

Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Raheem (In the Name of Allah Most Gracious, Most Merciful)



Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

We are **hoping to purchase a religiously-zoned property** and **are looking for a place to call home in Vancouver, B.C., Canada**. Founded in 2005, Zawiyah Foundation is a registered charitable Islamic centre that educates and works with youth to spread mercy, peace and love using the guidance of the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Sallallahu Alayhi Wassalam. Our services include 5 daily prayers, Jum'uah, counselling, and Qur'an/Islamic classes for children and adults. We reach out to Muslim and non-Muslim communities through several activities including Interfaith events, monthly Family gatherings, and a weekly program of giving homecooked food to homeless and disadvantaged people in Vancouver's downtown eastside.

We are actively looking to purchase and expand to a larger place of worship from our current rented space where we can **build Masjid Tawbah**. This would help us grow closer to our goal, which is unique to multicultural Canada. **Our vision**, unlike any other masjid in British Columbia, **includes establishing the World Institute for Peace** that helps realize greater peaceful relations among all diverse faith communities. Through a variety of outreach activities, the **Institute is intended to be the site from which to share the beauty of Islam and how Islam contributes to the universal quest for peace**. A larger worship space would also allow us to expand our current library which is accessible to the general public, to feature literature on the peaceful co-habitation of Christians, Jews and Muslims in the era of Andalusian Islamic Spain.

Metro Vancouver is home to 2.3 million people and **a growing number of over 75,000 Muslims**. With its clean air, fresh water and snow-capped mountains, it is one of the **top three places to live in the world**. However, while there are several musallahs, **Vancouver city itself has no masjid built from the ground up!** Here is an opportunity to build Masjid Tawbah—where youth can preserve their Muslim identity and Islamic values, and families have a stable, secure place to come for all their needs. **We need your help to make this cherished dream a reality!** Please donate generously! If you would like more information about this project, visit www.masjidtawbah.com or email us at info@masjidtawbah.com – we welcome hearing from you!

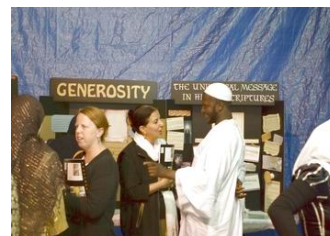
On behalf of Zawiyah Foundation, I sincerely thank you for your generosity of time and consideration of our appeal for contributions. We wish you and your family showers of blessings, good health, long life, peace and security in this life and in the Hereafter.

Wassalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fode Drame'.

Imam Fode Drame
President, Zawiyah Foundation

Pictures from past Open House Interfaith events titled "Muhammad" and "Way of Abraham" that were hosted at rented halls by Zawiyah Foundation in 2007 & 2008:



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