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ICBC POLICY ON MOONSIGHTING

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh!

This announcement explains the ICBC policy with regard to setting the Islamic calendar, i. e., moon sighting.

ICBC adopts the global moon sighting methodology, whereby we accept reports of sighting of the new moon from any Islamic center in North America or an official announcement from anywhere in the world that shared part of the night with the United States of America.

We realize various jurisprudential opinions exist on moon sighting within our community. Whereas some people accept moon sighting only locally, some prefer moon sighting from anywhere in North America, while others accept moon sighting from all over the world. All these opinions are permissible by the *Shariah*, and Imams from local *masajid* have issued consensus opinion to this effect.

While we may have differences of opinion amongst us, the unity of the Muslim *Ummah* is of paramount importance. May Allah (swt) guide us and keep us on the right path, *Aameen*.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan

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