

Az-Zahra Center Monthly Newsletter –2024

As-salaamu Alaikum,

Ayat of the Month: *"Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded."* - Surah Nahl, Verse 90 (16:90)

This verse is known as **Ayat al-Ihsan**. The verse points to six principles, three of which command justice, kindness, and donation to relatives, while the remaining three principles forbid immorality, bad conduct, and oppression. In today's confusing and traumatic world, injustices and hate seem to be the controlling elements of our societies. Allah (swt) ordains believers to prevent evil to take root by confronting it. Another principle, i.e., oppression also seems to be gaining ground lately. It is disturbing to note that so many believers are becoming immune or unconcerned due to the fear of retaliation by society. It is our obligation to not only confront but to help eradicate such evil from our societies.

Hadith of the Month *"Whoever injures Fatimah, injures me; and whoever injures me injures Allah (swt); and whoever injures Allah practices unbelief. O Fatimah! If your wrath is incurred, it incurs the wrath of Allah; and if you are happy, it makes Allah happy too"* – Holy Prophet (AS)

Announcements:

New Board Trustee

Alhumdulillah, we added Br. Margoob Abbas, who had formerly served in the board of trustees, to the 2025 session. His past involvements and knowledge are assets for us.

New Executive Committee

AZC has now established a functioning Executive Committee comprising of the following groups: Sunday School; Program; Cemetery; Construction; Maintenance; and Membership/Fundraising committees. These committees will play a vital role for the smooth functioning of AZC.

Sunday School Started

Classes run each Sunday starting at 10am until Dhorian namaz. The emphasis is on Islamic values such as Namaz, Usool and Fur'uh of our religion. Please fill out the [registration form](#) and we will reach out to you.

Weekly Lectures with our Resident Alim

Following the classes, the children and the community meet for the Dhohrain namaz followed by a weekly lecture by our resident alim. You may even reach out to the alim with questions. Shaykh Mohammad Baig, is an excellent resource and we should take advantage of his knowledge and experience in improving our understanding of Islam.

How You Can Help

Imam Zaman Fund: Provides help to needy families to cover their emergency needs. Your donations will help pay utility bills and other related expenses. Please continue to pay even as little as \$10 a month to help people in need. You can reach out to me, Br. Abu Ali, or Br. Ali Raza Mirza with your help.

Provide Feedback: We are always looking for fresh and impactful ideas to make this a vibrant community. If you have suggestions, please contact us via [Electronic Suggestion Box](#) labeled on the website as **"Share Feedback"** or reach out to any of the trustees. Thank you