

24 Sha'ban, 1442

April 7, 2021

Dear respected brothers: Agha Irtiza Hussain Qizilbash, Shajar Abbas Khan, and Mona Masood the board members of the **Al-Mahdi Islamic Center** – Bakersfield, California.

Peace be upon you (Assalamu Alaykum),

We received your letter, dated 3/3/2021, requesting authorization to collect Khums dues purchase a building for your center and support your ongoing programs for the total amount of US\$110,000.00.

Moving forward in supporting and cohesive our Shia communities across the states, Imam Mahdi Association of Marjaeya (I.M.A.M.) can use its authority and give a proxy to “Al-Mahdi Islamic Center – Bakersfield, California” to collect Khums from its community under religious supervision of his eminence Shaykh Ahmad Modarres. The beloved believers who are interested to support Al-Mahdi Islamic Center can send their Khums money directly to I.M.A.M.’s office, and I.M.A.M. will issue an official religious (tax deductible) receipt to them, then forward Sahm al-Imam (50%) to Al-Mahdi Islamic Center directly. They can do so either through our website, by selecting the organization’s name from the drop-down menu, or by sending in a check with the organization’s name in the memo.

Please note, that khums funds can only be used for the specific requested purpose and no other. Khums funds cannot be used to provide food and or refreshments for gatherings or events. This permission is **valid for one year** from the above date or until the requested amount of US\$**110,000** is reached.

You may inform the beloved believers that they can now fulfill their obligated religious dues by generously supporting the Islamic Center of Ahlul Bayt Society projects to increase its Islamic teachings and educational programs to the community.

Sincerely,



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