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Muslim Ummah of North America (MUNA)
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Introduction

الْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِیْنَ – All praises are for Allāh, the Lord of the worlds. May Allāh’s blessing and peace be upon His Messenger Muhammad (ﷺ).

Iman (faith) requires that believers work together to do good to humanity. To fulfill this requirement Muslim Ummah of North America or MUNA was founded on July 21, 1990, at Hofstra University in Long Island, New York.

It is of utmost importance to learn an organization that has created a field to fulfill such a tremendous requirement of Iman. It is also important to know whether or not all the agenda and programs of this organization are in compliance with the Qur’an and sunnah.

In light of these requirements, this write up is prepared to shed light on MUNA – what it is; why does one need to be part of it; and how does it function.

May Allāh grant proper knowledge of His deen to all of us and accept us in His path! Ameen!

What is MUNA?

1. MUNA is a Religious i.e. Islamic Organization

Muslim Ummah of North America or MUNA is a “not for profit” Islamic Social Organization registered in the United States of America. It is unlike typical associations, clubs, societies, etc. It is, rather, an ideal standard bearing religious organization. Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) declared:

(إِنَّ الدِّیْنَ عِنْدَ اللّٰهِ الْإِسْلَامُ)

“True Religion, in Allah’s eyes, is Islam: [devotion to Him alone].” [Surah (3) Ali Imran:19]

(وَمَنْ یَبْتَغِ غَیْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِیْنًا فَلَنْ یُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِی الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخٰسِرِیْنَ)

“If anyone seeks a religion other than [Islam] - complete devotion to Allah, it will not be accepted from him: he will

be one of the losers in the Hereafter.” [Surah (3) Ali Imran:85]

MUNA is the name of an organization dedicated to gain the pleasure of Allāh that has adopted the Qur’ān and the Sunnah as the guiding principles of all of its activities.

2. MUNA is an organization representing the Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ)

Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

“The Messenger of Allah is an excellent model for those of you who put your hope in Allah and the Last Day and remember Him often.” [Surah (33) Al Ahzab:21]

..... وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمُ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

“So accept whatever the Messenger gives you, and abstain from whatever he forbids you. Be mindful of Allah: Allah is severe in punishment.” [Surah (59) Al Iashr:7]

Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ) said:

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " كُلُّ أُمَّتِي يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ، إِلَّا مَنْ أَبَى ". قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَأْبَى قَالَ " مَنْ أَطَاعَنِي دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ، وَمَنْ عَصَانِي فَقَدْ أَبَى ".

Narrated Abu Huraira: Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ) said, “All my followers will enter Paradise except those who refuse.”

They said, “O Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ)! Who will refuse?”

He said, “Whoever obeys me will enter Paradise, and whoever disobeys me is the one who refuses (to enter it).” [Sahih al-Bukhari:7280]

There is no alternative to the following and actualization of the ideals of Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ), to ensure comprehensive peace and welfare in this world and salvation in the hereafter. MUNA is, indeed working to actualize the teaching and ideals of the beloved Prophet (ﷺ), because he

is the only true ideal leader and one needs to build a life by obeying him. Individual, family, society, and country need to be built in accordance with the standard left by him.

3. MUNA is Moral Organization based on Taqwa:

MUNA strives to develop “men/women of principle.” In MUNA, everything is evaluated in terms of taqwa and morality, not in terms of material standards. The standard of merit in this organization is taqwa or piety. Allāh (سبحانه) said (وتعالى

(إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ)

“Surely the noblest of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you.” [Surah (49) Al Hujurat:13]

4. MUNA is an Organization of Character:

MUNA is a manner and character-oriented organization. This organization aims to develop its activists into such ideal human beings that can maintain a balance between their words and actions. It aims to develop individuals who would always be able to present the best model of human characters at all places – home & street, mosques & markets, business & transactions, and inside & outside. The Messenger (ﷺ) of Allāh said: " إِنَّ مِنْ خِيَارِكُمْ أَحْسَنَكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا "

“The best amongst you are those who have the best manners and character.” [Sahih al-Bukhari:3559]

" أَكْمَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِيْمَانًا أَحْسَنُهُمْ خُلُقًا "

