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“Say thou (Oh Prophet) . . . I am (also) of the waiting ones (Muntazireen/Muntazirs)” Holy Qur'an 10:20

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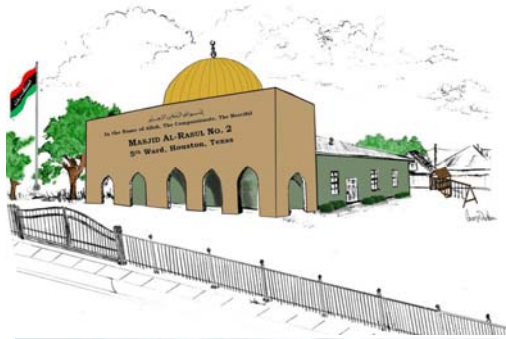
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Historic New Masjid Being Built in Houston, TX



H.I. Syed Sulayman Abidi (HA) visits construction site of Masjid Al-Rasul No. 2 a.k.a. Fifth Ward Mosque

Masjid Al-Rasul Foundation is honored to announce the new construction of its second Masjid in an historic African-American community of Fifth Ward Houston, Texas.

As with first Masjid Al-Rasul of Watts, Los Angeles, CA, Masjid Al-Rasul No. 2 of 5th Ward, Houston, TX is strategically located to give “Dawah Through Service”™ to help uplift

and empower impoverished and oppressed people with the message of Al-Qur’an Kareem and the Ahlul Bayt (AS).

We say that this new Masjid construction is a very important and historic event for the following reasons:

- **MAR2 - Fifth Ward Mosque** is the **first** Masjid of any kind to be built in the 150-year history of the Fifth Ward community.
- **MAR2 - Fifth Ward Mosque** is the **first** Jafari School-based Masjid, built from the ground up, to be owned and operated by African-American Shias in the U.S.
- **MAR2 - Fifth Ward Mosque** is the **first** Jafari School-based Masjid to be newly built in an indigenous, impoverished and oppressed community in the U.S.

In conclusion, we offer you the honor of supporting “History In the Making,” and the eternal blessings of “Sadaqah Jariyah” by donating to this noble effort of building a Masjid that “**boldly go where no Masjid has gone before.**” Please [CLICK HERE](#) to donate to this worthy cause.



MAR2 Resident Imam Awarded Ijaza to Collect Khums



Al-Haj Abdul-Rahim Muhammad, Resident Imam Masjid Al-Rasul No. 2 Fifth Ward, Houston, TX

Alhamdulillah, Resident Imam of Masjid Al-Rasul, Fifth Ward, Houston, Al-Haj Abdul-Rahim Muhammad, has received the honor and authority to collect Khums from the Muqallideen on behalf of the Office of His Eminence Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Al-Sistani (HA).

Please send your Khums check (specifying Sahmul-Imam/ Sahmul-Sadat) to: Masjid Al-Rasul, c/o

Abdul-Rahim Muhammad, P.O. Box 19553, Houston, TX 77224-9553



First Meeting of the National Board



First Meeting of MAR2 Members & Supporters

“Dawah Through Service”™ In Action

Masjid Al-Rasul in Watts, Los Angeles, CA and **Masjid Al-Rasul in Fifth Ward**, Houston, TX continues to serve the local community through the **Community Share-A-Meal** program.

Brothers and Sisters of Masjid Al-Rasul prepare and serve cooked meals in the neighborhood for the primary purpose of building and maintaining rapport with the local Community, in order to develop and solidify an active, positive, and dynamic presence amongst our neighbors in the local community.



Although there is much more work needed to be done, with the completion of the **Masjid Al-Rasul** construction and your continued support, we will be able to help and serve more people by providing such services as: regular cooked meals & bulk food programs for needy families; Islamic awareness/dawah events at the Masjid, and other community outreach activities. Such initiatives will help to uplift the people and reduce poverty, crime, violence, poor education and misguidance in the local community.



H.J. Sheikh Hamza Sodagar (HA) with Board Members

Visitation of Distinguished Ulama

On the first day of Ramadhan, Masjid Al-Rasul Fifth Ward was honored by the visit of H.I. Syed Sulayman Hasan Abidi (HA), one of the most renowned Ulama in the U.S..

In addition, on the 10th day of Ramadhan, we were also honored by the visit of

H.I. Shaykh Hamza Sodagar (HA), a distinguished scholar who has been with the Hawza of Qum for nearly 20 years.



