

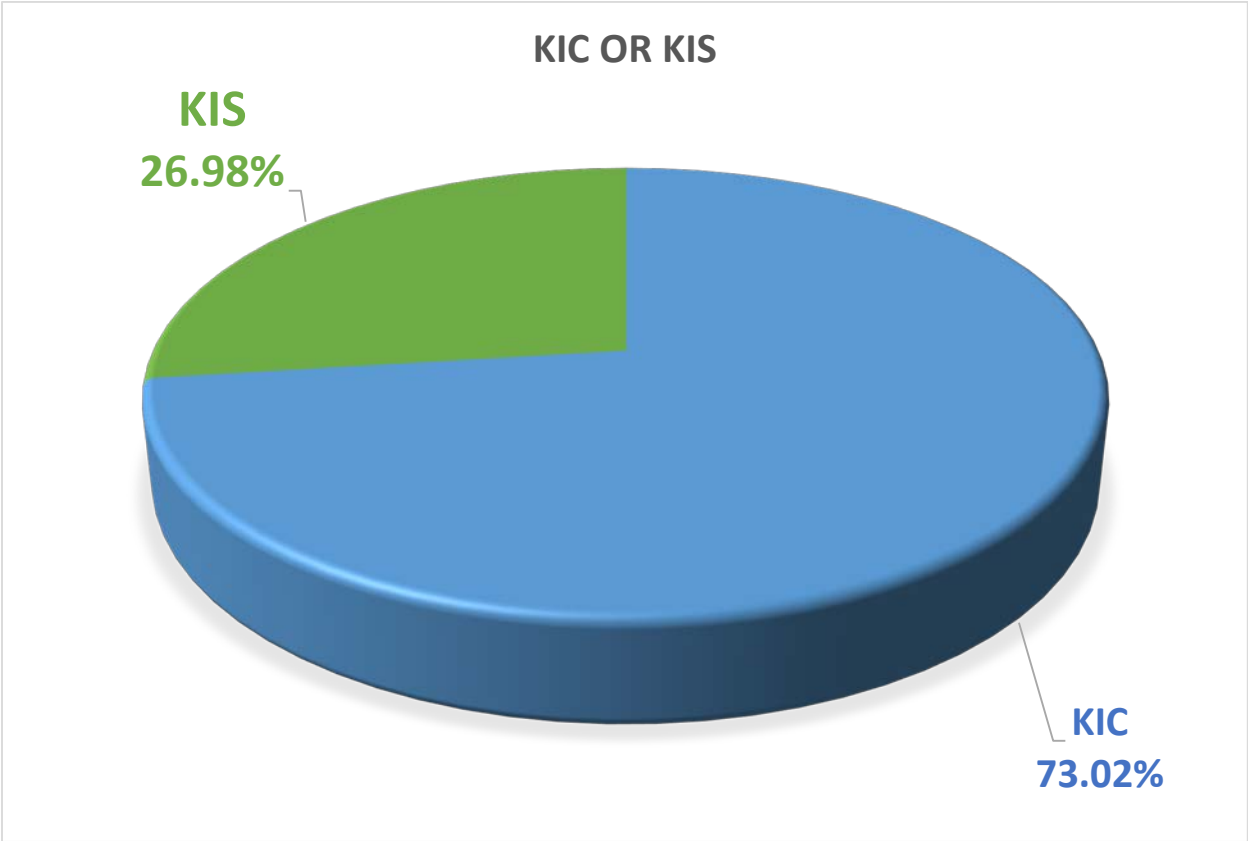
# KIC/KIS Jummah Prayer Time Survey Results

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Where?

Percentage breakdown:



In Numbers:

