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July 27 2020 Update: Upon further deliberation, we have been able to take measures that will allow us in sha Allah to safely observe the Eid prayer at our facility. The guidance below has been modified accordingly.

Masjid Mubarak (NAIM) Eidul Adha 1441/2020 Plans

The Mission Board of Masjid Mubarak (NAIM) congratulates our members and all Muslims on the upcoming Eidul Adha celebration and reminds everyone to take advantage of the occasion and the days leading up to it to draw closer to Allah.

Eid Prayers

Eid prayers will be observed at our facility, in our parking lot (brothers) and inside the masjid (sisters). The sick, children and the elderly are requested to pray at home. There will be three prayer sessions at 7am, 8am, and 9am. Maximum persons per session will be 50 for the sisters inside the masjid, and 50 for the brothers in the parking lot. The sessions will be streamed live for people to listen to the khutbah at home.

Eidul Adha Sacrifice

We encourage those who are able to offer the sacrifice of Adha to do so and, in keeping with the sunnah, consume a third of the sacrifice with their families, share another third with guests, neighbors and friends (if that can be done safely), and give away the last third in charity. Our Masjid will assist in collecting and distributing the sacrifice. Drop-off and pickup details shall be provided later in sha Allah.

Eid day Jummah Prayer

While it is not obligatory for someone that has observed the Eid prayer to pray Jummah prayer the same day, we will offer Jummah service that day in sha Allah, as per our ongoing COVID-19 pandemic Jummah prayer schedule (two sessions – 1st khutbah at 1 pm, and 2nd khutbah at 1:30pm). Attendance is limited to a maximum of 50 people at each session.

The First Ten days of Dhul Hijjah

We also enjoin our brethren to engage in lots of ibadaah in the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, which starts on Wednesday July 22, 2020. Let us increase in remembrance of Allah, and in fasting. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said of these days:

"No days are as weighty with Allah and so liked by Him for good deeds than the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah. So on these days, increasingly read Subhānallah, Lā ilāha illallāh, Alhamdulillah and Allahu Akbar." (Musnad Ahmad)

"Good deeds performed on other days are not superior to those performed on these (first ten days of Dhul Hijjah)." The Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, inquired, "Not even Jihād?" He replied, "Not even jihād, except for that person who goes out putting himself and his wealth in danger and does not return with anything." (Bukhāri)

"One fast during these days is equal to the fasting of one complete year, and the worship of one night during this period is equal to the worship in the Lailatul-Qadr". (Tirmizi)

Day of Arafah

We enjoin our brethren to fast the day of Arafah, likely to be Thursday July 30th. This is a special day, of which the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"There is no day on which Allah frees more of His servants from fire than on the Day of Arafat, and He verily draws near, then boasts of them before the angels, saying, 'What do they seek?'" (Sahih Muslim).

Lastly, let's make the Eid festive and memorable for our families and friends, particularly the children. Let's give them gifts on this occasion, and let's be charitably to all those in need.

May Allah accept our Eid, our sacrifice and other acts of worship and grant us the good things of this world, the good things of the hereafter, and protect us from the ongoing pandemic and other diseases. Aameen.

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