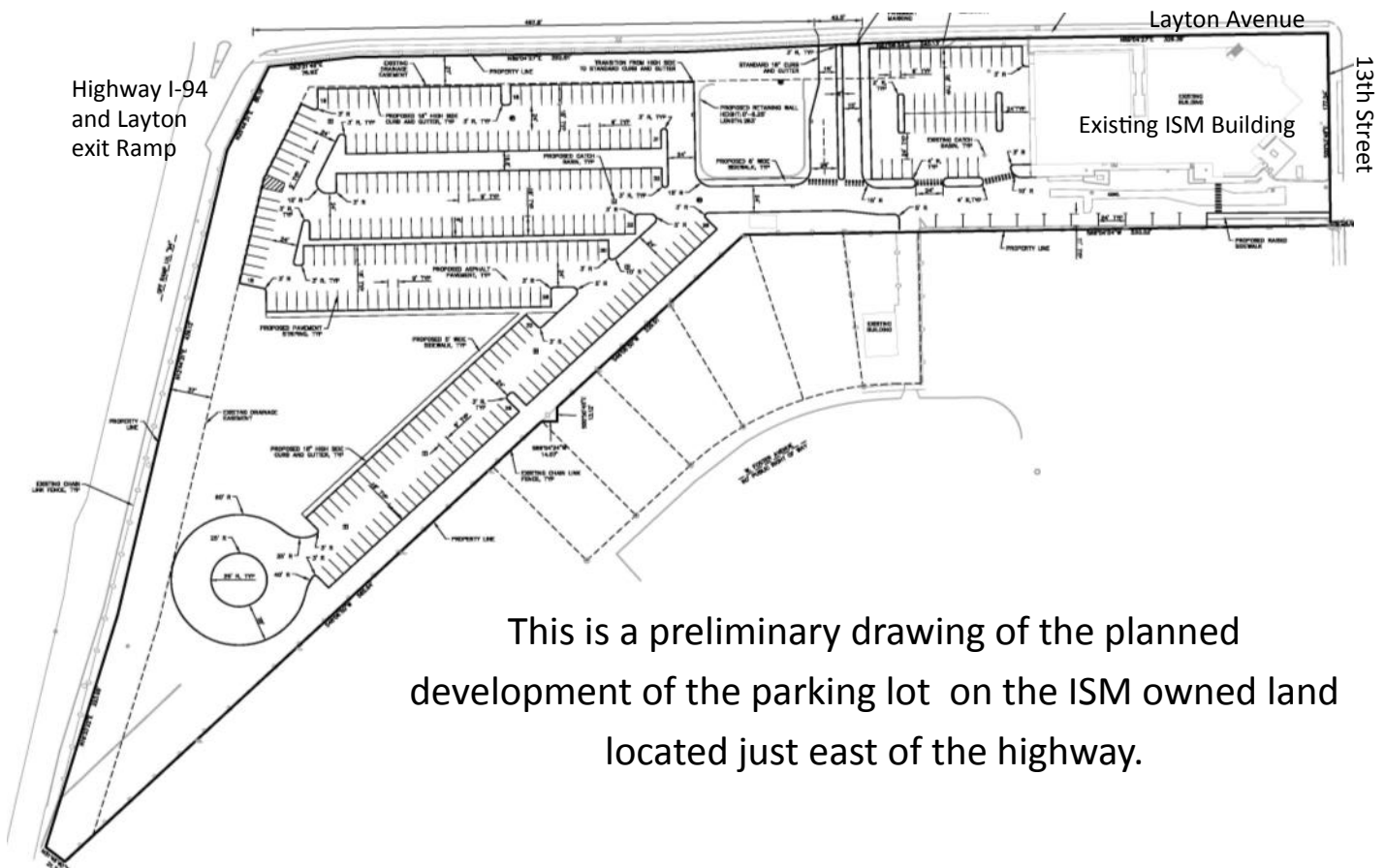
Ahmed J. Quereshi, President, Islamic Society of Milwaukee

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will be extended (by the ISM) to accommodate those cars that want to either turn left (north) on 13th and Layton or make a U-turn at the intersection of 13th and Layton in order to go west on Layton Avenue. The ISM will also have to make changes to its existing parking lot.

The ISM has drawn plans for the new land and submitted the plans to the city. An early draft of the plans appears below. A major and costly portion of the project involves the removal of the dirt that has been placed on the land following reconstruction of the highway. The ISM has already removed thousands of truckloads of dirt from the site.

