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Dear Community Members,
Assalaam Alaikum!

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As all of you are aware, MICC has been hosting one central congregation for Dugana prayer since its inception and we want to continue with the same tradition. We have been blessed to have Hazrat Peer O Murshid Abdul Fatah Syed Nusrat Sahab here in Chicago and he has been leading the Dugana prayer for the past 23 years. MICC is very grateful for all of the commitment and service he has provided to our community over the years.

After last years' Dugana prayer, MICC has received several phone calls and emails that showed concern as to the burden that is being put upon Hazrat Peer O Murshid for the Imamat, and with his permission it was suggested to find a suitable alternative. The board members met and discussed these issues that were brought up, and MICC presented a proposal before Hazrat Peer O Murshid and his family. The proposal was to let Murshid lead only the two rakat Dugana prayer and the rest of the Namaaz (Isha Prayer) would be led by the Hafiz of his choice. In addition, Hazrat Peer O Murshid would recite the Duas and give his sermon at the end of the prayer.

In this regard on Sunday, July 5, I went to Hazrat Peer O Murshid and explained the circumstances and the concerns of the community members. I offered several choices to him and his family. These include the Imamat of Hazrat Peer O Murshid for the entire Namaaz of the night (Isha as well as Dugana prayers). Our intention is to keep the tradition of having one Jama'at in Chicago. Hazrat Peer O Murshid seemed to be in agreement but his family members stated that Hazrat Peer O Murshid will neither perform 4 or 2 rakats at the MICC organized venue because his family is going to arrange their own separate Jam'at for Dugana.

Despite my best efforts and utmost flexibility, I could not get any support from Hazrat Peer O Murshid's family to resolve this matter. MICC has discovered online that one of his Family members has declared a separate Jam'at for the Dugana prayer. MICC is deeply saddened by the manner in which this situation is being handled and I pray that Murshid's family understand the reasons for the accommodations that are being made.

Since an announcement of a separate Dugana has already been made by Murshid's family, Therefore, MICC is now making an announcement that Hazrat Murshid Mufti Syed Zameer Mahdi Sahab will lead Isha as well as Dugana prayer at Holiday Inn, Skokie. Hazrat Murshid Syed Zameer Mahdi did the Tark e Dunya and has all the permissions of Irshadi from his Murshid. As a reminder, please note that the Azan will be at 1:00 AM and Isha Farz will be at 1:15 AM. An updated flyer will also be available shortly.

I pray Allah (SWT) to accept our prayers of the night of Qadr. Ameen!

Sincerely,

Rahmat a. Khan

Rahmat Ali Khan
(President MICC)