



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



AsSalam Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah,

Mission and Vision

ilmHub's mission is to provide access to a high level of traditional Islamic scholarship to the Muslim and non-Muslim community, both locally and globally.

ilmHub's vision is to be the means through which Allah provides an opening of hearts towards the light of Allah's Guidance and Mercy.

ilmHub Shura

The ilmHub Shura consists of the following people:

- Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi, Ameer and Founder
- Mawlana Rizwan Shariff, Hifdh Academy Dean
- Imam Muhammad Patel, 'Alim
- Muhammad Nasir Niazi
- Mohammed Zakee Shaikh

Current Events and Projects

Alhamdulillah, we are currently engaged in the following projects and activities:

- Halal Food and Ingredients Project
- On-site and online Qur'an school
- On-site Hifdh Academy
- On-site Saturday School
- Islamic Library Project
- Regular Jum'ah Khutba and Salah at various masajid across Edmonton
- Regular post-Salah reminders and talks
- Darul Iftaa' wal Irshad (fatwa.ca)
- Shariah Compliant Islamic Finance Project



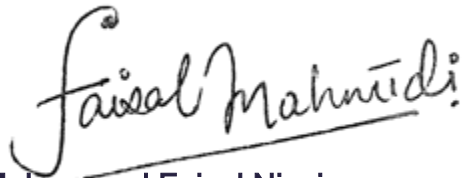
Future Projects

We plan on initiating the following events and programs in 2021, inshaaAllah:

- Winter 2021 Semester Courses
- Salah Times Observations
- Courses at Markaz ul Islam masjid

Administrative Updates

We have been blessed with the addition of 1 full time 'Alim who joined us in mid-2020 as well as 2 additional part-time teachers for a total of 2 full time 'Alims and 2 part-time teachers currently employed by ilmHub. We also have a volunteer 'Alim who is part of the Shura along with the 2 full-time staff and 2 more volunteer non-'Alims. We also received a federal grant for the purpose of sustaining the finances through the current pandemic. This grant will be utilized mainly for payroll and capital spending purposes. All donations received during 2020 were used for rental payments and staff payroll.



Muhammad Faisal Niazi
Ameer & Founder
ilmHub



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income

11548638 Canada Center

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

August 2019 - July 2020

	TOTAL
REVENUES	
(Without Donor Restrictions)	
Donor Contributions	41,537
Member Dues	6,159
Total (Without Donor Restrictions)	47,696
Subsidy Wages 10%	12
Total REVENUES	\$47,707
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$47,707
EXPENSES	
Advertising & Marketing	195
Bank Service & Interest charges	36
Business License and Permit	772
Legal and professional fees	551
Payroll Expenses	6,192
Rent or Lease of Buildings	8,660
Supplies	200
Utilities	667
Total Expenses	\$17,273
NET ASSETS- CURRENT	\$30,434

The above financial information is provided by ilmHub's contracted accountant and covers the period from August 2019 to July 2020 only.



Balance Sheet

11548638 Canada Center
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of July 31, 2020

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$35,644
Security Deposit	1,500
Total Current Assets	\$37,144
Total ASSETS	\$37,144
Liabilities and Equity	
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	\$1,868
Payroll liabilities	254
Payroll Payable	4,389
Total Current Liabilities	\$6,510
Non-current Liabilities	
Due To/From Directors Loan	200
Total Non-current Liabilities	\$200
Total LIABILITIES	\$6,710
NET ASSETS	
Net Assets -Current	30,434
Total NET ASSETS	\$30,434
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$37,144

Net

According to the balance sheet above, we posted no net income as is mandated by our Not-For-Profit registration status with the Province of Alberta and Federal Government of Canada.



