

Resolution on women's mezzanine section in the new Masjid al Hidayah – 17 Jan 2007

In a joint meeting, the MCT Boards of Directors and Trustees met to discuss the women's prayer areas in the new Masjid al Hidayah. Matters that were taken into consideration include:

- The need of some sisters for complete privacy.
- The need of some sisters to avoid isolation and be a part of masjid activities such as lectures and halaqat (study circles).
- Safety of those in the mezzanine, especially children.
- The potential lack of security in the mezzanine when there are no sisters present there.
- The relative number of sisters supporting each of the different options.
- The extra cost of completely closing the mezzanine versus having a parapet (regardless of who pays for it).

The Boards voted to **approve** the following points:

- The women's mezzanine section in the prayer hall will not be fully screened from the main floor.
- There will be a 3½ -4 foot railing in the front of the mezzanine for safety.
- Those sisters who require more privacy or have children with them will have space in another part of the building.