KIC	230
KIS	85
Total	315

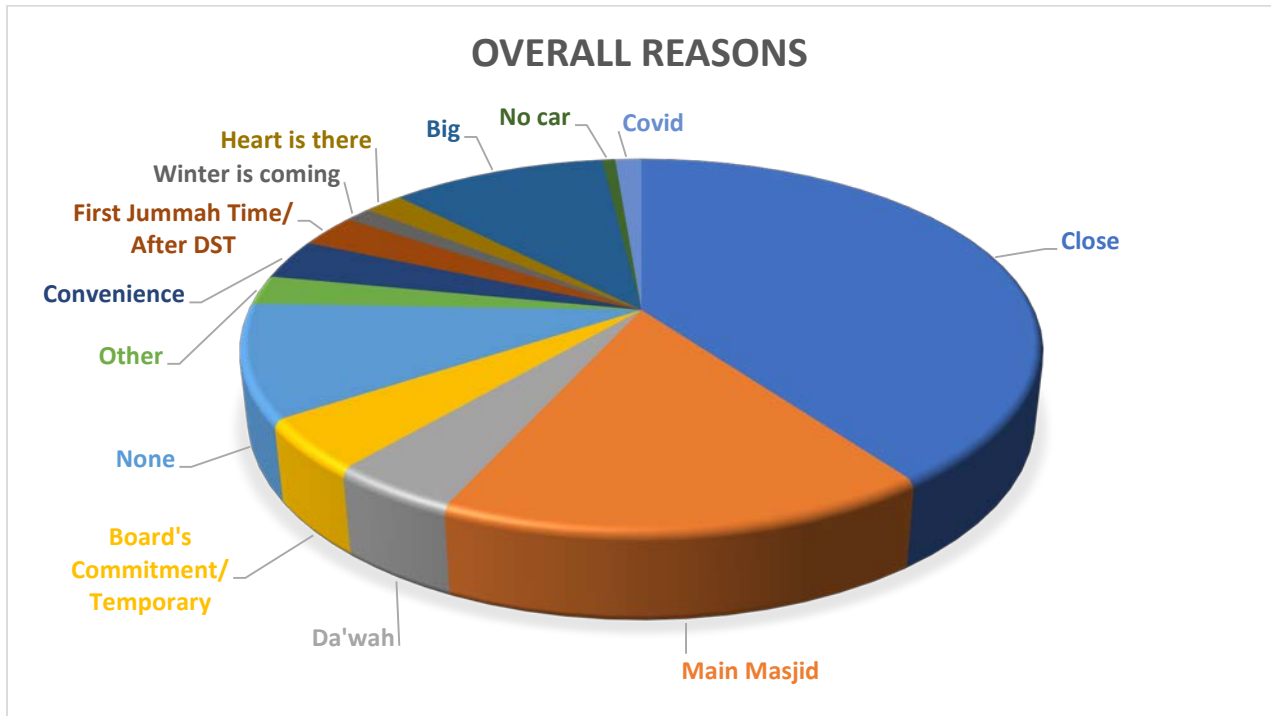
## Reasons

### Definition

I have tried using the shortest words to represent each category. We ended up with 13 different categories. Where:

1. "Close" represents closer to physical location i.e., house, work, etc.
2. "Main Masjid" defines itself.
3. "Da'wah" represents the usage of masjid for spreading the knowledge of Islam.
4. "Board's Commitment/ Temporary" represents that the KIC Board committed to make a temporary move to KIS or that it was done for Covid only.
5. "None" means no reasoning was provided.
6. "Other" means other reasoning was provided which doesn't fall under any of the main categories. They are mentioned later on page 8.
7. "Convenience" is used when the type of convenience was not mentioned such as location or facility.
8. "First Jummah Time/ After DST" represents comments concerning the value of first jummah timing either as is, or after the Day Light Saving time change takes place.
9. "Winter is coming" represents concerns with winter weather.
10. "Heart is there" represents when phrases such as "my heart is there" and "I feel better there..." were used.
11. "Big" is used for facility, parking lot and/or prayer area being large.
12. "No car" represents those who expressed that they don't have a car to travel long distance.
13. "Covid" represents those who expressed Covid's existence being a concern.

## Overall Reasons



### In Numbers:

Close	126
Main Masjid	53
Da'wah	14
Board's Commitment/ Temporary	14
None	31
Other	8
Convenience	11
First Jummah Time/ After DST	9
Winter is coming	4
Heart is there	6
Big	33
No car	2
Covid	4