PAST EVENTS

Courses

Alhamdulillah, we have been able to offer the following courses over the past two semesters:

Courses	Details
FSCC - Fiqh Studies Crash Course	This course was taught by Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi and covered chapters of Cleanliness, Wudhu', Ghusl, Salah and Sawm.
SP102 - Islamic Manners of Sh Abdul Fattah Abu Ghudda رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ	Imam Muhammad Patel went through Shaikh Abdul Fattah Abu Ghuddah's رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ famous book, Islamic Manners with commentary along the way in order to help better understand the concepts and practically implement them in our daily lives.
AM100 - Adaab al Muta'allimeen	Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi conducted this specialized series of discourses for university students seeking to enrich their lives with Islamic religious studies.
UQ100 - Etiquette with the Qur'an	Imam Muhammad Patel conducted a series of discourses charting the essential etiquette and decorum attached to Qur'an
AR100 - Qur'anic Arabic Course	Maulana Rizwan Shariff conducted a semester of ten key lessons in Arabic grammar, using examples from the Quran and Ahadith literature in order to enhance the student's connection to the language of the Quran.
HD101 - 40 Hadith of Imam Nawawi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ	Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi conducted and completed the entire treatise of Imam al-Nawawi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ highlighting all ahadith that lay the foundations within Islam
HD102 - Adab al Mufrad of Imam Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ	Imam Muhammad Patel selected and explained some chapters from the famous book on Manners by Imam Al Bukhari رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ

IF100 - Introduction to Islamic Commerce (Prophetic Trade)	Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi covered the small introductory treatise “al-Madhkhal il al-Buyu” of Mufti Ebrahim Desai expounding general concepts which everyone should know about Islamic commerce.
IF110 - Introductory Review of Shariah Compliant House Financing Models	Building upon the base foundations from IF100, Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi expounds the specific financing models and concepts utilized in Shariah Compliant House Financing.
HD210 - Mishkat al Masabih of Khateeb al Tabrezi	This is an ongoing Heart rendering hadeeth discourse from chapters of Adaab (etiquette) and Riqaaq (Heart Softeners) from the famous compilation taught by Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi
FQ301 - Sharh al Wiqaya (Kitab al Nikah)	Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi continued his intermediate fiqh classes in Hanafiya covering the chapters of Nikah from monumental matn Sharh al Wiqaya of Imam Sadr al-Shariah Ubaidullah ibn al-Mas’ud al-Hanafi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ.
HS101 - Sacred Chain : Introduction to Hadith Sciences	Students were taught how the noble aḥādīth were transmitted to us, how we view them as a supplementary explanation to the Qur’ān, related academic sciences, and basic classification of ḥadīth, as well as what makes up the components of a ḥadīth.
Fragrance Of Fiqh	A one-off course held at the MCE Masjid to acquaint the community with the founders of the four existent madhaahib.

CURRENT COURSES AND PROJECTS

Courses

ilmHub is currently conducting a survey of the community in regards to the W2021 semester with courses including:

- HD103 - Al Adab Al Mufrad
- AR100 - Introduction to Qur'anic Arabic
- Kitaab Al Buyu' from Sahih Al Bukhari
- Tafsir of Surah Fatiha and Last Ten Surahs
- Al Khulasa - Summarized Shama'il
- Introduction to the Structure of Hanafiyyah

The results of the survey will determine which courses are offered in W2021.

Schools

The following schools are currently ongoing at ilmHub:

School	Details	Teachers
Evening On-Site Qur'an School	Specialized Qur'an Tajweed School for both boys and girls catering up to 20 boys and 15 girls	Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi & Ustadha Bint Mahmood
Evening On-Line Qur'an School	Specialized On-Line Qur'an School in collaboration with parents supervision catering upto 15 male and 15 female students	Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi & Ustadha Bint Mahmood
Evening On-Site Hifdh Academy	Highly focused one-on-one hifdh school with core focus on Tajweed and Hifdh catering for a maximum of 10 boys.	Maulana Rizwan Shariff

Adults On-Site Tajweed and Hifdh Revision	A program to cater customized plans for Adults in their Qur'anic Tajweed and Hifdh revisions.	Maulana Rizwan Shariff
Saturday Maktab School	Quran and Islamic Studies program catered to children 6-12 years of age, designed to connect them to their roots and create love and pride for their religion.	Maulana Rizwan Shariff & Ustadha Umm Khalid

