



Asalamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatu

Dear brothers and sisters,

You are invited to join us at an event that is intended to target the needs of New Muslims (converts) among the Calgary community. It will be the first of an initiative to establish a New Muslim Program, as a branch of the Muslim Association of Calgary, with the intention of providing assistance, education and support to recent, as well as long-standing converts. We have invited a guest speaker to facilitate the first of these gatherings.

Our speaker, Shaykh Muhammad Yaffa, is visiting from Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the weekend and will be giving the khutbah at the SW masjid earlier that day, as well as presenting at the Social Issues Conference being held that weekend. He is experienced in dawah (Islamic propagation) at an international level, frequently making trips to South America with the well-known Sh. Ziaullah Khan (son-in-law of Sh. Jamal Badawi). On a personal note, Sh. Yaffa was the Imam the day I went to Jummah to proclaim my Shahadah - and we have been close friends since. His distinguished integrity, humbleness and sincerity make him one of the most approachable Imams I have met.

The intent for this event is to have a brief get-together between new Muslims and their families (children are welcome), with a discussion/lecture with Sh. Yaffa. It is intended to be for converts exclusively, as previous events aimed at targeting converts have often ended up over-crowded (by "born Muslims"). Jazakum Allahu khayran.

In Summary:

WHAT: 1st gathering for New Muslim Program

TOPIC: "Walking the straight path - conquering the challenges"

WHERE: NW Musallah - 7750 Ranchview Dr NW, Calgary AB

WHEN: Nov 30th (Friday). 7PM SHARP

(Light Dinner included)

For more info and to [REGISTER by Nov 26](#) (so we know how much food to make!) contact:

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Salam, Kurt Thompson