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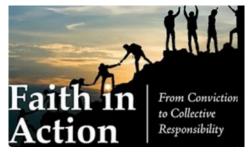
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Announcements

Reserve a spot for your child(ren). Register Early.

2025 - 2026 PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The preschool program is a weekly program, Monday through Thursday, and will begin on **Monday, September 8, 2025,** in sha Allah.

The tuition per child is \$300 per month.

Sr. Souad Soubra, the Sunday and Summer School Principal, has designed a wonderful program for preschoolers. The curriculum includes Personal Development, Literacy Skills, Numbers and Math, and Art in addition to learning Islamic manners, dua's, Memorizing Qur'an, and Arabic. The preschool is the first step to schooling and our goal is to build confidence in the students, get them acquainted with the educational environment, teach them good manners, and help them develop the concepts of sharing and charity. Students will receive a certificate at the end of the year marking their first memorable school year.

Children **ages 3 to 5** from all cultures are welcome. The preschool program is from **9:30 AM** to **12:30 PM**, Monday through Thursday, and the tuition per child is \$300 with a discount for siblings. For more information, please contact **Sr. Souad** at **248-872-2169 or suelturk@gmail.com**. **Register at https://ionamasjid.org/preschool/**

The school will, in sha Allah, start on **Monday, September 8, 2025** and end on **Thursday, May 28, 2026**. IONA is committed to helping the children with their educational needs. Let us help you develop your child right from the start.

2025 - 2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school begins on **September 14, 2025** in sha Allah and ends on June 14, 2026. We are accepting students ages 5 to 17 (limited space available).

Tuition and Fees: \$450 per child per year plus \$50 non-refundable registration fee. \$675 for two siblings plus \$50 non-refundable registration fee. \$950 for three siblings plus \$50 non-refundable registration fee.

School hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Subjects Taught: Qur'an, Arabic, and Islamic Studies (Hadith, Sirah, etc.)

Dress code: Proper Islamic dress is required for both boys and girls Girls must wear a navy Jilbab and a white scarf and boys must wear navy pants (blue jeans allowed) and white shirts or T-shirts. No shorts allowed.

For more information, please contact the principal, Sr. Souad, at 248-872-2169 or suelturk@gmail.com

REGISTER ONLINE at IONAMASJID.ORG/Sunday-school/



Synopsis of Ameer Mustapha's Khutbah

Faith in Action—From Conviction to Collective Responsibility

True Imān (faith) is not mere lip service, nor is it a passive feeling in the heart. Faith, at its highest level, is conviction—a yaqin that penetrates the soul, gives life to the heart, and directs every aspect of our existence toward Allah (SWT).

It is the faith of Ibrāhīm ('alayhi al-salām, AS) who, when his Lord said to him, "Submit," responded, "I have submitted myself to the Lord of the Worlds." [al-Baqarah, 2:131]

This is the level of $tasl\bar{\imath}m$ —total submission. And from that submission grows ta $\dot{\imath}ah$ (obedience), not out of fear alone, but out of mahabbah—love for the One who created us, sustains us, and guides us. "Say (O Prophet), 'Indeed, my prayer, my sacrifice, my life and my death are all for Allah, the Lord of the worlds'" [al-An $\dot{\imath}am$, 6:162].

But such submission is not passive. True faith compels action. It transforms the self and reshapes society. The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was the most complete example of this living faith. His heart was fully surrendered to Allah (SWT), and so his mission became to carry the divine message to the whole of humanity.

Faith as Prophetic Action - Dawah and Social Justice

Allah (SWT) says in the Qur'an: "O mankind, worship (and obey) your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may be saved". [al-Baqarah, 2:21]

This is a call to all of humanity. The Prophet (SAW) was not sent for a tribe or a region, but for the entire world. "And We have not sent you except as a mercy to all the worlds." [al-Anbiyā', 21:107]

He conveyed this message with patience, wisdom, and love. Allah (SWT) instructed him: "Call to the way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching, and argue with them in ways that are best." [al-Naḥl, 16:125]

This is faith in action—to rise with the Qur'an in our hearts and carry its light into every dark corner of our society. It means to be a voice of mercy, truth, and justice in a world of oppression, deception, and despair.

But the Prophet (SAW) did not stop at personal morality or

private piety. His mission was to build a just society based on divine guidance—a society free from exploitation, oppression, racism, arrogance, and tyranny.

