4571 - Ruling on transferring the money of one mosque to another

the question

There is a mosque in the USA for which money was collected and it was built, and there is a lot of money left over. In another area there is a mosque with a large Muslim community around it, and they are asking for a library, school and other facilities. Some of the people in charge of the second mosque want to take some of the money that is under the care of the people in charge of the first mosque, and would like some advice.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If the first mosque for which the money was collected has been completed and does not need the extra money, it can be used to build extra facilities for other mosques, such as libraries, washrooms, etc, as has been stated by the scholars in the book Al-Waqf, because this is in the same category as the mosque for which people donated money and it is known that the donors' aim was only to help furnish one of the houses of Allaah. So whatever is left over can be spent on a similar project. If there is no mosque that needs the money, it can be spent on providing other things that serve the Muslims' interests, such as schools, outposts, charity to the poor and so on. And Allaah is the source of strength.