

## AS-SALAM MOSQUE MANAGEMENT AS A CENTER FOR STUDENT CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT DHARMAWANGSA UNIVERSITY

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**Abstract:** Purpose of this study to determine the role of the As-Salam Mosque in developing the character of Dharmawangsa University students. Character development in the campus mosque environment is supported by strengthening moral, religious and cultural messages that are obtained is the right choice. Method research using descriptive qualitative research data sources are Takmir Masjid, students as prayer congregation. Methods of data collection in the form of interviews, observations, interview guidelines and documentation studies. Data analysis in the form of data reduction, data display, and data verification. Result sresearch shows that the mosque plays an important role in building the character of Dharmawangsa University students not only educating students through the teaching and learning process but also through the Congregational Prayer Program at the Mosque, praying together and eating together as well as providing compensation to Islamic boarding school students, with the As-Salam Mosque program in the form of 1. Sale of Charity Rice, 2. Blessing Friday Package, 3. Breaking the Fast Together, 4. Idhul Adha Qurban Movement. The implementation of this program is to shape the character of students based on the Vision and Mission of Dharmawangsa University with Nawajiwa to become academic characteristics in the form of, 1) Religious, 2) Integrity, 3) Independent, 4) Cooperation, 5) Discipline, 6) Creative, 7) Caring social, 8) love of science, 9) national spirit. Suggestion Character building programs are important and must continue to be developed so that students can not only master science and technology but also gain spiritual intelligence so that they are able to distinguish between evil and evil, as well as giving behavior that requires both knowledge and material.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Apart from functioning as a place of worship, the campus mosque can also function as a meeting place for scientific discussions and research. Mosques can also be used to help students develop their character, including by teaching them how to be disciplined (Maulana et al., 2021). Due to moral degradation what is happening among the public and even students, character education is now an urgent need in Indonesia. The mosque on campus is a good place to help students build their character (Mustofa, 2021). This kind of optimization of functions occurs in campus mosques, which have relatively more advanced resources. They belong to the educated community, at least those who have been in the education process (Syaiful Anam, 2022). This kind of picture shows, as expected, that the campus mosque can become a kind of community development, which will later be expanded into the mosque as a whole. If so far community development centers have been limited to formal institutions such as schools and madrasas, now they may be developed through non-formal institutions such as mosque for the community as well as for the development of the people and even the nation as a whole. Because mosques have functioned as more than just places of worship since the time of the Prophet, they have also become mosques as cultural centers, science centers, information centers, centers for community economic growth, centers for setting strategies for war and peace, and centers for the growth and development of society's resources as a whole. Caring for the closest people, such as parents, family, and educational staff (lecturers), in student education is to foster the character of each individual. This character can be either an appreciation or a danger to someone when they arrive at adulthood. Because a young age can still be managed and educated, and memory is still high, character education starting at a young age is the right choice to convey moral, religious, social and cultural messages. However, as can be seen from their characters, the current generation is starting to lose their way as a result of a lack of direction, connection with their peers, and societal attention. The administrators of the AS-Salam Mosque at Dharmawangsa University have the potential to develop this potential considering the importance of character development for students.

In accordance with the increasing progress of science, Dharmawangsa University equips the best techniques to enable every substantial and immaterial potential asset needed to achieve a World Class University as contained in Undhar's Vision and Mission. The basic values that guide and shape the character of Dharmawangsa University in realizing the Vision and Mission with *nawajiwa* which are the hallmark and identity of the Academic Community are:

1. Religious. Means obedient behavior in carrying out the teachings of the religion they adhere to, tolerant of the implementation of other religious worship, and living in harmony with followers of other religions.
2. Integrity. Means to think, speak, behave and act properly and correctly and uphold the code of ethics and moral principles.
3. Independent. Means attitudes and behaviors that are not easily dependent on other people in completing the various tasks carried out.
4. Cooperation. Means being able to carry out and complete various activities with other people to achieve common goals that are useful for community development.
5. Discipline. Means actions that show orderly behavior and comply with various rules and regulations.
6. Creative. Means thinking and doing something to produce new and up-to-date ways or results from something you already have.

