ISLAMIC BANKING L A R I B A



A COCEPTUAL OVERVIEW

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- MONEY IS NOT A COMMODITY.
- CREDIT IS A "HUMAN RIGHT".
- COMMUNITY RESOURCES SHOULD BE GATHERED AND PROPERLY USED TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMY OF THE COMMUNITY. "CRA"

- IT IS NOT MONEY LENDERING. IT BELIEVES IN INVESTING IN & WITH QUALIFIED PEOPLE. CLIENTS ARE KNOWN COMMUNITY MEMBERS.
- IT IS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE DEBT THROUGH EQUITY INVESTING & FINANCING. BURDEN OF DEBT IS THE WORST OF ALL BURDENS.

- A TANGIBLE ASSET MUST CHANGE HANDS. THIS INSURES THAT MONEY IS USED FOR A USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.
- IT ENCOURAGES "MICRO-LENDING" IN ORDER TO REACH THE GRASS ROOTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

- BANK & FINANCIAL INSTITUTION STAFF ARE NOT EMPLOYEES BUT
 - HUMBLE SERVANTS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND
 - TRUSTEES ON THE INVESTED ASSETS OF THE COMMUNITY.
- OVERHEAD COSTS ARE MINIMIZED BECAUSE OF STAFF'S LIFE STYLE.

- STAFF IS ENCOURAGED TO BECOME SHAREHOLDERS OF THE INSTITUTION NOT JUST EMPLOYEES.
- PROHIBITS SPECULATION AND PARTICIPATION IN UNETHICAL ACTIVITIES.
- IT REQUIRES FULL DISCLOSURE.

- IT RESPECTS MONEY. MONEY

 "RESPECTS" THOSE WHO RESPECT IT.

 IT IS DESIGNED TO KEEP COSTS TO A

 MINIMUM.
- IT NEVER DISCRIMINATES -REGARDLESS OF SKIN COLOR, RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, LANGUAGE, ETHNICITY, AND/OR GENDER

- THE OUTCOME: HIGHER RETURNS THROUGH
 - REDUCTION OF RISK
 - KNOW YOUR CLIENTS.
 - HIGHER DISPERSION OF "LOAN" PORTFOLIO.
 - CLOSER SCRUTINY BY THE COMMUNITY.
 - REDUCED BAD "LOANS".

- THE OUTCOME: HIGHER RETURNS THROUGH
- REDUCED OVERHEAD COSTS.
- REDUCED LOAN LOSSES.
- HIGHER DEPOSIT BASE.
- MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY.