

Presidents Address- AGM 2011

April 30th/June 4th, 2011

Inalhamdullaha, Nahmadu, Wanustaninu, Wanastagfiru,
Wanauzubillaha min shoorori anfusina waa sayyiati amalina.

Nahmaduhu Wanausali ala rasulilkarim, Wakhatamul ambiya
Syedena Muhamadin waali, Wa-ashabihi Wararik Wasalim

Elders of the Jamat, brothers, sisters and youths Assalamualaikum
Warahmatul- lahi Wabarakatu

Alhamdullaha it's been now over a year since Allah s.a.t honored me and my committee to serve the highest office of this Jamat. We thank Him and glorify Him for having given us this opportunity and we pray that He gives us the strength, courage and wisdom to serve this Jamat for the remainder of our term. Any good that we have done so far has been by his grace and any otherwise has been out of our actions and we humbly seek his forgiveness.

When we took office, we knew of the challenges ahead as we were all new at serving the Jamat in this capacity but had assurance of help whenever needed. However we did not anticipate facing immediate challenges right from the on-start. Al-hamdullaha this bonded and molded the team right from the get-go. With the assistance and guidance from Allah (SWT), and the hikma from the elders we managed to steer through the challenges in order to maintain the unity of the Jamat.

If you'd re-call, the executive committee had outlined the areas of focus that it thought of undertaking during its term:-

1. Enhancement of UNITY and community development
2. Outreaching to other Communities and Organization
3. Enhancement of Service and Communication to Members

Alhamdullaha our membership now stands at 122 an increase of 12%, the Community Service in conjunction with the V.P has put in tremendous efforts in our membership drive and may Allah s.a.t accept their efforts and reward them abundantly- Amen. This is still work in progress and I encourage them to continue their efforts.

We have put in efforts to strengthen our ties and communication with other NMJ Jamat's worldwide and had meetings with the chairmen's of Mombasa Jamat and their Foreign affairs committee, Nairobi Jamat and USA Jamat. This collaboration efforts have so far lead to the leaders from the Jamats coming together to assist in resolving issue's effecting one Jamat.

We will Inshallah enhance the efforts by previous committee's in outreaching other local organizations, Inshallha we will strive to do more for the remainder of our term and in particular through the Sports, Youth and Education Committees.

As we all know the Jamat has been working for some years into providing burial services, without a shadow of doubt we all understand and appreciate this to be a daunting task due to limited resources at the disposal of our Jamat. Alhamdullaha Allah s.a.t has provided us with an opportunity and strength to embark on providing these services to our members henceforth.

I commend on the efforts put in by the Community Service, The Trustee Board and the Executive committee in working tirelessly together to come up with a burial service scheme. By no means is the work complete on this but it's the first few steps that we have taken in the many to come and Inshallah the Jamat will endure to provide these services in the years to come- Amen. I would like to emphasize that it's very crucial that we all understand and contribute our thoughts and suggestions on this so that we can

formulate services that would be beneficial to all in the years to come.

The Sports Committee has worked hard in organizing in door and out door sporting events and we have all enjoyed and made the most of these events. With their efforts and Allah s.a.t will, we now have a permit for a Gym, which has been made available to us once every week at no cost. They have done their part and it's up to all of us now (including women and kids) to show up every Saturday in support of their efforts. Being Active is essential to being Healthy, lets make this a family activity every week.

To the Sports Committee I say, let's now work towards forming an NMJ Canada team be it in Soccer/Volleyball/Basketball that could participate in local sporting events and Alhamdullaha we have the talent and the will to do so. This would also enhance our outreach initiative to other communities.

The Education committee has been very active in organizing fun filled and educational activities such as the Tuji Muchi Soch and Makaj ji Cherchar. With the commitments and support from our youths, we will inshallah outreach to other communities and organize inter community events. We will inshallaha have the Global Essay competition amongst NMJ worldwide youths later this year.

The youth committee has been the most active in outreaching to other communities with activities such as Pakistan Food relief Fund raising, hot soup event and "Planting Faithfully".

In our youth we NOT only have leaders for tomorrow for our Jamat but also for the Canadian Community at large, and example of which is two of our youths were awarded "Leading Girls, Building Communities Award" by the government of Ontario. In 2009 it was Naeema Admani and this year Azba Hatianai.

Alhamdullaha with the nema from Allah s.a.t we have another

youth, Nabil Hathiani, who has become Hafiz-ul- Quran. On behalf of me and the Jamat I would like to congratulate these youths and their parents for their achievement and May Allah s.a.t guide them to higher achievements in live- Ameen

I would like them to organize a youth Tarbiya program before the end of summer and you will have my full support and cooperation towards this.

The media and Communication Committee successfully launched the first ever Islamic Calendar with the artwork from our kids. They had intended to request artworks from global NMJ kids but due to time limitations the art work done by the kids during the Summer Fest was collected and used. Inshallah we will make this an annual exercise. These Calendars were officially handed to other NMJ Jamats and they were well received and apparently it was the first ever by an NMJ Jamat. This shows the creativity and ability to think outside the box that our youth's possess, as it was them who came up with the idea of having our kid's art work in our annual Islamic calendars. Inshallah this Committee will continue to support the youth in their endeavors and challenge them in creativity.

The Volunteers Committee has been ever present in all our events and occasionally I do forget to appreciate and thank them for their service, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank them. Had it not been for them we would not enjoy the scrumptious meals that make our functions ever so delightful to attend. I would like us all to make it easier for them by simply doing RSVP; all it takes is a few minutes to reply to the circular from the secretary. I fail to understand why we are disciplined to do so in other events but NOT the Jamats functions. I can stress no more that by us NOT doing so is costing us with our caterers. Jazakallahu to those of us, who have disciplined themselves to RSVP, please continue to do so.

To celebrate the 10yrs since the adoption of our constitution, the executive committee has appointed an Editorial Board to work on the 5th edition of ‘An-Najam’ led by Sister Mariam Salyani. It’s my request to you all to support them in all aspect for this magazine. The Executive has also appointed a committee to look into the website and see possible areas of improvement, this is being spearheaded by Br. Zahir Salyani.

The Executive Committee see’s some small gaps in our constitution, such as the working collaboration between the Executive committee and the Trustee board also the continuity between executive committees. As we grow and strengthen it is important that we address them as and when needed. Alhamdullaha the Executive committee has appointed a small committee to look into this.

I would now like to draw your attention to the Subscription over dues:-

As we saw in the audited accounts, as of Dec 31st, 2010 the total outstanding subscription is an astounding, this is by no means a small amount. Alhamdullaha some members have taken the efforts to settle their dues and we have reduced this amount since then. Individual statements have been sent out and if there are members who have not received them or need any clarification to please consult with the treasurer at the earliest possible. It’s my humble request to all those who have outstanding dues to make an effort to please clear them at the earliest opportunity

I would like to end by saying help us in serving you better and step forward to serve the Jamat when called upon.

Jazakallah for listening to me patiently and may Allah s.a.t bless this Jamat and take it to higher levels in the years to come- Ameen.