

The Prophet (May peace & blessings of Allah SWT be upon him) stated

“Do not hold back; otherwise, Allah will withhold from you”

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

1. Un-Mosqued, the Movie

Date & Time: June 7 at 530PM

Adults (No children please)

2. ISWM Community Fundraiser

Date & Time: June 8, 530PM

Place: ISWM Hall.

Catered dinner for the whole community.

3. Discrimination of Muslim Children at School, a Community Conversation

Date & Time: June 13, 545 PM

Place: ISWM Hall.

Adults especially parents

ISWM FUNDRAISER DINNER: JUNE 8TH ASAR TO MAGHRIB

AlhumduLillah, we have signed the initial purchase agreement with our neighbor to acquire the adjacent property. The estimated cost to formally acquire the place is \$300,000. Some more money would be needed to clean and renovate. This acquisition would strengthen ISWM and provide a place to help provide more and better services. As stated before, this is the first step towards a larger project of upgrading and expanding our prayer hall for men

IS THIS THE TIME TO ESTABLISH MORE MASAJIDS?

ISWM was established by a small group of dedicated Muslims. May Allah subhana wataala raise their and their families' ranks. Since then, there have been many extensions to accommodate our needs. Besides expanding our prayer space, there are multiple other social projects or areas that need our attention. We need to have proper office and maintenance staff to manage and service our facilities. We need counseling services for men, women and families. We need a coordinator

and women, new washroom facilities, more parking, a better library and a reasonable space for Iqra Academy. It also provides us better security and peace of mind from this particular side of our facilities.

We are looking at different options, including renting, for this property during the next 1-3 years. During that period, we have to raise funds to take the next step.

For now, we need to raise the appropriate funds. Please donate

You may donate the whole amount now or make a commitment to do it in installments.

On behalf of the board of ISMW and our membership, we like to convey our sincere thanks to you and your family for supporting the masjid and the center, even if it was a good wish or a prayer.

May Allah subhana wataala accept our good deeds and help us and guide us to make the right decision and put us to the right path. Ameen

and the appropriate facilities for youth activities. We need to expand and improve our parking facilities, and the list goes on and on.

A lot of this work, in the longer run, is almost impossible to do until our endowment reaches a certain level. Presently, it is so small that it cannot even support a part-time building manager.

Is this the time to build more masajids in the adjacent towns? Our position is that it is not. Going in that direction at this juncture would likely create two problems: a.

limited funding to establish and maintain the new facilities, and b. lack of funding for ISWM to take it to the next level and provide the much needed services.

This might be the perfect time to start and establish Massallaas in different localities that are more than 15-minute drive to ISWM. They would definitely help to establish congregational daily prayers. The board has recently approved guidelines to help establish such facilities. May Allah subhana wataala guide us to the right path. Ameen.

IQRA ACADEMY K-12

Commencement Invitation to the Community

When:
May 31, 5:30PM

Where:
Community Hall of
ISWM

For Who:
All community
members are
welcome but
especially parents
with school going
children

Other Detail:
Dinner and
refreshments

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In-charge: Br. Marwan Al-Masri.

Staff: Many dedicated and hardworking brothers and sisters.

Students: Children of ages 5 and up.

Time: Sundays 10:30 to 1:30. September to June.

Contact for further info:
iswmsundayschool@gmail.com

Un-Mosqued, the Movie: Why People Do Not Come to the Masjid?

When we try to build or renovate a masjid, we always try to make it as large as possible. This is with a hope that the whole community would come to the masjid on regular basis for prayers and other activities. Same has been the case with us. The fact is that, except the Jumah, Taraveeh and Eid prayers, we almost never have even a respectable congregation. In daily prayers, we usually have 1-3 lines only. Most of the

masjid, most of the time, is empty and not used.

All of us may have opinions about this issue and many of us, including the Imam, frequently discuss and reflect and try to find the ways to bring more people to the masjid.

Recently, a documentary was made to address this specific issue by a group of young Muslims.

CRITICAL CONNECTION is a local non-profit social organization. Its Muslim members, who also are the members of ISWM community, have purchased the movie for our showing. We invite all the adult members, men and women to come and join us to watch it on June 7 after Asar. May be we would get some guidance to help fix this problem?

Some Summer Programs for Youth **Youth Symposium**

Sponsor: Islamic Council of New England
Program: 1st Annual Youth Symposium
I WILL SUCCEED, In Sha'a Allah, Inspiring Success in One Memorable Day
Where: Sharon Center, 74 Chase Dr., Sharon, MA 02067

When: May 31, 10am to 7pm
For who: Age 14-24
Fee: \$10 per youth
Other details: Meals are provided
For reservation: icne.registerme@gmail.com

Summer Sports Camp

Sponsor: Ustad Sufu Hashim
Program: Martial arts & Outdoor Adventure Program
Title: Summer Fun Program 2014. Give your children the best summer of their lives!
Where: Islamic Society of Western Mass, 377 Amostown Rd, W. Springfield, MA
When: June 23, 2014 – August 22, 2014, 9am to 3pm, 5 days a week
For who: Age 5-13
Other details: Martial arts, Tennis, Electic PE, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball
Fee: \$80 per child or \$150 per family
Reservation: Call 800-313-5635