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الحمد لله حمد الشاكرين، والصلاة والسلام على المبعوث رحمة للعالمين، وهادياً للناس أجمعين.
صلاةً وسلاماً دائماً دائمين إلى يوم الدين، وآله وصحبه ومن تبعهم بإحسان، وسلم تسليماً كثيراً، أما بعد:

To Attend and Assist In the Upkeep and Maintenance of the Masjid are Signs of Iman

RasulAllah ﷺ stated: 'Whoever loves the Masjid, Allah loves him'. (Majma'uz Zawaid vol 2, p135)

Allah ﷻ has stated in the Holy Qur'an: 'And the Masajid are for the worship of Allah (alone) so invoke not anyone along with Allah'. (Surah Al-Jinn 72:18)

Abu Saeed al Khudri رضى الله عنه related that RasulAllah ﷺ stated: 'When you see that a person is mindful of the Masjid then you should testify to his being from the people of Iman, as Allah ﷻ has said: Only those attend the Masjid who believe in Allah and the hereafter.' (Jami Tirmidhi/ Ibn Majah/ Mirqaat Sharah MishKaat vol2, p207)

It is for this reason that every believer should assist in fulfilling the needs and rights of the Masjid in their locality. It can only be expected of those of Iman to undertake this task and responsibility. Wherever nations and communities have resided and been attentive towards the establishing of a Masjid and Madrasah, today those communities are thriving in their Iman and Islam, the reason for which is the Masajid and Madrasah community services rendered therein. Those communities and nations which were travelled to by Muslims, yet no real attention was paid to establishing masajids, today, those same places are devoid of Islam and Iman. It is very difficult for these people and their future generations to safeguard their Iman. Allah safeguard the Iman of the Muslims, wherever they may be.

The Uniqueness of Croydon Masjid & Islamic Centre (CMIC)

Alhamdulillah CMIC has been serving the community as the main Jamia Masjid of Croydon for many years. It is one of the few historic as well as large Masjid in England. There are facilities provided for the community at CMIC which are not found everywhere. i.e: a sisters Salah and Ta'lim area from the start, full Janazah facilities, Islamic Nikah and Civil Marriage, Islamic education such as Madrasah, Hifz and also Alim and Alimah classes. There are Islamic Lectures and programs provided for both brothers and sisters almost every day; lesson's Tafsir ul Qur'an, Hadith, Tajweed, Fiqh, Tazkiya and Islamic history etc. Islamic articles are accessed on the CMIC website from over 50 countries around the World on a frequent basis, as well as coupled with the Croydon Masjid's monthly Salah Timetable. Charitable works are undertaken for widows, orphans, the elderly and sick throughout the World with the efforts of the centre and community. Locally Family and community matters are also dealt with at the Centre. Services are provided for the education of New Muslims, free Legal advice is offered for the community, secular education tuition services are also provided, visits are conducted by the Center for the Schools in the locality.

For this reason the community is requested to donate funds towards the ongoing efforts and with vision to expand the services offered by CMIC to the locality. This is a unique opportunity to attain unaccountable reward for the hereafter, not only for ourselves, but also for our deceased relatives, loved ones and specifically our parents who are with us and those who are not with us. This should be encouraged not only amongst our near and dear ones but also amongst our friends and associates to take part in this action and benefit.

The Honour of the Masajid (Places of Worship) on the Earth

Allah ﷻ has stated in the Holy Qur'an: 'Indeed, the first house of worship established for mankind was that at Makkah, blessed and a guidance for the worlds.' (S3, 96)

The creation of the Earth commenced from the point where the blessed sanctuary of the Kabah & Haram is located. It is for this reason that the Great house of Allah (Kabah) holds the position of being the head of all the other places of worship found throughout the World, like to a mother of children in comparison to the masjids of the world. It is for this reason that Sayyidina Abdullah ibn Umar رضى الله عنه related that RasulAllah ﷺ stated: 'On the day of resurrection, all the land of the earth will be eradicated except those portions upon

which the masajid are built. They will be gathered together in one place. In another narration it is further mentioned that these masajids will then be placed in Paradise.’ (Kanzul Amal /Tibrani Awsat vol4, p139)