Projects

The following projects are currently ongoing at ilmHub:

Projects	Details
Halal Food and Ingredients Project	<p>This project started with the aim of Halal / Haram awareness within the community. With a massive positive response ilmHub decided to formalize the project under two separate efforts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted review of ingredients and products for the consumer benefit. A Whatsapp group along with a blog website (askhalal.ca) has been established. Imam Muhammad Patel is working as the Project Leader to formulate and execute a streamlined effort to take in submissions as well as conduct side research into consumer products for their halal suitability. Formal review and auditing project to assess the viability and suitability of "Halal" butcheries and restaurants. <p>Currently, we are working on formulating this project from multiple angles. Due to limitation of resources, we are hopeful for better opportunities in this area to serve the local community.</p>

<p>Salah Time Observation Project</p>	<p>A joint collaborative effort with Mufti Ahmed bin Yousuf of Darul Uloom Alberta (http://duedmonton.ca/) along with other Mashayekh of the community like Imam Mufti Imran, Imam Ml. Iqbal Subrathi and Imam. Zahaib Sayeed, aimed at conducting local observations for Salah Timings. Mufti Ahmed leads this project to collect data and formulate fiqhi discussions which shall help in deciding the best Shar'i course of action for Salah timings during abnormal times of the year.</p>
<p>Library Project for Youth and New Muslims</p>	<p>A small project to formulate, acquire and set up a small library catering specific topics for the benefit of Youth as well as new Muslims. The project aims to make connections between the youth and scholars/academic to inculcate a sense of learning and spiritual growth through book clubs, meetings and interactive discourses. Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi will be heading this project.</p>
<p>Shariah Compliant Finance Project</p>	<p>This is a small project headed by Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi aimed at making a database of Shariah Compliant investment options. The progress on this is slow due to lack of personnel and resources at this time.</p>
<p>Darul Iftaa' wal Irshad (fatwa.ca)</p>	<p>Darul Iftaa' is a dedicated website catering Islamic Jurisprudence and Verdicts. The goals for Darul Iftaa include future planning and formulation for Qadha' (Islamic Judiciary) to tackle marital & divorce as well as conflict resolution arbitration and mediation.</p> <p>In the past year Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi and his team answered approximately 600+ questions from multiple platforms including the website, emails, whatsapp as well as in person consultations.</p>

Community Service

Alhamdulillah, all of ilmHub's public projects are for the benefit of the Edmonton muslim community with special attention given to the following at various masjid:

- After Fajr Tafseer Halaqah conducted Mondays to Thursday at Musalla al-Farooq by Maulana Rizwan Shariff
- Virtues of Friday Halaqah conducted on Fridays after Salat al-Fajr by Maulana Rizwan Shariff

- Post Maghreb/Isha' khatira covering general guidelines and advices by Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi
- Mufti Faisal al-Mahmudi and Maulana Rizwan Shariff provide Jumu'a Khutba at different masajid including Musalla al-Farooq, Masjid al-Falah, Masjid al-Noor, Markaz al Islam and Madina Masjid. Some of these are on a regular basis, while others are upon requests.

Whatsapp Groups

ilmHub manages multiple active Whatsapp groups to maintain and deliver educational Islamic guidelines in a systematic way while allowing the general community to interact and seek clarifications.

Groups	Details
ilmHub @ Musalla al- Farooq Group	<p>The group was established to give announcements and information about all activities at our Center at the Musalla al-Farooq. The group is also used to answer Islamic Q&A, basic islamic academic discussion keeping in mind that majority may not understand higher Islamic Academia</p> <p>As a part of this group activities, ilmHub provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A and clarification on multiple topics • Monthly Salah Time Tables • Ramadhan Specific Guidance and Advices <p>The group caters to 170 participants. Join: tiny.cc/iwhatsapp1</p>
'ilmHub Academia & QnA	<p>This academic group has many students, scholars and Muftis in it. The group is established to tackle any discussions which are intermediate level. People are added to this group by reference only and is not meant for non-academic participants.</p> <p>The group caters to 124 participants. Join: Message info@ilmhub.com with your scholarly qualifications and request clearly mentioned in the subject line.</p>

