Wishing you all Shanshai Navroz Mu-Barak.

With the vision and hard work of our President Ervad Arda-Viraf Minocherhomjee the training Seminar for Young Mobeds did took place in San Diego, California, on the July long weekend. He was ably assisted by our two learned Mobeds Ervad Soli Dastur and Ervad Tehmton Mirza. 8 young Mobeds took advantage of this opportunity to advance their knowledge of the prayers and rituals of our religion. Here are some of the remarks sent by the participants.

Neville Vazifdar IL, Kevan Madan ON, Rustom Chhor CA, Adil Minocherhomjee CA, Noshir Khumbatta TX, Arzan Balsara BC, Kaivan Dadachanji CA, Faredoon Dadachanji CA
Kevan Madan

This seminar opened my mind more about our religion and how it has impacted other religions over time. Learning about the history of our religion has helped me understand it more and make me appreciate more being a part of it. Learning about Afrins, Afringans, Navjote, Geh Saarnaa prayers and more has helped me understand what the prayers mean and why we pray them. I always knew which prayers to pray, but didn't know why I prayed those specific Afrins or Afringans. This seminar helped me understand these things clearly and also have a better knowledge about our religion which I'm extremely thankful for. Talking about how to get more people involved in our community was another topic we discussed as this is a major issue in almost every community for us. By trading ideas with one another, it helped us come with more and better ideas to use and try to bring our community closer. Thank you again for letting me be a part of this as I learned a lot and had a great time.

Rustum Chor

The NAMC conference was an experience I will not forget. For a long time, I have had many fundamental questions such who we are as Zoroastrians, what our prayers mean, and the reasoning behind everything that we do. At the NAMC conference, I was finally given answers by some of the most knowledgeable men on the subject. We were given English translations to our prayers, the meaning behind each word, and instructions on our rituals. What surprised me was the significance behind every single word we pray and how these words relate to our other stories such as the Shahnameh. It was also amazing to have discussions with other mobeds on where we should steer towards in the future and gather everyone’s advice on how to conduct ourselves. For the past eight years I have been oblivious to all the resources we have as mobeds such as Avesta.org which has audio files to help learn new prayers. There is no other event where I could learn so much and have fun all within a few days. I would highly recommend any mobed to apply for this opportunity.

Kaivan Dadachnji

The young mobed council was an extremely useful and informative event. I was not only given copies of many of the mobed prayers with translations (navjote, wedding, and jashan ceremonies) but also outside resources that I know I will further use as I continue to develop my skills as an Ervard. It was a pleasure meeting and interacting with other like-minded young mobeds. I particularly enjoyed the historical anecdotes and the discourses on Zoroastrianism past, present, and future.
Namc would like to thank our President Mobed Arda-Viraf Minocherhomjee for his initiative and monitory contribution towards this Seminar. We also would like to thank all three Mobeds: Ervad Arda –Viraf Minocherhomjee, Ervad Soli Dastur and Ervad Themton Mirza for taking the time out of their busy schedules and sharing their knowledge with the young Mobeds participating.

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