Sayyidina Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه related that RasulAllah ﷺ stated: ‘The most beloved places to Allah ﷻ on the Earth are the Masjid and the most disliked are the market places.’ (Saheeh Muslim/ Targeeb wa Tarheeb vol1, p215)

RasulAllah ﷺ stated: ‘Anyone who builds a Masjid where the name of Allah is remembered and (He is praised), Allah will build a palace for him in the Jannah (Paradise)’. (Saheeh Ibne Hibban vol2, p486)

To Fulfill the needs of the Masjid is a means of Guaranteeing Crossing the Bridge of Sirat with Safety

Sayyidina Abu Dhar Ghafari رضي الله عنه, at the time of his death called his son and advised him: ‘O my son, the Masjid should be regarded as your home (just as a person fulfills the needs of his own house and is attentive to every detail of it), because I have heard RasulAllah ﷺ say: ‘The masajid are the homes of the God fearing people. The Masjid should be regarded as your own home. It’s needs should be fulfilled as your own home. Allah ﷻ will through His Mercy take upon Himself to make that person who does so cross the bridge of Sirat with ease and enter Paradise on the day of reckoning.’ (Musnad Abi Shabah/ Mirqaat Sharah Mishkaat vol2, p183)

It is sincerely requested that the entire community be attentive to the ongoing works for phase 3 of the CMIC. There is a need for us to be aware that the Masjid has served the community for many years and it is a house of Allah given to us as a trust and immeasurable blessing in Croydon. The Masjid has served us in all of our needs and it is now hoped that it will serve an even greater purpose and service to the local and wider community. The ground-works, foundations and structural works are complete. In order to realize the vision of the centre for the future we now require funds to progress works to the next stage. We therefore ask the local and surrounding communities to come forward and receive the honor of serving the house of Allah and His Deen.

The Masjid is like a Fort of the Muslims

Abdur Rahman bin Mughafar رضي الله عنه related that RasulAllah ﷺ stated: ‘The Masjid is a strong fort to protect oneself against Shaytaan.’ (Mirqaat Sharah Mishkaat vol2, p183)

Just as a person, to save his life from an enemy will enter into a fort for security. In the same manner to protect our Iman and that of our future generations from the greatest enemy, Shaytaan, the Masjid is a necessary community hub.

When Adam عليه السلام was placed on the Earth, he made a Masjid. Ibrahim عليه السلام and Ismail عليه السلام rebuilt the Kabah as a house of worship. When RasulAllah ﷺ migrated from Makkah to Madinah Munawarah and he stopped in the outskirts of Madinah Munawarah for a while, he ordered the construction of Masjid Quba. When he proceeded on from here and stopped at a place to pray Jumu’ah, he ordered the construction of Masjid Jumah. When he reached the inner parts of Madinah, he purchased land which belonged to 2 orphan children and used this to construct the Prophet’s Masjid in Madinah, taking part himself, with all the companions, male and female. From there the message of Islam and the spiritual and religious teachings were propagated to the far corners of the Earth. In the time Sayyidina Umar رضي الله عنه and Sayyidina Uthman رضي الله عنه the Masjid was extended due to the capacity and space being insufficient for the growing community and needs of the Ummah, from this also it is proven to be Sunnah of the Khulafa Rashideen to extend and accommodate the needs of the community within the Masjid. Encouraging and fulfilling the need for its expansion and renovation.

Wherever the Khulafa Rashideen and Companions رضي الله عنهم went to in the World, wherever Islam was propagated and adopted, the very first thing that was encouraged was the construction of a Masjid for the safeguarding and nurturing of the Iman and Islam of the communities therein.

May Allah ﷻ give Toufeeq to all of us. آمين Ameen!

والله وحده هو المسؤول والمستعان وهو الهادي إلى سبيل الخير والسلام .

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