

THE ROLES OF *MAJELIS TA'LIM* (INFORMAL GATHERING) IN ISLAMIC CHARACTER EDUCATION OF YOUNG GENERATION (A Case Study in Syuhada Mosque Yogyakarta)

ABSTRACT

This research aims to get to know the roles of *majelis ta'lim* (informal gathering) in islamic character education of young generation in Syuhada Mosque Yogyakarta, especially in studies or trainings followed by young generation. Besides that, it is also to get to know obstacle and supporting factors in the roles of *majelis ta'lim* (informal gathering).

This research used qualitative approach which the data was taken from field (field research) which was descriptive qualitative. As field research, it needed primary data; it was data that was directly taken from the research location. The data collection techniques were observation, interview, and documentation. The data was served by using descriptive qualitative method; it was displaying studied objects the way it was with qualitative statements.

The research shows that, 1. *Majelis ta'lim* (informal gathering) in Syuhada Mosque is under two non-formal institutions, they are Corps Dakwah Masjid Syuhada (CDMS) and Pendidikan Kader Masjid Syuhada (PKMS). Through any activities conducted by CDMS and PKMS, *majelis ta'lim* (informal gathering) in Syuhada Mosque reaches the goals; which are forming islamic character in young generation in order to be faithful and devoted to Allah, always clinging to the Islamic values, establishing good relationship among human beings, and forming young generation in order to be Islam cadres qualified successors. 2. The roles of *majelis ta'lim* (informal gathering) under CDMS and PKMS in forming islamic character of young generation is quite successful. It can be seen from the changes happen in young generation after following *majelis ta'lim* (informal gathering) activities. Starting from physical changes, the attitudes showing faith and awareness of the obligations as Moslems, the skill improvement of young generation relating to the skills in mosque organization, cadre, and etc. 3. The role of *majelis ta'lim* (informal gathering) conducted by CDMS and PKMS is a place for young generation to learn religious science and islamic values deeper. Besides that, the role of *majelis ta'lim* (informal gathering) is as facilitator; it gives easiness and facilitates young generation who want to learn about Islam. The next role of *majelis ta'lim* (informal gathering) is as a teacher who deepens and improves potency owned by young generation so that someday they can be qualified cadre successors.

Key words: *Majelis Ta'lim* (informal gathering), Character Education, Young Generation