The early Muslims understood that their faith was not complete without struggling for truth in the public sphere. They were called not only to believe, but to make Allah (SWT) Great and Supreme. The Prophet (SAW) was addressed: "O you wrapped up in thy cloak, arise and warn and make your Lord supreme." [al-Mūddaththir, 74:1-3] "Indeed, Allah commands you to uphold justice and excellence…" [al-Nahl, 16:90]

The Muslim ummah was chosen by Allah (SWT) as the last ummah tasked with, aside from personal piety and worship, ordaining what is good (amr bil mā'ruf) and forbidding the wrong (nahi 'ān al- Munkar). "You are the best community ever raised for humanity – you ordain good, forbid evil, and believe in Allah." [Aal 'Imran, 3:110]

This is the duty upon our shoulders. It is to translate our submission into service, our love into labor, and our conviction into collective action.

Our faith is not complete without striving for the betterment of humanity. In this time of global suffering—war, injustice, poverty, and corruption—we are called to rise as the Prophet (SAW) rose, with conviction, with compassion, and with courage.

Let us begin with ourselves, purify our hearts, strengthen our obedience, and deepen our submission. Then let us carry this light outward—to our families, our neighbors, our societies—conveying the message of Islam with wisdom and mercy, and struggling to establish a world rooted in justice, dignity, and the guidance of Allah (SWT).

There are those who say we believe but don't act on their faith, faith without action is a lip service. It is, according to the Qur'an, nifaq, hypocrisy. "O you who believe! Why do you say what you do not do? Most hateful it is to Allah that you say what you do not do." [al-Ṣaff, 61:2–3]

On the other hand, those who believe and put their faith

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Sisters Corner

Zaynab bint Jahsh: A Mother of the Believers and a Woman of Devotion

Zaynab bint Jahsh (RAA) was one of the noble wives of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and is honored among the *Ummah* as one of the Mothers of the Believers. Born into a noble family of Quraysh, she was both a cousin of the Prophet and one of the early converts to Islam. Zaynab's mother was Umaymah bint 'Abd al-Muttalib, the Prophet's paternal aunt. She was known for her piety, dignity, and generosity, and her life story carries deep spiritual and social lessons.

Zainab was initially married to Zayd ibn Ḥārithah (RAA), the Prophet's freed slave and adopted son. This marriage, encouraged by the Prophet (SAW) was part of Islam's broader mission to break the tribal and social hierarchies of the time. However, their marriage ended in divorce due to personal incompatibility.

Initially, she was married to Zayd ibn Ḥārithah (RA), the Prophet's freed slave and adopted son. Soon after, Allah commanded the Prophet (SAW) to marry Zaynab, a union that was divinely sanctioned and mentioned explicitly in the Qur'an:

> "Then when Zayd had no longer any need for her, We married her to you so that there should not be any difficulty for the believers in marrying the wives of their adopted sons..." [Al-Aḥzāb, 33:37]

This marriage served to abolish the pre-Islamic practice of

treating adopted sons as biological sons in matters of lineage and inheritance, marking a major social and legal reform in early Islam.

This marriage was not only a test of obedience for both Zaynab and the Prophet (SAW), but also an act of social reform sanctioned by divine wisdom.

Zaynab was known for her humility, devotion, and constant remembrance of Allah. She fasted often and prayed during the night. She was particularly distinguished for her generosity toward the poor – often giving away whatever she had. 'Ā'ishah (RA) once said that among the Prophet's wives, Zaynab was the most charitable and the one who feared Allah the most.

When the Prophet (SAW) passed away, Zaynab (RAA) lived with humility and dignity until her own death during the caliphate of 'Umar ibn al-Khattāb (RAA). She was the first of the Prophet's wives to die after him and left a legacy of righteousness, courage, and unwavering submission to divine command. True to her humility, she left little behind, having spent her life giving to others.

Zaynab bint Jahsh (RAA) stands as a model of faith, charity, and the strength to stand firm for the principles of Islam even when they defied societal expectations.

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Kids Corner

Respect for Parents and Elders

"And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], 'uff,' and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word." Surah Al-Isra (17:23)

Story of The Gift of Respect

In a bustling village nestled between rolling hills, there lived a young boy named Ali. Ali was known for his cheerful demeanor and willingness to help others. His parents, Amira and Hassan, were respected elders in the community, known for their wisdom and kindness.

