

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## WELCOME TO MAMDANISTAN

New York City, America's largest, has its first Muslim mayor, Zohran Mamdani, who took the oath of office on January 1 with his hand on a Koran. On February 20, a gathering of Muslims crowded Times Square for the Tarawih prayers associated with Ramadan. When a Muslim announced they are "taking over the city," the crowd erupted in chants of "Allahu Akbar" (Great Is Allah). On X, Paul Szypula, an eyewitness, observed, "Muslims took over Times Square to pray and block movement even though they had mosques and unobtrusive places they could use. This isn't about religious freedom, it's about dominance. And Mamdani encourages it." Since 2023, mosques have been allowed



to broadcast the Islamic call to prayer on Fridays between 12:30 and 1:30 pm and during evening prayer during Ramadan. This year there have been reports of broadcasts of the dawn Adhan call at 5 am ("Reports of dawn Muslim call to prayer," *Israel365News*, Feb. 23, 2026). During Ramadan, Mamdani attended the Al-Khoei Islamic Center in Queens where the Imam chanted, "I ask Allah to send blessings upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad and to make me among those who await you [the Mahdi, the Islamic messiah], follow

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## VERMONT DROPS LGBT AFFIRMATION REQUIREMENT FOR FOSTER PARENTS

"We're thankful that common sense won out and that Vermont has changed its policy to put children's interests above divisive ideologies."

The following is excerpted from "Vermont drops," *Christianity Daily*, Feb. 26, 2026: "Vermont officials have updated foster care guidelines to remove a previous requirement that prospective parents affirm LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual] ideology. The state has also reinstated the licenses of families whose certifications were revoked due to religious objections, resolving several legal disputes. ... The Vermont Department of Children and Families has clarified that it will no longer require foster parents to provide an 'endorsement or affirmation of specific identities,' adopt the 'use of particular vocabulary, prescribed language, or preferred pronouns related to gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression' or commit to 'facilitate medical appointments or procedures related to

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you, and support you against your enemies, and among those who are martyred before you, among the ranks of your loyal ones. **Through your hands comes the relief for the believers and the killing of the infidels by your sword** (“Mamdani attends,” *World Israel News* citing MEMRI TV, Feb. 23, 2026). These are not mere words. It is a call for obedience to the Quran. In fact, Islamic jihadists killed nearly 3,000 of “the infidels” in September 2001. The 19 jihadists were not rogue Muslims; they were obedient Muslims. There are more than 100 verses in the Quran that command Muslims to spread Islam with the sword. “Kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out of whatever place from which they have driven you out for persecution. ... Fight them until you are no longer persecuted and the religion of Allah reigns absolute, but if they give up, then only fight the evil-doers” (Surah 2:191, 193).

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## 12,000 BRITS A YEAR ARRESTED OVER SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



The following is excerpted from “12,000 Brits,” *onlytrustedinfo.com*, Apr. 7, 2025: “According to figures published on Friday, officers make around 12,000 arrests annually under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 and Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988. These laws criminalize causing distress by sending messages that are ‘grossly offensive,’ or by sharing content of an ‘indecent, obscene or menacing character’ via electronic communications networks. In 2023 alone, officers from 37 police forces made 12,183 arrests--about 33 per day. *The Times* noted that this marks a 58% increase from 2019, when 7,734 such arrests were recorded. ... The statistics have sparked public outcry, with civil liberties groups accusing authorities of overpolicing the internet and undermining free speech through the use of ‘vague’ communications laws. *The Times* highlighted the case of Maxie Allen and Rosalind Levine, who were arrested on January 29 after raising concerns in a private parents’ WhatsApp group about their daughter’s school hiring process. Six uniformed officers arrived at their home, detained them in front of their youngest child, and took them to a police station. The couple was questioned on suspicion of harassment, malicious communications, and causing a nuisance on school property after the school alleged they had ‘cast aspersions’ about the chair of governors. They were fingerprinted, searched, and locked in a cell for eight hours. ‘It was hard to shake off the sense that I was living in a police state,’ Allen told the *Daily Mail*, adding that the messages contained ‘no offensive language or threat’ but were simply written in a ‘bit sarcastic’ tone.”

