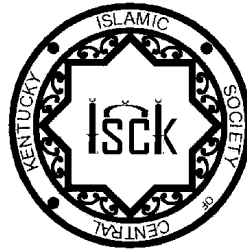


ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY

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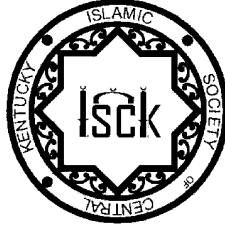


*And hold fast all together by the rope which
Allah (stretches out for you) and be not
Divided among yourselves (3:102)*

**Presented at:
ISCK General Body Meeting
Saturday, May 16, 2009**

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ISCK Vision Statement

“Provide leadership and services for the spiritual, moral and intellectual development of a united community and “To promote a positive image of Islam through active participation in local issues and by visible contribution to the well-being of our community.”

ISCK Mission Statement

“Serve as an umbrella organization by promoting Islamic values and reflecting excellence in serving the needs of the community.”

Who Does ISCK Represent?

ISCK Represents the Muslim of Central Kentucky

ISCK represent you! ISCK represents you along with other several thousand Muslims living in Central Kentucky. The majority are students, professionals, and/or business owners.

We are a diverse and growing community

In addition to growing population of native born Muslims, Central Kentucky is home to Muslim immigrants from all over the world, including: the Middle east, South Asia, Africa and most recently, the Balkans.

The Unique Character of our Community

This diversity in background, languages, and culture give the Muslim community of Central Kentucky a unique character that symbolizes the universality of Islam.

A Message from the President

Respected Brothers and Sisters,

Assalam Alaikum,

Alhamdulillah, I feel honored and humbled to present the Islamic Society of Central Kentucky's Annual Report for 2008-2009. This was made possible with the help of Allah, the hard work of the board members and the continuous support and trust of our community.

ISCK brings together and provides a platform for the Muslims of Central Kentucky who came from different backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities with only one thing in common, their faith.

My brothers and sisters, these are trying times for Muslims in general and particularly for Muslims residing in western world. We are not only fighting the false propaganda against Islam and Muslims but are also trying to overcome our own differences and weaknesses in a culture which is new to all of us.

In order to grow as a healthy, vibrant and united community we must be civil, tolerant and respectful to each other. The key to the success is following the three basic Islamic principles: consultation [Shura], Consensus [Ijma'a] and judgment [Ijtihad].

Remember:

If you do good, you may be accused for having selfish motives.

Do good anyway.

What you spend years building could be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

Thanks for supporting and trusting ISCK. InshaAllah we will continue our efforts to build a healthy, vibrant and united community.

Jamil Azam Farooqui

President, ISCK

2008-2009

ISCK Board Members 2008-2009

President: Dr. Jamil Farooqui

Vice President: Wafa Nashnoush

Treasurer: Mohammed Hassan

Secretary: Somaya Malkawi

Webmaster: Sakib Motalib

Masjid Bilal Representative: Rashad Majeed

Masjid Limestone Representative: Khaled Sadek

LUA Liaison: Amira Qureshi

MSA Representative: Xeenia Tariq

Board Members:

Haitham Issa

Dr. Farhad Karim

Ibrahim Bakoush

Mabrouk Alzwiey

Zaki Hassan

Brothers Mohammad Elhity and Sumedi Nugraha have served as elected board members for first couple of months.

The ISCK Board consists of fourteen (14) members. Eleven (11) members are elected by the General Membership. The two (2) are masjid representatives (one from Masajid Bilal and one from Islamic Center of Lexington/Limestone), and one (1) member is the representative of the University of Kentucky Muslim Students' Association (MSA).

Table 1: ISCK Activities, 2008-2009

Month	Activities
May, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in “Peace and global citizen fair” along with other faith based organizations. This was organized by Peace and justice society of central KY. • Helped MSA in Bangladesh cyclone relief fund raising.
June, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in Diversity Festival, arranged by local city government.
July, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranged a farewell dinner with Masjid Bilal for the leaving ISCK board member, Brother Sumedi P. Nugraha
August 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Community Picnic: ISCK has a tradition of organizing Annual community picnic. It was well attended and community member have enjoyed the food and games.
September 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Pot Luck Iftar and Dinner It was a very successful and well attended program. The event was covered by Lexington Herald.
Sept/October 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eid-ul-Fitr: Eid Prayers were arranged at Heritage Hall, Convention Center. • Zakat ul Fitr collected and equally distributed between two Mosques. • Eid-ul-Fitr Party was arranged at Gatti Town. It was well attended by community. All Children were free and children’s of ISCK Members got free game cards. • Eid Excuse Letter: A letter was drafted and made available to the community members for Eid day work/school excuse. • Sponsored the refreshment at the film showing “Boys From Baghdad High” organized by “One Film Festival”.
November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in Lexington Religious Leaders Meeting, organized by City Mayor. • Hajj Workshop: A hajj workshop was arranged to educate people going for hajj. Included lectures, Video showing and Power Point presentations. • Sponsored Hajj Simulation Program, organized by LUA.

Table 1: ISCK Activities, 2007-2008 (Continued)

Month	Activities
December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eid Al Adha: Prayers were arranged at Heritage Hall, Convention center.• Udhiya collection and distribution:• Arrangements have been made by ISCK to collect and distribute Udhiya to the needy families. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eid Al Adha Party at Gatti Town:• Again it was a family evening. All children were free. A well attended event. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in Candle Light Vigil, in support of Gaza victims. This was organized by different community organizations, including MSA, CAIR and ISCK.
January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arranged a peace rally, in support of Gaza victims. Largely attended event and co-sponsored by local Muslim and Non Muslim organizations. Former Mayor of Lexington was among the speakers. Event was covered by local media including TV news coverage.• Participated in Martin Luther King March [MLK] with Masjid Bilal.
May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Third Annual community Dinner and Award Distribution: This was attended by more than 250 community members.• Community Service Awards: Were distributed to four community members for their outstanding community services.• Special Recognition Awards and Life Time Achievement awards were given to different community members.

