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# NATIONAL CALENDAR 2016

3 January Sun	Review of 2015 Activities & Plan for 2016 Activities	Jamā'at	Local
10 January Sun	Muslims for Peace	Jamā'at	Regional/Local
17 January Sun	Tahrīk-e-Jadīd Day Jalsa and Exhibition	Jamā'at	National
22-31 January Fri-Sun	Tahrīk-e-Jadīd Pledge Taking 'Ashra	Jamā'at	National
23-24 January Sat-Sun	Parent-Murrabi Atfal Conference	Khuddām	National
24 January Sun	Siratun-Nabi Day	Jamā'at	National
30-31 January Sat-Sun	Majlis-e-Sihhat Event	Jamā'at	National
6 February Sat	National Amila Meeting	Jamā'at	National
12-14 February Fri-Sun	Anṣārullah Leadership Conference	Anṣār	National
14 February Sun	Muṣliḥ-i-Mau'ūd Day	Jamā'at	Regional/Local
20-21 February Sat-Sun	In-Person MKA National Amila	Khuddām	National
26-27 Feb Fri-Sat	National PA Seminar	Jamā'at	National
27-28 February Sat-Sun	Majlis-e-Sihhat Event	Jamā'at	National
12 March Sat	National Amila Meeting	Jamā'at	National
18-20 March Fri-Sun	Lajna Mentoring Conference	Lajna	National
27 March Sun	Masih-i-Mau'ūd Day	Jamā'at	Regional/Local
8-10 April Fri-Sun	Waqf-e-Nau Boys Trip to Jāmi'a	Jamā'at	National
9-10 April Sat-Sun	East Coast Quran Conference	Jamā'at	East Coast
16-17 April Sat-Sun	Local Qur'an Conference	Jamā'at	National
22 -24 April Fri-Sun	National Majlis-e-Shura	Jamā'at	National
30 April-3 May Sat-Tue	MKA National Ijtimā (Yosemite Park)	Khuddām	National
14-15 May Sat-Sun	Humanity First Awareness Day	Jamā'at	National
15 May Sun	All Scholarship Applications Due	Jamā'at	National
13-20 May Fri-Fri	Atfal Tarbiyat Week	Khuddām	National
22 May Sun	Khilafat Day	Jamā'at	Regional/Local
27-29 May Fri-Sun	AMMA Meeting (Medical Association) Smokey Mountains, TN		
6 June to 5 July Mon-Tue	Ramaḍān		
26 June Sun	Education Day Program	Jamā'at	Regional/Local
4 July Mon	Muslims for Loyalty	Jamā'at	National
6 July Wed	Eid-ul-Fitr		
9 July Sat	National Amila Meeting	Jamā'at	National
13-17 July Wed-Sun	National Atfal Ijtema and Rally	Khuddām	National
15-17 July Fri-Sun	Spiritual Fitness	Jamā'at	National
15-22 July Fri-Fri	National Waqifāt-e-Nau Camp	Jamā'at	National
22-28 July Fri-Thu	Waqf-e-Nau Boys Jāmi'a Orientation	Jamā'at	National
29-31 July Fri-Sun	JALSA SALANA USA		
31 July – 13 August Sun-Sat	Hifz Class	Jamā'at	National
7 August Sun	Education Day Program	Jamā'at	Regional/Local
12-14 August Fri- Sun	JALSA SALANA UK		
19-21 August Fri-Sun	Spiritual Fitness	Jamā'at	National
28 August Sun	Tahrīk-e-Jadīd Day Jalsa & Exhibition	Jamā'at	National
2-4 September Fri-Sun	JALSA SALANA GERMANY		
3-5 September Sat-Mon	T20 Cricket Tournament (Willingboro)	Khuddām	National
12 September Mon	Eid-ul-Aḍḥā		
16-18 September Fri-Sun	MKA National Shura (Silver Spring)	Khuddām	National
23-25 September Fri-Sun	Anṣārullah Ijtimā	Anṣār	National
23-30 September Fri-Fri	Tahrīk-e-Jadīd 'Ashra Waṣūlī (Ten Days of Receipts)	Jamā'at	National
24 September Sat	National Amila Meeting	Jamā'at	National
24-25 September Sat-Sun	MKA Walk-a-thons (Various Majlis)	Khuddām	National
30 September-2 October Fri-Sun	Lajna East Coast Ijtimā	Lajna	National
7-9 October Fri-Sun	JALSA SALANA CANADA		
15-16 October Sat-Sun	Masroor Int. Sports (MIST) Basketball Soccer Tournament	Khuddām	National
21-23 October Fri-Sun	Lajna Majlis-e-Shura	Jamā'at	National
29-30 October Sat-Sun	Local Qur'an Conference	Jamā'at	National
6 November Sun	Religious Founders Day	Jamā'at	Regional/Local
12-13 November Sat-Sun	MKA, Fazl-e-Umar Qa'ideen Conference	Khuddām	National
18-20 November Fri-Sun	Miami International Book Fair	Jamā'at	National
26 November Sat	Humanity First 4th National Telethon	Jamā'at	National
2 December Fri	National Amila Meeting	Jamā'at	National
3-4 December Sat-Sun	Presidents Refresher Course	Jamā'at	National
11 December Sun	Seerat-un-Nabi Day	Jamā'at	Regional/Local
23-25 December Fri-Sun	West Coast Jalsa Salana		

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sa/s:	Ṣallallāhu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam (peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him)
as/a:	'Alaihis-Salām (may peace be upon him)
ra:	Raḍiyallāhu 'Anhu/'Anha (may Allāh be pleased with him/her)
rh:	Raḥimullāhu Ta'ālā (may Allāh shower His mercy on him)
aba:	Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ālā Bi-Naṣrihil-'Azīz (may Allāh support him with His mighty help)

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## The Importance of Financial Sacrifice

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ يَوْمٌ لَا بَيْعٌ فِيهِ وَلَا خُلَّةٌ وَلَا شَفَاعَةٌ ط

وَالْكَافِرُونَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٢٥٥﴾

O ye who believe! Spend out of what We have bestowed on you before the day comes wherein there shall be no buying and selling, nor friendship, nor intercession, and it is those who disbelieve that do wrong to themselves. (2 [Al-Baqarah]:255)

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَتَتْ سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنبُلَةٍ مِائَةُ حَبَّةٍ ط

وَاللَّهُ يُضِعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ط وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦٢﴾

The similitude of those who spend their wealth for the cause of Allah is like the similitude of a grain of corn which grows seven ears, in each ear a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies it further for whomsoever He pleases; and Allah is Bountiful, All-Knowing. (2 [Al-Baqarah] : 262)

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ع

وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٢٧٢﴾

Those who spend their wealth by night and day, secretly and openly, have their reward with their Lord; on them shall come no fear, nor shall they grieve. (2 [Al-Baqarah] : 275)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ يَوْمٌ لَا بَيْعٌ فِيهِ وَلَا خُلَّةٌ وَلَا شَفَاعَةٌ ط

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لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ ط وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٩٣﴾

Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allah surely knows it well. (3 [Āl 'Imrān]: 93)

وَمَا لَكُمْ أَلَّا تُنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلِلَّهِ مِيرَاثُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ط لَا يَسْتَوِي مِنْكُمْ مَن أَنْفَقَ مِنْ قَبْلِ

الْفَتْحِ وَقَتْلَ ط أُولَئِكَ أَعْظَمُ دَرَجَةً مِنَ الَّذِينَ أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ وَقَتْلُوا ط وَكُلًّا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحُسْنَى ط

وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضِعِفَهُ لَهُ وَلَهُ أَجْرٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿١٢﴾

And why is it that you spend not in the way of Allah, while to Allah belongs the heritage of the heavens and the earth? Those of you who spent and fought before the Victory are not equal to those who did so later. They are greater in rank than those who spent and fought afterwards. And to all has Allah promised good. And Allah is Well-Aware of what you do. Who is he that will lend to Allah a goodly loan? So He will increase it manifold for him, and he will have a generous reward. (57 [Al-Hadid]:11-12)

(Please find Urdu equivalent on the Urdu side.)

Sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad

Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him

## About Financial Sacrifice

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ يَلْعُوبُ بِهِ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَا بَنِي آدَمَ أَنْفِقْ أَنْفِقْ عَلَيْكَ۔۔۔

(صحيح مسلم كتاب الزكاة)

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as stating that Allah, the Almighty, says: "Spend (with an open heart), Allah will spend upon thee." (Muslim, Book on Zakāt)

مَنْ أَنْفَقَ نَفَقَةً فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كُتِبَ لَهُ سَبْعُ مِائَةٍ ضِعْفٍ۔

(ترمذی باب فضل النفقة في سبيل الله)

Whoever spends anything in the cause of Allah is rewarded seven hundred times more. (Tirmidhi, Chapter on the excellence of spending in the way of Allah)

السَّخِيُّ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ النَّاسِ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ الْجَنَّةِ بَعِيدٌ مِّنَ النَّارِ وَالْبَخِيلُ بَعِيدٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى بَعِيدٌ مِّنَ النَّاسِ بَعِيدٌ مِّنَ الْجَنَّةِ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ النَّارِ وَالْجَاهِلُ السَّخِيُّ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى مِنَ الْعَابِدِ الْبَخِيلِ۔

(تفسيرية - الجود والسخاء)

A generous one is nearer to Allah, nearer to people, nearer to paradise and farther away from hell, but the miser is farther from Allah, farther from people, farther from paradise and nearer to hell. Indeed, an ignorant one who is generous is dearer to Allah than worshiper who is miserly. (Qushiriyah, Al-Jūd Wal-Sakhā)

عَنْ أَسْمَاءَ بِنْتِ أَبِي بَكْرٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا أَنَّهَا جَاءَتْ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ

لَا تُوَعِي فَيُوَعِيَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ إِنْ ضَعَيْتَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتَ۔

(صحيح بخاری كتاب الزكاة)

Asma' bint Abu Bakr reported Allah's Messenger as saying, "Do not calculate when spending in the way of Allah, or Allah will give you in the same manner, but spend as much as you can." (Bukhārī, Book on Zakāt)

(Please see Urdu equivalent in the Urdu section).

## On the Excellence of Brushing of Teeth

Cleaning our teeth is not only a great virtue but is highly stressed by our Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Here are a few of his sayings that are self-explanatory and shed light on its significance.

عن أبي هريرة أَنَّ رسول الله قَالَ : « لَوْلَا أَنْ أُشَقِّ عَلَى أُمَّتِي - أَوْ عَلَى النَّاسِ - لَأَمَرْتُهُمْ بِالسَّوَاكِ مَعَ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ »

1201. Abu Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet said: Did I not apprehend that it would be burdensome on my people (or on people) I would prescribe the brushing of teeth before every Prayer (Bokhari and Muslim).

عن حُذَيْفَةَ قَالَ : كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِذَا قَامَ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ يَشُورُ فَاهُ بِالسَّوَاكِ .

1202. Huzaifah relates that when the Holy Prophet woke up from sleep he brushed his teeth (Bokhari and Muslim).

عن عائشة رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا قَالَتْ : كُنَّا نَعِدُّ لِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ سَوَاكُهُ وَطُهُورُهُ فَيَبْعَثُهُ اللَّهُ مَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَبْعَثَهُ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَيَتَسَوَّكُ وَيَتَوَضَّأُ وَيُصَلِّي .

1203. Ayesha relates: We used to prepare for the Holy Prophet his toothbrush and the water for his ablutions so that whenever Allah awakened him during the night he could brush his teeth and make his ablutions and offer Prayer (Muslim).

عن أنس قال : قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ : « أَكْثَرْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي السَّوَاكِ » .

1204. Anas relates that the Holy Prophet said: I have impressed upon you repeatedly the importance of brushing your teeth (Bokhari).

عن شريح بن هانئٍ قَالَ : قُلْتُ لِعَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا : بَأَيِّ شَيْءٍ كَانَ يَبْدَأُ النَّبِيُّ إِذَا دَخَلَ بَيْتَهُ قَالَتْ : بِالسَّوَاكِ .

1205. Shuraih ibn Hani relates: I asked Ayesha what is the first thing that the Holy Prophet did upon entering his house? She answered: He brushed his teeth (Muslim).

عن أبي موسى الأشعري قال : دَخَلْتُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ وَطَرَفُ السَّوَاكِ عَلَى لِسَانِهِ .

1206. Abu Musa Ash'ari relates I went to the Holy Prophet and noticed a bit of the bark of his toothbrush on his tongue (Bokhari and Muslim).

عن عائشة رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ قَالَ : « السَّوَاكُ مَظْهَرَةٌ لِلْفَمِ مَرْضَاءٌ لِلرَّبِّ »

1207. Ayesha relates that the Holy Prophet said: Brushing the teeth purifies the mouth and is agreeable to the Lord (Nisai and Ibn Khuzaimah).

(English translation from Gardens of the Righteous, Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, Section 214, London, 1975, p 208-209)

إِنَّ أَفْوَاهَكُمْ طُرُقٌ لِلْقُرْآنِ فَطَيِّبُوهَا بِالسَّوَاكِ

Qur'ān flows through your mouths so clean them with toothbrushes. (Sunan Ibn Mājah, Book on Cleanliness and the way of the Prophet)

(Anwer M. Khan, Secretary Tahrik Jadid. USA.)

## Regarding Financial Sacrifice

### The necessity and importance of spending in the way of Allah

The revival of Islam requires a sacrifice from us. What is that sacrifice? It is to die striving in this path, upon which the life of Islam, the life of Muslims, and the manifestation of Allah depends. This, in other words, is Islam. It is the revival of this Islam which Allah today desires. To attain this objective, it was necessary that He should Himself establish a great and effective system; and this is what the Wise and Mighty has done by sending me into this world for reform of mankind. He has divided this task of supporting the truth and the propagation of Islam into several branches. (Fath-e-Islam, Rūḥānī Khazā'in, Volume 3, p. 10-12)

### This time will not return

It is now time for all those who count themselves among my followers, that they should help this Movement with their money. If someone can only afford one paisa, he should pay one paisa each month for the requirements of the movement; he who can afford a rupee should offer a rupee each month... Everyone who has accepted the Bai'at should help according to his means, so that Allah too should help them. If the assistance is received regularly every month, even if it is minor, it is better than that which is made upon impulse after a long time of negligence. Every person's sincerity can only be judged by the service he offers. O my dear ones! This is the time for helping the faith and fulfilling its requirements. Make use of it, for this time will never return. (Kashtī-e-Nūḥ, Rūḥānī Khazā'in, Volume 19, p. 83)

### Spending in the way of Allah will prolong your lives

If you perform righteous deeds and do some service at this time, you will set the seal upon your sincerity. You will live longer and your wealth will increase. (Tablīgh-e-Risālat, Volume 10, p. 56)

### Spend in the way of Allah out of that which you love

The door to piety is a narrow one. So remember that no one can enter it by spending useless and worthless things. The clear injunction is: *'You can never attain righteousness until you spend out of that which you love.'* (Āl 'Imrān 3:93) Until you spend the things, which you love and are dear to you, you cannot attain the stage of being loved. If you are not ready to bear suffering and to acquire true piety, how can you expect to succeed? Did the disciples gain their station without doing anything? Just look at how one has to work and toil in order to gain a worldly title, even though it does not give true peace and satisfaction. Then how is it possible for the title of *'may Allah be pleased with him'* to be acquired with no difficulty. The truth is that it is not possible to gain the pleasure of Allah—which is a source of true happiness—until one does not bear momentary hardships. Allah cannot be deceived. Happy are those who care not for pain in order to attain His pleasure, for it is only after temporary suffering that the believer is granted the light of eternal joy and everlasting comfort. (Report Jalsa Sālāna 1897, Tafsīr Ḥaḍrat Masīḥ Mau'ūd, Volume 2, p. 131)

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# Khilāfat News and Announcements

**Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad says  
world should view Islam through “lens of justice, rather than lens of prejudice”**



On 9 May 2016, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered the keynote address at a special reception held in his honor at the *Hilton Hotel* in Copenhagen, Denmark.

More than 125 politicians, academics and community leaders attended the historic event, including H.E. Mr. Bertel Haarder, *Minister for Cultural Affairs and Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs*.

During his keynote address, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke about the peaceful objectives of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and the claim of its *Founder*, His Holiness, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (*peace be upon him*).

His Holiness refuted the allegation that Islam was spread by the sword and used *Qur'anic* references to prove that Islam advocates universal religious freedom and tolerance. His Holiness also addressed the issue of freedom of expression and the refugee crisis afflicting Europe.

A number of dignitaries also took to the stage to welcome Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad to Denmark and to express their support for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad began the keynote address by outlining the primary objectives of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a sect within Islam whose purpose and objectives are extremely clear. We seek to bring mankind towards its Creator - God Almighty. We seek to draw the attention of all people towards their responsibilities to their fellow man and the need to treat one another with love, compassion and respect. And we desire and seek to establish true and long-lasting peace in the world.”

Addressing the concept of *Jihad* in early Islam, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“A charge that is often leveled at Islam is that it was spread violently by the sword. This allegation is completely unfounded and indeed nothing could be further from the truth. All of the wars fought during the life of the Holy Prophet (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) and the four rightly guided Caliphs who succeeded him, were entirely defensive in nature, where war had been forced upon them.”

Referring to the false portrayal of the Holy Prophet of Islam (*peace be upon him*) amongst segments of the non-Muslim world, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Even here in Denmark, some years ago, there were cartoons printed that sought to ridicule the Founder of Islam (*peace and*

blessings of Allah be upon him) and to portray him, God forbid, as an imperialistic leader and belligerent warmonger. This unjust portrayal of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) defies history and defies the truth. The

reality was that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was forever enslaved by his determination to establish peace and the rights of humanity.”



Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“If one reads the Holy Quran and assesses the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) through a lens of justice, rather than through a lens of prejudice, they will soon realize that Islam is a religion of peace. They will realize that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) desired peace with every fiber of his being.”

The *Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community* stated that during the era of the Holy Prophet (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) and his four *rightly guided successors (Caliphs)* the rights of *all* people were protected regardless of religion or belief.



Citing the period of Ḥaḍrat Umar, the Second Khalifa (Caliph) of Islam, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad informed that the Christians of Syria preferred to live under Muslim rule as opposed to the Roman Empire, knowing full well that Muslims would uphold and protect their rights.

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad also spoke of how the Holy Prophet of Islam (*peace and blessings of Allah be upon him*) once rebuked a very close companion for offending the feelings of a Jew by claiming that the *Founder of Islam* was of a higher status to the Prophet Moses (*peace be upon him*).

Referring to this incident, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“This teaching of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was extremely profound and the basis for establishing peace between the people of different faiths and beliefs. However today, we see that in the name of freedom of expression, prophets and saintly figures are routinely mocked and ridiculed, even though there are millions of people who follow their teachings and who cannot bear to see them derided in this manner.”

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“If we truly desire peace in the world, we need to think of the consequences of our words and deeds. We need to be respectful of the beliefs and values of others. This is the way to break down barriers and to knock down the walls of enmity and resentment that have been erected in so many parts of the world.”

During his address, His Holiness condemned all forms of terrorism and extremism as **“hateful and wicked”** and said that such acts had no link whatsoever to Islam’s teachings. His Holiness also condemned certain non-Muslim powers for adopting **“unjust acts and policies”**.

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Today, we are living at a time of increasing instability and uncertainty and so every person, in every part of the world, needs to take individual responsibility towards establishing peace. Conflicts continue to ignite and burn throughout the world and so let us not be in any doubt that the shadow of a fateful war looms before us.”

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“Alliances and blocs are rapidly forming before our eyes and so it is my grave fear that we are charging madly towards a calamitous Third World War without pause for thought.”

Addressing the refugee crisis facing Europe, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“These days there is increasing fear and trepidation amongst the people of Europe due to the fact that so many refugees have entered this Continent over the past year.”

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“The truth is that no single country, and in fact no continent, has the capability to absorb the millions of people who are fleeing their war-torn countries. Thus the only solution is to formulate a genuine framework for peace in their countries of origin and to try and bring an end to the cruelty in their homelands.”

Concluding, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“May we soon emerge from the bitter conflicts of today to a better and brighter future in which all nations and all groups are able to

live side by side and in which a spirit of love, compassion and humanity prevails.”



Earlier in the evening a welcome address was given by the *National President* of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Denmark, Mr. Zakaria Khan, followed by various guests speeches. Hon. Holger Schou Rasmussen, *Mayor of Lolland*, said:

“As the Mayor of the constituency of Lolland it is a great honor to welcome Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad to Denmark. It is always important to support those religious voices that speak of peace, tolerance and charity.”

Hon. Ulla Sandbaek, *Member of Parliament* said:

“Your Holiness, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad is the voice in Islam who is talking about peace, talking about love, talking about unity. I have come here tonight to be inspired by your words so that I can carry them out in the world and make my small contribution to world peace.”



Hon. Jan Messman, *Member of Parliament* said:

“I hope we will stay together in harmony and love. Love for All, Hatred for None!”

Hon. Josephine Fock, *Member of Parliament* said:

“I very much respect His Holiness (Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad) for the way in which he promotes dialogue, peace, separation of religion and state and freedom of expression.”

Hon. Bertel Haarder, Minister for Cultural Affairs and Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs said:

“I would like to say that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is special in the way that all

of your members are very well integrated into our Danish society. For the last 50 years we have enjoyed a history of peaceful and harmonic co-existence with you.”



The event concluded with a silent prayer led by His Holiness, Haqrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. Both prior to

and after the event, His Holiness personally met with various dignitaries and guests.

### If we want peace we should value and prioritize giving rights to other people



On 11 May 2016, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness, Haqrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad was interviewed by the *Sydsvenskan* newspaper at the Mahmood Mosque in Malmo, Sweden.

Upon being asked about the newly built Mahmood Mosque, Haqrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“When I last came here (in 2005) this was just a***

***large empty field and now we have built a beautiful Mosque at this location. Whenever we are able to build a new Mosque, I become emotional that there is another place for us to join together and to bow down before Allah the Almighty.”***

Asked about his concerns about the world’s peace and security, Haqrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“If we want peace we should value and prioritise giving rights to other people, rather than demanding our own rights. This is the key to peace and to ending the conflicts in the world.”***

Upon being asked if he had met Pope Francis, Haqrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“I have not yet met him but I have liked and appreciated a number of things he has said since he was elected.”***

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### Governments should take firm measures to root out terrorism and extremism

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Upon being asked about the rise of terrorism and youth radicalization, Haqrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“I have been warning for a long time that Governments should take firm measures to root out terrorism and extremism. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community considers all forms of extremism to be completely against the teachings of Islam. The truth is that Islam is a religion of love and peace.”



Speaking about the concept of *Jihad*, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Of course, everyone has the right to propagate their faith but only through peaceful means. The use of the sword and force cannot be justified in this era and is completely against the

teachings of Islam. The Holy Quran clearly states that there should be no compulsion in matters of religion.”

Asked if he could travel to Pakistan, His Holiness said that it would not be possible for him to conduct his duties in Pakistan because Ahmadi Muslims have been declared non-Muslim in Pakistan and are not permitted to practice their faith with any freedom.

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“If I visit Pakistan what will I do? Each week Ahmadi Muslims from all around the world listen to my weekly sermon but in Pakistan I would not be permitted to deliver it. In Pakistan, I am not permitted by law to even call myself a Muslim or to lead prayers or to preach our message of Islam.

## Address at the Inauguration of Mahmood Mosque Malmo, Sweden



On 14 May 2016, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered the keynote address at a special reception held to mark the inauguration of the *Mahmood Mosque (Mosque of the Praiseworthy)* in Malmo, Sweden.

The Mosque, which is the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's second Mosque in Sweden, was officially opened a day earlier when His Holiness delivered his weekly *Friday Sermon*. Over 80 dignitaries and guests, including the Malmo's City Council Chairman attended the lunchtime reception.



During his address, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke in detail about the true purposes of a Mosque; he

condemned all forms of terrorism and extremism and spoke about the humanitarian work being conducted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in various parts of the world.



Speaking about Mosques misused to spread extremism or to radicalize, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Any Mosque from where evil is spread does not have any place in Islam. The Quran is very clear that Mosques built with ill-intent should be knocked down.”

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“Some of the extremist Muslim groups have now also penetrated Europe and their members are living in these countries and posing a grave threat to the peace and well-being of this Continent. What they are doing has nothing to do with the true teachings of Islam and so all of us who desire peace must stand up and unite against these dark forces that seek to divide mankind.”

In contrast, His Holiness said that Mosques built by the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community were true ‘*Houses of Peace*’ in which people gathered together to worship God Almighty.

Referring to the *Mahmood Mosque* in Malmo, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“It is quite natural to fear the unknown and so the neighbors may well be concerned that the peace and security of their hometown may be disturbed now that this Mosque has been opened. However, based on the Islam that I know and follow, let me reassure you that this Mosque will prove itself to be a fountain of peace, from which only everlasting springs of love and compassion will gush forth.”



Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“A basic purpose of a Mosque is to serve as a place for Muslims to offer their prayers and in Arabic the word for prayer is ‘Aṣ-Ṣalāt’ which in essence means ‘compassion, love and mercy’. Consequently, a Muslim who offers his prayers with sincerity is a person who is kind, caring and merciful and he or she is a person who strives to stay away from immorality, illegal activity and all forms of evil.”

His Holiness said that Ahmadi Muslims were committed to building Mosques throughout the world and that wherever they were built they were soon welcomed by the wider society.



Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“We have built thousands of Mosques globally and we have always seen that the fears of the local people soon eradicate when they get to know us and they come to value, appreciate and welcome us as an integral part of the society. Any initial fears quickly dissipate and instead our neighbors come to cherish our presence and the message of peace that reverberates in all directions from our Mosques.”



The Khalifa also mentioned how the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community was providing a range of humanitarian services, including healthcare and education to people living in the most deprived parts of the world.



His Holiness said that all such services were provided irrespective of a person’s faith or background and also informed that the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community was engaged in projects aimed at providing running water to people living in destitution and poverty.

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Living here in the West, where our water taps and showers are constantly flowing, it is incredibly difficult to comprehend the true value of water. It is only when you visit the most isolated parts of Africa and you see with your

own eyes young children walking many kilometers each day in order to fill water basins, which they then balance on their heads and bring home, that you realize just what a precious commodity water really is.”

Regarding the teachings of the *Founder* of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“We Ahmadi Muslims believe our Founder to be the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi. Brandishing only a spiritual torch, he shined an eternal light upon Islam’s glorious and everlasting teachings.”

Concluding, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“We must make every effort to engender peace, so that we do not bequeath upon our children the gift of a broken and tormented world. Rather, we must ensure that we leave behind a legacy of a peaceful and prosperous world for our future generations to live in.”

Earlier, a range of dignitaries also addressed the audience, including a welcome address by the National

President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Sweden, Mr. Mamoon-ur-Rashid.



Chairman City Council Malmo, Kent Andersson said:

“Today is a historic day with the opening of the Mahmood Mosque here in Malmo.”

Professor Catarina Kinnvall, Lund University said:

“Your message is of ‘Love for All, Hatred for None’ which is the message of Ahmadiyya is a message that you stand for in the defense of education, equality, tolerance, secular laws and religious freedom.”

The event concluded with a silent prayer led by Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad and later His Holiness personally met with the non-Ahmadi guests.

**Delicate issue of absorbing refugees must be handled with extreme caution and care**



On 17 May 2016, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness, Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivered the keynote address at a special reception held to mark his first ever visit to Sweden's capital, Stockholm.

Over 60 dignitaries and guests, including various Members of Parliament attended the evening reception, which took place at the *Sheraton Hotel* in Stockholm city center.



During his address, Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke in detail about the refugee crisis that has caused uncertainty and instability to spread in Europe during the past year.

Whilst praising the Swedish Government for its “generosity” in accepting tens of thousands of refugees, His Holiness said it was essential that the refugees remained loyal to their adopted nations and sought to contribute to society as soon as possible. His Holiness also called on the *United Nations* and major world powers to act with justice and to strive for true and long-lasting peace in the world.

Speaking about the sudden influx of refugees into Europe from Syria and Iraq, Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“The refugees escaped their previous lives in the search of peace, and so now having been granted shelter and security here, it is incumbent upon them to live here peacefully and to abide by the laws of the land. All immigrants should remain entirely faithful to their adopted nation and should use all of their abilities to help their country advance and prosper.”

His Holiness said that refugees should not be given preferential treatment over local citizens as this could lead to resentment and frustration amongst the wider society.

Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“The Swedish people have long been known for their generosity and open-hearts but any discrimination against them could trigger a change in attitude that would undermine and

threaten the peace of society. Instead of reaping the positive effects of integration and immigration, it could lead to a rise in conflict and hatred.”



Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“Absorbing so many refugees is a very delicate issue and must be handled with extreme caution and care because if there is any resentment on the part of the local people it could lead to an extremely dangerous chain reaction. The local citizens could become hostile to the refugees and in turn this could lead to the marginalization of the immigrant population and that sense of isolation could leave some refugees vulnerable to radicalization by extremists. If, God forbid, such extremists were able to radicalize even just a few people it would gravely threaten and undermine this nation's peace, security and prosperity.”

His Holiness also called on Muslim clerics to play a responsible role in guiding refugees about Islam's true teachings.

Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Islam requires Muslims to love their country, to be loyal to it and to abide by the laws of the land. This is the message that Imams and Muslim clerics should be voicing to all of the Muslim refugees who are coming to the West. They should be reminded that they have been given a second lease of life and the opportunity to raise their children in a country that is free from war and disorder and so it is incumbent upon them to value and cherish their new home.”

Later in his address, His Holiness quoted extensively from the Holy Quran to refute allegations that Islam permitted any form of extremism or compulsion in matters of religion.

His Holiness also quoted *chapter 23, verse 9* of the Holy Quran, which calls on people to fulfill their pledges and trusts. His Holiness said that he considered this to be a “universal principle” for all people and nations.

Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“All governments and international institutions have huge trusts placed in them and

it is the duty of their leaders to ensure that they fulfill them with honesty, integrity and justice. It is the responsibility of governments and politicians to serve their people and to protect the future of their nations and they should never take this burden lightly.”



Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“The primary objectives laid out in the Charter of the United Nations are “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war”, “to live together in peace” and “to maintain international peace and security”. The UN Charter specifically states that its objectives are underpinned by a desire to save mankind from the mistakes that led to the two World Wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Having undertaken this huge responsibility, the United Nations must seek to fulfill its noble objectives and truly value the peace of the world as the most significant issue of our time.”

His Holiness concluded by reiterating his fears that the world was moving away from God Almighty and closer to a destructive world war.



Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“The consequences of a (world) war do not even bear thinking about. The question we should all ask ourselves is whether we desire to leave behind a better world for our children and future generations to live in? Or do we wish to hand over a legacy of warfare, bloodshed and untold sorrow and grief?”



Earlier in the evening a welcome address was given by the *National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Sweden*, Mr. Mamoon-ur-Rashid, followed by guest remarks from Swedish Parliamentarians.



Hillevi Larsson, *MP, Social Democrats* said:

“I do not understand why members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community are attacked because you spread a message of peace. For instance in 2010, 86 Ahmadi Muslims were killed in Lahore. What impresses me the most is that you never take revenge. The more hatred you face, the more love you give. The more war, the more peace you bring.”

Valter Mutt, *MP, Green Party* said:

“With peace everything is possible but without peace nothing is possible. You, Ahmadi Muslims do not only talk about peace, as some politicians do, but you are really working towards it.”

Bengt Eliasson, *MP, Liberal Party* said:

“Let us mark this evening in the name of peace, understanding, democracy and equality. I thank the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for this chance to join in the course of peace and understanding.”

The event concluded with a silent prayer led by Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad and later His Holiness personally met with the guests.

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## Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Concludes Scandinavia Tour



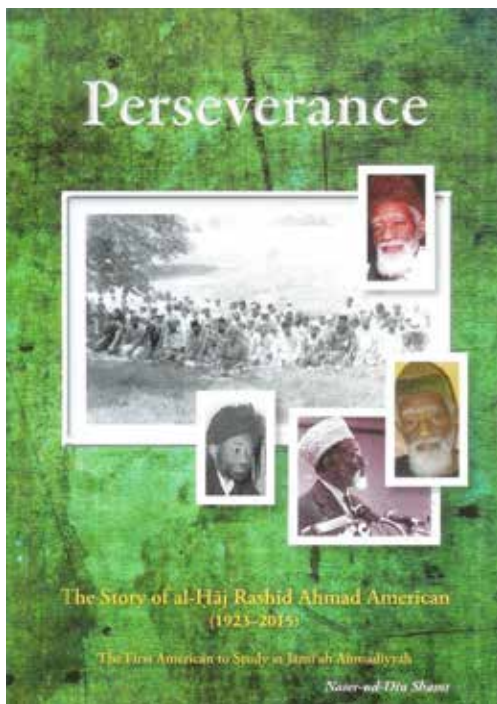
On 23 May 2016, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His

Holiness, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad returned to London after a 19-day visit to Denmark and Sweden.

After leading a silent prayer, His Holiness departed from the *Nasir Mosque* in Gothenburg at 9 am, where local Ahmadi Muslims had gathered to see him off.

