

# Shia Muslims Cultural and Educational Institutions

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## **United Muslim Women of Canada**

A great need to unite the Muslim sisters, led to the formation of the United Muslim Women of Canada, in October of 1995. The UMWC, a subsidiary of the Islamic Humanitarian Service, is comprised of active and dedicated sisters - serving in various chapters that have been established throughout Canada.

Prior to the establishing of the UMWC, sisters were somewhat confined to the 'Ladies' Committees' of the local Jamaats or Institutions. These Jamaats, and therefore the women therein, lacked the opportunity to become actively involved in the mainstream societal matters. There was no mandate to speak up against tyranny or injustice, nor to promote solidarity among the female adherents to the noble Ahlul Bait (AS) nationally or internationally, the UMWC was established. The Sisters setting up the UMWC, envisaged a body that would be dynamic in nature which would appeal to other sisters all over Canada.

Whenever an issue affecting women surfaces, the UMWC prepares an appropriate response, in light of the teachings of the daughter of the Prophet of Islam, Fatimah az-Zahra (AS), the perfect example for all women..

The void of sisters nationwide would resound much louder, than on an individual level from here and there. Therefore, the UMWC has been working closely, and shall continue to do so with the 'Ladies' Committees' and 'Muslim Organizations' in each area, and shall coordinate all activities to ensure that there is no duplication or wastage of efforts

## **Muslim Youth Association (MYA)**

The Islamic Humanitarian Service based in Kitchener, Ontario, has strived to serve Allah (SWT) and human beings in the name of Islam for over a decade. In continuation of its legacy of serving Muslims in the West, the Islamic Humanitarian Service initiated the position of the National Youth Coordinator (NYC) in February 2000. The NYC office has established a national youth network by the name of the Muslim Youth Association (MYA). The goals of the association are: to promote unity amongst Muslims, to engage youths in the propagation of Islam, and to promote youth involvement in Islamic initiatives.

The MYA will consist of various sub-groups overlooking issues such as Media, Peer Mentorship, Discussions/debates, Reverts to Islam, Current Events, Marriage Counseling, Literature Review, Career Counseling, Disaster Relief, Graduate Registry etc. MYA is not limited by geographical or cultural boundaries and thus it is an organization that welcomes all Muslim youths, regardless of background.

Muslims have settled in the West for a number of decades, and it now time to plan for sustainability of the future generations of Muslims. Thus, in light of the above tradition of Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him and his family), the office of the MYA will, Insha-Allah embark upon numerous projects geared towards the spiritual and intellectual development of the youths and young generation. The MYA website will feature Book Reviews, News Bulletins, Events, Contests, Awards, the Fortnightly Gift, and numerous other online resources.

At this point the MYA is in its infancy stages and thus we require your input and support. Volunteers with different expertise are required across the country. Also, MYA is accepting nominations for MYA Representatives in different cities. If you think you have the leadership skills and dedication it takes to make a difference in your local or regional community, please get in touch with us via email: Muslim Youth Associationzkarim@muslimyouth.ca. We would love to get you involved!

The opportunities and potential for Muslims in the West are infinite. It is the responsibility of all Muslims in this part of the world to become active in the propagation of Islam. We hope that the Muslim Youth Association can trigger this propagation and facilitate the establishment of a comprehensive network progressive Muslims in Canada and the Western world. The Islamic Humanitarian Service has ignited something very special, and it is for us, the future of the Muslim Community, to take the torch and kindle the passion of Islam in the hearts of humanity in preparation for the coming messiah, Imam Muhammad al-Mahdi (may Allah hasten his return).

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## **Islamic Ahl-ul-Bayt Foundation Of New Zealand**

In answer to the need of a formal Shia Identity in New Zealand, The Islamic Ahlulbayt Foundation of New Zealand was formally established as a Registered Charitable Trust in 1993 with the initiative of five trustees and with the blessings of Ayatollah Golpaygani (a.r.) who acted as the Settlor of the Trust.

Following are the Main Aims and Objectives of the I.A.F.O.N.Z

- Promotion and Propagation of Islam through the teachings of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) and the Holy AhlulBayt (A.S).
- Organising Religious gatherings to commemorate all Islamic events including Wiladats and Shahadats of the Masoomeen (A.S).
- Tableegh activities by providing Islamic education to the children, youth and the new converts to Islam.
- Helping other Islamic organisations to get a better understanding of the important status of the Islam and AhlulBayt (A.S).
- Engaging in poverty eradication and other charitable activities.
- Liaising with other International Organisations with similar objectives.