7. Social and Environmental Care. Means attitudes and actions that always want to provide assistance to other people and communities in need as well as attitudes and actions that always try to prevent damage to the surrounding natural environment, and develop efforts to repair the damage to nature that has already occurred.
8. Love Science. Means a way of thinking, behaving and acting that shows loyalty, caring, and high appreciation for knowledge.
9. National Spirit. Means a way of thinking, acting, and having insight that places the interests of the nation and state above self and group interests.

The purpose of the vision and mission is integrated with the values of nawa Jiwa to shape the character of Dharmawangsa University students which are directly applied in class teaching by lecturers and inculcation of religious spiritual values as a filter so that they can balance student behavior in activities and implement their knowledge which is not only quality however, spiritual values of goodness are embedded which can later be implemented in society in general (UNDHAR, 2020).

### THEORETICAL STUDY

According to etymology, the Arabic word "mosque" means "place of prostration." According to (Manzur, 1997), the construction of mosques by Muslims is interpreted as a location for congregational prayers (Syfa Nur Malawati & Wildan Yahya, 2022). Therefore, from a terminological perspective, a mosque is a place of worship for Muslims. As stated in Surah An- Nur, verses 36-37, Allah SWT says:

وَيُؤْتِي نُورًا  
 أَضْوَاءَ نَارٍ  
 فَتُطَوَّرُ  
 فِيهَا  
 حَمَلٌ  
 وَطَائِفٌ  
 ٦٣

*(That light) in the houses where God has commanded to glorify and mention His name, there glorify (sanctify) His name in the morning and in the evening (36)*

رَجَالٌ  
 فِيهَا  
 نُورٌ  
 وَطَائِفٌ  
 فِيهَا  
 حَمَلٌ  
 وَطَائِفٌ  
 ٦٣



study. Descriptive approach is used in this research. Because the purpose of this study was to describe the profile, objectives, types of activities, materials, activity processes, constraints and supports, as well as the implications of strengthening the program run by BKM at the As-Salam Mosque, Dharmawangsa University. This research involved BKM, study speakers, students and congregations who contributed to the success of the mosque, including religious activities. There are pre-survey activities or pre-observation components which according to researchers are worth investigating before carrying out the research. In addition, this research activity used direct observation of the subjects studied along with interviews, open questionnaires, documentation studies, and participant and non-participant observation to collect data.

In this case, data from observations, questionnaires, interviews, and documentation studies were compiled, grouped, coded, and categorized by the researcher. From the time the researcher begins the research to the time it is completed, the analysis is carried out so that answers to the research focus can be found. In directing the research, using the Miles and Huberman model research procedures In Sugiyono, Miles and Huberman say that qualitative data analysis can be broken down into three categories: data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion drawing (Miles & Huberman, 1996).

The research findings presented must not only be credible, but also need to be organized according to a certain code. There are a number of ways to determine whether a study is credible or not. Triangulation and Member Check are two approaches taken by researchers in this regard to assess the reliability of previous studies. By using a dual method approach, triangulation can be used to obtain truly valid data. Member Check is a cycle where a researcher asks at least one member in a review to really see the accuracy of certain data or information. In this case, the researcher provides a source with research data in writing for verification. The document will be signed and returned to the researcher if the data can be received and approved by the source. If discrepancies occur, the source will send the document back to the researcher for additional corrections. Orally, the researcher also examined the members besides writing them. In particular, through discussions about the data collected with speakers or through questions and answers (Semiawan, n.d.).

### **Management of the As-Salam Mosque**

At first the As-Salam Mosque was a musallah built by the Dharmawangsa Education Foundation on the initiative of H. Drs. Mansyur Zainuddin, SH. M.Si and H. Abdusalam Ibrahim in 1990. On 02 August 2018 the management of the BKM was formed to carry out the management of the mosque thanks to encouragement and advice from Dr. Azhari Akmal Tarigan, M.Ag.. On 03 August 2018 the As-Salam Mosque became a Mosque with Decree No: 241/6/VIII/YP/DW/2018, as well as the Management of the As-Salam Mosque Prosperity Board of the Dharmawangsa Education Foundation with the arrangement H. Muzakkir SE as Chief Advisor and H. Salahuddin, SH.MA remains as Chair of BKM during the first Friday prayer. Acting as Khatib is Prof. Dr. Drs. H. Ramli Abdul Wahid, Lc., M.A with the prayer leader Anshari Batubara, a hafiz of the Koran who is able to adapt the Friday prayer verses to the title of the Friday sermon until

now. This is a special pride of the As-Salam Mosque, because the Imam never confirmed it to the Friday Prayer Khatib. As an opening, it begins with remarks by the Chairman of BKM (H. Salahuddin Has, SH.MA) who also conveys the legal basis for the As-Salam Mushollah to become the As-Salam Mosque. After finishing Friday prayers, the Management, Employees, Khatib, Imam and Muazzin were invited to eat together in the Foundation's dining room and this has been going on during Friday prayers until now. The As-Salam Mosque is a mosque located on the Dharmawangsa University campus, which has held congregational prayers.

