

# unifeid

## PROJECT PROPOSAL

Initiative to Unite Canadian Muslims

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*The Messenger of Allah PBUH said:*

**"I asked my Lord for three things. He granted me two but He declined one. I asked my Lord not to let my Ummah be destroyed by famine. He granted me that. I asked Him not to let my Ummah be destroyed by flood. He granted me that.**

**I asked Him not to let my people fight each other.**

**He declined this request"**

*(Reported by Muslim)*



وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِّنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُم مِّنْهَا كَذَٰلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

*And hold fast, all of you together, to the cable of Allah, and do not separate. And remember Allah's favour unto you: how ye were enemies and He made friendship between your hearts so that ye became as brothers by His grace; and (how) ye were upon the brink of an abyss of fire, and He did save you from it. Thus Allah maketh clear His revelations unto you, that haply ye may be guided, (3:103)*

### **Conflict:**

Since time immemorial, scholars have had differences regarding the day on which Ramadan is to begin, or Eid is to be declared. As a result, Muslim families have struggled with the discomfoting question of which day to follow, and which school of thought to adopt.

This has created great tension amongst many communities, mosques, and families. In fact, this has caused serious problems *within* families. Generations of our children are emerging in oblivion, losing identity with the tenets of Eid and the concept of unity in Islam.

We predict that the prevalence of this issue is significantly high, with over 10,000 Muslim families in the GTA alone suffering from this disunity. We are presently conducting surveys to substantiate these estimates, which are – in all likelihood – a gross underestimation.

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

*The believers are naught else than brothers. Therefore make peace between your brethren and observe your duty to Allah that haply ye may obtain mercy. (49:10)*

### **Mission Statement:**

Our objective is to facilitate a fruitful collaboration between the representing scholars of the Muslims in Canada, who currently adopt differing views regarding the methodology of lunar calculations, which ultimately determine the beginning and end of Ramadhan, as well as the start of each of Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha.

Because of the harms and fitna that has emerged as a result, this difference of opinion is no longer deemed healthy. At the same time, we declare openly that it is not befitting that we impose our opinions onto the settlement of this matter. Instead, our objective is to simply underscore to our respected scholars, using statistics and testimonials, that this issue of disunity is indeed a serious disturbance for many Muslims and merits immediate and permanent resolution.

Our hope is that by the end of July-beginning of August, we would conduct a panel discussion with the representing scholars from each of the ISNA Fiqh Council and the Hilal Committee, where we can address this issue given the by-then highly developed statistics and support group we have, insha'a Allah.

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

*But help ye one another unto righteousness and pious duty. Help not one another unto sin and transgression, but keep your duty to Allah. Lo! Allah is severe in punishment. (5:2)*

### **Significance:**

Since the Muslim Ummah in its present state is facing a host of conflicts, issues, and tribulations, it may seem at face value that – with all due respect – promoting this cause is a relatively low priority. It is here that we would like to emanate a serious psychological benefit of this project, one that will pave way for the prosperity of Islam in the Western world for many years to come (inshaa Allah):

Simply put, this will be the first successful attempt to unify and solidify Canadian Muslims on a very diverse and wide spectrum, *insha'a Allah*. Since, to our knowledge, such feat is yet unprecedented, this accomplishment will psychologically reward many hopeful and optimistic Muslims throughout the GTA, as well as shift the paradigm of those whose pessimism overshadowed. Indeed, the success of this effort will be a historical counter-example that will serve to refute any further claims that “Muslims can never unite.”

Once Muslims unite (through this effort, we hope), they will taste the sweet flavor of this collaboration and resolve to maintain it. This will – by the Grace of Allah – open doors for many future collaborative events, not to mention, solidify an Ummah in dire need for unity – for once and for all.

### **Progress:**

Thus far, we have successfully launched our website with the *tawfiq* of Allah. The website includes our mission statement, a brief account of the difference of opinion, a survey, as well as opportunities for contact. We are currently in the process of adding a section for ‘testimonials’ and ‘sponsors’, as we hope to advertise the praise of some scholars regarding Unifeid, as well as to proudly display the logos of our sponsors, respectively.

Since this issue is time-sensitive, we are now in the process of recruiting Masajid, Universities, community centers, and other relevant stake-holders from the GTA for support and sponsorship. We are also in the process of contacting respected scholars from several countries in order to testify to the beneficence of this cause.

Because our current target is to raise a lot of awareness, and soon, we need a lot of advertisement. This will be accomplished via email circulations, leaflets and posters, social website groups, word of Mouth, announcements at Masajid, and finally, video trailers.

### *Outcome:*

The projected outcome of this effort will be a unified beginning of Ramadan, and onset of both Eids for this year (2008), insha'a Allah.

### *How you can make a difference:*

There are four ways with which you can help, and we urge you to fulfill every opportunity, may Allah bless you.

- First, to fill out the quick 2-question survey on our website, located at [www.unifeid.org](http://www.unifeid.org). This survey is very significant because it serves as our “statistical verification”, and the petition highlights the prevalence of the issue in the GTA.
- Second, to help us catalyze the process of spreading the word by contacting your alliances, whether they be friends, local Masajid, schools, or influential community members.
- Finally, to help us financially by donating generously. If you would like to make a donation, please email us at [unifeid@gmail.com](mailto:unifeid@gmail.com)

### ***Sponsorship Packages:***

**Gold Sponsors:** (Donating \$1,000+). You will receive:

- A large logo in our sponsors' page on the website.
- Space for a caption for advertising, where you may communicate information about upcoming conferences, events, etc.
- Your logo appears on our posters and leaflets.
- Your logo and a brief message will be placed in our video trailer(s) introduction amongst other Gold-sponsors.
- If you have a trailer it will be added to our website.

**Silver Sponsors:** (Donating \$500+). You will receive:

- A medium sized logo in our sponsors' page on the website.
- Space to mention upcoming events and/or offers.
- A brief appearance of your logo in our video trailers.

**Basic sponsor:** (Donating \$100+)

- A small sized logo will appear on our sponsors' page of the website.

قُلْ إِنَّ رَبِّي يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ ۖ وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ ۖ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ

*Say: Lo! my Lord enlargeth the provision for whom He will of His bondmen, and narroweth (it) for him. And whatsoever ye spend (for good) He replaceth it. And He is the Best of Providers. (39)*

**Abu Hurairah RAA reported, Messenger of Allah said, “Allah the Exalted says, ‘Spend, O son of Adam, and you will be spent on.’”**

May Allah reward you, and employ us for the best service of His Ummah.

Your dear siblings in Islam,

**The unifeid Team.**

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