The present activities of the AhlulBayt Foundations are: Regular Saturday Madrasah - where 50 students, attend. There are 10 volunteer teachers of Iraqi, Iranian, Indian and Pakistani origin .Children are taught Quran, Islamic Studies( Ahkam, Akhlaq and Tareekh) with the medium of instruction being English. Follow -up revision classes are held on Thursdays and Fridays • Dua-e-Kumail programmes on Thursdays and Salatul - Juma on Fridays.

- There are youth sessions on Friday evenings and adult Sunday discussions. Additionally the ladies meet every Friday an hour before Salatul - Juma.
- Commemoration of all Wiladats and Shahadats of the 14 Masoomeen by Majalis programmes. The Moharrum programme attracts about 300 people. The main lectures are in English with short time-slots given at the end of the main programme to different interested language groups including Arabic, Urdu, Persian etc.
- Radio Ahl-ul-Bayt programme during Sehr time in the holy month of Ramadhan from 3.30am to 5.00 am relayed through Community Access Radio (810MW).

From a humble beginning of attendance by a group of 8-10 families in the beginning a few years ago, there is today, regular participation from some 75-80 families in a short span and the number keeps growing.

Website: <http://www.islam.org.nz>

Founded in 1997, the Islamic Ahlul Bayt Association has since become a flourishing and vibrant community of approximately 200 muslims. Its membership comprises of a richly diverse yet close knit group of people from various parts of the world including India, Iran, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Philippines, Tanzania, Kenya, Qatar, and the United States. Prior to the establishment of the Islamic Ahlul Bayt Association, the shia muslim community in Austin gathered for majalis in each others residences. With an increasingly large community, the need for an organized structure led to the creation of the Islamic Ahlul Bayt Association in the holy month of Ramadhan, 1417 (1997). The Islamic Ahlul Bayt Association was formally registered with the State of Texas as a non-profit organization on February 20, 1997. With the grace of the Almighty, this association has grown in number and greatly succeeded in it's efforts to involve the members in various community activities. From the weekly majalis and the Al-Mohammedi Madressa, it has expanded to include a wide array of activities such as community services, an audio, video, and book library, a web page, an e-mail mailing list, annual picnics, and sporting events such as volleyball, paintball and table-tennis. This has not been the endeavor of a single individual. It took a community to build another. The members have come together in unity, bringing with them rich cultural diversity to facilitate inter-cultural exchanges and promote understanding. This collective effort has paid off, the results of which are apparent during gatherings and events. The IABA has certainly become an exemplary uniting force, a force united under the banner of the Almighty Allah, the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon Him and His Progeny), and the Holy Ahlul Bayt.

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### **Al-Iman School**

Imam Al-Khoei Benevolent Foundation runs schools in London and New York. The Schools in London are Al-Sadiq Boys' School and Al-Zahra Girls' School. In New York Al-Iman Elementary, Junior High and Senior High School is co-educational.

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**The Islamic Center of America**

under the leadership of Imam Hassan Al-Qazwini, gives Muslims an opportunity to benefit from a University style sermon with a broad mix of religious practices, science, ethics, current events, and tradition all with a common sense approach.

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### **Shia Centers in New Jersey**

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.variety of topics

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### **Shi'i Ithnasheri Community of Middlesex (SICM)**

The organisation is known as Shi'i Ithnasheri Community of Middlesex (SICM) and its centre in North Harrow is known as Mehfil-e-Ali. SICM also has a registered charity operating under the  
.(name of Battlers Well Foundation (BWF

### **Background**

The origins of SICM can be traced to the arrival in the UK of a number of students from East Africa in the mid sixties. Soon, These students got acquainted with other Shi'i students from  
Pakistan, India, Iran, Iraq and Gulf countries.

There was already a resident Pakistani community and the students participated enthusiastically in organisations like the Idara-e-Ja'aferiyya. In the universities and colleges  
the Shi'i students formed an organisation called the Muslim Youth Association (MYA).

These activities resulted in the formation of close bonds between Shi'i students and communities from all over the world. The small community of Khoja Shi'is from East Africa had an organisation called the East African Union, but for religious functions participated with the  
Muslim Youth Association or the Idara-e-Ja'aferiyya.

With the events in East Africa forcing many families to leave their countries and settle in the UK, the early seventies saw a large influx of people into the UK. Many of the East African  
Muslim students also stayed on in the UK on a more or less permanent basis.

As the needs for holding religious and other community functions became more regular and the community became larger, the requirement for "permanent" places became urgent. SICM .was one of the many organisations which was established to meet this growing need

### **The Founding of SICM**

With a sizeable settled community in Middlesex, there emerged the practice of having regular Iftar in Ramadhan, initially in individual houses and later in hired halls in the vicinity of Harrow. There were already over 100 Shi'i Muslim families living within 2/3 miles of the centre of Harrow and the gatherings were well attended.

