

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST GRACIOUS THE MOST MERCIFUL

MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (UK)

PROGRAMMES FOR THE 2014 - 2015 ADMINISTRATIVE TERM

INTRODUCTION

All praise and adorations are due to Allah *Subhanah Wa T'ala* for making us Muslims. May He continue to guide us aright, accept all our efforts and sacrifices as acts of Ibadah, overlook all our shortcomings and grant us success in this life and the hereafter, *ameen*.

OUR STRATEGIC MISSION:

‘Advancement of Islamic faith as contained in the Holy *Qur’an*, *Hadith* and *Shariah*, as well as promoting charitable activities of social and welfare nature for the benefit of Nigerian Muslims in the United Kingdom’.

OUR GOALS:

The continuation of Islamic religious activities, provision of facilities for regular daily prayers (*Salat*), maintain the mosque, Islamic education, supplementary education classes, special study circles, Islamic counselling for individuals and families, community welfare projects, care for the elderly, youth activities, children play scheme and community development forum, mutual co-operation with all Muslim organisations including other faiths and race, liaison with Southwark local Authority and other voluntary organisations locally and abroad.

OUR OBJECTIVE:

Whilst change can be uncomfortable, it is inevitable, but when implemented in the proper way and for the right reasons, it is usually productive over the foreseeable future. Listed below are the proposed programmes the Executive Committee intends to work on, *In sha-Allah*, over the next 24 months.

THE COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

The Five Daily Prayers

These would continue as usual led by the respective designated Imams. Due recognition will continue to be accorded to *Shaykh Muhammad Al-Afghani*, which enhances the status of our masjid as a unique cosmopolitan centre.

Jumu’ah Prayers

We would continue to have two batches of *Jumu’ah* prayer due to increasing number of worshippers; as a result, two Imams would continue to be on standby every week one taking charge of each batch. We would maintain our policy of delivering the sermon (*khutbah*) in English, which makes Old Kent Road Mosque unique in the area. We also hope to upload our *khutbahs* to the Association’s website regularly for the benefit of all.

Eid Prayers

The *Eid* prayers (Eid-el-Fitr and Eid-el-Adha) would be in four batches because of the increasing number of worshippers. This would continue to be the case until we have our new Islamic Centre *in shaa Allah*. We would also look at the practicality of observing one batch of the prayers with other Muslims at the park during the summer as agreed by the General House.

The Sunday Dhikr

The Sunday *Dhikr* would continue as usual (11am – 3 pm) to include lectures, Question & Answer sessions, while other activities would also continue as follows:

- Last Sunday of the month will continue to be devoted to special *du'a*
- Recitation of the whole *Qur'an* every three months.
- Last Friday of the Month Lectures will continue, with occasional symposium, while lecturers will continue to be invited from within and outside our immediate community.
- The second Sunday of the month Tafsir anchored by Prof. Mashood Baderin will also continue insha Allah.

Ramadan

The *Tafsir* sessions will be held on Saturdays and Sundays. The Question and Answer sessions will follow the *Taraweeh* as usual. The traditional provision of *iftar* to members and mosque users would also continue unabated. Efforts would be made to improve on all our Ramadan activities including *Itikaf*, collection and prompt distribution of Zakat Fitri in line with the *sunnah*.

Other Events

Occasional events which include *'Aqeeqah, Nikaah, Janaazah*, registry civil marriage and special thanksgiving prayers would continue to be attended to. Programmes targeted at the mosque users would be introduced. We would also consolidate on the existing spiritual activities by embarking on the following:

- Compilation of Order of Service;
- Training of Council for Religious Affairs members
- Collaboration with Welfare, Social, Elders Group and Publicity Committees in the delivery of spiritual services to the Association's members;
- Liaison with the Council of Nigerian Muslim Organisations (CNMO), Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), Union of Muslim Organisations (UMO), National Council for the Welfare of Muslim Prisoners (NCWMP) and other Muslim Organisations.
- Performing thanksgiving amongst our members

EDUCATION

Markaz (Centre for Arabic & Islamic Studies)

In sha Allah this Executive Committee shall focus its activities on the *Markaz*, the supplementary classes and other matters or policy relating to realization of the objectives of MAN in spreading the teachings of Islam and the promotion of western education.

We will continue to ensure that Parents/Guardians respond positively and timely to school fees, homework policy and other form of responsibilities expected of Parents/Guardians in *Markaz*, for example, ensuring that proper dressing, adequate writing and learning materials among other things are provided. Also, a monitoring body shall be established to ensure that students behave according to the rules and regulations of the *Markaz* in class.