One afternoon, as Ali played by the village stream, he overheard a group of children mocking their elders. They laughed at an old man struggling with his load of firewood, making fun of his slow pace. Ali frowned and watched silently as the old man labored on, his face wrinkled with exhaustion.



Later that day, Ali returned home and found his mother preparing dinner. He noticed the tired lines on her face and remembered the old man by the stream. "Mama," Ali asked, "why do some children not respect their elders?"

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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

IONA Calls for Immediate Humanitarian Intervention in Gaza: "Silence is No Longer an Option"

[Warren, Michigan] — The Islamic Organization of North America (IONA) issues an urgent appeal to the international community, civil society, faith leaders, and people of conscience everywhere to break the silence and take immediate action in response to the unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Gaza.

The people of Gaza are enduring unspeakable suffering under a relentless and unlawful blockade that has led to the total collapse of essential services. The United Nations has now classified the situation as the final stage of famine. Starvation, disease, and indiscriminate violence have become daily realities. Infants, women, and the elderly are perishing not due to natural causes, but because of man-made inaction and imposed deprivation.

The recent strike on the Holy Family Catholic Church (July 17, 2025) is one among many attacks on houses of worship, hospitals, and refugee shelters. These attacks represent a blatant violation of international law and moral norms. The targeting of sacred spaces and unarmed civilians exemplifies the unchecked impunity that has characterized this ongoing assault.

IONA condemns these actions in the strongest possible terms. We call for:

An immediate and unconditional ceasefire.

The immediate entry of humanitarian aid and medical supplies.

The restoration of water, electricity, and health services.

International accountability for violations of humanitarian law.

This is not merely a political crisis—it is a moral emergency. The magnitude of Gaza's suffering transcends borders, ideologies, and affiliations. It is a test of our shared humanity.

"What is happening in Gaza is not just a tragedy—it is a moral collapse of the global conscience." Imam Steve Mustapha Elturk, President of IONA said. "As people of faith, we are commanded to stand with the oppressed, not just with our prayers but with our voices and our actions. Silence is complicity. We must demand an end to this suffering—now," He added.

We appeal to faith communities across traditions to raise their voices, to pray not only with words but with action. To all governments and institutions with influence: history will remember what you did—or failed to do—in this moment.

The children of Gaza do not need your sympathy. They need your solidarity.

Break the silence. Demand justice. Deliver aid. Now.

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An Urgent Appeal to Our Beloved Community

Dear IONA Community,

Alhamdulillah, with the grace of Allah (SWT) and your generous support, our Expansion Project is moving forward.

We now kindly ask for your renewed support in one of the following ways:

- 1. If you made a pledge but haven't fulfilled it yet, please do so as soon as you can.
- 2. If you've already fulfilled your pledge and are able to give again, please consider donating. This is a Sadaqah Jāriyah a continuous charity with ongoing reward.
- 3. If this would be your first time donating, we warmly invite you to join this noble cause.
- 4. You may also use your zakat toward this project it is zakatable.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Whoever builds a mosque for Allah, Allah will build for him a house in Paradise." [Sahih al-Bukhari & Sahih Muslim]

Our goal is to complete the new 10,000 sq. ft. addition — including the lower level and two upper floors — by November. This will give our growing community more space for worship, especially a dedicated area for our sisters, and create a safe, welcoming place to grow in faith together.

Every donation counts. By giving, you help build a lasting legacy of faith, unity, and service for generations to come.

☐ Please donate today: <u>ionamasjid.org/donate</u>

May Allah accept from you, bless your family, and grant you the highest reward in this life and the next. Ameen.



Saturday by appointment

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Zara's Big Eid Surprise ... Cont'd

Amira paused, stirring the pot thoughtfully. "Respect, my son," she began, "is like a precious gift. When we respect our elders, we honor their wisdom, experience, and sacrifices. They have walked paths we have yet to discover and have weathered storms we have yet to face. Respect acknowledges their value and shows gratitude for their guidance."

Ali nodded, understanding dawning in his eyes. From that day on, he made a conscious effort to show respect to his parents and all elders in the village. He helped his father with chores without being asked, listened attentively to his mother's stories, and greeted the elders with a warm smile whenever he crossed paths with them.

One evening, as Ali helped an elderly neighbor carry groceries home, the old man patted his shoulder gratefully. "Thank you, Ali," he said with a smile. "Your kindness reminds me of a time when respect was cherished above all else."