Gradually, the activities evolved and an organisation called the Shi'i Ithnasheri Community of Middlesex (SICM) was formed to provide an institutional framework for arranging the meetings and gatherings. In addition to Ramadhan, gatherings began to be held on every Friday evening and on the occasion of the birth or death anniversary of the a'aimmas. Local community/assembly halls were hired for this purpose.

For the last twenty years on every Friday evening SICM has had a meeting in which a wide variety of issues relating to Islam and the Muslim World have been discussed. Learned and competent people from all walks of life have contributed to the discussions on many occasions.

SICM, after a long process of lobbying of the local authority was able to secure the rental of the West Harrow school premises on a 12 monthly basis. With the rental of premises, the activities increased manifold. In addition to regular Friday functions, SICM started daily Qur'an classes for young children, daily evening congregational prayer (salaat), morning salaah on weekends, regular sports sessions and many other specialised meetings and seminars. There was a major seminar on the Nahj al Balagh and one on the Concept of Vilayat-e-Faqih.

Mohurram majalis were also held for the first time.

As the rental of the West Harrow school came up for renewal SICM was fortunate enough to persuade the Harrow borough to let the North Harrow Assembly Hall (NHAH) to the organisation. The NHAH was by then under the threat of closure because of cuts in local authority budgets. As expected within a year the Hall came up for sale. SICM, with the help of its Councillors, well wishers, and supporting bankers was able to acquire the Hall as its .permanent worship, meeting and gathering place

### **Inside North Harrow Assembly Hall**

With the purchase of the premises, the activities of SICM have become much more consistent.

Presently the following are regularly held:

- Friday programme, many times with prominent guests
- Occasional seminars and other programmes
- Iftar, Childrens' programme and Qur'an reading daily in Ramadhan
- Dua-e-Qumayl on Thursday evenings
- Majalis in English in Mohurram and on birth and death anniversaries of Ma'asumin
- Weekly sports club at a local leisure centre
- Sports session for children on weekends
- Eid Prayers
- Gatherings by other Muslim organisations

In addition, SICM through the Battlers Well Foundation (BWF) has also secured a vital facility. A dedicated graveyard with over three hundred burial spaces has been secured at the Woodcock Hill Cemetery in Harefield. Already the cemetery houses about a 100 graves and efforts are in process to increase the land bank.

The BWF had also made plans to establish a Muslim school in Harefield and a 34 acre plot of land was secured at the Battlers Well Farm in Northwood. However, the more accommodating environment for Muslims in schools in the UK has led to the abandonment of the project for the foreseeable future.

### **Future Plans**

The SICM centre is now well established. The main hall has recently been extensively refurbished and plans are in process to complete the refurbishment of the whole site during the course of 1998, inshallah. It is intended to incorporate the following activities:

- Library and information centre for Muslims and those seeking sources on Islam
- Internet access provision for the community
- Gusalkhana for the community
- Educational coaching classes
- Develop linkages with other Muslim communities and organisations
- Quaterly seminars on issues of relevance to the Muslim World

Throughout its 25 years of activity SICM has remained true to its objectives of bringing a diverse group of Shi'is together and also develop mutually re-inforcing and respectful relations with the Muslim community at large. This will continue to be its mission as it develops its activities further and becomes a focal point for Muslims in the North West of London.

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### **Sahebuz Zaman Islamic Center of Atlanta**

Finally, S.I.C. extends its hand to every Muslim in the world, individuals or groups, to support this foundation and to help it achieve its programs and works to serve Muslims throughout the world. Allah is the final goal and Allah is the Guide to the straight path. The blessings of Allah .and peace be upon our Prophet Mohammad and his Ahlulbayt

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### **The Islamic Centre of England (ICE)**

The Islamic Centre of England (ICE) is based in London, a city of immense cultural heritage, a place of knowledge & learning and a nucleus of Information and media. It was founded in December 1995, under the supervision of Ayatullah Mohsen Araki who is the Centre's Director. During this brief period of three years it has rendered phenomenal service towards propagation of Islam. Its distinguished scholars, teachers and researchers have performed anchor role in advancement of religious education. The Centre is fully equipped with extensive library material—including books, journals and magazines laden with the knowledge of Islamic ideology, philosophy and jurisprudence.

The Centre consists of various sections dealing with research, teaching, public relations, publications and consultancy in issues concerning all religious aspects. A detailed list of the various activities/functions run and organized by the ICE, is given below.

1) RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES: The Centre offers consultancy service for religious inquiries on all

aspects of Islamic life. The people from all over the world send their questions through letters, fax, phone-calls and the Internet. These inquiries are forwarded to Ayatullah Araki, who replies them accordingly.

The Centre also offers services for various social occasions like, wedding, funeral, divorce and writing/interpretation of wills. The counseling service is offered on large number of religious, social and economic issues.