When complete, the new area will include hundreds of new parking spots, an area dedicated to water retention, and a new entrance/exit on Layton. Insha'Allah we hope to have the work completed by next spring/summer.



This is a preliminary drawing of the planned development of the parking lot on the ISM owned land located just east of the highway.

Culture of Inclusion at Rockwell Automation

Rockwell Automation believes that a culture of inclusion is essential to making their company a place that is attractive to highly skilled employees and a place where employees are comfortable and excited to come to work. Rockwell values diversity, inclusion and employee engagement.

As part of the "Culture of Inclusion" at Rockwell Automation, on July 21, 2015, four of our community members and Rockwell employees (Ayman Alamy, Iqbal Ashraf, Adel Bekhiet and Sean Farahbakhsh) were asked to give a short presentation about Islamic culture and to answer questions that were previously submitted anonymously by other employees. The questions were related to Islamic practices, teachings and culture. The presentation was very successful and was attended by about 40 Rockwell employees.

Community News

Congratulations On Your Engagement!

May Allah bless your engagement and grant you a beautiful and happy marriage.

- ♦ Amani Asad & Mohammad Rasheed
- ♦ Ramez Shahin & Aya Hassan
- ♦ Alla Ahmad & Eman Kaiss
- ♦ Abdullah Tugan & Areej Al-Washally
- ♦ Raed Atshan & Malak Abumayaleh
- ♦ Wajiha Masood & Muhammad Ali
- ♦ Asma Atshan & Mohammad Jaber

Congratulations On Your Marriage!

May Allah grant you a beautiful marriage!

- ♦ Muhammad Ayesh & Sandy Awaad
- ♦ Ayman Abdelkarim & Nadine Darwish
- ♦ Kareem Sarsour & Seema Oweisi
- ♦ Hameed Jaber & Maram Farrah
- ♦ Jamal Jaber & Summer Mustafa
- ♦ Muhenned Jaber & Amany Musleh
- ♦ Omar Kattan & Majidah Murrar
- ♦ Mohammad Jaraba & Abrar Musaitif

Our Deepest Condolences

INNA LILAHl WA INA ILAIHI RAJl'OUN. TO ALLAH WE BELONG AND TO HIM WE SHALL RETURN.

The ISM would like to extend its condolences to the families who lost someone dear to their hearts. We ask Allah (swt) to forgive their sins and bless them with a home in Jannah.

- * **Anwar Begum Khan** is the mother of Sr. Naheed (Arshad), Sr. Farhut, Sr. Nusrat, Sr. Shafqut and Br. Rafi, and the wife of the late Mohammad Shafi Khan who passed away last December.
- * **Eetidal Farrah** is the mother of Sr. Muna Farrah (Um Midhat), the mother in law of Br. Hazem Farrah
- * **Emad Isa Asad** is the brother of Brs. Nezar and Rami Asad.
- * **Wajeih Hussein** is the brother of Ahmed and Hussein Abdallah, the husband of Ahkam Assad and the father of Fadi, Osama, Abdallah, Faten and Sarah.
- * **Hakeem Abdullah Ibrahim** is the uncle of Br. Abdul Baset (Bart Davis) and the great uncle of Sr. Angela Davis.
- * **Hafeez Siddiqui** is the father of our community member Sr. Zahida Siddiqui and the father in law of Dr. Azhar Yunus (the son of Dr. Hafiz Yunus).
- * **Abdelkareem Shukri Thaher** is the uncle of our community member Mamoun Thaher.
- * **Muhammad Jannisar** is the father of our community member Sr. Alveena Sheikh
- * **Qunou Saadeddin (Um Imhenna)** is the wife of our community member Hani Saadeddin (Abu Imhenna) and the mother of Imhenna, Ashruf and Nuha Saadeddin.
- * **Faten Alrawi** is the wife of our community member Br. Khaled Alani, the mother of our community members Dr. Ali Khalil & the mother of Dr. Ghada Alani & Dr. Basma Alani.
- * **Mohammad Awad Barta'** is the father of our community members Brs. Rafaat, Naim and Fayeze Barta'.
- * **Mohamed Alkassab** is the husband of Sr. Nada Adi & is also survived by his sons, Dr. Moawia & Feras Alkassab
- * **Moinuddin Mahmood** is the husband of Meraj Tahir and the father of Sr. Zehra Tahir, Mohi Mahmood and Akbar Mahmood

Islamophobia Conference

The Islamic Society of Milwaukee was a co-sponsor of a lecture held on September 17 entitled “Exploring the Causes and Consequences of Islamophobia”. The main speaker was Dr. Todd Green, the author of the book “The Fear of Islam: An Introduction to Islamophobia in the West” (Fortress Press, 2015). The following day, Dr. Green also conducted a workshop about Islamophobia for educators, religious leaders and others.

