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Imam Abdul Azeez is CWSC Board elected Imam for the [National Leadership Advisory Council](#), Arabic instructor for Sister Clara Muhammad /Elijah Muhammed Junior High School at Brooklyn's Masjid Abdul Muhsi; vice president of WCAI Westchester Coalition Against Islamophobia; associate imam of Interfaith Associates; president and founder of Ash Shifaa Inc., a chaplain, halal certification inspector/ trainer for the NY Department of Agriculture and a BA student in Islamic studies & counseling at Islamic Online University. He formerly served as dawah and education director for Masjid Yusuf Shah, NY.

He accepted Al-Islam in 1981 and began listening to Imam Dr. W. D. Mohammed's encouraging words. To fulfill his desire for a comprehensive religious education, he applied to Islamic schools, but was turned away because of finances; however, such difficulties did not stop him. He studied from the same curriculum books and was rewarded greatly for his effort.

Between 1993-2008 Imam Azeez taught Arabic, sirah, tajweed, Quranic vocabulary, tafseer, hadeeth anthology and fiqh at Masjid Abdullah in Massachusetts under Imam Al-ameen Muhammed . During this period, he cultivated an appreciation for Imam Mohammed 's insights that opened the door to ijtihaad for Azeez. With encouragement from Imam Ibraheem Raheem, Azeez began drawing critical links between Imam Mohammed's commentary and the classical Islamic sciences.

Imam Azeez is a frequent guest khatib and speaker at churches and other organizations on alternatives to violence and Islamic Ethics. He is a writer, contributor to *Muslim Journal*, an AM360 radio host for the program *Maeeyah ala kulli haal* or *Togetherness Under All Circumstances*, and supports many causes including Mosques Cares and WDM Publications and advocates for both senior and youth causes.

TOPICS:

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