## 2) INTERACTIVE & SOCIALIZING PROGRAMMES:< span="">

The ICE caters for a variety of social functions. It holds conferences and seminars on the varied aspects of human life. It also organizes workshops, colloquia and discussions on the contemporary issues of significance. It makes special arrangements for prayers and dua. Whether it is an occasion of celebration or a day of commemoration, ICE is always willing to offer people not only advice but also the practical help.

3) EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES: ICE running multidimensional programmes on education and training. The section dealing with education offers courses on computer training, language learning (English, Arabic, Persian etc), photography, calligraphy and fine arts. The students have wide-range of subject to opt. The Centre offers facilities to all who are interested to learn Qur'an and Fiqh. Educational discussions are arranged where ethics, philosophy, logic and divinity are the subjects of common interest.

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## **The Islamic Education Center of Houston**

The Islamic Education Center of Houston serves the community as a center for the Friday congregation, Islamic celebrations, community programs, and above all – a center for imparting knowledge about Islam and promoting Islamic values. We have a large two-storey facility with a four level parking garage. A large part of the premises is occupied by the Al-Hadi School of Accelerative Learning. The IEC thrives under the guidance of our resident scholar Maulana Nasser Biria, diligence of our board members, hard work from our volunteers and .generosity of our selfless members. Visit IEC and learn about Islam

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### **The International Colleges of Islamic Science (ICIS)**

The International Colleges of Islamic Science (ICIS) was established in 1989 as an educational charitable organization (Charity Registration No 802651), the aim of which is to uplift the standard of Islamic teachings and provide affordable high quality courses to people all over the world.

Although our educational resources are based on the divine teachings of Islam through the holy Qur'an, the prophet Mohammad and his infallible progeny, we do not believe in imposing predetermined set of ideas. Our policy is to listen and analyze all points of view and ideologies in order to reach the best conclusion in line with teachings of the holy Qur'an: Give good news to My servants. Those who listen to the word, then follow the best of it. 39:17-18 The first college of ICIS was established in London and other branches are scheduled to be operational in the following countries: Syria Bahrain UAE USA Denmark

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### **Jafria Association of North America**

is always there for the community both in good times and in bad. To make it easier for the community to get in contact with the organization, Jafria Association of North America has provided a toll free number, 1-800-273-1201.

Jafria Association of North America purchased the Shah-E-Najaf Center in 1991. This was only possible with the help of its members. At that time the Pakistani community, in particular, were labeled as being 'beggars and trouble makers.' It was the vision of the President of Jafria Association of North America to buy their own center and run in such a manner that it will not discriminate among racial and/or ethnic grounds. Seminars are held on a regular basis concerning various socioeconomic issues of the community. Jafria Association of North America holds Majalis, Mehfil-E-Millad, and various other functions to celebrate and commemorate the days of the Masoomeen and important Muslim leaders. Jafria Association

of North America holds four Majalis every week in months of Muharram and Safar, not including the twelve day Ashra. In the month of Ramadhan-UI-Mubarak the center is open every day. A daily program is conducted each day as well as the serving of Iftar and dinner (every program is conducted by an Alim). The most important day in the Islamic calendar is the day of Ashura. Imam Husain (a.s.), our third Imam, where he saved the religion of Islam from the clutches of Yazid and his supporters. Imam Husain, gave not only his life but the lives of his friends and relatives

### **Mahdieh**

Mahdieh is a non-profit Islamic educational center, established in February 2000. It serves the Iranian American Moslem community of the Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware area and is founded and run by it's members

### **Our Mission**

Mahdieh is:

- a place of worship,
- a center of Islamic learning,
- a resource for Muslim parents trying to raise their children in an Islamic manner
- a location for the celebration of Muslim holy days,
- a provider of Islamic services

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### **MASOM (Midwest Association of Shia Organized Muslims)**

As-salaamu`alaikum brothers and sisters, and welcome to our site. By the grace of almighty Allah, and the 14 Infallibles, we have organized this site to provide and update you with information regarding our activities conducted here at MASOM(Midwest Association of Shia Organized Muslims) located in Chicago. Some of our main goals are: To organize and promote religious and Educational activities pursuant to Shia faith of Islam as preached by Prophet

Mohammed (S.A.W) and Aale-Mohammed (A.S.).