Ali beamed with pride, knowing he had made a difference. As he returned home, he found his parents waiting for him with proud smiles. Amira hugged him tightly and said, "Ali, you have learned a valuable lesson today.

By respecting your elders, you bring joy and honor to our community. Never forget the gift of respect, for it is a treasure that enriches both the giver and the receiver."

The Lesson of the Story

The story of Ali teaches us the importance of respecting our parents and elders. Respect is a precious gift that acknowledges their wisdom, experience, and contributions to our lives. By showing respect, we honor their guidance and strengthen the bonds of love and community.

https://www.sahlah.net/blog/islamic-moral-stories-for-kids-teach-values-of-kindness-honesty-justice-forgiveness-and-more

Faith in Action—From Conviction to Collective Responsibility ... Cont'd

into action, it is they who are on the right path, the path of righteousness, and the path that leads to the pleasure of Allah (SWT). "Indeed, those who say, 'Our Lord is Allah,' and then remain steadfast — the angels descend upon them, [saying], 'Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised.'" [Fussilat, 41:30]

Here we see a direct link between, belief "Our Lord is Allah" and action "then remained steadfast." The ayah begins with the believer's affirmation of faith ($q\bar{a}l\bar{u}$ rabbunā $All\bar{a}h$) and their steadfast action (thumma ista $q\bar{a}m\bar{u}$).

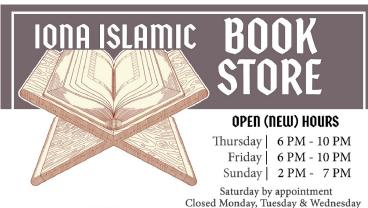
What is istiqāmah? Istiqāmah means living out one's faith consistently — obeying Allah, upholding truth, and standing firm in justice. It is (steadfastness) which includes living with integrity, fulfilling obligations, enduring hardship, and acting with justice. Istiqāmah offers hope, motivation, and a clear connection between conviction and reward. Their reward begins in this life. They receive peace of heart, removal of fear and grief, and the companionship of angels.

The descent of angels is a sign of divine approval, comfort, and recognition of the believer's consistency and commitment. It is a divine honor. It is a heavenly response to earthly faith and action.

The descent of angels shows that Allah's support comes not just after death, but also during the struggle to live righteously. This descent is described in the Qur'an at key moments — during death, in battle, during revelation — always as a sign that the believer is not alone.

The ultimate fruit of faith in action is entry into Paradise, where divine approval becomes eternal. The angels tell the believers, "Receive good tidings of Paradise which you were promised." The believer's internal faith, manifested outwardly in righteous action, is now confirmed by divine grace in the Hereafter.

May Allah (SWT) make us of those who believe, speak the truth, act upon it, and never tire in the path of justice. Ameen. END





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Fri 1	4:42	5:45	6:24	1:44	2:00	5:36	6:43	6:50	8:56	9:01	10:02	10:15
Sat 2	4:43	5:45	6:25	1:44	2:00	5:36	6:42	6:50	8:54	8:59	10:01	10:15
Sun 3	4:45	5:45	6:26	1:43	2:00	5:35	6:41	6:50	8:53	8:58	9:59	10:15
Mon 4	4:46	5:45	6:27	1:43	2:00	5:35	6:41	6:50	8:52	8:57	9:58	10:15
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Sat 30	5:20	6:00	6:55	1:38	2:00	5:15	6:13	6:30	8:13	8:18	9:22	9:45
Sun 31	5:21	6:00	6:56	1:37	2:00	5:14	6:12	6:30	8:11	8:16	9:20	9:45
Mon 1	5:23	6:15	6:57	1:37	2:00	5:13	6:10	6:30	8:09	8:14	9:19	9:45

* S = Shafi'i, H = Hanafi | **Athan is 10 minutes** before Iqamah except for Maghrib First Friday sermon starts at 12:10 PM and second sermon is at 1:20 PM



IONA is dedicated to transforming its members and surrounding communities into righteous, God-fearing individuals who collectively strive for the highest moral standards and continuously seek God's forgiveness to earn His pleasure. IONA members earnestly seek His mercy and grace in both this life and the hereafter. They rejuvenate their souls through internal struggle (jihad) and spiritual exercises in the worship of the Creator, the Most Glorified. Their deep faith in God Almighty empowers them with the courage to promote good, forbid evil, and engage in the struggle to establish social, political, and economic justice.

