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Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center Project
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Compiled by: Christine Willson

Creator/Corporate Name: Irfan Ahmad

Inclusive Dates: 1995-2010, bulk 1997-2001

Physical Description: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

Language: English

Provenance:

The Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center Project records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

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Biographical/Historical Note:

Irfan Ahmad is the Lead Founder and president of the board of directors at Avicenna Community Health Center in Champaign County. Initiated in 2008 by the local Muslim community, it evolved into an interfaith academic-community partnership. Ahmad obtained his Bachelors of Science from the University of Agriculture in Faisalabad, Pakistan. He received both a masters and doctorate degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Ahmad is the Executive Director at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology, and is research faculty within the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. Dr. Ahmad is a former president of the Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center (CIMIC) board of directors, and served as outreach coordinator at CIMIC.

Scope and Content Note:

The Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center (CIMIC) Project collection includes material from Irfan Ahmad for Da'wah (outreach). This encompasses event flyers and pamphlets, presentation notes and resources, meeting notes, teacher application forms, education information packets and handbooks, newsletters, summer camp activities and timetables, and survey responses. The materials date from 1997-2007, though the majority of materials are from 1997-2001.

Arrangement:

The original organization of the materials was not known, though it is inferred that it was taken from a notebook and each section was removed and placed in their own folder. Since some folders only contained one item, they were condensed and placed into folders of similar content.

The folder titled "Calendar" containing the receipt for 50 calendars was moved to folder 9. The folder titled "Coordinator Meetings" was moved to folder 4 with the other coordinator meetings. "Information,



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Publication” containing periodicals and subcommittee meeting notes was also moved to folder 4. “Policies” containing email correspondence and CIMIC event approval and policy forms was moved to folder 3. “Speaker” containing the travel itinerary from Yahia Abdul-Rahman was moved to folder 9. “Sample Brochures, Letters” containing donation and aid pamphlets and letters was moved to folder 2. “Da’wah, Presentations, Programs” containing Youth Forum setup email and workshop and lecture flyers was moved to folder 9. “Sisters Da’wah Committee Publication” containing the article “The Prayers of the Pious” was moved to folder 4.

Subject Terms:

Da’wah (Islam)

Islam

Mosques

Name Terms:

Ahmad, Irfan

Abdul-Rahman, Yahia

Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center (Urbana, Ill.)

Container List:

Box 1

Series 1: Da’wah Notebook

Folder 1: Front Pocket, Da’wah Notebook

Flyers for CIMIC events including Muslim Mosaic, Reflections of Beauty, Women in Islam Open House, and Mosque Open House.

CIMIC welcome information pamphlet, 1998.

Presentation notes and resources for Introduction to Islam talk, 2007.

Folder 2: First Section, Da’wah Notebook

Flyers and guidelines for CIMIC Yard Sale.

Presentation notes and resources for the interfaith panel, co-sponsored by the Sinai Temple, Christian Studies Center, and CIMIC, 2002.

Handwritten notes of Irfan Ahmad, 1999.

Pledge Cards, CIMIC fundraising dinner announcement, 2001.

Islamic education information pamphlets.

Donation and aid pamphlets and letters, 2001.

Folder 3: Blank Tab, Da’wah Notebook

Article by Maulana Wahiduddin Khan on Da’wah.

CIMIC outreach and information pamphlets, 1998.

Event flyers for Yard Sale, lecture by Muhammad Abdullah, and “Know Your Muslim Neighbor Day”, 1999.

Neighborly News article “Report on Eid ul Fitr Party,” 2001.

Email correspondence about the Halal Food Act passed in the Illinois Senate, 2001.

CIMIC event and Facilities Usage Approval Form and event policies.



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Yard sale guidelines, 1999.

Folder 4: Eid ul Adha and Coordinator Meetings, 1997

Periodicals Subcommittee Meeting notes

Coordinator Committee Meeting notes

Eid ul Adha planning task list

“The Prayers of the Pious” article by the Sisters Dawah Committee Publication.

Folder 5: Education

CIMIC teacher application forms

Urbana Middle School report card, 1999.

Michigan Islamic Academy bylaws and policy handbook.

Information packets for Ibad Ar-Rahman School, 1999.

Folder 6: Newsletters

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CIMIC newsletters

University of Illinois Laboratory High School newsletter

Neighborly News

Folder 7: Zanzibar Healthcare, Sponsorship

Information packet on Zanzibar healthcare improvement plan, 1999.

CIMIC sponsoring letter for scholars in residence for Salim Yakub Budha.

Folder 8: Back Pocket, Da’wah Notebook, 1997-2008

Ramadhan information talk notes, 2007.

Visa Restrictions statement from Bruch Alberts, 2002.

Congressional letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft urging suspension of the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System, 2002.

Illinois Department of Corrections statistics, 2002.

Mannerisms of Du’a information talk notes, 2003.

CIMIC newsletter

Newspaper articles from the Daily Illini.

Folder 9: Da’wah Activities

Activities spreadsheets, 2004.

Da’wah meeting notes, articles on planning Da’wah programs.

Information pamphlets, 2004.

Email about Youth Forum setup, 1999.

Workshop and lecture flyers with speaker Yahia Abdul-Rahman, 1999.

Receipt and itinerary for speaker Yahia Abdul-Rahman, 1999.

Receipt for 50 calendars, 1999.

Folder 10: CIMIC Weekend School, Summer Camp, 2002

Student and Teacher list.

Weekend school registration form, event list, and information.

Quiz questions and answers.

Folder 11: Open House Surveys

Survey answers and feedback for the March 31, 2007 open house.

Folder 12: UFM Quiz, Plastic Binder, Da’wah Planning Committee



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Outreach Committee Slides for presentation "Islam and Muslims."

Folder 13: UFM Quiz, from Digital File Irfan Ahmad, 2008

Quiz slides for "Islam and Muslims," "Women in Islam," and "Prophet Muhammed."

Folder 14: Quiz

Quiz slides about Muslims and Islam, date unknown.