The lecture and the workshop were both held at the beautiful Tripoli Shrine Center located at 3000 West Wisconsin. Several hundred people attended the evening lecture and about fifty people participated in the half-day workshop.

The main organizers of the program were the Milwaukee Muslim Women’s Coalition and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Sponsors included the Institute of World Affairs, the Wisconsin Council of Churches, the Muslim-Catholic Dialogue and the International Institute of Wisconsin. Although Tom Heinen, the Executive Director of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee (IFCGM) attended the main event, the Interfaith Conference was not a sponsor. The Interfaith Conference operates by consensus of its member organizations. Apparently, the Milwaukee Jewish Council (which is a member of the IFCGM) was opposed to sponsorship because Dr. Green “might” say something negative about Israel and the role of pro-Israeli

bigots who are major players in the Islamophobia industry. Muslim organizations and individuals should take note of this position and should adopt similar positions regarding speakers who “might” espouse pro-Israel, pro-occupation and/or anti-Muslim views.



Photos clockwise from left: Dr. Todd Green; sisters from the Milwaukee Muslim Women’s Coalition; exterior and interior of Tripoli Shrine Center where programs were held (located on 30th and Wisconsin Avenue); main lecture with hundreds attending; morning workshop.

Doors Open Milwaukee 2015

One of the most important functions of an Islamic organization is its outreach efforts into the general community. The remarks by republican presidential candidates Ben Carson, Donald Trump and Bobby Jindal are indicative of the level of ignorance that exist with regard to basic knowledge about Islam and Muslims. It is part of our Muslim duty to educate others and to exhibit proper Muslim character at all times.

This fall, the ISM was happy to be a participant in the city-wide "DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE" program. As part of the program, the ISM had over 600 visitors over two full days. Almost all of the visitors had never been to a mosque before. Based on the evaluations completed and the emails that we received, those who attended were very happy with the experience. Alhamdulillah. The ISM thanks the MANY volunteers who were involved in preparing exhibits, giving tours, and helping making the visitors feel welcome. May Allah bless you all!



"Food was spectacular. No other place we visited had this kind of hospitality. Everyone was friendly & helpful."

"Our tour guide did a very nice job and the signage with info about Islam was very informative."

"Thank you! Christians and non Christians have a lot in common. Feel the love! God bless us (everyone)."

"I am so happy you were open as I know nothing of Islam & my guide told me a lot. Would like to learn more."

"Thank you so much for being a part of this. Everyone was so kind, welcoming and clearly willing to tackle tough questions with honesty"

Hujjaj Welcome Back Program 2015

The ISM held its annual Hujjaj Welcome Back Program on Sunday, October 11th. There were more than thirty Hujjaj in attendance. The Hujjaj were presented with gifts (including special gifts made by Sr. Anisa Schaub of Anisa's Cakes and Pastries) and enjoyed their time with family and friends over lunch and desserts. We would like to thank the community members who volunteered their efforts and time to help make it a successful event!

حجاً مبروراً وسعيّاً مشكوراً



Special gifts for the Hujjaj were made by our community member, Anisa Schaub, owner of Anisa's Cakes and Pastries.

Darul Arqam Hifdh Program

A number of years ago, Br. Ameer Hamza established the Darul Arqam Hifdh program which was operated at the ISM. The program was meant to provide an opportunity for youth who wanted to learn the Quran on a part-time basis and who wanted to be involved in a program where they would learn about and implement principles of Islamic tarbiya. The program was very successful and many young

brothers are, alhamdulillah, on their way to becoming huffath (memorizers of the Quran).

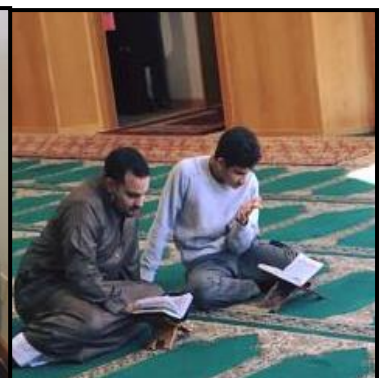
When Br. Ameer decided to pursue a new career in Islamic Studies and Islamic law, he knew that he would have to leave Wisconsin to pursue degrees in Arabic and Islamic Studies. Br. Ameer



approached the ISM to help him locate an instructor who would be able to maintain the continuity and the stability of the Darul Arqam program.