The Executive Committee would continue with the current efforts to put in place standard Policies and Procedures to guide and monitor the activities of Markaz. It will also continue with consultations aimed at restructuring and upgrading Markaz to a fully-fledged school which might include relocation.

The Executive Committee would also endeavour to install audio-visual learning aids and multimedia facilities to upgrade and aid the learning process of Markaz students.

Saturday Supplementary Classes

The Executive Committee would continue to sustain the Saturday Supplementary Classes and look at ways of improving its activities appropriately. May I take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of the teachers for teaching free of charge.

NEW MOSQUE PROJECT

To consolidate and constantly source funds for all the Association's activities and special projects including the 'New Old Kent Road Mosque Project'. We need to review our holistic aim and have a review of our needs. Concerted efforts would be made to embark on realistic and physical projects that would enhance our fundraising drive.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Organise Advice Surgeries and Workshops
- Development of Children Play Scheme;
- Review and Consolidation of Islamic Counselling Services
- Development of a Youth Centre
- Accessing government legitimate grants
- Co-ordination and mentoring activities for community development
- To prepare the structure for a vision and also to lead a strategic planning for our proposed Islamic Centre.

WELFARE

- To continue collaborative work with Council for Religious Affairs to visit and offer *Du'a* for the sick and frail members in hospitals and at home.
- To co-ordinate collaborative work with other sub-committees as necessary within the Association to care for the welfare of all members and the community.

- To mark and monitor the attendance register at weekly lectures and welfare contacts.
- To work alongside other sub-committees to improve communication, foster unity amongst members and to build our children/young people's capacities to become part of our community and participate in the Association's public events.

SOCIAL

- Co-ordination of all social functions within the Mosque premises.
- Endeavour to attend social functions of members
- Honour invitations from recognised individuals and organisations.

FINANCE

- Effectively maintain records of the Association's income and expenditure
- Provision of quarterly financial summaries to members appropriately
- Reviewing of membership in conjunction with the Membership Committee
- To draft financial regulations and procedures
- To put in place appropriate assets register
- To assist Internal Auditor to input Income and Expenditure appropriately
- Preparation and submission of the Association's annual accounts and reports to the appropriate bodies as required by law.
- Ensure that all signatories to MAN accounts in the UK and Nigeria are changed in line with the constitution.

PUBLICITY

- Early publication and sale of calendar by October of each year.
- Website upgrade and maintenance.
- Prompt dissemination of information to members, mosque users and the general public as at when due.
- To increase publicity of MAN's programmes and activities.

ELDERS

- Liaising in planning the two regular annual trips which are; one day trip in May and three days trip in August.
- Assist in planning Elder's *Eid* celebrations.
- Liaising with the Welfare and Social Officers in the delivery of Islamic activities to meet personal and spiritual needs, especially for the vulnerable members
- Provide opportunities for other willing professionals to work with the elders.

YOUTHS

We will continue working closely with and support the youths in all their activities while putting in place programmes that will keep them gainfully engaged. We would also continue to look at ways of gradually introducing them to the main stream and running of the Association's activities by encouraging them to take up responsibilities in Committees.

SECURITY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Organise fire alarm and fire drill on regular basis
- Monitoring safety of the Mosque's users, the building and its contents.
- To liaise with the Human Resources (HR) and organise Health & Safety trainings for relevant members.
- Strengthen security in and around the Mosque.

MOSQUE MAINTAINANCE

- Maintenance of the Building and its facilities;
- Decoration of the Mosque internally and externally;
- Put in place appropriate measures to reduce our energy consumption and carbon emission.
- Reduce our utility bills to the minimum possible.

ADMINISTRATION

- To effectively and efficiently deliver excellent support services.
- Review of communication and coordination within members.
- Review feedback and evaluation procedures from members and service users.
- Continue to maintain strict policy of confidentiality.
- Regular update of members' details.
- Suggestion box to enhance feedback from members and service users.
- Set up consultative meeting with members as agreed at the last Leadership Conference.

MEETINGS

We would continue to hold regular meetings to give feedback and deliberate on issues and activities of the Association as follows:

Board Meeting - 1st Sunday of every month

Executive Meeting - 2nd Sunday of every month

General Meeting – Quarterly

Annual General Meeting & Conference – Once in two years

In addition, all Standing and Sub-Committees will meet as at when due avoiding clashes with the meetings stated above.

CONCLUSION

May the peace and blessings of Allah *Subhanah Wa T'ala* continue to be with us all and may He continue to guide us aright individually and collectively in the execution of the highlighted programmes, *ameen*.

Ma Salam,

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Secretary General.

APPENDIX

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