

PROFILE OF THE SUNNI JAMIATUL ULAMA SOUTH AFRICA (est. 1979)

The Sunni Jamiatul Ulama of South Africa was established in 1979 by a modest number of Ulama with the primary objective of convening a Theological body that would be able to address the various social, welfare, educational and spiritual needs of the community. Secondly to preserve and to promote the pristine teachings of the Ahle Sunnah wal Jamaah and the spiritually uplifting practices associated with the Sunni fraternity.

Founded by passion, sincerity and dedication, it is only with the Grace of Allah, the compassionate gaze of His Habeeb Muhammad Mustafa (peace and salutations be upon him), and the luminosity of the Aulia-e-Kamileen that the SJUSA has managed to overcome the initial challenges of meager resources to prevail as an internationally recognised Ulama body of great substance and repute.

The SJUSA was deemed worthy of benediction from glorious international ambassadors of Islam such as the likes of (May Allah shower His choicest Mercy and Blessings upon them);

Hazrat Allamah Moulana Shah Ahmed Noorani Siddiqui
Hazrat Allamah Professor Shah Fareedul Haq
Hazrat Allamah Sayyid Turabul Haq Shah
Hazrat Allamah Sayyid Hasseenudin Shah
Hazrat Allamah Moulana Khushtar Qadri Razvi

Throughout the years, the helm of the SJUSA had been steered by local stalwarts comprising both erudite Islamic scholars and Spiritual Guides such as the likes of (May Allah shower His choicest Mercy and Blessings upon them);

Marhoom Dr. Moulana Abbas Khan Ashrafi
Marhoom Moulana Abdus Sattar
Marhoom Moulana Feisal Khan Ashrafi
Marhoom Hazrat Moeen Qazi Chishtee Habeebi

FACULTIES OF THE SJUSA

The daily activities of the SJUSA embodies the vision of its founders decades ago, and is a hive of operations encompassing all relevant Islamic services to the Muslim community at large. However, the dawn of democracy in South Africa with its racial, cultural and religious diversities has necessitated further engagement with non-Muslim entities to educate and create awareness in regards to the unique life model and sets of laws applicable to Muslims. The SJUSA has established a rapport with government, corporate and educational institutions who frequently seek our input prior to implementing structures, strategies, or operational adjustments which may adversely affect or be deemed offensive to the beliefs and practices of Muslim staff, students etc. Our services are offered gratis (free of charge).

SOCIAL SERVICES

As with any society, there will always exist a need for direction, guidance, advice, mediation, arbitration and conflict resolution. The aforementioned issues range from marital discord, business disputes, inheritance conflicts to every general matter wherein the impacted persons require Islamic resolutions. Our offices are inundated with these matters daily and are addressed on a professional and competent level by our representatives.

WELFARE

Our beautiful Deen emphasises the need for us to be benefactors to the poverty stricken, elders and less fortunate. In addressing the plight of the poor, we network with various established welfare organisations by investigating the legitimacy and capacitance of the needy and thereafter ensuring the necessary assistance is received.

EDUCATION

“Seek Knowledge from the cradle to the grave” is the endearing instruction of our Habeeb Muhammad Mustapha (peace be upon him). Bearing this in mind, the education department of the SJUSA is perhaps our most dynamic and central endeavour. We believe that learners who are instilled with the proper Aqaaid and practice related education on an elementary level are fully equipped with the tools to become the future torch bearers of Islam and society in general. The SJUSA has formulated its very own syllabus which is utilised by both affiliate and non-affiliate Madaaris. Our involvement stems from monthly inspections, supervision, Muallima training and workshops to conducting the annual examinations.

UNITED ULAMA COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (UUCSA)

The SJUSA is one of the founding members of the United Ulama Council of South Africa (UUCSA) which was established in 1994, with the object of providing a unified, credible and competent leadership on behalf of the major theological formations in South Africa. The advent of a new democratic dispensation created the need for a cohesive forum that would lend itself towards the preservation, promotion and protection of the distinct Muslim identity in South Africa. This umbrella body engages directly with the Government in matters pertaining to laws, legislations or pertinent matters which affect the general South African Muslim community on a national level.

MASAAJID

The Musjid of any locality is considered the fundament of deliberating and resolving all matters affecting the respective community. We currently enjoy jurisdiction of over 40 Masaajid in the KZN Province and offer diverse services to these institutions i.e provisions of Ulama to conduct Jummah, Auspicious nights, and Dars proceedings as well as advising Trust Boards on Islamic principles and operationalisation of the Masaajid.

