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### **Postovane džematlije, Esselamu Alejkum,**

Zivim sa familijom u Etobicoke, nedaleko od dzamije. Elhamdulillah, imam petoro vec odrasle djecu, troje ozenjenih tj udatih koji su takode članovi naseg dzemata. Imam elhamdulillah troje unucadi i cetvrto i peto na putu. Član sam našeg džemata od 1985 i regularni volonter dzemata. Vise puta sam bio clan dzematskog odbora kao i predsjednik dzemata. Moj dzemat mi je uvijek bio vazniji od moje vlastite kuce. Veoma sam zahvalan Allahu DZS i dzematu na dosadasnjem povjerenju i na novoj kandidaturi za člana dzematskog odbora. Posto sam se nedavno penzionisao vjerujem da cu imati mnogo vise slobodnog vremena da se posvetim potrebama dzemata, elhamdulillah imam i potrebne kvalifikacije i iskustvo sa nasim dzematom.

Hvala Allahu Gospodaru Svjetova koji je omogucio, uvijek sam se trudio da ja i mopja familija budemo medu prvima od Bosnjaka bilo da su u pitanju donacije ili volonterski rad za nas dzemata.

Obezbjedio sam dozvole za rad ukljucujuci naknadu za podnosenje zahtjeva za gradevinsku dozvolu, bio sam glavni pokretač i volunter na mnogim projektima dzemata pocev od našeg prvog dzemata na Dundas-u do danas. Izborna Skupstinska Komisija ce vam vjerovatno u poslati listu nekih projekata u zadnje 15-20 godina. Allahu hvala koji mi je omogucio da budem dio ovih hajrova, evo neke cu ovdje navesti: generalno radovi na dzamiji i projekat imamskog stana na Dundas džamiji; 2005 i 2006 godine sprat iznad kafiterije gdje imamo biblioteku i bosansku sobu, novi daktovi za grijanje i hladjenje, te novi plafon u velikoj sali i kafiteriji sa novim svjetlima; 2006 i 2007 prosirenje tadasnjeg dijela za redovno klanjanje i poboljsanje zahoda i abdesthane; 2008 kompletan krov projekat; 2010 kupovina mezara na Meadovwale u Bramptonu a zatim jos u dva navrata smo kupili jos mezara zajedno sa BIC Toronto; 2011 nova stucco fasada te novi prozori; 2012 munara i kanalizacija za sjevero-zapadni dio dzamijskog objekta; 2013 prikljucak na gradski vodovod radi povecanja profila cijevi za vodu i kanalizaciju te kompletna renovacija i prosirenje parkinga sa novim asvaltom; 2016/2017 radovi na potpuno novim abdesthanama i zahodima; 2017 kompletna renovacija plafona u dzamiji sa novim svjetlima i sistemom za grijanje i hladjenje; 2020 novi tepisi u dzamiji; 2021 novi tepisi u velikoj sali te nove sigurnosne kamere; 2022 kupole i mihrab (projekati u toku). Takoder sam radio na subvencijama aplikacijama sa drzavom od kojih su dvije realizovane te smo dobili u dva navrata po \$10,000 od vlade Ontaria. Pokrenuo sam i realizovao elektronski sytem donacija kao i on-line doniranje sto je oko 36% uvecalo prihode od donacija za Dzemata.

Obavljam najveći dio administrativnih funkcija; kao sto su koordinacija sa drugim dzematima i nevjerskim organizacijama; koordinacija sa gostima imamima za dzume; koordinacija sa komsijama generalno i vezano za

dodatne potrebe parking; koordinacija vezano za elektronskim sistemom za donacije i slično; koordinacija sa obezbjeđenje kompanijom gdje sam morao biti dostupan 24/7 u slučaju potrebe i još mnogo toga.

S obzir da je članstvo u džematu elhamdulillah poraslo od nekih 60 do 80 porodica u Dundas džemati na 460 porodica u ovoj džemati, te uzimajući u obzir gore navedeno bilo bi napredno kazati da je džemat elhamdulillah napredovao u svakom pogledu. Naravno sa ovim je rastao broj polaznika vjeronauke i omladine. Imali smo i jednu krizu od 2 godine korone i jednu godinu bez Imama što je doprinjelo nekim zastojećima ali elhamdulillah trebamo biti zadovoljni.

Svakako da je moglo bolje, uvijek može i treba bolje i transparentnije za čime je svaki sastav odbora u prošlosti stremio i iskreno radio napredku džemata, a Allah zna najbolje. Prije svega hvala Allahu Gospodaru Svjetova koji mi je omogućio rad na gore navedenim aktivnostima. Međutim sve ovo nebi se moglo realizovati bez vas, džematlija, a posebno nebi moglo bez Mirsada Smajica i Hazima Redžića i naravno ne bi moglo bez podrške Imama džemata i džematskog odbora.