To provide religious services and education, social ceremonies, such as majalis, jashns,

marriages and funerals and to promote Shia Islamic fundamentals and codes.  
To promote and enhance mutual understanding, cooperation and unity among the Shia  
Muslims here and throughout the world.  
To facilitate the observation of Islamic and religious occasions such as daily congregation  
prayers, Friday prayers, Eid reunions, Majalis, religious procession, jashans, deliberations, and  
other special services.  
Everyone is invited to join in our discussions, and learn more about Islam. So please feel free  
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### **Karavan-e-Hujjat**

Karvan-e-Hujjat is a dedicated team of members who arrange Umra, Hajj and Ziyarat trips  
throughout the year. Their reputation is built on excellent service and reliability. They have  
many years of experience to their credit and they have served mo'mineen and mo'minaat who  
are residents of several countries to perform their Hajj, Umrah or Ziyarat.  
The group is led by Maulana Seyed Mohamed Naqvi, who has many years of Hajj , Ziyarat and  
Umrah experience who guides the group in all religious matters including recitation of Duas,  
Ziyarat, lectures in English and Majalis, together with a team of dedicated volunteers. The aim  
of this very experienced team is to assist the Hujjaj & the zuwwar in completing their Wajibaat  
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### **North American Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities Organization (NASIMCO)**

It has been established since 1986 to be a service organization and a unifying force for our  
communities in North America. It is a service organization with a vision to serve the needs of  
the communities in North America and be a force to bring about the unity of purpose and all  
the benefits that such a unity confers. Its mandate is to complement, support and strengthen  
its member organizations in North America

## **Our Vision**

To be a forward looking Shia-Ithnaasheri umbrella organization for North America that exists to serve and guide its constituent members with a view to foster unity and brotherhood and .promote the religious, educational, social and economic upliftment of the community

## **Our Mission**

NASIMCO will seek to achieve this unity of purpose By coordinating requisite policies and functions, By facilitating exchange of ideas and experiences, By channeling resources in support of individual and joint member initiatives, By liaising with other Muslim organizations within North America and beyond.

<http://www.nasimco.org>

## **The Friday Journal**

The Friday Journal is a bi-weekly magazine, in circulation in Mumbai, India.

It is published by the Zainabia institute of Islamic studies and research.

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## **The Islamic Center of America's Young Muslim Association**

is an organization for people of all ages, dedicated to promoting Islam, its beliefs and practice, through education, outreach and Islamic activities.

The focus of our mission is to advance morality and promote an Islamic way of life. While enhancing the Islamic identity of the youth through our initiatives, the YMA also fosters leadership qualities in the young Muslims of our community, as all of our programs and other initiatives are run and organized by this next generation of Muslims. The YMA is affiliated with the Islamic Center of America in Detroit, MI.

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## **ZAINABIA ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTER."**

In April 1997, the Muslim Community of Northeast Atlanta, launched an ambitious project to start a program towards fulfilling community needs. An organization was established as Zainabia Non-profit Inc, through which a property was purchased as "ZAINABIA ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTER." This center is where Muslims can practice and propagate the teachings of our Prophets and his Ahlul-Bai't to the upcoming generation. This center will serve as a focal point for the Northeast Atlanta's Muslim community, and provide all the adults and children a sense of belonging.

For the last 25 years, there has been a steady growth of the Muslim Community(Jaffri Fiqah) in the Northeast Atlanta area. There was no permanent place available for the religious activities and the Islamic education of the children. For the most part, all programs were held at homes or rented halls. The initiative of a few individuals in the community made it possible to acquire a facility to meet these necessary needs of the community. Today(2001) Zainabia Islamic Education Center has its doors open for all muslims and non-muslims to learn ISLAM and its value. Zainabia has events in Arabic, English, Persian, and Urdu to involve muslims from different communities. The goal is to educate muslims and non-muslims alike on the attributes of Islam, taking a special interest in cultivating muslim youth in America

### **Alulbayt Foundation**

Alulbayt Foundation was established in 1404H / 1983 in order to:

1. To support the Hawzas (i.e. Islamic educational institutes) and the cultural class by the most important resources and references .
2. To provide a careful examination of our late-scholars' compilations.
3. To consult and to keep a close contact with respected figures, experts, and specialists on one hand, and to develop youthful scientific talents on the other.

The collective research, which the Foundation has adapted as an innovative system of work resulted in the winning of Book-of-the-year prize in the Islamic Republic of Iran for four years, for the following books:

- Mustadrak Al-Wasa'el (by Al-Noori).
- Jame Al-Maqased (by Al-Karaki).
- Wasa'el Al-Shia (by Al-Hur Al-Ameli).
- Muntaha Al-Makal (by Abu Ali Al-Ha'eri).

In 1992 the Foundation won the prize of Best publishing and research center in Iran. The Foundation has branches in the sacred city of Mash-had, Damascus and Beirut. Each branch has its own role.

The Foundation has gone a long way in establishing relationships with more than 400 scholastic and cultural centers, organisations and institutes in more than 60 countries around the world.

