

## **Muslim Society of Prince Edward Island**

### **Criteria for Friday Khutbahs and Khatibs**

#### **1. Khutbahs**

- The khutbah should be related to matters/issues that are of concern and relevance to the PEI Muslim community and should take into account the audience (men, women, young, and old). In addition, the khutbah should be engaging and inspirational.
- Khutbahs should conform to an accepted format that will be used by all those appointed to deliver the Khutbah. This format shall be provided by the Muslim Society of PEI on the recommendation of the Religious Affairs Committee.
- Khutbahs must be delivered in the English language, a language understood by the majority of those attending Friday prayer. In addition, Quranic verses must be read in Arabic in addition to English, whenever possible, this should also apply to Hadiths. The final Dua should be made in Arabic and in English.
- The khutbah must include verses of the Quran in Arabic and their interpretation in English.
- Khutbah and Friday prayer should be limited to 30 minutes or less.
- Controversial topics - whether religious (especially where there is a difference of opinion among scholars) or political – shall be avoided.

#### **2. Brothers delivering Khutbas (Khatibs)**

- The khatibs shall be appointed by the Executive of the Muslim Society of PEI on the recommendation of the Religious Affairs Committee.
- Khatibs must be able to read Quranic verses and Hadiths in Arabic with correct pronunciation.
- Khatibs must be comfortable with public speaking.
- Only members of the Muslim Society of PEI may be appointed as khatibs. Their khutbah/message must be in harmony with the objectives of the Muslim Society of PEI.
- Although the Internet may be a good source of information, khutbahs should not be extracted as they are. Should a khatib decide to use a khutbah from an on-line website, he must verify the references that were used by the original author (i.e. Quran, Hadith).
- The khatibs shall meet regularly to discuss issues pertaining to Khutbas (format, content, topics, etc.).
- The Muslim Society of PEI may invite guest speakers to deliver khutbahs. This decision shall be based on a recommendation of the Religious Affairs Committee.
- In their khutbahs, the Khatibs must adhere to the criteria set for the khutbahs.
- The khatibs must conform to the jurisprudence and rules of prayer (Fiqh as-Salat).

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