### **Moja vizija, kratkorocni i dugorocni plan budicnosti Dzemata:**

- \* Poboljšanje transparentnosti i komunikacija sa džematom kratkorocno, što ja smatram put u dva pravca. Članstvo džemata treba da se informise i da traži korektne informacije iz kancelarije džemata umjesto da se prihvataju rekla-kazala tj mahalske price.
- \* Unapređenje vjerskog života sa fokusom na vjeronauku i omladinu, i u kratkorocnom i dugorocnom planu. Ako želimo da džemat jaca i postoji u buducnosti, nephodna je prva stepenica, vjeronauka, sa čime stvaramo dobru omladinu i kao finalni produkt buduće džematlije.
- \* Nastaviti rad na jačanju naseg džemata, povećanju broja novih članova, raditi na povećanju volunterizma džematlija generalno a posebno od roditelja mektebske djece i omladine. Nastaviti sa Porodicnim druženjima, proširiti to na druženja omladine, druženja penzionera, seminare i druge akcije primarno kroz angazovanje mladih.
- \* Allahu hvala, naš džemat je samoodrživ, sa time planiram nastaviti i proširiti na nove mogućnosti finansijske samoodrživosti.
- \* Uključiti džemat a posebno mlade u akcije sira zajednice kroz donacije u hrani i slično, akcije čišćenja okoline, pomaganja starijim.
- \* Pitanje parkinga Petkom, Bajramima i drugim skupovima je po meni kratkorocni plan i treba se što prije rješavati.
- \* Dugorocno razmisljati o još jednom većem objektu ili na postojećem imanju ili se organizovati te ispitati mogućnost kupovine još jednog imanja koje bi služilo za sira potrebe BiH dijaspore. Angazovati mlade generacije da pripreme idejno rješenje sa predračunom te onda krenuti u akciju da se obuhvati sira BiH dijaspora Toronta i okolnih gradova. Nastaviti jačati i graditi snažn džemat baziran na vjerskom karakteru džemata, na očuvanju bošnjačke kulture, na uzajamnoj podršci, na obrazovnim, sportskim i rekreativnim programima. Promovirati drugima nasu bosnjačku kulturu, biti primjer dobrog džemata, biti na usluzi široj zajednici muslimanskoj i ne-muslimanskoj. Koristiti primjere drugih uzpješnih džemata Toronto regiona, težiti uspjehu čak i boljem od tih džemata.
- \* Moja vizija je da ponudimo u našem džematu svim uzrastima mjesto za molitvu, obrazovne seminare, igru, upoznavanje, podržavanje jedni drugih, te zajednicko odrastanje u kompletne licnosti u svakom pogledu.
- \* Moj dugogodisnji rad dovoljno govori da nema umora kad je u pitanju džemat i da sam spreman da napravim još mnogo toga. Uvjeren sam da svi kandidati kao i džematlije zele najbolje svome džematu, da svi želimo dobre buduće generacije i džemat za primjer kakvog nas ustvari i sada smatraju drugi muslimani koji su redovni posjetoci naseg džemata. Vjerujem da In Sha Allah sve ovo možemo postići samo ako se držimo Allahovog uzeta, ako smo jedinstveni i ako se svi uključimo u realizaciju ovih planova.

Hvala puno! Mahsuz Selam!

## **Respected congregants, Assalamu Alaykum,**

I live with my family in Etobicoke, not far from the mosque. Alhamdulillah, I have five grown children, three of whom are married and are also members of our Jamaat. Alhamdulillah, I have three grandchildren and fourth and fifth on the way. I have been a member of our Jamaat since 1985 and a regular volunteer of the Jamaat. Several times I was a member of the Jamaat Board as well as the Jamaat president. My Jamaat was always more important to me than my own house. I am very grateful to Allah SW and the Jamaat for the trust I have received so far and for my new candidacy as a member of the Jamaat Board. Since I recently retired, I believe that I will have much more free time to devote myself to the needs of the congregation, alhamdulillah, I have the necessary qualifications and experience with our congregation.

Thanks to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, who made it possible, I always tried to make sure that my family and I were among the first of the Bosniacs, whether it was for donations or volunteer work for our Jamaat.

