

## **Muslim Community Center of the Capital District**

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Subject: Notice of Moratorium on MCC Banquet Hall Closure

As-salamu Alaykum,

We are writing this memo to inform you about the new developments at MCC Banquet Hall. The MCC Board has decided to implement a moratorium on the closure of the MCC Banquet Hall for any external events until further notice. This decision was made after reviewing the recent events held at the banquet hall by some of our community members.

Our primary concern is to ensure that the MCC policies are being upheld during the events hosted at the banquet hall. Therefore, the moratorium will allow the MCC Board to review and enhance the existing MCC policies that address the various challenges faced in the banquet hall. During the moratorium:

- We will honor all existing bookings and take no new bookings until we re-open.
- We will continue to conduct internal community events such as talks sponsored by ICCD and regular ICCD events.

It is important to highlight that while MCC Banquet Hall is not a Masjid/Mosque but is on the same premises, some of our community members and guests do not abide by the MCC policies.

We understand that the closure of the MCC Banquet Hall may impact some of the community members planning to host their events here. Please be assured that both ICCD BOT and MCC Board will be working together to explore alternative options that will allow the MCC Banquet Hall to continue serving the community's needs.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time. We are confident that by working together, we can re-open the MCC Banquet Hall to continue providing the community with the option to host their future events at MCC.

If you have any questions or concerns about this moratorium or the future of the MCC Banquet Hall, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and to ensure that the best interests of everyone involved are being considered.

Sincerely, MCC Board of Directors