Following a short flight, His Holiness returned to London and arrived at *the Fazl Mosque* in London at 1.40 pm where he was greeted by Ahmadi Muslim men, women and children all delighted to see their spiritual leader return.

During his visit, His Holiness inaugurated the Mahmood Mosque in Malmo; addressed special receptions held in Copenhagen, Malmo and Stockholm; held numerous media interviews and held various meetings with dignitaries and politicians, as well as meeting hundreds of Ahmadi Muslims.



Having no place to stay, I would routinely show up at the Mosque for the daily Fajr prayers at 4:30 am.

Quite frequently, my knocking on the door would earn me the blessings of waking up the others for prayers, and on the occasions that no one answered the door, I would offer my prayers on the Mosque porch alone.

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## Friday Sermon 6 May 2016 at Nusrat Jahān Mosque, Copenhagen, Denmark

**Sayings of the Promised Messiah regarding the firmness of one's faith, practical reformation, true piety, and the bright future of the Jamā'at.**

**It is God's will to demonstrate before the world an example of clean and pious life, and it is for this purpose that He created this Jamā'at.**

**If a person does not find in his heart overwhelming sympathy for his fellow human beings, then he is a miser. Always watch over your faith and your actions.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The last time that I came here was eleven years ago. Those who were children at that time have now grown up and some have themselves become parents. In this country, too, God has greatly blessed the Jamā'at. If your numbers have increased, your earnings have increased, and God has enabled the Jamā'at to construct more buildings, we should be grateful to Him. We have to think like true believers and see whether or not we are following Allāh's commandments. Allāh blessed your forefathers with the opportunity to accept Ahmadiyya and it was on account of their good deeds that Allāh has blessed you. In order to continue receiving these blessings, it is important to grow in virtue and reform ourselves. If we stand still and cease to pay heed to our religious teachings, then we will be leading our future generations away from the faith. Likewise, new Ahmadi's should consider whether they have grown stronger in their faith and have improved their practical condition. Those who have migrated to these developed countries should ask themselves whether their better circumstances have driven them away from their faith?

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that in these tumultuous times when the winds of misguidance, heedlessness and falsehood are blowing, it is essential for our Jamā'at to grow in Taqwā. True piety has disappeared and true faith has vanished, and hearts are empty of faith and good deeds. God has sent me so that I may revive these qualities. God wishes to create a new nation of living people. Hence we should strive for a virtuous life.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that Allāh has commanded us to show compassion when dealing with our fellow human beings, but there are many who instead usurp others' rights and have no control over their passions. Everyone can realize to what extent this is true of him or her.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that guidance and striving is dependent upon Taqwā. For those who fear God and seek His path, God Himself takes hold of their hand and shows them the way and grants them contentment, but they must first cleanse their hearts so that no thought of idolatry or false innovations comes near them.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that some people are openly engrossed in shameless activities and live lives of sin and depravity. And there are some whose actions have an element of uncleanness, while others are involved in small transgressions. God has now decided to show the world an example of a life of piety and cleanliness and for this purpose He has created this Jamā'at. He desires cleanliness and it was His will to create a holy Jamā'at.

Drawing our attention to improving our morals, being firmly established on virtue and giving up vices, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that one who shows his neighbor the difference in his character (after entering this Jamā'at) and shows the difference between what he was before and what he is now, such a person in fact shows a miracle. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that just as a disobedient son is a source of shame for the father, in the same way when a person joins this Jamā'at and does not pay heed to its honor and prestige and goes against it, he is sure to be apprehended by God. Therefore, as far as it lies in your power, you should seek help from Allāh and put in all your effort to get rid of your weaknesses and pray for this to come about. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that one who does not have overwhelming sympathy for one's fellow beings is a miser.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) reminded the office bearers to fulfill their obligations honestly and truthfully. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

says: Read my teachings and read the Holy Qur'an and act accordingly. Scrutinize your faith and your actions. In faith, the state of anguish and fervor is like a seed; the shunning of frivolous things is like the sprouting of soft verdure; the giving of one's wealth as Zakāt results in the strengthening of the branches; the overcoming one's carnal desires strengthens these branches; and when one safeguards one's pledges and trusts, the tree of faith stands firm on its trunk and God showers His blessings

and bounties upon such a person. Therefore, we need to inculcate piety.

Regarding the bright future of the Jamā'at, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says the time is near when God will reveal the truth of this Jamā'at even more brightly than the sun. May Allāh enable us to strengthen our faith and show the world the path of righteousness by reforming our own conduct.

## Friday Sermon 13 May 2016 at Mahmood Mosque Malmö, Sweden

**The opening of the Mahmood Mosque in Sweden. The true beauty of this mosque lies in the sincerity of the devotees who worship in it.**

**Once we have set up a mosque in a town or village, we can rest assured that the foundation has been laid for the progress of the Jamā'at in that area.**

**Let us end our mutual quarrels and ill will. Instead of indulging in selfishness, we should foster unity and fraternity.**

After reciting verses 18 of Sūrah Al-Taubah and verse 42 of Sūrah Al-Hajj, which are translated as follows:

Verily, he alone is worthy of maintaining the Mosques of Allāh who believes in Allāh, and the Last Day, and observes Prayer, and pays the Zakāt, and fears none but Allāh; so these it is who are far more likely to be counted among the guided. (9:18)

Those who, if We establish them in the earth, will observe Prayer and pay the Zakāt and enjoin good and forbid evil. And with Allāh rests the final issue of all affairs. (22:42)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today, by the grace of Allāh, Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya Sweden has completed its second mosque. For this small Jamā'at this was a grand project and men, women and children have set high standards of giving priority to their faith over the world. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the construction of the mosque, along with a two-bedroom accommodation, offices and a library has cost 37.5 million krona, or 3.2 million pound sterling. There is also a mission house and a kitchen, while the hall is still being completed. The management thinks this will cost a further 8 to 10 million krona. Huzoor (may Allāh be his Helper) said that volunteers have and are continuing to work day and night on this project. May Allāh bless them as well as those who have made financial sacrifices.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is a beautiful mosque, which is being praised by local people and the media. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave some examples of the selfless spirit and the fervor and passion shown by big and small alike.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that this project started in 1999. This site is situated on a hillock and is quite prominent. The main highway, which links Norway and Sweden to Europe and also links, the major

cities of Norway and Sweden passes nearby. My Allāh enable us to fulfill the obligation this mosque places on us and may it forever be a means of spreading the message of God's oneness. The mosque complex is 2,353 square meter and consists of five buildings. There are separate prayer halls for men and women. Each of the halls can accommodate up to 500 worshippers. The sports hall can accommodate an additional 700. Thus the total number of worshippers who can pray at one time is 1700.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is the duty of the members of the Jamā'at to increase their numbers. They should try to remove the misunderstanding people have about Islam and invite them to Tauḥīd and bring them closer to God. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that our Jamā'at is in great need of mosques. When a mosque of our Jamā'at is built in a village or a city, it should be considered that the foundation for progress of Jamā'at is laid. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says there is much good in unity and solidarity, while division causes discord.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that we should foster cooperation, unity and mutual love. We should overlook trivial disputes and put an end to mutual contention and bias. Instead of focusing on our selfish desires, we should try to win Allah's pleasure. The reason why prayer with congregation deserves greater merit is because it fosters unity and the spiritual light of one-believer transfers onto others.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that the true beauty of mosques lies not in their buildings but in the worshippers who pray with devotion. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that now that the mosque has been built, our real duty has begun and we have to offer our prayers as we have been commanded. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that as gratitude for the completion of this mosque we have to be more loving

and kind towards one another and become exemplars of the true teachings of Islām.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the first verse I recited says that the true purpose of building a mosque is to have faith in God, and this faith is only perfected when a person safeguards against all forms of idolatry. Faith in the hereafter is also a purpose mentioned in the verse. In order to become righteous, it is essential to shun evil and instead attain higher morals and demonstrate fidelity and sincerity towards God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that while a true believer strives to become steadfast in prayers, he should also be mindful of purifying his wealth and income.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the Jamā'at urges everyone to offer Zakāt wherever applicable. Zakāt has a close affinity with Khilāfat.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in this age it was through the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) that Islam was to grow in strength and so it has come to pass.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the second verse I recited speaks of the qualities of those who are granted strength by God. Among these are the offering of prayer, paying Zakāt, spreading good and stopping from evil. Today it is only Jamā'at Ahmadiyya that has the institution of Khilāfat which is spreading the message of God and building mosques, all of which bring stability to the faith, in other words it is bringing honor and prestige to Islām by spreading its teachings and thus strengthening it. All Ahmadīs should fulfill their pledge and mold their thinking in keeping with the will of God. May Allāh enable us to understand all this. Āmīn.