I secured work permits including building permit application fees, was the main mover and volunteer on many projects of the congregation starting from our first Jamaat on Dundas until today. The Electoral Assembly Commission will probably send you a list of some projects in the past 15-20 years. Thanks to Allah who made it possible for me to be a part of these opportunities, I will mention here are some: general works on the mosque and the project of the imam's apartment at the Dundas mosque; In 2005 and 2006 the floor above the cafeteria where we have a library and a Bosnian room, new ducts for heating and cooling, and a new ceiling in the great hall and cafeteria with new lights; 2006 and 2007 expansion of the former part for regular worship and improvement of toilets and ablutions; 2008 complete roof project; 2010 purchase of graves at Meadowvale cemetery in Brampton and then on two other occasions we bought more graves together with BIC Toronto; 2011 new stucco facade and new windows; 2012 minaret and sewage system for the north-western part of the mosque building; 2013 connection to the city water supply in order to increase the size of water and sewage pipes and complete renovation and expansion of the parking lot with new asphalt; 2016/2017 works on completely new ablutions and toilets; 2017 complete renovation of the ceiling in the mosque with new lights and heating and cooling system; 2020 new carpets in the mosque; 2021 new carpets in the great hall and new security cameras; 2022 domes and mihrab (projects in progress). I also worked on grant applications with the state, two of which were implemented, and we received \$10,000 from the Ontario government on two occasions. I launched and implemented an electronic donation system as well as online donation, which increased the income from donations for Jamaat by about 36%.

I perform most of the administrative functions, such as coordination with other Jamaats and non-Muslim organizations; coordination with guest imams for Jumah; coordination with neighbors in general and related to additional parking needs; coordination regarding the electronic system (pay points) for donations and the like; coordination with the security system company where I must be available 24/7 in case of need and much more.

Considering that the membership of Jamaat, alhamdulillah, has grown from some 60 to 80 families in Dundas Mosque to 460 families in this mosque, and considering the above activities, it would be wrong not to say that Jamaat alhamdulillah has progressed in every aspect. Of course, with this, the number of students attending religious classes and youth grew. We also had a 2-year corona crisis and one year without an Imam, which contributed to some delays, but alhamdulillah we should be satisfied.

Certainly, it could have been better, always can and should do better and more transparent, which is what every composition of the board in the past strived for and sincerely worked for the progress of the congregation, and Allah knows best. First, thanks to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, who enabled me to work on the above-mentioned activities. However, all this could not have been realized without you, the Jamaat, and especially it could not have been possible without Mirsad Smajic and Hazim Redzic, and of course it could not have been possible without the support of the Imam of the Jamaat and the Jamaat board.

### **My vision, short-term and long-term plan for the future of the Jamaat:**

- \* Improving transparency and communication with the Jamaat in the short term, which I consider a two-way street. The members of the Jamaat should be informed and seek correct information from the Jamaat office instead of accepting rumors, i.e. ad hoc stories.
- \* Improvement of religious life with a focus on religious classes and youth, both in the short and long term. If we want the Jamaat to grow stronger and exist in the future, as the first step, religious classes are necessary, with which we create good youth and as the final product future congregants.
- \* Continue work on strengthening our Jamaat, increasing the number of new members, working on increasing the volunteerism of the congregation in general and especially from parents of school children and youth. Continue with Family gatherings, expand it to youth gatherings, pensioners' gatherings, seminars, and other activities primarily through the engagement of young people.
- \* Thanks to Allah, our Jamaat is self-sustainable, I plan to continue work on that and expand to new possibilities of financial self-sustainability.
- \* To include the Jamaat and especially the youth in the activities of the wider community through donations of food and the like, activities of cleaning the environment, helping the elderly.
- \* The issue of parking on Fridays, Eid and other gatherings is, in my opinion, a short-term plan and should be resolved as soon as possible.
- \* In the long term, we should think about a larger building either on the existing property or get organized and examine the possibility of buying another property that would serve the wider needs of the BiH diaspora. Engage the young generation to prepare a conceptual solution with a preliminary calculation and then to take action to include the entire BiH diaspora of Toronto and the surrounding cities. Continue to strengthen and build a strong Jamaat based on the religious character of the Jamaat, on the preservation of Bosniaks culture, on mutual support, on educational, sports and recreational programs. Promote our Bosnian culture to others, to be an example of a good Jamaat, to be at the service of the wider Muslim and non-Muslim community. To use the examples of other successful Jamaats of the Toronto region, to strive for success even better than those Jamaats.
- \* My vision is to offer a our Jamaat a place for prayer, educational seminars, play, getting to know each other, supporting each other, and growing together into complete personalities in every aspect.
- \* My of many years work says enough that there is no tiredness when it comes to Jamaat and that I am ready to do a lot more. I am convinced that all candidates as well as members of the Jamaat want the best for our Jamaat, that we all want good future generations and a Jamaat as the other Muslims who are regular visitors of our Jamaat consider us to be. I believe that In Sha Allah we can achieve all of this only if we stick to Allah's rope, if we are united and if we all get involved in the realization of these plans.

Thanks a lot! Mahsuz Salaam!