



# **1. LUMS Masjid Policy**

## **1.1. Preamble**

Masajid play an extremely important role in an Islamic Society. Masajid are a place of community worship, a place of learning and a place where an individual can worship Allah without any interruption or distraction. To ensure that these parameters are achieved in the LUMS masjid, the following policy is being proposed as a guideline to run the LUMS Masjid.

## **1.2. General**

1. The Masjid will not relate to any sect or group. The Masjid Committee will be responsible for all the activities to be conducted within the Masjid for faculty, staff and student community.
2. Any "distinguishing activity" specific to any sect or group will not be held in the LUMS Masjid.
3. There will be a Masjid Khateeb. His tasks would be: (a) to lead prayers; (b) to teach children of LUMS employees subjects such arabic, quraan and hadith; (c) to teach nazira quraan; (d) to lecture LUMS students, if a need so arises; (e) to deliver Friday sermon; (f) to implement LUMS Masjid policy

Recommended qualifications for the post of Khateeb: A graduate from a recognized local madrassah or foreign Islamic school or college. Preferably hafiz. Preferably MA in Arabic or Islamiyat from UGC recognized institution.

4. There will be a Masjid Mo'azzin: His tasks would be: (a) to call adhan; (b) to stay at the masjid; (c) to help in teaching nazira quraan; (d) to look after hifz; (e) to maintain general cleanliness of the Masjid and coordinate all janitorial cleaning and maintenance (We should not expect him to clean such a large Masjid); (f) to maintain the inventory; (g) to lead taraweeh prayers during Ramadan.

Recommended qualifications for the post of Mo'azzin: A sanad holder of a recognized madrassah. A hafiz.

5. The LUMS Masjid will be accessible to outsiders for Jumma prayers. Due to security reasons LUMS premises is not open to general public, therefore entry for the Jumma prayers will be subject to the satisfaction of the security staff posted at the gate.
6. Prayers, other than Jumma prayers, may be led by a member of the congregation in case of non-availability of the Masjid Khateeb or for some other valid reason without any prior permission.

## **1.3. Masjid Timings**

1. The Masjid Committee in consultation with the administration will decide Masjid closure timings.



#### **1.4. Prayers and Prayer Timings**

1. The prayer calendar will be followed for all prayers. Secondary Zuhr and Asr prayers may be held depending upon the demand without prior permission.
2. Eid prayers will NOT be offered in the LUMS Masjid.
3. Jumma prayers will be held at the time approved by the committee.
4. Janaza prayers of LUMS employees or their dependents may be held at the Masjid.
5. Taraweeh prayers will be held in the Masjid each Ramadan.

#### **1.5. Sermons and Speeches**

1. Jumma sermon will be delivered by the LUMS Khateeb.
2. Outside scholars may be invited to deliver Jumma sermon by the committee from time to time. It is agreed upon by all Fiqahs that Jumma prayer and its sermon can be given by men only.

#### **1.6. Students/Employees Activities**

1. No one will be allowed to stay overnight in the Masjid except for Eitika'af during the last ten days of Ramadan.
2. No group activity would be allowed in the LUMS Masjid premises except for the ones organized by the institution (LUMS) itself.

#### **1.7. Use of Loudspeaker**

1. The Masjid will have an internal and external sound system. The internal sound system will not be heard outside the Masjid premises. All prayers and sermons/lectures will be delivered on the internal sound system.
2. The external sound system will only be used for azaan. No speech, message or announcement will be allowed on the external speakers except only in emergencies.

#### **1.8. Calligraphy/Decoration and Notices in the Masjid**

1. No wall hangings, calligraphic paintings, decorations or plaques will be allowed on the Masjid walls besides the wall clocks.
2. No controversial slogan or wordings will be allowed anywhere within the Masjid premises.
3. A notice board will be placed for all relevant notices. The access to the notice board will be through the Mo'azzin.
4. A suggestion box will be placed in the Masjid. Any suggestions received will be discussed in the Masjid Committee meeting.