
Muslim Community Center of Leesburg (MCCL)
Merger with the
All Dulles Area Muslims Society (ADAMS)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. It was announced “ADAMS is helping MCCL” on Eid. What does this mean? Is ADAMS helping MCCL or is MCCL joining ADAMS?

MCCL is joining ADAMS. MCCL will be merging with ADAMS as the official Leesburg area Branch of ADAMS. The leadership teams from both organizations and community activists will work together to build a permanent Masjid and Community Center at the current MCCL Leesburg address (19838 Sycolin Rd; Leesburg, VA 20175), and will also promote and coordinate all educational programs, special events, recreational clubs, outreach efforts, and community services for the benefit of the Leesburg area Muslim congregants, including the 5 Daily Prayers and the Weekly Jumu’ah Prayer (Multiple locations/Khutbahs).

2. Is MCCL still an independent organization?

MCCL will currently retain its legal 501c3 structure and will merge under the legal and organizational framework of ADAMS.

3. Is ADAMS taking over MCCL?

The current volunteer leads at MCCL will continue to be invited to support all MCCL activities, programs, and Jumu’ah and daily prayer logistics. MCCL will be a Branch and will merge under the legal and organizational framework of ADAMS.

4. Who will be in charge of MCCL?

The ADAMS-MCCL branch will be managed similar to the other ADAMS Branches at Sterling, Ashburn, Sully (Chantilly), and Gainesville Branches. ADAMS leadership consist of an elected Nine (9) member Board of Trustees and an elected Four (4) member Executive Committee, and each Branch consists of an appointed Seven (7) Branch Committee members.

5. Will MCCL Khateeb continue to give khutbah at MCCL?

Yes, the current Khateeb is approved by the Imam’s Office at ADAMS, and all Khateeb for the Branches and Satellite locations are vetted by the Imam’s Office for approval. Led by Imam Mohamad Magid, the Imam’s office has established a Khateeb’s Forum by which topics and scheduling is discussed for each Jumu’ah.

6. Why is MCCL joining with ADAMS?

MCCL will be merging with ADAMS as the official Leesburg area Branch of ADAMS for many reasons, the most immediate of which is to assist the building of a permanent Masjid and Community Center for the Leesburg area Muslims. Also to promote and coordinate all educational programs, special events, recreational clubs, outreach efforts, and community services for the benefit of the Leesburg area Muslim congregants, including the 5 Daily Prayers and the Weekly Jumu’ah Prayer (Multiple locations/Khutbahs).

7. What will happen to all the volunteers who helped MCCL all these years?

InSha'Allah, all the volunteers who helped MCCL throughout the years will be the first line of leadership as we, ADAMS-MCCL, collectively works to build and enhance a thriving Leesburg Muslim congregation. All are welcomed and encouraged to continue volunteering.

8. The “flavor” of MCCL offered a unique and different offering for Muslims in the area than ADAMS. Will that “flavor” go away?

There should not be any noticeable change given that the same Muslim congregants who frequent the Masjid will be the same Leesburg Community, so the MCCL uniqueness/flavor won't go away; and this is the same for each ADAMS Branch, each having a certain uniqueness.

9. ADAMS is very politically focused and does not focus on the spiritual well being of the community. Will this also be the case for MCCL now?

ADAMS is well grounded in its spiritual and educational programs, special events, recreational clubs, outreach efforts, and community services for the benefit of the Muslim congregants, including the 5 Daily Prayers and the Weekly Jumu'ah Prayer (Multiple locations/Khutbahs). ADAMS serves approximately 3000 youth in education and youth activities. This scalability and dynamism will continue to help Leesburg area Muslims, as well. In addition, ADAMS has a very vibrant Civics Engagement team that supports all of the Branches and their individual aspirations, and our engagement has been key for many branch mosque approvals, including the ability to help with the approval of MCCL's permits and new Masjid Construction. In addition, the Civic Engagement dedicated teams have helped the community in working for the common good, civil rights, religious freedom, and countering hate & bigotry.

10. MCCL Jummah and Eid prayers just had the Imam speak and masjid announcements, will they now have 10 politicians and then the Imam speak?

The Jumu'ah & Eid logistics teams both at ADAMS and MCCL have independently invited different officials and candidates to large events to address their congregants, and have taken a balanced approach to time allotments with respect to Government Official/Candidate speakers. This is an area of important civic engagement and will surely be monitored by the Jumu'ah & Eid logistics teams.

11. MCCL had a good balance of old and young in terms of volunteers and khateeb. ADAMS is mostly older and immigrant. There are not many young people involved in decision making at ADAMS. Will this change MCCL's leadership too?

ADAMS, like MCCL, is committed to fostering activism amongst our youth, and has always strongly encouraged young members to accept leadership roles within the organization, ensuring a healthy balance between the wisdom of our elders and the energy of our youth. Most of ADAMS Khateeb across all 11 locations and 25 to 30 Khutbahs/Jumu'ahs are young adults. ADAMS was among the first Muslim organizations to have 2nd generation community leaders, Khateeb, youth directors.

12. Will the donations given to MCCL in the past be used exclusively for the Masjid construction and MCCL operations?

Yes, the current MCCL land and all donations in MCCL accounts will be used exclusively for the construction of the permanent Leesburg Masjid and operations. The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Masjid construction will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 11am at MCCL, and all are encouraged to join this wonderful event, InSha'Allah.

13. What additional educational programs and lectures will be provided at MCCL?

The ADAMS website lists most of the core educational programs and lectures that are provided at all of the Branches. Many updates are forthcoming as we emerge from this pandemic, InSha'Allah, and resume regular activities at all of the Branches.

14. What guarantees will be put in place to ensure ADAMS builds the Masjid?

ADAMS and MCCL have entered into a definitive agreement to join hands in building a permanent Masjid/Community Center at the current MCCL Leesburg address (19838 Sycolin Rd; Leesburg, VA 20175). As funds are raised, the construction projects will commence. The entire ADAMS Muslim community, including all of the Branches, are standing with our MCCL brothers and sisters to help build on top of the great work done over the years by the MCCL community, and led by brother Abdul Basir Ghanizada, to establish a permanent Masjid and Community Center for all Muslims in the Leesburg area.

15. Br. Abdul Basir is currently the President of MCCL. What will Br. Abdul Basir's role be in the new ADAMS-MCCL merger?

Given his expansive knowledge and connections with the local county officials, Br. Abdul Basir will continue to lead as the Branch Committee member and as a permanent Advisor to the Masjid construction project to support the specific phases and requirements necessary for the efficient and effective rollout of the Site Plan, County Approvals, Grading and prep work, contractor selection, design and engineering reviews, and other critical elements of the new Leesburg Masjid project.

16. Will our future donations be made out to ADAMS or MCCL?

Donations can be made out either directly to MCCL or ADAMS and dedicated to specific cause, such as New Leesburg Masjid, Leesburg Operations, Leesburg youth programs, etc., which is how all Branch donations are organized.

17. MCCL community members are not ADAMS members. Will they become ADAMS members?

All community members are encouraged to become paid members of ADAMS-MCCL, although this is not a requirement for participation or volunteering.

18. How will ADAMS help MCCL fundraise when ADAMS took time to complete Phase 3 of ADAMS Sterling, as well as completing ADAMS Ashburn and now working on ADAMS Gainesville? Where is the money coming from?

Alhamdulillah, the ADAMS community at large has proven to be very generous in their donations, and MashaAllah very able to accommodate multiple projects of large scale simultaneously. All donations come from our Muslim community, and with Allah's mercy and blessings, the ADAMS-MCCL dedicated teams will InSha'Allah succeed in this initiative.