## Friday Sermon 20 May 2016 at the Nāṣir Mosque in Gothenburg, Sweden

**Protection against Satan's attacks, the need for women to observe purdah, avoiding the misuse of the Internet, and an exhortation to office-bearers to be good role models.**

**This is the age of the last battle against Satan.**

**We have to become the Promised Messiah's helpers by defeating Satan.**

**Members should benefit from the Jamā'at websites, listen to the Friday Sermon punctually, and watch other programs of MTA for at least one hour every day.**

After reciting verse 22 of Sūrah An-Nūr, which is translated as follows:

O ye who believe! follow not the footsteps of Satan, and whoso follows the footsteps of Satan should know that he surely enjoins immorality and manifest evil. And but for the grace of Allāh and His mercy upon you, not one of you would ever be pure, but Allāh purifies whom He pleases. And Allāh is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. (24:22)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In this verse the believers have been warned not to follow in Satan's footsteps, because even believers can be ensnared by Satan. Believers ought to protect themselves against Satanic attacks and always be mindful of God's presence. Satan sometimes leads man astray in the guise of good deeds. This verse highlights how evil is born and how it spreads. For example, in the eyes of these people purdah is something harmful that usurps the rights of women. Some women become lax in purdah under the influence of this society, but they forget that this is exactly what the Holy Qur'an is talking about.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that a woman's modesty lies in dressing modestly and in avoiding undue mixing with the opposite sex. In this misguided age Ahmadīs should offer Istighfār and try to seek God's protection. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has prohibited believers

from going to the houses of women whose husbands are not at home. In this commandment he laid down the principle that unrelated men and women should not freely mingle with one another for this allows Satan to do his mischief. Ahmadīs should be all the more careful of these principles in these western societies.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that TV and the internet are also sources of evil in this age. In most households neither adults nor children get up for Fajr prayer because they have been up late into the night watching TV or browsing the internet. The result is that they are unable to wake up in time for Fajr and, in fact, they are not even mindful of doing so. Ṣalāt is obligatory in all circumstances, and yet Satan lures them with worldly attractions. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) urged all Ahmadi households to save themselves from the negative aspects of the internet. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that when we pray for our eyes and our ears to be blessed, and for contentment, and for being led from darkness to light, and for fulfilling our obligations to our wives, and for our children to be a source of contentment for us, then our attention will naturally be drawn away from frivolous and evil thoughts. Thus a believer becomes the means of saving his household from Satan.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that today it

is necessary to benefit as much as possible from the spiritual and scholarly programs on MTA and from the Jama'at's websites. And if you have to watch other channels for entertainment, you should watch programs that are within the bounds of decency. Protect yourself from frivolity and misdemeanor for it leads away from God. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that every Ahmadi household should make sure that all family members listen to the Friday Sermon together on MTA and also watch other MTA programs for at least one hour every day. While this will be of religious benefit, it will also save you from Satan and bring peace and tranquility to your homes.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if children are made to realize their importance in the household, they will not seek to find contentment outside the home and will not fall prey to frivolities. Parents should connect the children to the mosque and to the auxiliary organizations. I would also urge the auxiliary organizations to take care of their members. The office-bearers' attitude should be such as brings the members together and does not mislead them.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that having

accepted the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) we have to take part in this last battle with Satan and become the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)'s helpers by defeating Satan. Allāh says that He is All-Hearing and All-Knowing, hence you should pray to Him to be saved from Satan's attacks. The office-bearers should mold their words and action in keeping with God's desire and should pray that their attitudes should not let anyone fall into Satan's hands. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Satan tries even to beguile God's friends to their last breath. We have to repent and offer Istighfār to be saved from him. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that while Satan attacks the sinners and transgressors openly, he also attacks the virtuous. A believer should always keep praying and seek Allah's help to be saved from the evils of Satan. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that these days we should especially recite the prayer:

“Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us”

May Allāh help us so that we do not walk in Satan's footsteps and may He enable us to act upon the teachings of the Holy Qur'an”.

## Friday Sermon 27 May 2016 at Baitul-Futūh London

**Advice with regard to Khilāfat Day, details of the tour of Scandinavian countries and the attending Divine blessings, and the impressions of the guests.**

**Today is the day to be grateful to Allāh, and this gratitude demands that we continue to work towards the strengthening of the institution of Khilāfat.**

**True Khilāfat does not only turn our own fears into tranquility, it does the same for other people's fears.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that today is the day when after the demise of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), Khilāfat started in Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, and hence this day is celebrated in the Jamā'at as Khilāfat Day. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) said that the purpose of his coming was to draw mankind closer to God and to remind them to fulfill all their obligations towards God and towards one another. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says that if you turn to God in all sincerity then you will become His chosen people. You must establish the greatness of God in your hearts and express His oneness in practice. Shun bigotry and treat mankind with true compassion. Adopt every path of piety for you know not through which path you may find acceptance.

Speaking of the recent tour of Scandinavian countries, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that he gave many interviews to the media in Denmark. In addition to the opening of the mosque, a reception was also held in which Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) had the opportunity to present the true teachings of Islām and the Holy Qur'an and the noble example of the Holy

Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) . Most guests said that only now had they learnt about the true teachings of Islām. The reception was attended by important dignitaries. Some of the impressions of the guests were as follows:

“Hearing the Khalifa brought contentment and joy to my heart. Today there is great need for this message. It was heartening to see that hundreds of thousands of Ahmadi's are fearlessly standing up like a bright minaret for the establishment of peace in the world. This conference will always be remembered as a memorable event. The Khalifa's words were all about love and mutual respect, and these are the keys to peace. Islām gives freedom to all religions. The Khalifa made it clear that the terrorism in Brussels and Paris has nothing to do with Islām and that Islām gives the message of peace. Islām and terrorism are poles apart. I learnt from the speech that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to treat Christians and Jews with kindness. The speech was very balanced.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in Malmo, Sweden, more than 140 Swedish dignitaries

attending the opening of the mosque, including some prominent people of the country. The guests recorded the following impressions:

“Today we have learnt a lot about Islām. There is a lot of negativity in the world with regard to Islām, hence today we were surprised to hear from the leader of Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya a message that was nothing but love.”

A lady among the guests said, “Europeans are fearful of Islām and mosques and terrorism, but the Khalifa has explained many important aspects about peace and people’s responsibilities. I hope that he will succeed in making others understand their responsibilities. He said in his speech that Islām is the religion that fosters human compassion.”

The Mayor of Malmö said, “We consider the building of this mosque in this area as an important means of establishing peace. The words of the Khalifa have shown that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was peaceful.”

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that a reception was also held in the Swedish capital, which was attended by important dignitaries who gave a very

positive feedback. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in Denmark and Sweden the message of peace reached about eight million people through electronic and print media. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that true Khilāfat does not only alleviate our own fears but also the fears of other people. And this is what was expressed by most guests that their state of fear turned into tranquility after attending these functions.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if anyone tries to establish a Khilāfat independent of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), they will fail and will never be able to establish peace. The promise of the establishment of the Promised Messiah’s (peace be upon him) Jamā‘at and of Khilāfat is a Divine promise. By the grace of Allāh this Jamā‘at and this Khilāfat is here to stay and no one can stop the progress of the Jamā‘at. We should pray that Allāh may keep every Ahmadī devoted to Khilāfat.

At the end of the sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā‘at of the sad demise of Chaudhary Fazal Ahmadī Sahib, the tragic martyrdom of Dawood Ahmad Sahib of Karachi, Pakistan and the death of Maulana Muhammad Azam Aksir Sahib.

