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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MOSQUE OF ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD

"Let there arise out of you an umma (nation, group) of people, inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong. They are the ones to attain success." (Qur'an 3:103)

The Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood and the School of Islamic and Arabic Studies was founded in 1964. Incorporated in 1967, The M.I.B. is the lineal descendant of the Muslim Mosque Inc. started by the late El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz (Malcolm X), in 1964, after his departure from the organization known as the Nation of Islam. The founders of the Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood had been members of the M.M.I.

The formation of the Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood was very necessary and timely. It had become obvious that the then existing Sunni Muslim communities lacked knowledge and discipline, and were thereby exposed to manipulation and apparent use as a political arm. This unfortunate situation was rapidly resulting in confusion, and un-Islamic teachings within the Sunni Muslim communities, and the alienation of many people, who wanted a true understanding of Islam.

"As Muslim Americans of African descent, we believe in the principle of self-determination and strive for its actualization as a community of believers. Therefore our expressed purpose is to give a true presentation of Sunni Islam to American society. We intend to vigorously utilize our energies, as well as our facilities, to teach and spread this eternal message of all of the Prophets. And it is our hope and prayer that the American of African descent (Kushite) will be in the forefront of those, who accept this gift of (Almighty God) Allah.

It is also our expressed purpose to create an indigenous Islamic intelligentsia, thereby reserving the right to look to ourselves for Islamic scholarship and leadership, because it is our belief, that by the sincere expression of the words *Allahu Akbar* (Allah is Supreme), an individual must look within him or herself, and from that place find the answer to their prayers."

Allah is our goal
The Prophet Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah is our leader
The Qu'ran is our constitution
Jihad is our way
And death in the way of Allah is our promised end.

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