The Foundation has effective contributions and participations in many scholastic and cultural conferences, like:

- Al-Imam Al-Reza (peace be upon him) conferences,
- Nahjul Balaghah conference,

- Al-Sheikh Al-Mufid conference,
- Al-Sheikh Al-Ansari conference,
- Al-Faidh Al-Kashani conference, etc...

It has also many participations in international books exhibitions, which was held in Iran, Egypt, Syria, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates and Morocco.

Rafed net for cultural development: In order to catch up with the fast technological rhythm of the internet, Alulbayt Foundation initiated the project of Rafed.net in 1418H in Arabic, English and Persian. In addition to the internet, the project made use of intranet, and included different themes including: Quran, Hadith, history, jurisprudence, beliefs, Islamic law, children, women, magazines, events and occasions, etc...

Turathuna magazine: Willing to present the Shia school of thought in its original form, and to develop new talents, the Foundation published a seasonal magazine called (Turathuna) in 1405H/1984. Uptil now 70 issues have been published.

Turathuna magazine is distinguished for being numbered internationally. It is also indexed by the well-known Lebanese magazine (Al-Fahrast).

Turathuna magazine has relations with more than 400 centers in more than 60 countries around the world.

The Foundation has published until now about 50 titles spreading over 200 volumes, including:

- Mustadrak Al-Wasa'el,
- Wasa'el Al-Shia,
- Jameh Al-Maqased,
- Tathkeratul-Fuqaha,
- Mustanad Al-Shia,
- Thikra Al-Shia,
- Madarek Al-Ahkam,
- Riyad Al-Sa'el,
- Nihayatul-Diraya,
- Qurb Al-Isnad,
- Muntahal-Makal,
- Manhajul Makal,
- Naqdul-Rijal,
- Dala'el Al-Sidq.

There are also books that are under checking like:

- Tafsir Al-Tibyan (by Al-Toussi),

- Majma' Al-Bayan (by Al-Tabrasi),
- Tiraz Al-Lugha,
- Sharh Nahjul-Balagha (by Ibn Al-Maytham),
- Al-Alfain,
- Mishkatul-Nur.

Due to the important and distinctive location of London, Alulbayt Foundation has opened a new branch in this city to make a liaison with the head office in Qum. Also, it demonstrates the activities of scholastic and cultural centers related to the office of Ayatollah Al-Sayyed Al-Seestani (may Allah grant him long life) in the holy city of Qum. The office of his eminency has established many scholastic and cultural centers that are active in many fields, and below are just a few of them:

- Al-Risala center, Beliefs research center, Al-Mustafa center: Each of these centers works independently in the field of beliefs.
- Alulbayt net in Qum, Imam Reza (a.s) net in Mashhad, Al-Imam Al-Mahdi (a.s.) net in Asfahan, Al-Imam Al-Sadiq (a.s.) net in Tehran, Al-Imam Al-Jawad (a.s.) net in Ilam: These networks actively provide information through the internet.
- Professional libraries of Al-Tafsir and Quranic sciences, Hadith sciences, Fiqh and Usul, Philosophy and scholastic theology (Al-Kalam), literature, history. It is worth mentioning that each of the History and Literature libraries alone consists of nearly 50,000 books among 200,000 books for all libraries.
- Imam Ali (a.s.) Foundation translates known Islamic titles to world languages.
- Islamic heritage revival center is concerned about collecting, copying, and preserving manuscripts.
- Dar Al-Zahra is concerned about women issues.
- Astronomical research center.
- Al-Imam Al-Sadiq (a.s.) center is concerned about Islamic medicine studies.
- Information Resources Foundation is considered one of the biggest Islamic information .databases, and it plays a great role in Islamic works in Arabic, English and Persian

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**World Islamic Propagation and Humanitarian Services (WIPAHS)**

WIPAHS is an organization based in the capital city of Tanzania – Dar es salaam. It is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). WIPAHS started its activities from nothing in .1985/1986. It is now about 16 years old

### **WIPAHS OBJECTIVES**

1. Propagation of the true teachings of Islam as revealed to the Holy Prophet (SAW) and detailed by the Ahlul-Bayt (AS)
2. Upliftment of the conditions of Muslims and other poor citizens of the country by providing water, education, medical care, etc. at normal or subsidized rates.
3. Encourage, and help in poverty alleviation plans by the local communities.
4. Cooperation with other institutions, charitable, religious or otherwise with similar objectives and aims.
5. WIPAHS strongly believes in maintaining cordial and friendly relationship with sisterly organizations and strongly distances itself from confrontations that can weaken the organization and hinder implementation of their objectives. Neither is WIPAHS objective to interfere in other organizations' affairs or duplicate work already being done. WIPAHS has rather filled in a vacant niche in offering its services in forgotten or neglected fields, like female education, etc.