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# POWER NAPPING FOR GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ONE'S DAY

“How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man” (Proverbs 6:9-11). Proverbs has many warnings about sluggardism (lazing around, over sleeping, wasting time to no advantage, empty conversation, working with a slack hand, excuse making, etc.), but there is such a thing as a healthy nap that some individuals find advantageous for getting the most out of the day. Bible commentator John Phillips described his father’s habit as follows: “The secret of my father’s ability to work hard night and day was his nap. He bought, sold, and repaired cars in his own shop close to home, and he traveled away from home to preach on weekends and often during the week. He was an exceedingly good preacher and would stay up late studying, but he seemed tireless. He would rush in for his midday meal and eat it while telling my mother what he needed her to do for him. (My mother served as housewife, mother, accountant, secretary, purchasing agent, speaker at mothers’ meetings, and I don’t know what else! Truly a helpmate, she

was always available, always cheerful, always patient, and always on top of things.) Then Dad would tell us kids to be quiet and he would stretch out on the couch. Regular as clockwork, before we could count to fifty, Dad was asleep. Half an hour later he would wake up and be on his way out of the house. That half-hour nap seemed to renew all his vital forces. He never wasted a minute and lived into his late seventies” (Phillips). At one of our mini-Bible college courses at a church in Oregon a few years ago, a deacon made a plan to attend every one of the 50 sessions. “We decided we were going to be here every day, no matter what, the Lord willing. And we decided that we wanted to get as much as we could out of it. So we made a plan. So the conference starts at 3pm each weekday and we have to get here a half hour early, so we have to leave home at this time, and we have to eat lunch at this time, and I can work for this much time. So we mapped it out, made a plan, and made it work, and it worked! I fall asleep really easily if I am still, so I needed a nap, and I worked that into the plan. I found a little 20 minute spot before we left home for a nap, and it worked. The two days I didn’t get a nap, I had a hard time.”

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gender-affirming care’ as a prerequisite for obtaining a foster care license. ADF [Alliance Defending Freedom] represented two Christian couples in the litigation: Brian and Kaity Wuoti, along with Michael and Rebecca Gantt. Both families had previously lost their foster care licenses under earlier standards that mandated applicants be ‘holistically affirming and supporting’ of a child’s sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. The Wuotis and the Gantts adhere to traditional Christian teachings regarding marriage and human sexuality. In response to the settlement, the Wuotis stated: ‘We’re thankful that common sense won out and that Vermont has changed its policy to put children’s interests above divisive ideologies. We’re grateful for one more opportunity to help give children a safe and loving home.’”

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# KARL MARX THE FAMILY MAN

“Karl Marx’s life was a disaster. He had seven children by his wife, Jenny. Continuing in the shameful tradition of Descartes and Rousseau, he produced a child out of wedlock with his house maid, Helen Demuth. Eleanor his favorite daughter, married Edward Aveling, a Satanist known for his blasphemous lectures on ‘The Wickedness of God’ and for his poems to Satan. If that wasn’t horrible enough, Marx starved three of his children to death ... and the two daughters [Laura and Eleanor] who outlived him [Laura and Eleanor] committed suicide” (Kevin Swanson, *Apostate: The Men Who Destroyed the Christian West*). Laura committed suicide by taking cyanide with her husband, leaving a note ending with “Long live Communism! Long Live the international socialism!” Eleanor took cyanide after learning that her “partner of 14 years, Edward Aveling, had clandestinely married a 22-year-old actress, Eva Frye.” Marx should be called “Dr. Death.”

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## BEAVERS MASTER BUILDERS

The following is from CreationMoments.com, December 24, 2025: “Beavers are widely known for their huge constructions. However, beavers build more than just dams. The beaver is quite an engineer. When building a dam, a beaver first rams poles into the bed of his waterway. The poles are placed on an angle to increase holding power and are then rammed into the waterway bed, thick end first. This basic skeleton is then reinforced with twigs, leaves, mud and stone. It’s not unusual for the beaver to use forked branches to further anchor his construction to trees and boulders. One beaver dam was over 1,800 feet long, 9 feet high, and 18 feet wide. It was strong enough for a horse and rider to use as a natural bridge. Large trees brought down for use in construction are not dragged by the beavers to their project. Instead, beavers dig overland channels and float the trees to the main body of water where they are working. These channels can be 1,000 feet long. Our wise Creator gave so much intelligence and wisdom to the animal kingdom that often we can learn some things from the animals. Rather than supporting the idea of evolution, with its claim that there is progressively greater intelligence in higher creatures, the beaver supports the idea that the Creator is the source of all intelligence.”



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