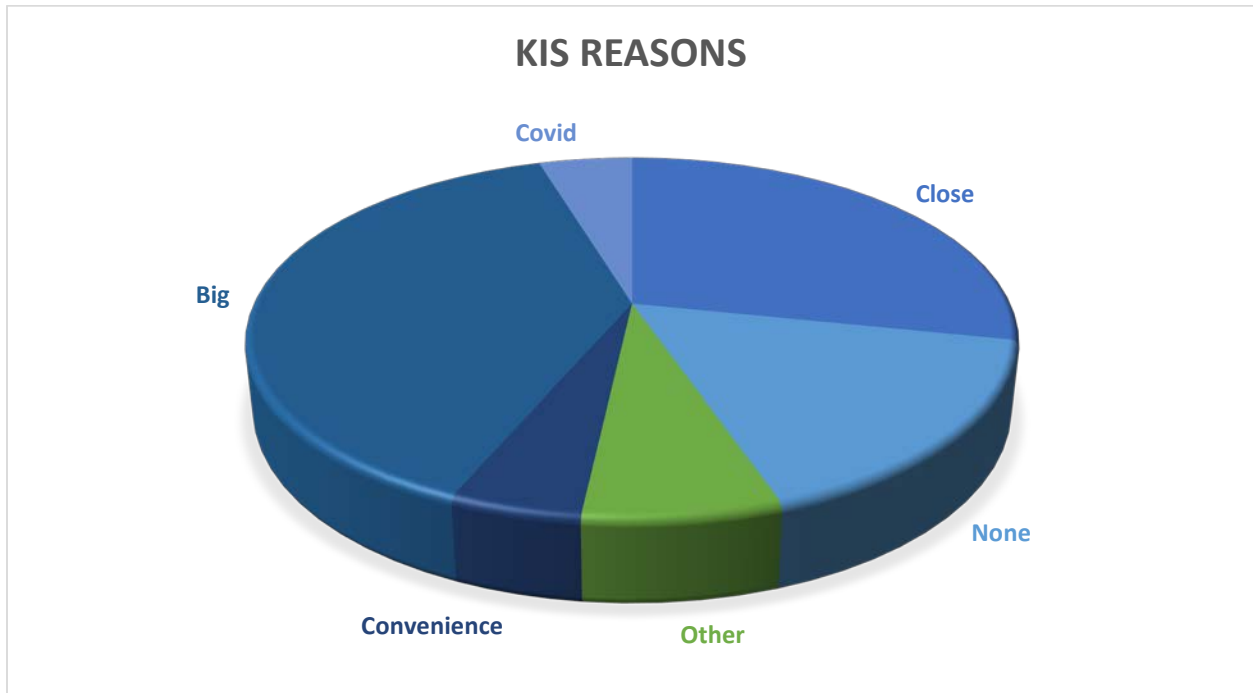
Those who chose KIC say



In Numbers:

KIC	
Close	102
Main Masjid	53
Da'wah	14
Board's Commitment/ Temporary	14
None	17
Other	0
Convenience	7
First Jummah Time/ After DST	9
Winter is coming	4
Heart is there	6
Big	0
No car	2
Covid	0

Those who chose KIS say



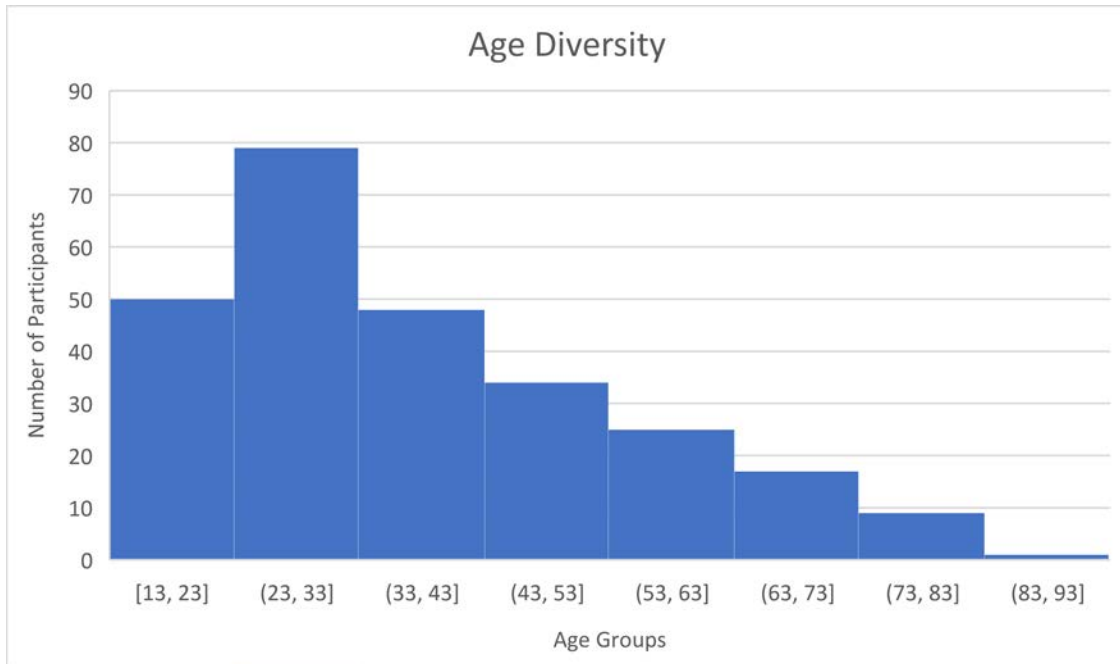
In Numbers:

KIS	
Close	24
Main Masjid	0
Da'wah	0
Board's Commitment/ Temporary	0
None	14
Other	6
Convenience	4
First Jummah Time/ After DST	0
Winter is coming	0
Heart is there	0
Big	33
No car	0
Covid	4

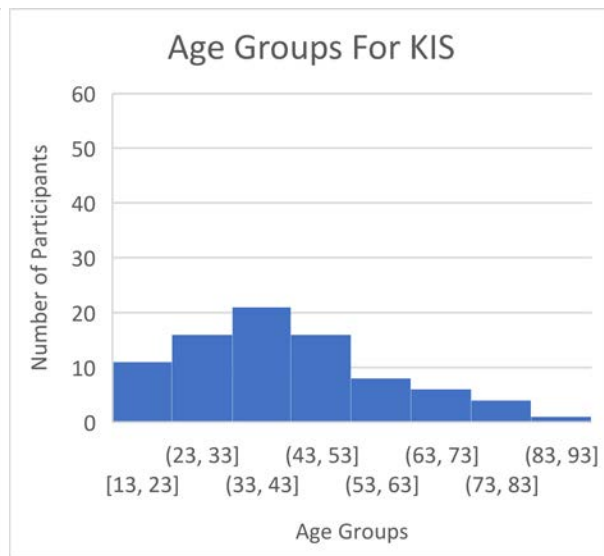
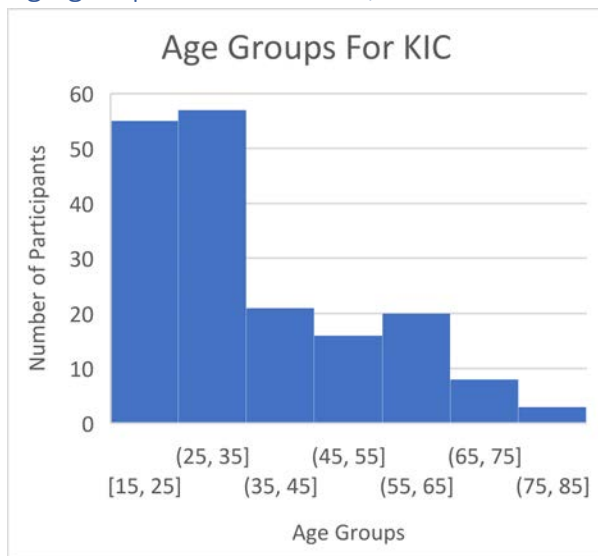
## Age Range

### Overall Age Diversity\*

Good to see that we had input from many different age groups. Although many did not mention their age at all.



### Age groups that chose KIC/KIS\*



\*Age data may not be reliable since many participants did not mention their age.

## The Reasons and Comments

All the reasons and comments have been separated by KIC's and KIS's choice below. Excessively repeating comments that were considered in the previous charts above have been left out from this. Each line break represents a different reason/comment from different survey.

### KIC Reasons/Comments

Covid is over

more students able to attend

Distance to Otsego takes 30 minutes to get to KIS

Convenient to attend from WMU

Good for all of us

Da'wah for reverts who are from the student population, KIS can be used for other activities

Picking up kids and taking them to jummah, offer an option for brothers and sisters in portage

Right thing to do, It's time

Student's convenience

Like my second home

student and elders Convenience

Right of Kalamazoo Muslims

Always better to have jummah in one place in a community

Steps away from K-College

Many are already attending second Jummah because it's in the masjid

It is where the 5 prayers are held

First Jummah at both sites

KIS is less secure due to being in a radical neighborhood

Close to KCollege

Because of climate change

Big masjid has less people. \*\*More in Arabic comment

Highly accessible for students who do not own a personal vehicle



Praying Jumu'ah where we pray daily 5 prayer not only makes sense but increases connection with the masjid. Additionally, we need to think of the students who usually do not have transportation. There are more reasons but these two have been success factors in fostering more involvement/participation.