## Friday Sermon 3 June 2016 at Baitul Futūh London

**The practice of faith is based upon Taqwā.**

**Let us fast with all sincerity before God and always bear the norms of Taqwā in mind.**

**Narratives of the Companions of the Promised Messiah relating to some questions regarding fasting.**

**In this age, the ruling or viewpoint of the Promised Messiah is the answer and verdict for every matter of jurisprudence.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the month of Ramaḍān is about to start. Fasting in this month is obligatory upon every healthy, adult believer. In this age Allāh has sent the Promised Messiah as the Ḥakam and ‘Adl to give his verdict on every issue based on the teachings of Islām. Therefore, in this age we should look to him for the answer to every question and for increasing our knowledge. In this age the ruling or viewpoint of the Promised Messiah is the answer and verdict regarding every question of jurisprudence. We should remember that the basis for practicing our faith is Taqwa, hence we should keep our fasts with Taqwa and bear in mind the saying of the Promised Messiah that we should complete our fasts with all sincerity before God. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some injunctions and answers to questions of jurisprudence given by the Promised Messiah in the light of traditions related by the Companions. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in Pakistan and other countries there are committees for sighting the moon, and we Aḥmadīs follow the rulings of those committees

and start fasting, end fasting, and observe Eid accordingly. In western countries where there are no official moon-sighting committees, it is permissible to base Ramaḍān and fast timings on calculations. But we should remember that the actual sighting takes precedence over calculations. The Holy Prophet said, “Eat suhoor in the days of fasting, for there is blessing in the suhoor.” The Promised Messiah also observed this practice. The Promised Messiah would offer the witr prayer in the beginning of the night, and then eight rak‘as of Tahajjud, two by two, in the small hours of the morning. He used to eat suhoor after Tahajjud prayers and would prolong it and would sometimes continue the suhoor until the Azan ended. It is for the believer to decide, because if the suhoor he is eating is in keeping with Allāh’s commandment then it is blessed, and if it is only for filling one’s belly then it is for the self. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is not permissible for the traveler and for the sick to keep fast. The Promised Messiah has said that if a traveler and a sick person were to keep fast they would be guilty of

disobedience. The Promised Messiah said that people can keep fast when they come to Qādiān for this place is like a second home for Aḥmadīs. If one is staying at some place for more than three days then he can keep fast, but not if one is staying less than three days. Taqwā requires that we should also make use of the leave that the Holy Qur'an grants us. Allāh has permitted the traveler and the sick to keep their fasts at some other time. The purpose of fasting is to seek Allah's pleasure, and His pleasure lies in His obedience. We should obey whatever He commands, for salvation comes from His grace and it cannot be attained by one's own strength. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in the hotter countries Ramaḍān sometimes coincides with harvest or sowing season. At such times the farmers should act according to Taqwā and consider their own circumstances. If it is possible for them to hire some laborers for the work that is better, otherwise their case will be akin to that of the sick [who are unable to keep fast]. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited the verse:

“But whoso among you is sick or is on a journey shall fast the same number of other days; and for those who are able to fast only with great difficulty is an expiation — the feeding of a poor man.” (2:185) Huzoor (May Allāh

be his Helper) said that this verse means that those who do not have the power to keep fasts should give fidya. Fidya is given with the hope that it will enable us to keep fasts. If a person sincerely and pure heartedly asks God for the power to keep fasts, I'm sure that God will grant him the ability. Any traveler or sick person who has the power to feed the poor should give fidya for this purpose and keep the fasts in other days. This was the way of the Promised Messiah that he would give fidya for the fasts that had lapsed and then keep the fasts in other days. And this is what he taught others to do. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that eating or drinking unknowingly does not break the fast. The sharia has forbidden young children from fasting but it is necessary to let them keep a few fasts when they are nearing adulthood so as to give them the practice. They should be allowed to fast for a few days every year until they reach the age of 18, which is the age of adulthood. Regarding the Tarawīḥ prayer, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that there is no harm in offering 11 rak'as in the early part of the night. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may enable us to benefit from the fasting of Ramaḍān while remaining steadfast on Taqwā and giving preference to the will of God.

## Friday sermon 10 June 2016 at Baitul-Futūh London

**Taqwā means to avoid the smallest of evil and to shun everything that one even suspects might be evil.**

**The obligation to fast is aimed at fostering Taqwā and protection from evil deeds.**

**Anyone who is not one in his word and deed is deserving of Divine wrath. If our Jamā'at consists of such people — God forbid — then their end cannot be an auspicious one.**

After reciting verse 184 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, which is translated as follows:

“O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous.” (2:184)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: That fasting has been made obligatory for the believers so that they may adopt piety and be saved from evil deeds. The month of Ramaḍān comes in our lives once every year in order to raise our standards of Taqwā, establishing us on good deeds, bringing us closer to Allāh, and ask forgiveness for our past sins. Thus, according to the saying of the Holy Prophet, whosoever fasts during the month of Ramaḍān while calling himself up to account lives up to the objectives of Ramaḍān and to the purpose of his life. Allāh says: Adopt piety so that you may succeed. It is only through Taqwā that we will attain this success.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some sayings of the Promised Messiah with regard to attaining piety and said that these are the guiding principles that foster our faith, establish us upon Taqwā, and give us an

objective for this month of training that we are passing through.

The Promised Messiah says: Taqwā (or righteousness) is not a trivial thing. It is through this that we fight against every Satan that takes over our inner power and potential. Taqwā is a very subtle subject. Anyone who has an iota of ostentation, his deeds will be rejected and thrown back at his face. Do not go after revelations and dreams you receive, rather seek Taqwā. If one is righteous one's revelations are true, otherwise even revelations are not to be trusted, for Satan might have a part in them. Follow the example of Prophets whose aim was to teach the ways of righteousness. The Holy Prophet is for us the most excellent example. If you wish to please God, and to see miracles and extraordinary phenomena, then make your lives extraordinary.

The Promised Messiah also says: Seek Taqwā, for Taqwā is the root of everything. Taqwā means to shun even the smallest evil and to avoid even that which has a suspicion of being evil. If you find that someone's tongue or hands or feet or some other organs are pure, then his

heart must also be pure. If someone has a foul tongue and does not shun foul talk and quarrelling despite fasting, and his hands are guilty of wrongful deeds, then you may well conclude that his heart is not pure and is far from Taqwā.

The Promised Messiah says: For those who are fearful of God, it is necessary that they spend their lives in humility and meekness, for this is a branch of Taqwā. You should avoid unnecessary anger and fury. He says: I do not want members of my Jamā'at to consider one another great or small or to be arrogant and look down upon others. Only God knows who is superior and who is inferior. The Promised Messiah says: Those who fear God are the ones who walk humbly and meekly and do not speak arrogantly. Hence he who adopts Taqwa will be exalted to a higher station.

The Promised Messiah says: True insight and wisdom cannot be attained without turning towards God. If you wish to be successful then use your reason and reflect and read the translation and commentaries on the Holy Qur'ān. Reading the Holy Qur'ān with deliberation and reflection increases one in Taqwā. Use

this month of Ramaḍān to purify yourself and to purify all your organs and faculties. If you wish to serve the faith then first of all adopt Taqwā. God is always with the righteous. Taqwā has a powerful influence on others. After citing the famous incident of Syed Abdul Qadir Jilani's truthfulness, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that these things should make us ponder as to what evil habits we have gotten rid of. Taqwā demands that we shun the evil of falsehood. The Promised Messiah says that he who is not one in his word and deed is worthy of Divine wrath. If our Jamā'at consists of such people — God forbid — that they say one thing with their tongue but there is something else in their hearts, then such people will not have an auspicious end. May Allāh enable us to attain righteousness in the purified atmosphere of Ramaḍān.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Tahira Hamida Sahiba of UK and the tragic martyrdom of Hamid Ahmad Sahib belonging to District Attock of Pakistan and led their funeral prayer after the Friday prayer.

### Friday sermon 17 June 2016 at Baitul-Futūh London

**Cultivate the eye of love if you wish to behold God. If your love is true, then God listens to prayers and manifests His help.**

**Ramaḍān has a special relationship with the acceptance of prayers. An exegesis on the conditions, principles and philosophy of the acceptance of prayers.**

**Those who do not resort to action are in fact trying God. Before we pray it is important to expend all our energies towards the endeavor.**

After reciting verse 187 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, which is translated as follows:

“And when My servants ask thee about Me, say: 'I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.' (2:187)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in this verse Allāh has reminded us of the special relationship between Ramaḍān and the acceptance of prayers. Just as fasting is a means for learning piety, so is it the means of drawing closer to God. God comes closer to those who feel or wish to feel His nearness. In order for one's prayers to be accepted, one has to fulfil the following conditions: Listen to God's word; act upon His commandments; and have perfect faith and certainty about God's powers. The Promised Messiah says that people should foster such piety that Allāh listens to their prayers; they should have full faith in His existence and consider Him being the source of all powers and attributes.

The Promised Messiah has shed light on the conditions and philosophy of the acceptance of prayers.