Eventually, the ISM and Br. Ameer agreed on Br. Noman Hussain, who would oversee the Darul Arqam program and would also serve as the resident Imam in Brookfield. The decision was also made to expand the number of students in the program and to expand the program to include young sisters. Alhamdulillah, the revised program is moving ahead, with about 50 males and about a dozen females. Some of these students were admitted on a probationary period to determine if they and their parents are able and willing to make the time and other commitments that are needed. The probationary period is also being used to assess the ability of students to independently recite and memorize the Quran.

The structure and the logistics of the Darul Arqam program continue to be adjusted in order to arrive at a model that works for all participants.



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As we approach the end of 2015, the Islamic Society of Milwaukee would like to thank all of its donors for their generous contributions. Our biggest fundraising event was held on Saturday, June 20th at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. Stay tuned for several upcoming fundraising events, including our main fundraising dinner on Friday, June 10, 2016!

Jazakum Allah Khairan. May you and your families be rewarded!

“Verily those who give sadaqah, men and women, and lend Allah a goodly loan, it shall be increased manifold, and theirs shall be an honorable good reward (Paradise)” [Quran 57:18].

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Helping Hand Syrian Refugee Clothing Drive

On Saturday, October 10th, the Islamic Society of Milwaukee, in collaboration with Helping Hand for Relief and Development, held a clothing drive for Syrian and Palestinian refugees. The drive was successful due to the generous donations and the help of many of our dedicated youth volunteers. An entire container was filled with new clothes and blankets. Helping Hand will inform us when the container reaches Jordan and will provide us with details regarding the distribution of the donated clothes. We would like to thank all those who donated new clothing or funds as well as the volunteers who took time out on a Saturday. May Allah (SWT) accept your good doings!



Eid ul-Adha 2015

Although the weather in Milwaukee is very unpredictable in September, the ISM once again organized the community-wide Eid ul-Adha prayer at Humboldt Park. This Eid we did not have much of a choice: the Wisconsin Center and the Expo Center at State Fair Park were both booked. It was either the park or multiple Eid prayers held at the Masajid (Mosques). We decided to take a chance in the Park. Alhamdulillah, it was a beautiful day!! Although there was a bit of dew on the grass, the prayer was intentionally set a later time to allow the grass to dry. Plastic sheeting was also purchased. And best of all: we started EXACTLY on time!



Eid ul-Adha 2015



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ISM Brookfield Eid ul-Adha Fest 2015



Book Corner

JEFFERSON'S QURAN

Summary by Nabil Salous

Thomas Jefferson was one of the founding fathers of the United States, he was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence and he played a major role in writing the US Constitution. He was also the third President of the United States (1800-1808).

Mr. Jefferson purchased his copy of a Quran from a publisher in London in 1965, 11 years before he wrote the Declaration of Independence.

George Sale, the translator of Jefferson's Quran, was an Anglican priest who had negative views of Islam. In fact, he felt that the European crusaders had failed to destroy Islam military. Sale recommended an alternative strategy to deal with Muslims.

Careful examination of the cover of Jefferson's Quran immediately reveals two major shortcomings indicating that it is a biased translation. Unfortunately, it is possible that an authentic English translation of the Quran was not produced by Muslims and was therefore unavailable to Mr. Jefferson.

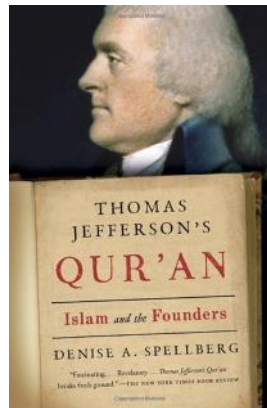
The cover of Jefferson's Quran reads "The Coran of Mohammed". Apparently, based on this, Mr. Jefferson lived and died with the understanding that Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) was the author of the Quran. This would also help explain why Muslims were called Mohammadans.

When it comes to freedom of religion, instead of "No compulsion in religion" the verse has been translated "No violence in religion". Despite this horrible translation, Mr. Jefferson understood, correctly, that the Quran called for freedom of religion. It should be noted that Mr. Jefferson was very critical of the Church's domination and the lack of tolerance for religious minorities. **"Millions of innocent men, women, and children, since the introduction of Christianity, have been burnt, tortured, fined, imprisoned; yet we have not advanced one inch towards uniformity."** - Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia

Mr. Jefferson was a lawyer by trade who studied the legal system of the Ottoman Empire and Muslim philosophy. He led a very simple life with no drinking and no gambling. When he died, he had a simple grave that included no cross. Below are a few quotes from Mr. Jefferson showing the influence of Islamic philosophy on him.