### **Charity/Blessing Rice Sales Program**

On 6 August 2018 there was a discussion in congregation at the As-Salam Mosque by the Foundation and BKM management discussing plans for the first AS-Salam Mosque program by proposing an initial program namely the sale of charity rice to coincide with Friday 10 August 2018 with rice purchased by the Foundation and BKM Management for Rp. 15,000 per pack and sold at Rp. 5,000 or with the sincere price slogan with lots of 100 packs of rice distributed 50 packs to be sold on campus and 50 packs sold in front of the Dharmawangsa University campus. If the 50 packs distributed outside the apabala campus are sold out, then with a determination that next Friday, August 17 2018, another 50 packs will be added. Funds for preachers amounting to Rp. 400,000 and 250,000 for the priest paid by the Dharmawangsa Education Foundation.

August 24 2018 was the 3rd Friday at the As-Salam Mosque with Imam Ansor Batubara while the preacher Ahmad Kalimanul Ikhsan S.Pdi and the advisors who were present were the Foundation Management, Rector, Deans, Lecturers, Worker Staff and High School teachers. As for the schedule for the implementation of the mosque prayer, which was conveyed by the BKM Management before the Friday prayer implementation, which reported that the sale of charity rice was sold out, so the provision of rice was added according to the commitment of 100 packs that had been provided and after this event, it will be sold with a sincere price tag/Rp. 5,000 The charity/blessing rice that day sold 94 packs and the remaining 6 packs were paid for by the Secretary of the Foundation. On August 31 2018, at 10.20 WIB, the Foundation Management and the Chairperson of the BKM opened the infaq box for the first time with the amount of Rp. 480,000 (four hundred and eighty thousand) and immediately handed it over to the BKM Treasurer.

### **Good Friday Package**

The agenda for the second meeting of the BKM As-Salam Mosque and the Management of the Dharmawangsa Education Foundation Medan Friday 28 September 2018 realized the second program of the As-Salam Mosque with the name of the Friday Blessing Package program with details of 5 kilograms of rice, 2 kilograms of sugar, 2 kilograms of cooking oil and 1 box of 25 sachets of tea which, if cashed, will amount to IDR 110,000/package. BKM obtained the initial package on September 27 2018, Friday, amounting to 10 packages which were distributed 8 packages for those around Dharmawangsa University and 2 packages for employees of the Dharmawangsa Foundation. The lecturers and teachers of Dharmawangsa High School enthusiastically proposed that the package be allocated in two stages in the form of a package on odd

Fridays and a package on even Fridays with details of donations being allowed to donate money or directly providing 1 package of groceries on Friday. As-Salam Mosque BKM staff together with Dharmawangsa University students distributed Friday blessing packages to cleaning staff around Dharmawangsa University and underprivileged communities in the coastal city of Medan, North Sumatra.

Since the Covid-19 outbreak, Friday prayers have been abolished in accordance with MUI recommendations, and the distribution of Friday blessing packages continues to be carried out because someone is affected. Covid-19 with the BKM initiative distributed 26 packages of Friday blessing packages to the community around the Dharmawangsa University campus and 15 packages for workers, security guards, and 11 drivers. Until now, December 2022, the total number of blessed Friday packages has been distributed to the people of Medan, Langkat, Deli Serdang, North Sumatra, as many as 4298 packages with a total value of Rp. 472,780,000 which is a donation from the Dharmawangsa University academic community, teachers, other non-binding parties and the Accountability Report on the Receipt and Distribution of Blessing Friday Packages is reported before the implementation of each Friday Prayer.