<p>Halal Finance Discussions Group</p>	<p>ilmHub established this group with specific objectives of highlighting and educating on the Shariah Compliant Islamic Finance and Economics. The group provides a place to discuss, highlight and propose possible resolutions to Halal Financing and Investment challenges.</p> <p>The group caters to 151 participants currently. Join: tiny.cc/iwhatsapp2</p>
<p>Halal Foods & Ingredients Group</p>	<p>This group was primarily established to tackle discussion related to food items and halal food choices. Since its inception, it has evolved into a bigger project highlighted elsewhere in this report. At current, it serves as an announcement portal for the background research on active submissions of questions on halal.ilmhub.com.</p> <p>The group caters to 248 participants currently. Join: tiny.cc/iwhatsapp3</p>

FUTURE PROJECTS

Projects

We plan on engaging the Edmonton Muslim community further in 2021, pending restrictions, with the following projects:

- Sister's weekly circle with Umm Khalid
- Monthly Youth Nights with Mawlana Rizwan Shariff
- ilmHub podcast
- Youth and Adult workshops for both genders with appropriate segregation
- Youth Camp
- Feeding the needy



ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Staffing

During 2020, we began with one full-time 'Alim on our payroll. In mid-2020, alhamdulillah we were joined full-time by Mawlana Rizwan Shariff after his move from Brampton to Edmonton along with his wife, Umm Khalid as a part-time teacher at the Saturday School. Mawlana Rizwan has been instrumental in teaching the AR100 course, post-Fajr khatiras, Jumah Khutbahs and Salahs and spearheading the establishment of the ilmHub Hifdh Academy. We have also brought on the wife of Mufti Faisal, Bint Mahmood, as an additional part-time Qur'an teacher and administrative assistant. For the duration of the summer, we also hired a part-time sponsored administrative assistant. This assistant is now with ilmHub in a volunteer capacity.

Volunteers

We currently have a total of three 'Ulama and two non-'Ulama on the ilmHub Shura. The non-'Ulama brothers on the Shura assist with administrative duties and decision making. Alhamdulillah, ilmHub has been blessed with several general volunteers who have assisted in marketing and moving furniture. May Allah bless them for their sincerity.

Grant Funding

Alhamdulillah, ilmHub was awarded a substantial grant from the federal funds made available to eligible NFP organizations in December 2020. This grant will be utilized mainly towards payroll, purchase of critical equipment, marketing supplies, course materials and administrative fees inshaaAllah. A full report will be prepared and made available publicly once it is ready inshaaAllah. The grant period is three months ending in Q1 2021. All grant funds are expected to be disbursed during this time period.

Website

We have currently contracted a Website Developer in Pakistan to overhaul the ilmHub website in order to make it more suitable for online course registration and activity. The work is ongoing and expected to be completed in Q2 2021.

Donations

As ilmHub was about to launch our on-site activities in Spring 2020, the pandemic hit and resulted in over 4 months of delay to our schedule. In order to survive the financial impact that

this had, ilmHub launched an emergency GoFundMe appeal that resulted in donations of approximately \$15,000. This amount was utilized towards rental payments and staff payroll and is accounted for in the balance sheet shown earlier.

At ilmHub, our goal is to be financially self-sufficient in the long term with revenue generated from programs, courses and schools able to cover staff overheads and payroll. Until we reach this goal, we will require monthly donations in order to supplement the revenue currently generated. Please consider donating a small monthly amount to ilmHub and inshaaAllah this will be written in your register of good deeds when you will need it the most. General donations may be made through tiny.cc/ihtonate.

We have also launched a separate donation stream for anyone interested in sponsoring or subsidizing dedicated students who are in financial need. Any applications for these scholarships/sponsorships are reviewed individually by the Shura before accepting or rejecting. Please contact us at info@ilmhub.com if you would be interested in contributing to this fund.

