



BUILDING COMMUNITY LIFE... More than Just Music

By Zakiyyah Numan

JERSEY CITY, N.J. – It is not common to find a wholesome person, sincere, generous, sensitive as well as talented.

However, the ummah in the following of Imam W.D. Mohammed is blessed to have just such a person active in Jersey City.

A strong family man married more than 20 years with combined family of 10 children and nine grands, Winard Harper and wife Alexis have graced the African American and Muslim community in Jersey City with many charitable activities and services.

Most significant, Winard is a strong advocate of developing community life via social gatherings that bring together young and old, providing an outlet for artistic expression via music, dance, art, spoken word, creative design and fashion.

This would include our theatre, entertainment, movie makers, documentaries carrying our point of view: the idea that the world is moving towards the excellent quali-

ties and potential in the human nature.

Much more than music, Winard Harper's conviction is that through culture we can build and heal on a Positive Note and he works hard to bring safe wholesome forms of entertainment and artistic expression to sup-

Provide opportunities for all ages to share their gifts and talents;

Create jobs and funds for the community; and

Comfort our spirit as music supports mental and physical health.

He explained that we need to disrupt the misuse and contamination of our culture. Encourage change and redirect our talents that they serve to generate human excellence, as opposed to the distorted ideas proliferated in popular music and art appealing to the lowest qualities in the human makeup.

We have to provide an alternative; it is imperative that we do this if we

want to see a healthy community life in America.

We need also to consider establishing our own Institution of Music and Arts to promote the blessed knowledge we've received from our unique heritage and leadership.

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port the ummah's mission in many ways:

Bring business and culture to the neighborhoods;

Build bridges between generations, cultures and beliefs;

Enable historical lessons about our ancestors' creativity;

THE ODYSSEY OF IMAM MANSOOR SABREE

From W. Deen Mohammed High School to Resident Imam to Study Africa to IMAN-Atlanta



Imam Mansoor Sabree and family at the Door of No Return, in Senegal.

By Sabir Kasib Muhammad

ATLANTA, Ga. – Shortly before Imam Plemon El-Amin retired as the Resident Imam of the Atlanta Masjid, after 30 years in the position, he began to prepare the believers for a new, much more youthful leadership to follow him.

Imam Mansoor Sabree, with the support of Imam El-Amin, was presented to the community and ratified

as the next Resident Imam.

Imam Mansoor came into the position with impeccable credentials. Not only was he the son of a historical family of Muslims who had relocated from New Jersey (Aminah and Ehab Sabree), who had established themselves as prominent members of the Atlanta Muslim community, but he was also an excellent student leader at W.D. Mohammed High

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# The Odyssey Of Imam Mansoor Sabree

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Recently at the ISNA convention in Chicago, IMAN wrapped up a brunch with a tour of the newly unveiled Martin Luther King Living Memorial which among Chicago leaders also features Imam W. Deen Mohammed.

school where he graduated with honors.

Imam Mansoor also was highly skilled in Qur'anic Arabic, having been among a group of students Imam W. D. Mohammed had sent to Syria to study under the renowned Grand Mufti Shaykh Ahmad Kuftaro.

Imam Mansoor became known as a lover of the Islamic scholarship of the African diaspora, of which he mentioned frequently in his khutbahs while often wearing the clothing of the most distinguished African scholars.

And it was not long after he headed the leadership of the Atlanta Masjid that his longings to delve deeper into the study of African Islamic scholars created a great desire in him to leave Atlanta and follow his yearning to travel to Africa to study.

After a little over five years of being the Resident Imam, Imam Mansoor and his family had become so beloved by the community that at the departure event the community staged for him and his family, there were many tears and exhortations of regret to see them leave.

However, a year later Imam Mansoor and his family returned to Atlanta. And with an announcement following a khutbah by Imam Mansoor after he returned, he noted that he was "not" returning to again assume the position of Resident Imam but as supporter of the new and also youthful Imam Sulaimaan Hamed, who his also an experienced Hajj planner and guide (visit <https://www.facebook.com/HajjPros>).

Imam Mansoor explained that his quick return to the U.S. was precipitated by the fact that his wife Fatima Khokhar became pregnant with their fourth child and he wanted his child to be born in the U.S.

Imam Mansoor's wishes in this regard for his unborn child are highlighted by the quote on his Facebook page by Imam W.D. Mohammed, "There are two things I will never give up, Al-Islam and my African American identity." (Visit <https://www.facebook.com/IMANAtlanta>)

It appears that Imam Mansoor's odyssey has come full circle, as he now sits as Regional Director at Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMANAtlanta) in

Atlanta.

Imam Mansoor wants to make two things very clear: His supports for Imam Sulaimaan Hamed is unwavering; and he is extremely happy to be working with Rami Nashashibi, the Executive Director and Co-Founder of IMAN, which originated in Chicago, Ill.

Imam Mansoor says dedicated to his role with IMAN in making life better for humanity. Recently, he was named one of the "40 Under 40 Georgia Muslims"



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