“The most perfect believer in respect of faith is he who is the best of them in manners.” [Sunan Abi Dawud:4682]

" مَا شَيْءٌ أَثْقَلُ فِي مِيزَانِ الْمُؤْمِنِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ خُلُقٍ حَسَنٍ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَيَبْغِضُ الْفَاحِشَ الْبِدِيءَ "

“Nothing is heavier on the believer’s Scale on the Day of Judgment than good character. For indeed Allah, Most High, is angered by the shameless obscene person.” [Jami at-Tirmidhi:2002]

5. MUNA is an organization dedicated to serving the Lord of the worlds:

This organization was brought into existence to please Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) instead of gaining the praise of people or attaining positions. Allāh declared:

(قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ)

“Say, ‘My prayers and sacrifice, my life and death, are all for God, Lord of all the Worlds.’” [Surah (6) Al Anam:162]

Why MUNA?

There are many clubs, societies, organizations, etc. in America. So why should you be part of MUNA? The following are the reasons:

1. To obey the commandment of Allah

Islam does not allow any believing individual to live an isolated life outside as Islamic organization. Allāh commanded that believers should live in unity holding fast to the Qur’ān for Islam. He (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

(وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا)

“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided.” [Surah (3) Ali Imran:103]

2. To Fulfill the requirement of Iman

Iman requires that the believers should work together in the path of the deen of Allāh to do good to humanity.

Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

(كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ)

“[Believers], you are the best community singled out for people: you order what is right, forbid what is wrong, and believe in Allah.” [Surah (3) Ali Imran:110]

3. To attain the straight path [Sirat al-Mustaqim]

Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

(وَمَنْ يَعْصِمْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ هُدِيَ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ)

“Whoever holds fast to Allah will be guided to the straight path.” [Surah (3) Ali Imran:101]

To hold fast to the rope of Allāh implies that guidance and rules for living worldly life should be sought and taken from Him; that He should be obeyed and feared; that hope and desire be directed toward Him; that help should be sought from Him only; that confidence is built by relying and depending upon Him. This will only help one attain the straight path.

4. To attain the love of Allāh

Indeed Allāh loves those who struggle in His path collectively like a reinforced wall, He (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

(إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ صَفًّا كَانَهُمْ بُنْيَانٌ مَرْصُورٌ)

“Allah truly loves those who fight in solid lines for His cause, like a well-compacted wall.” [Surah (61) As Saf:4]

5. Working together to establish the deen is the sunnah of all prophets

Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

(رَعَىٰ لَكُمْ مِنَ الدِّينِ مَا وَصَّيَٰ بِهِ نُوحًا وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ وَمَا وَصَّيْنَا بِهِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ أَنْ أَقِيمُوا الدِّينَ وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا فِيهِ)

“In matters of faith, He has laid down for you [people] the same commandment that He gave Noah, which We have revealed to you [Muhammad] and which We enjoined on Abraham and Moses and Jesus: ‘Uphold the faith and do not divide into factions within it’” [Surah (42) As Sura:13]

6. To follow Islam in its totality

Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

(يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَافَّةً وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ)

“O you who have believed, enter into Islam completely [and perfectly] and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Surely he is your sworn enemy.” [Surah (2) Al Baqarah:208]

7. To obey the beloved Messenger (ﷺ) of Allāh

Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

عَنْ الْحَارِثِ الْأَشْعَرِيِّ حَدَّثَهُ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " أَنَا أَمْرُكُمْ بِخَمْسٍ اللَّهُ أَمْرُنِي بِهِنَ السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ وَالْجِهَادُ وَالْهَجْرَةُ وَالْجَمَاعَةُ فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ فَارَقَ الْجَمَاعَةَ قِيدَ شِبْرٍ فَقَدْ خَلَعَ رَبْقَةَ الْإِسْلَامِ مِنْ عُنُقِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ يَرْجِعَ وَمَنْ أَدْعَى دَعْوَى الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْ جِنَّا جَهَنَّمَ " . فَقَالَ رَجُلٌ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَإِنْ صَلَّى وَصَامَ قَالَ " وَإِنْ صَلَّى وَصَامَ فَادْعُوا بِدَعْوَى اللَّهِ الَّذِي سَمَّاكُمْ الْمُسْلِمِينَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عِبَادَ اللَّهِ " .