"Difference of opinion is advantageous in religion."

"The most valuable of all talents is that of never us-



ing two words when one will do."

"Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you."

"I sincerely believe that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies, and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is nothing but swindling futurity on a large scale."

Mr. Jefferson's interaction with the Muslim World was negative in nature. The issue that he had to deal with dealt with piracy. Many American ships were being taken over by pirates and ransom was being demanded to free the ships and crew. Jefferson made special efforts to reach out to those Muslim countries where piracy existed. He met with the Ambassador of Tripoli, who demanded large sum of money in order to sign a peace agreement. When Mr. Jefferson complained about the tough financial position of the newly formed union, the Ambassador put Mr. Jefferson in touch with Jewish bankers to finance the deal.

Regarding the conflict, Jefferson wrote the following: "We took the liberty to make some enquiries concerning the ground of their pretensions to make war upon nations who had done them no injury, and observed that we considered all mankind as our friends who had done us no wrong, nor had given us any provocation.

The Ambassador [of Tripoli] answered us that it was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Koran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as Prisoners, and that every Musselman who should be slain in battle was sure to go to Paradise.—{Letter from the commissioners, John Adams & Thomas Jefferson, John Jay, 28 March 1786}"

When it comes to politics, Mr. Jefferson was a critic of the media of his time. He wrote: "The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers." - Thomas Jefferson

In 1800, during the election campaign, Jefferson was accused of being a Muslim by his opponent, James Adams, but he won the election and became the third President of the United States.

It appears that those presidential candidates who were accused of being Muslims, managed to win their elections. Thomas Jefferson was the first and President Obama has been the latest.

One final note: In order to send a message regarding the roots of Islam in America, Keith Ellison, the first Muslim elected to congress (Minnesota's 5th congressional district), "took his oath of office with his hand on the Jefferson Qur'an."

SAMS Iftar 2015

The newly created Milwaukee Chapter of the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) organized its first fundraising dinner during Ramadan to support the lifesaving projects for the people of Syria.

After the recitation from the Qur'an and a short video presentation highlighting SAMS activities and projects in Syria, the guest speaker Br. Shahir Raslan, focused his remarks on the suffering that the population of Syria has been experiencing. Following Br. Raslan, our community member, Br. Ali Hamadeh, read a short poem that he had written regarding the Syrian tragedy. The response by the community was very generous, with over \$200,000 raised to support those who are suffering. May Allah bless our community and bless all the suffering people around the world.



Salam School News

Fall Sports Award Ceremony: Boys' Soccer, Girls' Volleyball and Cross Country

Salam High School Athletic Department, honored all the athletes that participated in the various fall sports. More than one third of Salam High School students participated in one of the fall sports. Many athletes were recognized for their attitudes, their teamwork and their overall great work. Salam School is a member of the Indian Trails Conference. Many of our students earned recognition and honors in that conference as follows: Ahmad Jaber and Khader Joseph-1st team soccer; Sara Joseph-1st team volleyball; Zahiah Hammad-2nd Team volleyball, Rawad Abuayyash earned an honorable mention in the conference.



Hajj Program

On September 22, 2015, Salam Elementary School held its annual hajj program. Students in all grades participate by performing the 'manasik' or rituals of hajj in the auditorium. Over 200 parents and family members attended the program. Students also recite nasheeds, which are Islamic songs, about many topics. They come to school dressed in ethnic clothing to celebrate all the diverse, beautiful cultures of Islam. Hajj this year was very early in the school year, but our dynamic Islamic Studies teachers did a marvelous job coaching and preparing the



New Textbooks

Salam School updated and purchased new textbooks schoolwide at the elementary school. In 2014-2015 school year, new textbooks were purchased for the entire elementary school for Reading and Math. This year, Social Studies and Math textbooks were purchased. Arabic and Quran books were updated to include the NOORANIA program for Quran classes.