The foremost duty is to be aware of the condition of the other Muslims and exploring ways of helping them. One can help others in many ways, those who have money can help financially, those who have abilities or know how.

It is obligatory on us to help all Muslims who need help, physically as well as spiritually. The Holy Prophet (SAW) said: "A person who spends a night unconcerned about the affairs of other Muslims is not a Muslim."

.So far WIPAHS has been able to achieve the following with the help of Almighty Allah

### **Water Projects**

1. Karbala shallow well projects. 155 wells dug in various villages some very remote to provide water.
2. Ashura Tube well projects. 65 deep wells have been dug giving between 3500-12000 liters .of water per hour per well

## **Medical Projects**

1. MEDEWELL Charitable Dispensary. The dispensary is situated at Temeke wailes, treating between 1200 to 1600 patients per month, equipped with modern equipment like ECG and Ultrasound. Consultation with other consultants is also done through Internet.
2. Eye-sight to Blind. 420 cataract operations done so far, most of them heavily subscribed and some free.
- .3. Donating medicines and equipment to various hospitals and clinics

## **Educational Projects**

### **1. Wali-ul-Asr Center - Kibaha.**

- a) Teachers Training Courses for school teachers as well as for Madressa teachers is being undertaken, total students first batch 150 of 24 Nursery school teachers graduated in November 2000.
  - b) From January 2001, Nursery School (currently 60 students) and Secondary Schools (currently 210 students) have started.
  - c) From January 2002, commercial courses to start as well as Reception Class for Standard One.
2. Lady Fatima (SA) Nursery School - Gongo la Mboto. 140 students attend the nursery school where religious education and nutritional needs are met free of charge.
  3. Assistance to Muslims students in the form of fees, books and uniforms.
  - .4. Assistance to Muslim schools and libraries with textbooks and stationery

## **Social Welfare**

1. Assistance to poor widows and orphans.
2. Providing crutches, wheelchairs to the physically handicapped.
3. Assistance to disabled to start their own business.
4. Distribution of food packets, clothes, etc.
- .5. Iftar (break-fast) program during the holy month of Ramadan

## **Islamic Propagation**

1. Madrasatuz-Zahra in town where about 40 girls are currently receiving religious instructions as well as training in English, Arabic and sewing.

2. The Message Audio-Video distribution project.
3. The Truth Book distribution project.
4. Arranging lectures, majlises and milads for Muslim women.
- .5. Assistance for mosques, madressas' construction projects

### **Wali-ul-Asr**

Wali-ul-Asr Education Center started in April 1998 with an intake of 80 students. It is a religious and secular college providing various courses for girl students. Islamic studies are taught according to the Qur'an and the Hadith and Sunnah of the Prophet (SAW)), as relayed to us by and under the Guidance of the Holy Imams (AS) the Household of the Prophet (SAW). The College is in Kibaha at "Maili Moja" area just about 30 kilometers from the City Center and is built on spacious 70 acres on hillside plot. There are 24 classrooms, two computer rooms, a library, one lecture theater, Sajadiya Prayer Hall, Dinner Hall with a modern kitchen, two wings of five story dormitories with 30 rooms each (capacity 360 students) teachers quarters and workshops. Currently (February 2002), there are 360 students on campus. The basic philosophy is to provide secular education as well as to give strong religious, moral and spiritual foundation so that they may become practicing Muslims and better mothers of tomorrow. These literate mothers will be in a better position to break the cycle of poverty-illiteracy and provide stable homes for their offspring.

#### **Courses Available:**

1. Muslim Teachers Training certificate. A 4-year course for Muslim girls who have finished Primary and Secondary education, giving basic training in English, Mathematics, Arabic, Islamic courses, computers and education. These are expected to be professional and proficient Madressa teachers in their subjects. Language of Instruction is Arabic.
2. Nursery Teachers Training Certificate. A 3-year course for Form IV leavers brushing up their English and Mathematics, plus Arabic, Islamic courses, Computer Education.
3. Teachers Training Diploma. Standard Government prescribed teachers training courses.
4. Secondary School Form I to VI Currently Form I, II and II as well as form V and VI.
5. Secretariat Business Skills: Basic training in secretarial software application as well as basic accounting.

Also on campus a fully-fledged Nursery School (Umm-u-Abiha) Nursery School (40 students) for the nearby and Kibaha children. It is also used as a teaching and practical workshop for .Education Classes

## Future Plans

**Immediate: Consolidate current courses and introduce other marketable Diploma Courses.**

Long Term: Prepare transition plant so that in 4 to 5 years will be able to offer Bachelors Degree in relevant fields.