Witnessed outside traveler comes to masjid

Build another mosque if that is possible. I will provide some support for the construction of building expenses.

KIC is the Masjid, and the previous board had agreed that, when COVID-19 rates declined, to move back to KIC. It is now that time. I do believe we should continue to wear masks regardless of the location, due to the close proximity with one another.

More centered location for Muslims all over our community.

No much people praying at KIS and it is too far from where i live.

Please stop jummah at KIS , it's too far even for people who live in portage .

The KIC is the perfect place to hold both prayers because it's the first place for people to seek prayer, knowledge, witness Shahadah to enter Islam, and it is closer to the campus of WMU and K College. We really need to attract all our students to the Masjed by making the two prayers available for them. Most of them are coming from different countries and a majority of them don't have cars as well. JAK

KIC is where all prayers are established, and hence it is the real masjid where Jumaha prayer too should be prayed at, while the school should stay school. My understanding is that KIS was made for Jumaha prayer temporarily because of the pandemic, which is now over, and we should go back to our first historic place. Another reason is that we should not encourage people to abandon masjid which is the case for many people whom I know where they never see KIC because this. We need to make the people more connected to the masjid by having the two Jumaha prayers at KIC. A third reason is that KIS is too far for Br. Nauman as a weekly khateeb, and it's always easier for him to have the two prayers at KIC. In conclusion, we need to make the community more united and not to help divide them by helping have a masjid for Portage people and another masjid for Kalamazoo people, which can be achieved more easily by having one place for the two prayers.

Close to my classes after I done my class I join the praying and also close to my house , I am student , it is really hard to go all the way there cuz of the transportation

KIC is the only Masjid where 5 prayers are held and organized. We should maintain the main Jummah congregation where regular Salats are performed. I am sure it may be convenient for some to have Jummah at KIS also. Let us do the First Jummah at KIC and 2nd jummah at KIS.

We do not have to climb stairs and go down at KIC

Western students can attend easily. There should be a second option for school kids so they can attend 2nd jummah

Because it's closer and I don't have a car to go to portage

Generally I have classes in WMU during the second Jummah and I do not have a car of my own to go to KIS. I have managed the first 2 months but I would not like to miss any Friday prayer.

We moved to KIS due to covid 19 needed 6 ft distance. Now I would appreciate if we go back to KIC so we (including my kids) are connected to our Masjid. We need to do more activities at masjid. Once a month halaqah and fundraising.

I did select KiC because it's closer to my house but I don't understand why we can't have 2 jummahs at 1.20 pm. We should have at both places, and one jummah at 3.30 pm at KIC for students. Our community is large enough to have 2 jummahs, I am sure we have plenty of volunteer imams and we can also do taraweeh at both places during Ramadan. I am sure there is more than one hafidh in Kalamazoo Muslim community inshaAllah. And please let's rely on Allah to send us the financial resources we need to have 3 jummahs. It's His masjid, His community, He will send us what we need inshaAllah.

Close to campus and lots of college students wouldn't drive in snow

Near of most of our community

KIC is close by my house and due to job can't go to KIS. I think more people will like KIC.

Closer to more people in the community since it's close to downtown

It's more convenient for students and folks who live near the campus and have no transportation. Majority of the Muslim community in Kalamazoo are students who live near the Western Michigan University campus and a good chunk of them don't have transportation. In my 9 years that I spent praying in KIC, I have observed most Musallis to be students who live near the mosque, which includes the imam.

Its better to attend jummah early at the main mosque

The space is much better for the ladies and it is in the house of Allah SWT

We can have 2nd Jumah around 1:40 at KIS.

Have the second prayer start earlier, around 2:30pm, maybe 3:00pm. 3:30pm is too late to hold the second jumma prayer

Gas prices

I have classes 2:30 I can't make it

I don't have car take me over there

My reasonings would be that it is very convenient to go to for my family and I. It is closer to home and work for the family so that everyone can make it on time for first Jummah and go back to school and work afterwards.

While I have no preference on where prayers are, I believe having the prayers and presence of the number of Muslims in kalamazoo speaks volumes.

Recommend to have them at both

We can't deprive the main masjid

We're unable to pray jummah at all due to the change

Never seen a masjid doing a jumma away from the main building. Common people, stop using Covid excuse. You promised us.

I am unable to pray jumma for the last few months' Covid related move.