Al-Harith Al-Ash'ari (RAA) narrated that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "“And I command you with five that Allah commanded me: Listening and obeying, Jihad, Hijrah, and the Jama'ah. For indeed whoever parts from the Jama'ah the measure of a hand-span, then he has cast off the yoke of Islam from his neck unless he returns. And whoever calls with the call of Jahiliyyah then he is from the coals of Hell." A man said: "O Messenger of Allah! Even if he performs Salat and fasts?" So he (ﷺ) said: "Even if he performs Salat and fasts. So, call with the call that Allah named you with Muslims, believers, worshipers of Allah." [Sunan At-Tirmidhi: 2863]

8. To save one's own self from the attack of Shaytan, the accursed enemy

Those living non communal life becomes victims of Shaytan. Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " مَا مِنْ ثَلَاثَةٍ فِي قَرْيَةٍ وَلَا بَدْوٍ لَا يُقَامُ فِيهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ إِلَّا قَدِ اسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَعَلَيْكَ بِالْجَمَاعَةِ فَإِنَّمَا يَأْكُلُ الدَّنْبَ الْقَاصِيَةَ " .

“Narrated AbudDarda': I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) say: If there are three men in a village or in the desert among whom prayer is not offered (in congregation), the devil has got the mastery over them. So observe (prayer) in congregation), for the wolf eats only the straggling animal. Sa'ib said: By the word

Jama'ah he meant saying prayer in a company or congregation.” [Sunan Abi Dawud:547]

9. To attain Jannah

A believer’s ultimate desire is to attain Jannah. Successful are those who are saved from Jahannam and entered into Jannah. To attain Jannah – the abode of everlasting happiness & pleasure – it is required to work together in the path of Allāh. Allāh’s Messenger (ﷺ) said:

مَنْ أَرَادَ بُحْبُوحَةَ الْجَنَّةِ فَلْيَلْزِمِ الْجَمَاعَةَ

“Whoever wants the best place in Paradise, then let him stick to the Jama'ah” [Jami at-Tirmidhi:2165]

How does MUNA Function

We will describe below, briefly, how does MUNA work for Islam in America.

The frames of reference for decision making and functional operation, in other words – the guiding principles, of this organization are the Qur’ān and the sunnah. Its mission is to attain the pleasure of Allāh by striving to improve the standards of people’s personal, moral, and social lives in accordance with the guidance provided in the Qur’ān and Sunnah.

To actualize this mission MUNA has adopted a five-point agenda based on the guidance provided in the Qur’ān and Sunnah. These are (1) Da’wah, (2) Organization, (3) Education, (4) Social Service & (5) Relationship Building. MUNA’s overall activities revolve around these five-point agenda.

First Point Agenda – Da’wah: To call Muslims to follow the teachings of Islam and to introduce Islam to non-Muslims.

Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) commanded us by saying:

ادْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ

“[Prophet], call [people] to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good teaching. Argue with them in the most courteous way.” [Surah (16) An-Nahl:125]

It was the mission of all the prophets to call humanity to Islam. Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) said:

(وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ)

“We sent a messenger to every community, saying, ‘Worship Allah and shun false gods.’” [Surah (16) An-Nahl:36]

Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) declares after mentioning Muhammad (ﷺ), the universal prophet, as a caller to the path of Allāh -

(يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا. وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا)

“O Prophet, We have sent you as a witness, as a bearer of good news and warning, as one who calls people to Allah by His leave, as a light-giving lamp.” [Surah (33) Al Ahzab:45-46]

The beloved Prophet (ﷺ) faced persecution, got bloodied, suffered imprisonment for three long years and finally migrated to Madinah leaving his homeland Makkah. Yet he never abstained from calling people to the path of Allāh, not for a moment. Let us cherish the ideals of our beloved prophet (ﷺ) in our hearts and call the people of the world to the path of Allāh.

MUNA usually performs the following tasks while inviting Muslims and non-Muslims to Islam: Tafsir mahfil, Seeratunnabi Mahfil, Seminar, Symposium, Discussion forum, and a variety of other programs. At the same time, MUNA also distributes Qur’ān, hadith, Islamic literature, and flyers and brochures on different subjects related to Islam, along with interfaith dinner, to present the beauty of Islam to the non-Muslims.

MUNA Convention, which is attended by people of all walks of social life, plays a very important role in the da‘wah work.

Second Point Agenda – Organization: To organize those individuals under this organization, who are interested in working for the betterment of themselves and society.

It is not easy to work alone for deen!. Therefore, MUNA organizes the people who want to do good to the society. MUNA adopts different types of programs and agenda to help them develop their knowledge and standards of character, so that they may be made into a true caller to the path of Allāh. Allāh (سبحانه وتعالى) said -

(وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ)

“And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.” [Surah (3) Ali Imran:104]

The activists of this organization strive to build a strong bond of brotherhood based on the deen of Allāh. They become well-wishers of each other and try to rectify their brothers’ & sisters’ mistakes with a gentle and kind approach.

The activists of this organization try to uplift the standard of their character through maintaining a personal development profile and continuous self-evaluation. They are more engaged in self-criticism than criticizing others.

The brothers and sisters carry out their responsibilities due to the fear of accountability in the hereafter and seeking the pleasure of Allāh, instead of their desire to acquire position and portfolios. Everybody spends their time and financial resource in conveying the message of the Qur’ān in the hope of attaining paradise in the hereafter. They contribute to building a suitable internal environment in the organization by giving preference to others over their selves; love each other for the sake of Allāh; counsel each other to strive in the path of righteousness; encourage each other to remain steadfast in the path of deen with patience and perseverance.

Third Point Agenda – Education: To strive to improve individuals’ lives through acquiring Islamic knowledge and skills.

MUNA is striving to build character and a higher standard of life by disseminating knowledge of the Qur’ān and sunnah and bringing purification to life thereby. The very first revelation that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sent to Muhammad (ﷺ) contains the directive of acquiring knowledge. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said -

﴿قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ﴾

“Say, "Are those who know equal to those who do not know?" Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding.” [Surah (39) Az zumar:9]

﴿إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ غَفُورٌ﴾

“Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge.” [Surah (35) Al Fatir:28]

Acquiring knowledge is an act of worship as it is an obligation on every Muslim. The way to paradise becomes easier if one treads the path of acquiring knowledge. Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) said -

“مَنْ سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَلْتَمِسُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا سَهَّلَ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِهِ طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ”

“He who treads the path in search of knowledge, Allah would make that path easy, leading to Paradise for him” [Sahih Muslim (sunnah.com):2699 a]

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said -

﴿قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا ۖ وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا﴾

“The one who purifies his soul succeeds and the one who corrupts it fails.” [Surah (91) As-Shams: 9-10]

MUNA conducts multilateral educational programs to help develop one’s standard of life. The following are some of those programs: Educational Session [ES], Educational Camp [EC], Study Circle, Darsul Qur’an, Correct Qur’an Recitation Lesson, Qiyamul-Lail or Nightly Worship Vigil, Group Study, Discussion Circle, Qur’anic Language Learning, Family Sitting and Family Night.

Fourth Point Agenda – Social Service: To carry out social welfare services for the betterment of human society.

Allah declared -

(كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ)

“[Believers], you are the best community singled out for people: you order what is right, forbid what is wrong, and believe in Allah.” [Surah (3) Ali Imran:110]

Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) said:

"لَا يَرْحَمُ اللَّهُ مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُ النَّاسَ".

“Allah will not be merciful to those who are not merciful to mankind.” [Sahih al-Bukhari:7376]

"وَاللَّهُ فِي عَوْنِ الْعَبْدِ مَا كَانَ الْعَبْدُ فِي عَوْنِ أَخِيهِ"

“Allah is engaged in helping the worshipper as long as the worshipper is engaged in helping his brother.” [Jami at-Tirmidhi:1425]

The activists of the organization have been striving to support people at times of their difficulties as well as at ease. Our brothers and sisters provide support to others by helping them get job and housing, providing parenting and family counseling, cleaning neighborhoods cleaning, distributing food to the needy, helping in final funeral rites and burial of dead bodies, providing educational materials to children through “back to school” program, creating health consciousness through seminars, etc. MUNA tries to the best of its ability to stand by the people to help them during national emergencies. MUNA tried its best to provide support people during the height of the COVID-19 crisis by sending Ramadan Iftar gift to many families within its reach and special Eid gift to those families that lost their dear ones. Also, MUNA manpower conducted food distribution, emergency assistance, funeral & burial arrangement, helping people file applications for unemployment insurance and getting government assistance, etc. during the initial months of the COVID-19 crisis.

