



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST GRACIOUS THE MOST MERCIFUL

MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (UK)

PROGRAMMES FOR THE 2016 - 2017 ADMINISTRATIVE TERM

#### INTRODUCTION

- We give all thanks 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 *Ibadaah*, 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.

### 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*.

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

**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.

### Islamic Jurisprudence

First Sunday of the Month

**The second Sunday of the month Tafsir** anchored by Prof. Mashood Baderin will also continue insha Allah.

**Last Sunday of the month** will continue to be devoted to special *du'a*

**Recitation** of the whole *Qur'an* every three months.

### 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:

- 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 have installed audio-visual learning aids and multimedia facilities in all Markaz classes to aid the learning process of Markaz students. Introduction of Inset day to enhance the performance and delivery of teaching and learning in Markaz

Cashless and card payment method to be introduced in the collection of school fees in Markaz

### 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.

To this extent, the present Executive is committed to intensifying efforts to get the planning approval as well as commence on the project in earnest.

## 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.
- Surgeries: Med. Gen Practice, Mental Health  
Legal & Social
- Annual Ramadan Diabetes UK Special Health Awareness Programme

## 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.
- Ensuring the Masjid is Eco friendly and partnering with other organisations to train and enlighten Mosque user about Sustainable environment thereby consolidating the achievement of the silver award recently given to the Association by MADE

## 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Salaam*

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