Second jumma could be an hour after at KIS but no liberal khateeb

Do not divide the community

KIS is bad for masjid's revenue

Safer place. Population is vulnerable at KIS

### [KIS Reasons/Comments](#)

So I can catch at KIC

Would like at both locations

Want a portage Islamic Center

Make all Ramadan activities in KIS

Community Growth and parking

Winter is coming

From Pfizer

Parking, clean, and easy access

Taraweeh prayers at KIS in future

As long as there is jumma both places, it doesn't bother me

There should be 3 jummas. 1st (1:45PM) and 3rd (3:45PM) at KIC and 2nd (1:45PM) at KIS.

Holding the Jumma at KIS allows more participation in Jumma for all community members.

Additionally, KIS has more space in the prayer hall, allowing overall, a greater number of people to pray.

KIC has limited space available, and fills up quickly. It would be a mistake to move the first Jumma from KIS to KIC.

KIC prayer hall is not big enough to accommodate everyone, parking lots is limited, the ventilation system is better at KIS, it is open and bigger...

There is more space in KIS for women to pray. The women's bathroom at KIC is very unclean. The bathrooms at KIS are very clean and well-maintained. This is a common complaint, and I don't feel comfortable using the wudu facilities at KIC.

Stress free parking, larger space, prefer to bring my kids to a properly renovated and clean area

I am proud of KIS-- its cleanliness, its size, its welcoming and updated atmosphere. When I come to KIS, I feel proud and excited to pray. I grew up with KIC, but I never felt that connection. The bathrooms alone do not exemplify what we expect of a house of Allah.

Community has grown and KIC does not enough space to have the first Jummah. Bathrooms and Wudu area in the sisters are not properly functional and below standard. Current arrangements for 1st Jummah at KIS and 2nd Jummah at KIC is good for now.

2nd location provides options for folks based on what's easier. Also closer to people working at Stryker and Pfizer.

The masjid need an imam full time .

Parking is great. Open space for prayers and good Wuxi areas for men and women we have a good beautiful building Great place for Tarawa and all other community activities

The pandemic is not over yet- overcrowding at KIC where almost no one follows protective measures- and with an expected winter surge of a highly contagious variant infection (even the booster vaccines may not be protective), it is safer to decompress and continue to enforce guidelines better at the KIS- to ensure some degree of protection for the community and given the high potential widespread infection.

Due to COVID still on, and larger space at KIS, in community's best interest, safer - to hold at KIS - better to wait a few more months patiently.

Close for the students who don't have cars

Would definitely recommend keeping both masjid open for jumua so that if someone is unable to make the first one they can make the other. Would also very much like KIS to be open for all 5 salat. More options for jama'a prayer is always optimal. No reason to keep a space like KIS closed during the week.

KIS is more comfortable, larger venue, better parking, better for longterm growth of community. More friendly environment for children. Updating KIC will be costly and parking limits ability to meet community's needs longterm. Ignoring the needs of half the population will not serve the community nor the masjid & board well.

"I think KIC cannot accommodate our needs. It will be a deterrent to the growth of Islamic community if we move jumma to KIC. I use to skip jumma if I was running late at KIC because I knew I won't have place to pray

I like KIC location better but for the sake of community we need to grow, we cant go backwards"

More space to social distance when needed. Covid is still around and may surge again this winter. There may not be space to accommodate everyone in the community at kic for first jumua it will be overcrowded. Can we have 2 jummahs one at KIC and KIS at 1:15pm. Then 3rd jumma at kic for students at 3:30 ?

Make two Jummah in the same time

Social distancing is much more effective. It is the duty of a Muslim to do everything they can to preserve the life of one another. This is a basic tenant of the Sharia. We need to go back to mandated six feet between each other. COVID is still active and to do anything else is irresponsible.

"There is much more space in the school building. The people who choose to separate during salat, because of COVID, there is space.

There is much more parking space at the school

Brother Nauman said all small masaajid close down for jummah to be held at the Prophet's mosque. KIS is still a part of the KIC. It's the same organization.

The KIS building is cleaner than the KIC building.

It was stated that attendance at the KIS jummah has decreased and KIC has increased. That will definitely happen now that COVID restrictions have eased and that kids are back in school. Our students can't attend KIS and have to attend KIC. That attendance shift is not a valid reason to change locations"

To expand our community

Community at Portage can make it to KIS, students can make it at KIC

Prefer 4pm at KIC because I have work before 4pm

Work at 1-2pm on Fridays

Good option for all

Have 3 Jummas