

Fatemeh Zahra Islamic Education Center

مركز اسلامی فاطمه زهرا (سلام الله علیها)

Our Goals and Objectives

- 1) Promote Islamic values and heritage in Northern Virginia; strengthen moral values in our community by holding regular meetings and arranging lectures, discussions, seminars, and gatherings. These functions will be held according to the official website of the center. The schedule may also be published and/or communicated to interested members and the community by other means.**
- 2) Promote Islamic values among Muslim families and youth in Northern Virginia, USA, by encouraging participation in community affairs and voluntary programs arranged by the center. To provide financial assistance to the needy by supporting other social activities to help us achieve our ultimate goal. To be an active, responsible, and valuable member of the community in which we work and live.**
- 3) Encourage young Muslims to be proud of their Islamic identity and learn Persian and Arabic languages as needed. To support each other in mentor protégé programs by participating in group studies, field trips, and camps; to learn to be a model for others who wish to improve their social skills and further their educational goals.**
- 4) Promote inter-faith understanding and communication among the three Abrahamic monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) by organizing meetings, open dialogue, question and answer sessions, and panel discussions. The purpose is to examine similarities and differences between core values and beliefs among the three faiths under the guidance of respective religious scholars.**
- 5) Provide the opportunity for Muslims living in the Washington Metro area in general and Fairfax County, Virginia, to get together and practice their faith and beliefs. Give them a chance to hold religious meetings, attend lectures, participate in group prayers and become actively involved in supporting community affairs related to faith issues. And addressing urgent needs of members as they arise.**

6) Teach members and their families Arabic, Farsi, and English when necessary. Teach how to recite and understand the Holy Qur'an at different levels. Establish a comprehensive reference library of Islamic-related material and literature at the center for members and the public.

7) Promote and encourage charitable activities and programs that benefit the community and the public. To instill the spirit of sharing and giving among members by encouraging them to participate in philanthropic activities such as supporting the center, establishing scholarships and educational endowments to help qualified students, granting interest-free short-term loans to those in financial need; supporting needy families in emergency situations by collecting and distributing donations, such as cash, food, or household and personal items.

8) To support other non-profit organizations and entities with similar goals and objectives and assist them in achieving their goals and objectives when needed or possible. Our center (aka FZIEC) may seek and accept assistance, in any form or manner, from other non-profit and/or charitable entities to advance its goals and objectives. Help may be in the form of cash, grants, human resources, or services. Other assistance and support, as long as it does not infringe upon our independence and is allowed under 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, is acceptable too.

9) Establish an Islamic Education Center in the Fairfax County, Virginia area where the younger generation and their families will learn about Islamic values. Community and religious ceremonies and meetings will take place in the said center. Services will be rendered, and group studies, seminars, panels, classes, discussions, and other gatherings will be held. This center will house a library, mosque, classrooms, and administrative offices. All affairs will be conducted, coordinated, and administered at this center.

10) We invite young Muslims proud of their religious heritage and interested in keeping their Islamic values to the highest standards to join our educational center. We ask such individuals and their families to join us in our quest to spread the Islamic message of peace in our community. To achieve this goal, we are committed to providing spiritual support and guidance to willing individuals. We encourage eligible youth and their families to join us in this lifelong journey.