Other Activities

1. Important Committees:

- a. **Refugee Committee:** This committee was established in May/June 2008. Members were: Nadia Rasheed [Bilal] [Chair], Ibrahim Bakoush [ISCK], Farhad Karim [ISCK], Ashraf Fahmi [ICL], Nabeel Jawahir [CAIR], Mohammad Siddiqui [ICNA] nad Abdul Motalib [community member]. The purpose was to get first hand information about Muslim Refugees and have a system placed to help them in timely and respectable manner.
- b. **Family Assistance Committee:** This committee has a separate account and was very instrumental in helping the needy community members especially during Ramadan, Eid and other urgent situations. See details in Treasurer Report.
- c. **Lexington Muslim Community Center Committee:** Members are: Shaikh Nashnoush [Chair], Haitham Issa, Jamil Farooqui, Saleh Ennako, Abdul

Motalib, M. Shalash [Abu Hammam], Omer El Amin, Nadeem Shaikh, Mohammad Siddiqui.

2. Participated in a project of Lexington Public Library “One Book One Lexington” in promoting the book “Three Cups of Tea”.

- a. By arranging lectures, open house about Pakistan, film showing about Muslims in America and arranging interviews for cable TV channel.
- b. This was helpful in promoting the interaction of Muslims with the general community of Lexington and improved awareness about Islam.

3. Important Community Meetings:

- a. Combined board meetings with:
 - i. LUA
 - ii. Masjid Bilal
 - iii. Br. Mahmood Shalash [ICL]
- b. Community meeting regarding Peace Rally
- c. Meeting regarding community CTR project.

4. Sponsored Ad for LUA calendar and for Paul Dunbar high school Annual Book.

5. Meeting with Media including Lexington Herald & TV News Channels.

6. Meeting with leaders of different faith, individually and via Inter-faith groups.

7. Established communication with other local and national Muslim organizations.

TREASURER REPORT

The budget summary is shown in the following table:

Budget summary	Revenues		Expenses
Revenues			
Starting Balance	3256		
Windstream Rent [Till 2012]	25000		
Membership	4100		
Annual Dinner activities	2000		
Donation	10000		
Expense			
Ramadan Iftar			1000
Eid prayer Space			2200
Eid Party, Gatti Town			7500
Property Tax			1928
Hajj Party			1000
Cell phone account			570
Annual Dinner activities			3500
Total	44356		17698
Net	26658		

Family Assistance Account

2008-2009

Budget summary	Revenues	Comment	Expenses
Revenues			
Starting Balance	5222		
Donation	5282		
Expenses			
Checks			6400
Total	10504		6400
Net	4104		

This year's term of ISCK Shura board was started on May 2008. The ISCK's general bank account signature is assigned to Dr. Mohamed Hassan, Treasurer, Dr. Jamil Farooqui, President, and Dr. Farhad Karim. The board had agreed to have Dr. Mohamed Hassan sign checks to \$ 250. President or vice president must sign in addition to the treasurer signature for checks in range of 250.01 - \$2500, and all must sign for check beyond \$2500

ISCK has established a family assistance account separately from the general account. The new account has a separate account number; however it has the ISCK's name and role identity. The account was opened in September 2006. The account expenses were used to support EID cloths, gift cards, and rent shortage. The accounts financial support was raised from community ZAKAT and donations.

Family assistance mission:

Support the community members who are in need of basic living assistance like food, clothing etc.

Supporting rent shortages.

Assist in any urgent financial crises.

Regulations:

All requests will be presented to the Family Assistance Committee.

One or two committee members will visit the family in question and respect their honor and privacy.

If they found eligible the committee members will decide about the type and nature of help.

In case of dispute, the matter will be presented to the ISCK Board.

Family Assistant committee: Telephone #

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Br. Ashraf Fahmy 3623022

Br. Khaled Ghoniam 3127181

Br. Mabruke Elzwi 5525265

Sr. Ollie Rasheed 5337707

Br. Omar El-Amin 2550213

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Mohamed I Hassan

ISCK Treasurer

ISCK Dawaa Committee Report, 2008/2009

1. Participated in the formation of the new Mosque/Community Center project Committee.
2. Provided Fatawa for local, state and national scale.
3. Held meetings regarding Counseling on Religious and Social matters.
4. Participated in arranging Friday Khutbas with our Masjids.
5. Helped MSA students with their Halaqa, Lectures, Dawaa and Fiqh matters.
6. Arranged Hajj Workshop.
7. Provided religious guidance and help to the new members of our community.
8. Helped LUA, Family Assistance and Refugee committees in raising their funds.
9. Helped with Ramadan & Traweeh and activities.
10. Now working to form a broad based conflict resolution committee, involving the different community organizations.

We ask Allah SWT to accept this humble work, forgive our sins and grant us Ikhlass. Ameen.

Jazakum Allahu Khiran

Dawaa Committee

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2008-2009: 79

MEMBERSHIP RENEWED FOR 2008-2009: 156

REGULAR MEMBERS WITH PENDING RENEWALS: 120

TOTAL: $79+156=163+120=355$