



Help us buy this
**NEW MASJID
IN VERMONT**



*3-acre property with 19,000 ft² building
400 Swift Street, South Burlington, VT 05403*

**Amount we need to raise:
\$945,000**

*We have signed a Purchase Agreement and
made a deposit of \$105,000.*

URGENT!

Deadline October 9, 2019



*“The Masjids of Allah shall be maintained only by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day; perform the Salah, and give Zakah and fear none but Allah”
[Al-Tawbah 18]*

Why there is a need now!

In short, our current masjid building is no longer able to meet the demands of our growing Muslim community due to its limitations on space utilization, building layout and code restrictions, major security concerns and inadequate parking, which creates issues with our neighbors.

The community of Muslims in Chittenden County, the most populous in the state of Vermont, has grown from a few hundred to well over 4,000, increased by the influx of refugees from Bosnia, Somalia, Burma, Iraq, and most recently from Syria. The ISVT is the first Islamic center established in the state of Vermont in 1999, and, Alhamdulillah, we have been blessed to see the congregation of our Masjid grow along with the growing Muslim population in Vermont.

Please consider helping a very special community in a very special place: The growing congregation of the Islamic Society of Vermont, located in a traditionally non-Muslim state in the northeastern United States.



Ample Parking

Paved parking lot with over 150 spots! Plus, additional parking available next door at Temple Sinai Synagogue. Parking is a major problem in our existing building.

11 Additional Existing Rooms

Enough rooms to use for Burial Preparation, Free Medical Clinic, and more.

Existing Kitchen

Perfect for community dinners and Iftars during the month of Ramadan.

Safer Building, Better Security

According to security experts, this building's architectural design, construction and position in relation to the main road allow for better security. Unlike our existing masjid, it does not limit our ability to employ proactive and effective safety and security measures, something that is of utmost importance to our community due to recent events.

Optimized Building Layout

Ground-level and handicap accessible floorspace, unlike our existing building.



Beautiful Outdoor Space

Large grass area for picnics and play area for our youth, unlike our existing building.

Beautiful Public Park Nearby

Excitingly, Veterans Memorial Park is just a 5-minute walk away, providing our members with easy access to soccer fields, baseball field, indoor hockey rink, basketball courts, and a very large playground.



An amazing opportunity!

The property, formerly a church and in excellent condition, is far below the town-assessed value and is at 50% less than its market value of \$2.4M (\$126/ft²). Its location is central to most of our Muslim community, and the building has all the amenities and various merits to meet the requirements of the next generations of Muslims in Vermont. The estimated cost to reconstruct the exact building and land is approximately \$3.9M (\$205/ft²), 71.5% more than the purchase price.

*“Giving away something in charity does not cause any decrease in a person’s wealth, but increases it instead”
[Sahih Muslim]*

The purchase of this location will make the ISVT a more prominent fixture on the Vermont landscape for generations to come, the place that you helped to establish for the sole worship of Allah will still be prayed in, and you will be reaping the rewards. Who would, willingly, let such an opportunity slip by?

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