



WORLD FEDERATION OF KSIMC



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Having witnessed and learnt from the era of the great past leaders of the community, and having served the community in various capacities both in Africa and the United Kingdom, my aspirations are inspired by the spirit of these selfless leaders to serve the community as a continuation of their efforts.

In wishing to maintain the ethos, I wish to express my intention to stand as a candidate for the Presidency of the World Federation, for the term 2009-2012. I take this opportunity to share my vision with you.

Let's make a difference

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In the continuous changing times and inevitable new challenges, there is a need of revisiting certain fundamental issues to cater for the ever-changing needs of the community in all aspects of its growth. From our identity, its preservation and perpetuation, to eradication of illiteracy and poverty, especially in the present climate of global economic crisis, from strengthening our relationships with regional bodies and its member Jamaat's to inclusion of women, youth and the grass root in decision making, but most importantly the urgent need of spiritual resuscitation and growth across the board.

In view of the challenges above I pledge to:

- I. Invest in infusion and invigoration of urgent spiritual wellbeing within and beyond the community
- II. Improve and strengthen the connection and communication with regional federations
- III. Construct a sustainable programme to wipe out poverty at a stroke to provide a suitable and favourable condition for education and health needs
- IV. Engage with and include women and youth for wider representation and inclusive decision making
- V Listen to and provide the real sense of belonging to the grass root
- VI. Motivate a team of experienced past leaders, philanthropists and intellectuals of the community to assist me in this endeavour

Spirituality the main focus

The founding principle of the World Federation is to uphold and continue the growth of the spiritual well being of the community. Over the years significant progress has been made in all areas of the community but hardly in spiritual growth, the repercussions of this stagnation are abundantly evident. Our belief system is being challenged, ideological differences between traditionalist and progressive schools of thought are giving way to confusion and chaos. Our main source of guidance in this area has always been the good offices of our Maraji', however with Marja'yyat itself evolving into multiplicity, the community needs to brace itself for the imminent change, and more importantly devise, formulate, and develop a sustainable plan to keep us united.

If elected, I will focus to:

- ◆ Establish a council of scholars from within the community to advise, guide and give direction to the secretariat
- ◆ Engage with scholars from wider Shia community
- ◆ Encourage, arrange and support biannual Ulema/Zakireen conference to discuss contemporary challenges and further spiritual growth
- ◆ Support the MTP particularly the IIPS (Islamic Institute of Post Graduate Studies) project which I strongly believe is our need and will address the modern challenges in time
- ◆ Improve on the current communication with the offices of our Maraji' in Najaf and Qum
- ◆ Prioritise most of the above in partnership with regional bodies and generate an action plan within 6 months of assuming leadership

Strengthening Ties

The regional federations play a pivotal role in the strength of WF; it is through the valuable input from the regions that allow the swift growth in all areas. Lack of communication tends to create unnecessary conflict which hampers the overall progress, while simple consultation prevents avoidable circumstances. Growth is dependent upon healthy debates, but only if the vision is shared, dreams can only be lived, but in cohesion, achievements can only reach fruition, but in unison. It is an undeniable truth that a firm connection and rapport cements and maintains the bond of any organisation.

If elected, I will focus to:

- ◆ Encourage harmonious and constructive debates irrespective of diverse views without being judgmental
- ◆ Meet the leaders of Regional Federations regularly to discuss and further the shared vision and objectives of the community
- ◆ Improve upon and strengthen the essential partnership and promote team spirit
- ◆ Engage with independent community organisations and charities in our quest for wider inclusion.
- ◆ Organise a Presidential round table gathering of past leaders, scholars, academics and youth to discuss the way forward
- ◆ Endeavour to eliminate communication gap between leadership and grass root members of the community

Poverty, Health & Education

Poverty is a venom that directly affects health and education but it is an embarrassment for what is known to be the richest community per capita in the world, a community that carries in its bosom significant number of industrialists, entrepreneurs, academics, professionals and common traders can surely have a major impact in eradicating poverty in the community once and for all. The involvement of such people in carefully devising a durable and sustainable programme will certainly assist in the economic upliftment of the community. I believe we need to overcome the deep resignation of the people by involving them in the process and we can all together alleviate poverty within a generation from the community.

If elected, I will focus to:

- ◆ Encourage the business community to get involved in devising an action plan to mobilise people at grass root level to build self reliance and stand in solidarity with them for their success
- ◆ Facilitate in equipping them with necessary skills and tools
- ◆ Persuade every fortunate and able family to sponsor one poor family over a period to alleviate their burden of health and education by way of simple carefully planned sponsorship

Seniors, Women & Youth

Seniors are the nucleus of experience and I believe women and youth are key players of change in the community. Empowerment of both these segments of the community will most certainly bring fresh ideas in addition to motivation and

commitment for the greater benefit of the community.

If elected, I will focus to:

Seniors

- ◆ Improve on the existing infrastructure to meet their needs and address issues by direct engagement with them
- ◆ Promote active engagement with them to draw from their experience
- ◆ Encourage them to volunteer and use their skills and experience in all areas of their expertise
- ◆ All in close partnership with member organisations

Women

- ◆ Encourage voting rights across the community for full representation
- ◆ Empower women to partner real change and make a difference
- ◆ Provide resources, information and encourage freedom of action to fulfil the needs of the community

- ◆ Promote family values, religious and social activities
- ◆ Devise a careful plan to provide legal and religious protection in cases of divorce
- ◆ Facilitate training in counselling skills to meet various needs of the women
- ◆ All in close partnership with member organisations

Youth

- ◆ Continue to appoint youth in key leadership positions
- ◆ Engage with them to identify their diverse needs and address them head on
- ◆ Promote subjects of relevance from the pulpits in all our centres to attract full participation
- ◆ Support youth camps, sporting events and spiritual trips
- ◆ Establish a dedicated youth website, hotline and help line as a forum to raise issues and listen
- ◆ Include the youth in decision making process
- ◆ All the above in close partnership with member organisations

The issues outlined in this manifesto will require commitment time and most importantly involvement of each and every one in the process for effective delivery. I pledge to you that together with my team, I will try my utmost to fulfil the above objectives within my capability, for the pleasure of Allah (SWT) and without compromising on the founding principles and the core values of the organisation. I pray to Allah SWT to grant me strength, humility, courage and wisdom and above all sincerity to serve the community for HIS pleasure alone

I Humbly seek your prayers and support

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