Justice is undeniably necessary to attain peace. However, injustice is being perpetrated here by the whites against the blacks, and strong against the weak in the world today. Islam teaches that justice must be established against every action of persecution and injustice. That is why MUNA has been playing roles, within its ability, to uphold justice wherever there is injustice. Allah (ﷻ) said: (اعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَى)

“Be just! That is closer to righteousness.” [Surah (5) Al Maidah:8]

Fifth Point Agenda – Relationship Building: To try to develop mutually beneficial relationships with different organizations, religious and ethnic communities, and neighbors.

To build a good relationship with all, Allāh commanded the following:

(وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا)

“Worship Allah; join nothing with Him. Be good to your parents, to relatives, to orphans, to the needy, to neighbors near and far, to travelers in need, and to your slaves. Allah does not like arrogant, boastful people.” [Surah (4) An Nisa:36]

Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ) commanded his ummah to treat the non-Muslims with good conduct.

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " أَلَا مَنْ ظَلَمَ مُعَاهِدًا أَوْ انْتَقَصَهُ أَوْ كَلَّفَهُ فَوْقَ طَاقِهِ أَوْ أَخَذَ مِنْهُ شَيْئًا بغيرِ طيبِ نفسٍ فَأَنَا حَجِيجُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ " .

“The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: Beware, if anyone wrongs a dhimmi [a non-Muslim citizen in the Islamic state or anyone with whom Muslims have an agreement], or diminishes his right, or forces him to work beyond his capacity, or takes from him anything without his

consent, I shall plead for him on the Day of Judgment.”
[Sunan Abi Dawud:3052]

MUNA organizes a yearly dinner in honor of the imams, scholars, mosque & community organization leadership, journalists, educationists, businessmen, and people of other trades & professions to build a mutually beneficial and good functional relationship. It also organizes meetings for exchanging views, Iftar [Ramadan breakfast] meetings, and interfaith dinner. To build good ties with people of all walks of life MUNA organizes picnics and educational tours that are filled with different kinds of entertainment events. MUNA strives to build masjids and community centers to build closer relationships with communities around the country. These activities help build a relationship with communities and introduce the noble ideals of Islam, as well. MUNA's role in building greater unity among Muslims is notable. MUNA is one of the founding members of the USCMO, a federation of Islamic and Muslim organizations in America. MUNA also has been playing active roles in the Majlis Al-Shura of New York and other regional organizations.

MUNA also carries out many programs and activities suitable for children and youth. Some of these programs are: learn & fun, children halaqa, children's get together, children talent show, and competitions in Quranic recitation, nasheed, speech, calligraphy and drawing, etc. Some interesting programs for youth are also carried out like Youth Summer Camp, Leadership Camp, Education Camp, Youth Conference, Qur'an & Hadith Study Circles, Youth Outing, Barbeque, Sporting Event, Speech Competition, Mother-Daughter Event, Hunger Van Event, Self Defence Class, Graduation Ceremony, Hijab Workshop, Henna Night, etc. MUNA has been providing Islamic education to children and youth in weekend Islamic schools held in mosques and Islamic centers. MUNA also established the Qur'an Academy for Young Scholars to train Imams and leaders for Muslims in this country. In other words, MUNA is

ceaselessly striving to develop individuals, families, and society, as well as developing children and youth as good offsprings, able and skilled humans, ideal Muslims, and good citizens.

So, come and be part of MUNA and work together, hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder, to gain Allāh's pleasure and salvation in the hereafter. Let us convey the message of the noble ideals of Islam to humanity at large. May Allāh accept all of us in the path of His deen! Ameen!



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