



Ask Our Imam

Connecting The Creation To The Creator



Can someone in the row behind fill in the empty space in the row ahead?

QUESTION:

If during Salah a person realised that he did not have wudhu and began Salah as a Muqtadi in congregation, however, during the Salah, he realised he did not have wudhu and left the saff. Because of this, there is an empty space in the row. Can the person in the row behind walk forward?

ANSWER:

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.
As-salāmu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullāhi wa-barakātuh.

In principle, it is considered appropriate for the individual standing in the row behind to move forward and occupy the vacant space. They are allowed to walk without interruption for the length of one saff. However, if they need to walk a distance greater than one saff, it is advised for them to pause for the duration of one posture, such as the duration of rukū' or sajdah, and then proceed with their walk for the length of one saff.

And Allah Ta'ālā Knows Best

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