

Imam for ICBC



Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh!

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Sheikh Jawad Rasul as our Imam and Religious Director. Imam Jawad will start at ICBC on May 6, 2022 (after Eid al-Fitr), *Insha'Allah.*

Below is a high-level overview of the Imam's duties and responsibilities:

- Impart knowledge of Deen and continually strive to uplift the spiritual state of our community;
- Lead the effort to build a model Islamic community at our Center through leading by example;
- Spearhead various programs and activities for our youth in order to attract them to our masjid and specifically geared to inculcate in them the love of Allah SWT, His Prophet (PBUH), and our Deen;
- Develop programs tailored to meet the needs of the sisters in our community and increase their involvement in various activities;
- Inculcate a strong sense of brotherhood/sisterhood amongst us using the Sunnah of our Prophet (pbuh);
- Provide consultation and guidance to the ICBC administration on various matters such as; Deen and Fiqh, community affairs, programs and activities at our Center, master planning, fundraising, etc.;
- Deliver social services in the area of counseling and guidance;
- Enhance the current da'wah, inter-faith, and outreach programs at our Center;
- Provide leadership and participate in the spiritual growth of the Austin Muslim community; and
- Represent the Muslim community in media and at political forums.

Imam Jawad was born in Pakistan and moved to the United States at the age of 11. He has a bachelor's degree in Media & Communications from the City College of New York and a Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies from Mishkah University. He is a Hafiz al Qur'an. He currently serves as the Imam/Director of Religious Affairs of the Islamic Society of Augusta in Augusta, GA, and previously served as the Imams of the Islamic Center of Queens, Queens, NY, and Masjid Taqwa, Atlantic City, NJ.

Upon fulfilling his contractual obligations at his current place of employment, Imam Jawad will relocate with his wife and four children—Habiba, Abdullah, Husna, and AbdurRahman—to the ICBC area in May '22, *Insha'Allah.*

We thank the community for its unrelenting support and patience during our search for an Imam. The community participation in all the programs by the visiting Imam candidates and subsequent feedback (via survey) was of immense value in the Imam hire process and helped us with the Imam selection.

We request everyone's dua'a as we reach a key milestone in our efforts to build a leading Islamic Center in Austin!

Jazakum Allahu Khairan,
ICBC Executive Board