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A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community



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Highlights of the 38th Annual New Medinah Islamic Retreat



Mobile Masjid participants (not pictured Bro. Anthony and Sis. Olga). Credit: K H Saleem
Theme: "Reconnect, Reunite, Refocus in An Environment that Makes it Easy to Remember THE CREATOR"

At Masjid Al-Halim we were greeted with a warm welcome by Resident Imam Alvin Shareef, of New Medinah, MS. Afterwards Salatul Jumu'ah with khatib, Imam Yahya Abdullah of Jacksonville, Florida provided us with an inspiring khutba reflecting on the retreat's theme. Quranic references included Ali Imran (The Family of Imran), 3: 103,104, 110; and Al Bayyinah (The Clear Evidence).

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Read, Listen, and Study Tafsirs and Lectures of Imam W.D. Mohammed

Hajj, the Pilgrimage to Mecca, amd Eid ul Adha

Millions of pilgrims from all over the world will be converging on Mecca in the coming days. They will retrace the footsteps of millions who have made the spiritual journey to the valley of Mecca since the time of Adam.

The Hajj pilgrimage is a re-enactment of the rituals of the great prophets and teachers of faith. Pilgrims symbolically relive the experience of exile and atonement undergone by Adam and Eve after they were expelled from Heaven, wandered the earth, met again and sought forgiveness in the valley of Mecca. They also retrace the footsteps of the wife of Abraham, Hagar, as she ran between the hills of Safa and Marwa searching for water for her thirsty baby (which according to Muslim tradition, God answered with the well of Zam Zam).

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Dhul Hijjah is the Twelfth Month of the Islamic (Hijri) Calendar

How Can You Prepare for Interfaith Dialogue?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYtKgnohBy8> Listen/enjoy.

"Under the clothing of religion, race, status, and individualism, we are one humanity, sharing the same basic needs." NIMAT NIMAT is a natural born singer/songwriter whose inspirational lyrics and poetry have captivated audiences across the nation. Her rich vocal tones are often described as captivating and emotional, inviting listeners into wanting to become a better version

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The three-day retreat interwove salat and workshops with fun outdoor activities. Among those offered were Reading the Colorful Signs of ALLAH, horseback riding, fishing, swimming, other sports, and tours of the more than one-hundred-acre site. According to Dr. Rashad Ali, one of the Founders of New Medinah, the plan for some of the acreage is to complete a Spa/Resort of which one unit is already available.

The long time Muslim Journal Editor, Ayesha K. Mustafaa offered an update and status of The Muslim Journal. Mark Shahid, host of IWDM Radio, provided a presentation on "Reconstructing the African American Family After Its Destruction". Aneesah Dawan, instructor in The Islamic Learning Institute, provided the sisters workshops that were educational, enlightening and inspiring. An added surprise to the Retreat was the presence of Fitrah Muhammad, Founder and Host of, "Study AL-Islam". An Unmarried Social Venue was provided for brothers and sisters to meet.

At the evening Community Banquet, Imam Yahya Abdullah expanded on the theme with, "The Remembrance of The CREATOR Frees the Mind & Cures the Heart". At the banquet an amazing fashion show by Designer IKLAS and awards to volunteers who assisted in putting together The Retreat were given. Joyce Haseeb acknowledged Imam Saleem and the believers of the Mobile Masjid who were in attendance (see picture on page 1).

Sunday closed out the interesting and informative retreat weekend with Aneesa Dawan's workshop, and Imam Yahya Abdullah as taleem speaker. The excellent retreat ended with saying goodbyes, hugs, greetings of As-Salaamu Alaikum, and until we meet again. The overall messages from this heart warming event were: do not stop trying to read and understand Quranic Arabic, do not stop striving to have our own, and do for self.

Reported by Joyce Haseeb

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The Hajj pilgrims also commemorate the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son, Ishmael, for the sake of God. God later substituted a ram in place of his son.

We may be aware of the traditional aspects of the Hajj and the observance and celebration of the victories of earlier believers but what can these traditions mean in today's world? The current state of affairs — both within and outside the Muslim world — greatly increases the relevance of some of the spiritual and universal messages inherent in the Hajj.

Sources:

<https://www.whyislam.org/universal-lessons-of-hajj/>

Editor's note: Using the themes inherent in the Hajj pilgrimage and the Eid ul Adha observances and celebrations of the victories, let us encourage each other to present a clear vision of Al-Islam through interfaith dialogue. Can Eid activities be a start?

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of themselves. To be able to be honest about who we are as human beings and why we are here is the entire point, explains NIMAT when asked what matters the most in her writing and songs.

As she explains: "If every invention and cure come from creation, why wouldn't it provide answers to the many social ills and issues that we are experiencing today? As a dedicated student of the spiritual sciences, human behavior, word origins and scripture, I am excited to share studies and reflections that unfold the many characteristics of human behavior found in nature and where we see these connections every day".

Provided by Nashid Rushdan, Sr.

Join Nimat, www.nimat.net, for a refreshing way to understand spirituality. The songs and videos are excellent for discussions, to elaborate on scriptural knowledge, and for sharing at an Eid get together, interfaith dialogue, or just self-reflection?



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