H.I. Sheikh Hamza Sodagar (HA) with Al-Haj Abdul-Rahim Muhammad, MAR2 Resident Imam

Other Ulama in Support of Masjid Al-Rasul



H.I. SHAYKH JAFAR MUHIBULLAH

Shaykh Jafar has said: “Inshallah, Allah will give you success in seeing this project through to completion. May Allah bless the efforts that are being made to spread His message to the people.”

H.I. SHAYKH AHMAD HANEEF

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SHAYKH HUSAYN EL-MEKKI

Shaykh Husayn El-Mekki has stated: “I extend my appreciation for your unique initiatives and efforts in establishing a Masjid, which will cater to the needs of the indigenous community while simultaneously bridging gaps of culture & communication. “





H.I. Sheikh Ahmad Haneef (HA)

Hujjatul Islam Insights

Below are excerpts from Hujjatul Islam Sheikh Ahmed Haneef's speech given at: Masjid Al-Rasul Houston's Groundbreaking Event on 11/25/12 (for the full version of his video click [Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#)).

IT IS LOGICAL TO ESTABLISH A MASJID IN A NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE FORGOTTEN

"It is very interesting and very logical even, that you would have a Masjid like this today being established in a neighborhood where we are dealing with here, the Forgotten, the Marginalized – because this is exactly where Islam spreads. And this has been so from the time of Prophet Noah (AS) up to this time. The people who follow the Prophet were never the rich, were never the powerful – the people who followed the Prophet were always the people who were the deprived – always the people who were at the bottom of the barrel. And it is in following these Prophets that the religion lifted them up, and made them powerhouses, and made them people who can influence the rest of society.

It is not a mistake that a Masjid like this would be established in a place like this...in a Black neighborhood. As we see in the history of the spread of Islam in North America and in

South America, we find that among the African-American, whether it be a North American African or South American African, that they have a special gravitation towards Islam . . . And that is why they are afraid of Islam, because when the African American embraces Islam, he is going to bring everybody into Islam, because he reflects the passion and the Call of Bilal Al-Habashi (ra).

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So it is highly strategic, it is very strategic for us to start establishing Masajid and Islamic Centers in places like this.

How do Salman Al-Farsi and Bilal come together in a place like this?

Well, when you look around, you find that there is a lot of people that need help here. There is a lot of people here, who, for example, their children would need help in school, the people here would need investments. The people here would need to get into partnerships with our Asian brothers, in establishing stores, in establishing institutions, in establishing businesses, and so forth, where we could empower our brothers. Is that what the Muslims did when they moved to Medina? The people from Mecca, they didn't have much, there were Muhajiroon, there were refugees. What they did was they stretched out their hands towards each other, and the Medinans helped the Meccans, and the Meccans helped the Medinans. So this is an opportunity for a collective investment in establishing a Islamic base in this society – an Islamic alternative to poverty, to deprivation and to coming out of the area of being the Forgotten of this society. **And Indeed, it is only Islam, it is only Islam that can bring African people out of poverty."**



Masjid Al-Rasul Eid Al-Fitr 2014 Barbecue

Masjid Al-Rasul Fifth Ward hosted its first Eid Barbecue at the Masjid construction site. As shown in the pictures below, everyone enjoyed each other's company and the great food, while the kids had a lot of fun playing together with the outdoor toys.



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Masjid Al-Rasul Fifth Ward is extremely excited to introduce our new fundraising platform, which will assist us in achieving our fundraising goals, utilizing state-of-the-art techniques and technologies.

Create Your Own Fundraising Webpage and Unique URL

One of the most innovative features of **FirstGiving** is that supporters can create and personalize their own websites and unique URLs, as a grassroots fundraiser for **Masjid Al-Rasul Foundation** or its Member Masjids. This way you can fundraise online on our behalf of **Masjid Al-Rasul Foundation** or its Member Masjids, by customizing your own websites, but here's the catch — you can create multiple websites (free of charge) for each fundraising event, so that you can personalize your own fundraising efforts that target your family, friends and spheres of influence.

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If you would like to make a donation towards the new construction of Masjid Al-Rasul, Fifth Ward, Houston, TX, please endorse your check to: Masjid Al-Rasul No. 2, with a memo to: Construction Fund, and mail to: Masjid Al-Rasul, c/o Imam Abdul-Rahim Muhammad, P.O. Box 19553, Houston, TX 77224

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You may also contribute to the new construction fund via your PayPal account or credit/debit card by clicking the "Donate" button below, or sending your PayPal payment to: masjidalrasul2@gmail.com



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