

GOOD NEWS

Last Jum'a, over 200 neighbors and community members united in harmony showing support for the ADAMS Muslim Community at the Sterling location. Holding up signs of love, support, and positivity, the ADAMS Community was moved and responded by passing out pizza, thank you cards, and snacks. Interfaith leaders and government officials echoed these sentiments through moving speeches.

ADAMS YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

- **Book Club**
Sterling, Combo Room | Wednesday, Feb. 15th | 6:00 PM
Email youthcoordinator@adamscenter.org for more information.
- **Sisters Luminaries** - Be a part of the light that inspires
Sterling, Youth Room | Saturday, Feb. 18th | 7:00 AM
Register at www.adamsyouth.net
- **Middle School Girl's Basketball Game VS ISB**
Sterling | Monday, Feb. 20th | 5:30 PM
Would love women community members to attend!
- **MIST Afterschool Prep**
Sterling | Tuesdays & Thursdays | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Sully | Mondays | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **Friday Night Brother's Basketball**
Sterling | Every Friday | 9:30 PM - 10:30 PM
- **Brothers' Ring & Sisters' Circle**
Conversation circle to increase friendship and healthy bonds with the community.
Brothers' Ring & Sisters' Circle | Sterling | Every Friday | 7:00PM
Brothers' Ring | Ashburn | Every Friday | 7:00PM
Sisters' Circle | Sully | Every Friday | 7:00PM

10th Annual Spring Camp Registration Launches THIS WEEKEND!
Visit www.adamsyouth.net for more information!

COMING UP...

Board Election Nomination Forms Due
Saturday | March 11 | 8:00 PM
Visit www.adamscenter.org for details.

ADAMS STERLING

Toastmasters Meeting
Saturday | Feb. 18 | 10 AM | Youth Room
Hone your communication skills!

New Muslim Support Group Game Night
Thursday | Feb. 25 | 6 PM | Combo Room
RSVP: learn_islam@adamscenter.org

ADAMS RHA Registration Begins
03/01/2017

Visit www.adamsrha.org for details

ADAMS FAIRFAX

Sisters' Tafsir al Qur'an w/ Sr. Fadia Ayoubi
Saturday | Feb. 18 | 11:30 AM
Contact: fadia.ayoubi@gmail.com

ADAMS ASHBURN

Qur'an & Life to the Light of Surah al-Imran with Dr. Zainab Alwani
Saturday | Feb. 18 | 7PM
Held every other Thursday.
Contact: 571.331.7010



Join the 10/10 Club
Support Our Masjid!



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ADVERTISE HERE!

- Distribution to all **11 ADAMS locations** servicing **25 Jum'as** in the Northern Virginia
- For one week, viewed by **7,000 people** on ADAMS Website
- Sent to over **6,000 emails** on the ADAMS Listserve

For more details please email amer.ahmad@adamscenter.org

NOTES FROM FRIDAY KHUTBAH

OBJECTIVE: We should recognize and celebrate diversity in the world. Our community and our children should be comfortable with their skin color, their gender and their faith. They should be reminded how beautiful they are just as Allah has made them and not feel inferior for any reason.

SUPPORTING QUR'ANIC VERSES - SURAH 49:13 (Hujarat) - / SURAH 30:22 – (Rum) / SURAH 4:1 – (Nisaa)

- Racism is a Satanic attitude. Shaitan believed he was better than Adam. Based on what? Is smokeless fire better than mud and dirt? According to who? Allah says righteousness is what elevates us. It is a failure to recognize the signs of Allah in the universe. (Rum) 30:22
- Racism is a failure to recognize ones' true self. Because the true essence of a person is the soul. (Nisaa) 4:1 / (Adh-Dhariyat) 51:21
- Racism shows that we still have ignorance within us
 - **Abu Dharr, the leader of the tribe of Ghifar, and one who accepted Islam in its early days, narrates:** *Once I was conversing with Bilal. Our conversation gave way to a dispute. Angry with him, the following insult burst from my mouth: 'You cannot comprehend this, O son of a black woman!' As Islam expressly forbade all kinds of racial, tribal and colour discrimination, Bilal was both upset and greatly angered. A while later a man came and told me that the Messenger of God, upon him be peace and blessings, summoned me. I went to him immediately. He said to me: 'I have been informed that you addressed Bilal as the son of a black woman.' I was deeply ashamed and could say nothing. God's Messenger continued his reprimand: 'This means you still retain the standards and judgements of the pre-Islamic days of ignorance. Islam has eradicated all those false standards or measures judging people by blood, fame, colour or wealth. It has established that the best and most honourable of men is he who is the most pious and upright in conduct. Is it right to defame a believer just because he is black?' Abu Dharr felt profound remorse. He went straight to Bilal's house and, putting his head on the threshold, said: 'This head will not rise from here until the blessed feet of Bilal tread on the face of foolish, impolite Abu Dharr.' Bilal responded: 'That face deserves to be kissed, not trodden upon', and forgave Abu Dharr.*
- This issue was important enough for the Prophet to mention it in his last sermon:
 - *All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has any superiority over white except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.*

HOW to end racism in ourselves, our cultures, our families, etc (Al-Hujraat) 49:13

1. Observe how people of different shades are treated differently all around us, types of comments that are made about beauty, marriage, success; attitudes that reflect fear of certain races; putting people into categories based on the shade of color
2. Ask yourself how you would feel if your child came home and said he/she wanted to marry someone of a different color/ethnicity. Your reaction will help you assess the degree of racism
3. Get to know someone that is from a culture/race you are not familiar with. What do you have in common? What differences can you appreciate? Discuss it together. Learn from one another.

Racism is dangerous! It leads to oppression. Victims of racism, including community members and children in our masjid that feel discriminated against by other Muslims, are affected in terms of their self-image, which can lead to anxiety, depression, and even trauma.