1. Secondary School: Permission to start secondary schools was given by the Ministry of Education on condition that at a later date the Secondary School will be housed in separate buildings apart from the college building currently in use. Nevertheless, the current building is also running out of space for extra classes required by the secondary department. Classes can only be accommodated till the end of the year 2002.

2. Boarding House: The current dorms are running out of space, as it can accommodate at present not more than 340 students. The intention is to build other dorms with the Secondary School.

3. Primary School: There is also demand for a Primary School so that students from the Nursery School can continue with the quality education that they have been receiving so far. Depending on the number of application received, the Primary School may start in January 2002 within the current Nursery School premises. If successful, then a separate block will have to be built and be ready by January, 2003.

4. Administration Building: Currently the Administration Offices including staff rooms are located within the classroom block. Since we are running out of classrooms, it is proposed to build an Administration Block properly designed to handle smooth administration, record keeping, staff rooms, conference room, etc.

5. Library & Research Center: Currently two classrooms are used as a library, which is already too small and congested with hardly enough space for reading for all 300 students. The books section is also too small. It is proposed to build a custom designed computerized library and research center, capable of holding up to 800 students for study time.

6. MEDEWELL: Institute of Ophthalmology: It will start as Eye Clinic and then expand services by offering more services. It will also act as a center for training medical workers starting with Diploma and Certificate in Optometry and Eye nursing and later degree in Ophthalmology. A detailed write-up is available on request.

7. Mosque: With the increasing number of students the prayer hall is becoming smaller in spite of expanding it twice previously. The Master Plan requires the construction of a proposed Mosque capable of accommodating at least 1,000 students.

WIPAHS Management with encouragement from donors as well as the success of the MEDEWELL Eye Project, decided to embark on this project.

This is a very ambitious project and according to the Project proposal prepared by Dr. Dhalla, will take about 10 years to complete.

The aim of this Project is to offer excellent eye services at the most reasonable and affordable cost, and at the same time to establish a Center of Academic Excellence in Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Paramedics.

The first phase will involve the construction of an out-patient section and provision of basic eye services, leading to the construction of an Operation Theater. The second phase will involve provision of advanced eye services like anterior segment and cornea surgery, vitreous retinal surgeries, refractive and VR surgeries. The aim is to equip the Center with all kinds of diagnostic and treatment equipment, like lasers, phaco-emulsion, etc.

At the same time as the services expand, we intend to use the facility in cooperation with the Wali-ul-Asr Education Center to train medical workers in various fields like, Optometrist, Assistant Medical Officers Ophthalmology/Cataract, Ophthalmic Nursing Officers and Assistants and later Ophthalmologist.

The Foundation Stone of the first phase was laid on November 2, 2001 and the construction has already started. It is expected that early out-patient services be ready by June, 2002. When fully operational, there may be no need for patients to travel to Nairobi or India or United Kingdom for an eye-treatment. Let us pray to the Almighty Allah to accept our efforts and to help us to succeed - Inshallah.

Du'a (Prayers) of the Holy Month of Ramadan: It is also the month of reflection, the month of spiritual purification and purification of our wealth, it is the month to sit down and think about where we are coming from, and where we are going to. It is a month to think of others and to thank Almighty Allah for the innumerable blessing He has given us.

It is well-known that you realize the benefit of an item only when you start missing it. You also realize the benefit of saliva only when your mouth runs dry.

During this month it is obligatory upon us (Muslims) to look around us and at those who are less fortunate, both financially as well as physically, and think about ways to help them and ease their difficulties even if that be only for a moment. It is at that very moment that you may see a smile that you may never forget in your life!

WIPAHS with generous help from the community here, and abroad has several projects during this holy month of Ramadan. Here below we give some in brief:

a) Food Packet Distribution consisting of rice, maize-flour, sugar, salt and cow-peas and cooking oil. This takes place in various Muslim centers, e.g., mosques and madressas in Dar-es-Salaam, Kibaha, Dodoma, Morogoro, Mwanza, Zanzibar and Pemba. It is expected that

about 3,000 people will benefit from this Food Packet Distribution.

b) Break-fast (Iftar) meals supplied to various centers especially the disabled, blind school, and deaf-dumb schools. A group of girls visit, distribute and share Iftar with them for the whole month of Ramadan.

c) Visits to hospitals for food distribution as well as other relief assistance.

d) Cash assistance to the poor and the needy families in Dar-es-Salaam as well as in other towns like Dodoma and Zanzibar.

e) Distribution of Qur'an to madressas and mosques.

f) Special Program for the Last Friday of Ramadan. A grand program for ladies with lectures on various important topics, followed by Iftar. The number of participants last year was 1,500.

g) Islamic Crash Course for Muslim Girls at Kibaha. Sixty new students joined other 300 students in Kibaha at Wali-ul-Asr Education Center for intensive courses in Islam