### **Package of Joint Prayer and Meal with Islamic Boarding School Santri**

Prayers with Islamic Boarding School students have started at the home of the founding father H. Drs Mansyoer Zainuddin, SH, M.Sc and at the home of H. Abdussalam Ibrahim, as a form of gratitude to God for the success of the Dharmawangsa Education Foundation since 1985 by managing the Law College and School Sospol level. With the development of this Foundation, the College of Fisheries was added in 1990, the College turned into a Faculty after Dharmawangsa College changed to Dharmawangsa University and then in 1991 added the Faculty of Tarbiyah and the Faculty of Economics and Business.

Prayer trips with selected Islamic boarding school students from several Islamic boarding schools in the city of Medan and its surroundings have become a routine monthly agenda for the Dharmawangsa Education Foundation. The As-Salam Mosque is a place for praying together and eating together with Islamic boarding school students and providing compensation to Islamic boarding school students. The development of Dharmawangsa University continues to be a going concern by adding the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science and the Postgraduate Masters of Law Program, of course this is thanks to joint prayer and with God's permission, Dharmawangsa University continues to grow. Amen.

### **Break Fast Together and Tarawih Together**

The month of Ramadan is a month full of blessings in the life of every Muslim, because every practice carried out in this month is multiplied by Allah SWT. The practice that is often done is to provide iftar food for Muslims who are fasting this month. This activity can strengthen friendship among fellow Muslims and foster kinship within the Dharmawangsa Education Foundation. A special menu that is always available at Iftar Together is Kanji Rumbi, a type of Acehese Rice Porridge containing spices, Shrimp, Crispy Chicken and sprinkled with fried shallots to make an iftar meal that tastes very

delicious. The Joint Breaking of the Fast was carried out by BKM As-Salam Mosque which was attended by the entire Dharmawangsa University Academic Community starting from breaking the fast together, Isha Prayer and continuing Tarawih Together. This program is carried out every day during the month of Ramadan, the consumption of which is alms and sincerity from the Academic Community of Dharmawangsa University by giving takzilat per person of Rp. 100,000, totaling 12 people/day for takzilat breaking the fast together. This joint Iftar activity is very popular among students and the community around the Dharmawangsa University campus and usually they also directly participate in the Maghrib, Isya and Tarawih prayers.

### **Eid al-Adha Qurban Movement**

On Friday, August 9 2019, it was immediately announced that the Eid al-Adha 1440 H prayer would fall on Sunday, August 11 2019 with Khatib Dr. Rahmat Hidayat, M.A with Imam Ansor Batubara S.Pdi. the qurbani of 14 oxen is carried out for slaughter after the completion of the Eid al-Adha Prayer. Those who sacrifice are invited to attend the slaughtering of the sacrificial animals and distribution of the sacrificial meat. and Finance, 3 from SMA Teachers and Dharmawangsa Staff. The amount of sacrificial meat was 1066 kg and the number of coupons distributed was 647 sheets, 120 accompanying coupons for those who sacrificed, 455 for the general public, especially the community around the Dharmawangsa University campus. As for those who did not receive coupons, they were still distributed as long as the qurban meat was still available and distributed until it was finished.

All of the Activity Programs carried out by the As-Salam Mosque are also part of "Dharmawangsa Cares", including providing assistance to people in any district or city who are experiencing natural disasters, floods and other trials from Allah SWT. The participation of students in this activity can motivate them as the nation's next generation and the next baton holders for the advancement of this beloved country of Indonesia.

### **CONCLUSION**

The program planned by BKM As-Salam Mosque is in the form of Charity/Blessing Rice Sales, Blessing Friday Packages, Breaking the Fast Together & Tarawih Together, the Eid al-Adha Qurban Movement is still consistently carried out by BKM As-Salam Mosque until now so that it can motivate students to share together, be disciplined and love of religion to strengthen morals so that it becomes a guide when students are involved in society. Scientifically, students have been obtained in lecture halls, while soft skills and spiritual strengthening can be obtained from As-Salam Mosque activities by providing spiritual motivation so that students are obedient to religion from an early age as a provision in the afterlife. With the call that "do you want to come to the mosque alone or want to be escorted"?



## SUGGESTION

This program that has been implemented can continue to be implemented so that it can continue to be a creative guide for students studying at Dharmawangsa University to shape student character in good behavior in society and implement the knowledge gained at Dharmawangsa University properly as a form of maintaining the good name of our beloved alma mater.

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