EDLINE

Salam School utilizes a web based grading program to keep parents and students informed of progress. It can be accessed on any computer or device that has internet access. Many teachers post lesson plans, assignments and weekly progress. Please see the school office for access information



Co-curricular Activities:

Mad Science Camp (NASA and ROCKET SCIENCE)	Tutoring
Drama Club	Project Citizen
Chess Club	Fall Festival/Glow Party
National Honor Society	Art Honor Society
Basketball for girls and boys	

Fall Field Trips

Urban Ecology Center	Swan's Pumpkin Farm
Apple Holler	Parzinski's Farm
Milwaukee County Zoo	Kenosha Public Museum
Discovery World	First Stage Children's Theatre

Salam School Students are collecting money for refugee families. Please contribute.

Students will also be having a canned food drive in both school. Please consider sending non-perishable food items to support the effort.



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Hujaaj of 2015

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Hujaaj!**



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Wafa Amer	Mustansir Majeed	Zunaib Yousuf
Saber Farhan	Sabah Musaitif	
Fatmeh Hamdan	Shadia Musaitef	

Hamza Jaka Recognition

To mark the 25th anniversary of the "Americans with Disabilities Act", our community member, Hamza Jaka, the son of Dr. Arif Jaka and Neelam Ayub, was recognized in a ceremony held at the White House.



Hamza Jaka, who has cerebral palsy, has completed college and will be attending law school in the fall.

President Obama mentions Hamza in the first minute of the press conference which can be seen in the following YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUITUFlteU&feature=youtu.be&t=4309>)

Huda Al-Kaff Champion of Change Recognition

The Islamic Society of Milwaukee would like to congratulate our ISM Member, Huda Alkaff, the founder of "Wisconsin Green Muslims" who is among 12 faith leaders around the country being honored by the White House as Champions of Change.



Those being honored "have demonstrated clear leadership across the United States and around the world through their grassroots efforts to green their communities and educate others on the moral and social justice implications of climate change," according to a White House statement.

Sr. Huda is also a founding member of Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light, which trains and mobilizes people of all faiths to fight climate change by promoting energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Sr. Huda and her husband, Mohamed Ayoub, have been long-time members of the community.

Ashura Community Iftar @ ISM and ISM Brookfield

On Friday, October 23, ISM and ISM Brookfield held iftars for those Muslims who were fasting on the blessed day of Ashura. According to a Prophetic tradition, fasting on Ashura atones (forgives) the sins of the past year (it being understood that the forgiveness for minor sins comes only if one avoids major sins).



Masjid Mubarak Opens at 16th and Oklahoma to serve Rohingya Muslims

Alhamdulillah, the Rohingya American Society of Milwaukee has opened Milwaukee's newest masjid: Masjid Mubarak at 1575 W. Oklahoma Ave. in Milwaukee (the southeast corner of S. 16th Street and W. Oklahoma Avenue). The property was formerly a Buddhist temple.

A Grand Opening was held on June 14, 2015, a few days before Ramadan. ISM Religious Director Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Imam Ziad Hamdan and President Ahmed Quereshi spoke on behalf of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee. Other ISM members and leaders of other masjids were present also. Br. Quereshi discussed how the purchase of the masjid had been a joint effort of several masjids and compared the Milwaukee ummah to a hand with each masjid constituting a finger that together could make both the Milwaukee Muslim community and the City of Milwaukee stronger than if each finger acted separately. Sheikh Zulfiqar Ali Shah and Br. Quereshi also attended the fundraising event for Masjid Mubarak during Ramadan, during which the ISM donated \$6,000 as an organization, in addition to donations by its individual members.

The purpose of the new masjid is to serve a need for the Rohingya Muslim brothers and sisters to receive religious services and education in their native language. May Allah (SWT) make Masjid Mubarak a benefit to the many Rohingya Muslim brothers and sisters and our community.

- Ahmed J. Quereshi

ISM Community Outreach

2:213 And mankind is naught but a single nation

Summerfield Church Group



Some Visitors to the Islamic Society of Milwaukee (September-October)

- ♦ Students from Cardinal Stritch University
- ♦ Students from Marquette University
- ♦ Students from UW-Milwaukee
 - ♦ Urban Immersion
- ♦ Summer Field Church Group

If you know of any group that would like to visit the ISM, please contact the ISM at (414) 282-1812

Iqama Jama'ah Prayer Times at ISM

Day	Fajr	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
November					
1-10	5:45	1:10	2:30	+5 min	8:00
11-20	6:00	1:10	2:30	+5 min	8:00
21-30	6:00	1:10	2:30	+5 min	8:00
December					
1-10	6:15	1:10	2:30	+5 min	8:00
11-20	6:15	1:10	2:30	+5 min	8:00
21-31	6:30	1:10	2:30	+5 min	8:00

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