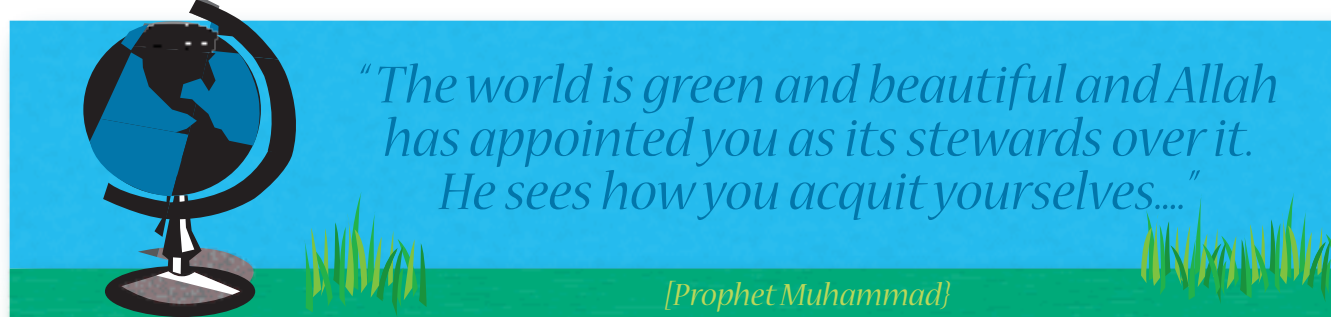


Young Muslims & Faith of Life Network

Young Muslims is an Islamic organization working for and through youth in Canada. Our aim is to share the message of Islam in its entirety with all Canadians such that they may come to appreciate it better. Young Muslims is committed to four main goals, i. Islamic Outreach ii. Education & Training iii. Personal Development & iv. Community Involvement & Activism. Environmental campaigns such as the Waste Diversion 2010 and Adopt a Park continue to be top priorities on YM's agenda for this year and the years to come.

Faith of Life Network aims to educate and correct misconceptions of Islam by using the media to do so. This network believes in dialogue and cooperation amongst all members of the human family. By enhancing our collective efforts and educating society at large, we can hope for a positive future for Islam in Canada.



Waste Diversion 2010 Initiative

In today's society, high-consumption lifestyles coupled with mass production, demand for new products on the market and excess packaging have led to unprecedented levels of waste. At the same time, vast number of communities across the country are unaware of the benefits of the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). There is an increasing need to spread awareness within our communities to ensure we are doing our part in giving back to the environment.

It is time for communities across Canada to bring an end to producing careless waste. Young Muslims Canada in partnership with the Faith of Life Network have joined together in an initiative to implement Recycling Programs in major mosques across Canada by the year 2010, and to ensure a reduction in waste amongst these mosques of at least 50 percent.

"We as Muslims need to reflect on the words of the Prophet (sw) who has helped us understand this very concept of giving back to the earth. I find in this day and age our Muslims sisters and brothers are not aware of their religious and human responsibility of being conscience of the waste we produce and making it a point to decrease wherever possible. 1400 years ago Allah (swt) prescribed the need to prevent from wasting and Prophet Muhammad (swt) emphasized the need to ensure we took care of what Allah (swt) appointed to us..." [Green Team Member].

Having received national recognition and the award for "The Most Outstanding Youth Initiative of the year", the green team is committed to bring environmental awareness amongst Muslim communities across the country.

The efforts begin by targeting Toronto and the surrounding GTA. The pilot begins at a well known mosque, The International Muslims Organization (IMO) located in the heart of Etobicoke, Ontario during the busy month of Ramadhan. Our target is to reduce waste by 50% in this and many mosques to come.



Islam and the Environment

The roots of Islamic environmental practice are to be found in the Quran & the guidance of the Prophet Muhammad. Muslims learn from the Quran that God - has made you (His) caretakers, inheritors of the earth: He has raised you in ranks, some above others: that He may try you in the gifts He has given you... (6:165)

We are stewards of life on Earth. It will only get as good as we make it. We should enjoy and consume what is necessary, but wasting excessively is harmful - O Children of Adam, eat and drink; but waste not by excess for Allah (swt) loves not the wasters (7:31)



Here is another thought-provoking reminder from the Quran - Have ye thought: if (all) your water were to disappear into the earth, who then could bring you gushing water? (67:30)

Excess waste is fuelled by greed, malice, negligence and envy among other human ailments. As a result, we have witnessed surging rates of abject poverty, environmental degradation and other human catastrophes in our world.

We should follow the Guidance of God & His Messenger - Muhammad in these trying times.