The Promised Messiah says: Allāh is not subservient to our wishes when it comes to the acceptance of prayers. Just as a mother would never hand a burning coal to her child lest he should burn himself, similarly when there is an element of harm in a prayer He does not accept such a prayer. It is true that God hears the prayers of His servants and accepts them, but He does not accept every frivolous and worthless desire, because man, on account of his passions, is not able to see the outcome, while God is aware of the end. Allāh accepts prayers that are offered to protect against accidents and sorrows, and he also accepts prayers that might be harmful by not accepting them. It is true that one who does not make use of actions he does not pray, rather he tries God. It is important to expend all one's energies on the task before praying for it. Explaining the philosophy of prayer, the Promised Messiah says that when a child cries because of hunger, the milk is automatically drawn into the mother's breast. The child doesn't even know what prayer means, how is it then that its cries draw the milk? The Promised Messiah says that just as the child's cries have a connection with the milk, in the same way, I do truly tell you, if our cries before God are similarly

anguished they will of a certainty draw God's mercy and grace. Rahmaniyyat requires that we should be able to benefit from Rahimiyyat, and whoever doesn't do so rejects this bounty. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the instances of the acceptance of prayer are visible in every age. We should utilize the powers God has given us for treading the right path. God desires that we should come to Him with a pure heart, mold ourselves according to His will, manifest a true transformation in ourselves, and cultivate the eyes of love in order to behold God. If our love is true, then He listens to our prayers and shows signs of His help. Love for God extinguishes the mundane existence and makes us holy beings. Man, as far as it is in his power, should tread the path that pleases God and then supplicate before Him.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that when praying it is necessary to be cognizant of one's shortcomings. When one cries with true anguish and his soul cries out, "O my Lord, o my Lord!" then he will come to know [of the acceptance of prayer]. We have been

taught to pray in the very first surah of the Holy Qur'ān, and the most important of these prayers are those for the faith. Hence we should first and foremost pray for the strengthening of our religion, for this is the true objective of prayer. When man falls down at God's door and supplicates to Him, he is then visited with mercy. The milk of Divine blessings and grace also requires an anguished supplication. In Ramaḍān if we are turning to the mosques for congregational prayers, we should also try to offer Nawāfil. The Promised Messiah used to pray: "O Lord of the worlds! I can never offer gratitude for Your favors, for You are most Compassionate and Merciful. Forgive my sins lest I be destroyed. Cover my faults. Save me from the tribulations of this world and the hereafter, for every blessing and bounty is in Your hands."

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Raja Ghalib Ahmad of Lahore, and Malik Muhammad Ahmad Sahib of Germany. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) led their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

### Friday sermon 24 June 2016 at Baitul-Futūh London

**The foremost commandment is to worship God. Worship should be the prime focus of a believer. Huzoor's instructions for life-devotees and office-bearers.**

**For the acceptance of prayers, it is essential to abide by God's commandments. This is the true faith.**

**Huzoor's (May Allāh be his Helper) exhortation regarding fulfilling our obligations to God and man, living up to our responsibilities, and avoiding anger, thinking ill of others and backbiting.**

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Last Friday I said that for the acceptance of prayers it is essential to accept and abide by God's commandments. The Holy Qur'ān contains all prohibitions and exhortations, those who abide by them will find the required guidance. They will see the signs of acceptance of prayers and of nearness to God. They will practice the highest morals and exhort others to fulfil their obligations as well. In Ramaḍān we should make a greater effort towards self-training in order to draw closer to God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said there are many divine commandments, and we should always keep reminding ourselves of these. The basic commandment is to worship God. However, some life-devotees and learned office-bearers do not pay due attention to this. The Promised Messiah says that this world should not be your sole objective. A believer's primary concern should be to fulfil the purpose of his creation, which is to worship God. All life-devotees and all office-bearers should be a model in this regard. They should see to it that the changes brought about by the training of Ramaḍān should become part and parcel of their lives.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the Ḥadīth also speak of fulfilling our obligation and duty to

ourselves, but we should be moderate in this. These obligations are part of human nature, therefore it is necessary to fulfil them. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is not right to be always engrossed in worship, because your own self and your wives and children also have a right over you. The purpose of man's creation is to recognize his Creator. Each of us should see to it that our mosques continue to be full even after Ramaḍān. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that man's excellence is that he should be engaged in his worldly affairs without forgetting God. There is no celibacy in Islām, hence we have to fulfil all our obligations but give priority to our faith. The Holy Qur'ān teaches us to safeguard our prayers and particularly the prayer that comes in between other engagements and for which we have to make effort, for finding time for it.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the Holy Qur'ān also commands us to fulfil our pledges, and this includes both pledges made to God and to man. As Aḥmadīs we have to live up to the pledge of Bai'at to the Promised Messiah and the pledge to follow the teachings of Islām. We also have to fulfil the pledges we make to one another. If we understand this, our society can be rid of all disputes. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said

that these days there are increased incidents where people forego their pledges on account of worldly greed. While this brings a bad name to the Jamā'at, it also imperils our faith. We must not kill the truth. Even if a child tells you something true, you have to accept it. No enmity should dissuade you from justice. We should seek forgiveness for our sins with all humility lest we are taken to account for some hidden sins.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that a pious person is he who controls his anger. The Promised Messiah says that one who forgives is given a divine light. One who gives in to anger cannot utter words of wisdom. He is deprived of the fountain of spiritual insight. Anger and wisdom cannot coexist. Anger diminishes our powers of reflection. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that we should use our abilities in a moderate manner. We should not talk in anger even to the enemy. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that while following Allāh's commandments raises our moral standards, they also enlighten our minds. There are two habits that make a man unbalanced: thinking ill of

others and anger. A believer should therefore avoid thinking ill of others and becoming angry. Thinking ill of others makes a man blind and casts him in the dark pit of destruction. If you find yourself thinking ill of someone, you should offer Istighfār constantly and pray to God to be saved from this sin. Another evil that a believer must avoid is prying into other people's affairs. The third evil is backbiting, which is akin to eating the flesh of one's dead brother. The Holy Prophet said that a believer should never backbite others.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if we wish to draw closer to Allāh in this Ramaḍān, we should also strive to avoid these evils and try to follow Allāh's commandments to the best of our ability. May Allah enable us to become His true servants and follow His commandments.

At the end of the Sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the tragic martyrdom of Chaudhary Khaleeq Ahmad Sahib of Karachi and led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

Full original text of Friday Sermons by the Caliphs of Ahmadiyya Islam is available in print in Al-Fazl International, Al-Fazl Rabwah and Badr. These publications are also available online at [alislam.org](http://alislam.org) under periodicals. Translations and summaries of Friday Sermons are also available in various languages on [alislam.org](http://alislam.org) under Friday Sermons.

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# Taḥrīk Jadīd Inspirations

Excerpts from Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper)

Compiled by Anwer Khan, Secretary Taḥrīk Jadīd USA

## Year 2003

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper), narrated a story of a member in Friday Sermon, Nov 7, 2003.

They collected money in a box to give towards Taḥrīk Jadīd and wished to equal their last year's payment. When the box was opened, the money was short. The Taḥrīk Jadīd secretary approached them and informed them that there was a shortage of specific amount to be fulfilled. He wondered how he could meet the goal in the face of his limited income. He gave whatever he had saved for the next year. Soon after, he received a check from an acquaintance who had borrowed money from him a long time ago that they had both forgotten. Later, he received some money from another source. Thus God provides those who make sacrifice and thus fulfill the significance of '... and they shall have no fear...', as here he had wondered how he would pay for the next year.

## Year 2004

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper), related the following story of a member in Friday Sermon, November 5, 2004.

Once the National Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd Secretary made an appeal to members of our local Jamā'at to increase our annual pledges. I had just bought my first house and had our first child, so I had thought that it would be very difficult to increase my pledge from last year. Yet, trusting in Allah, for the first time I pledged an amount over \$1000. Now this was back at the time when Internet banking was first taking off. My bank had inadvertently failed to credit me for a deposit due, and somehow I had overlooked it for almost a year. Within days of making the pledge, I got a letter from the bank informing me of their error. I believe this was not a coincidence, but was a sign of Allah's beneficence, since at the time of pledging I didn't know where the money would come from, and days later I unexpectedly got the same amount as I had pledged.

## Year 2006

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper), Friday Sermon, Nov. 3, 2006, told the story of a member.

An Ahmadi Muslim in France offered 100,000

francs in contribution. A few days later, he came again and paid another 100,000 francs and explained, as I went back after the first payment, this additional fund came from somewhere that I was not even expecting. I am sure Allah has sent these for Jamā'at, so I have brought these as well.

## Year 2008

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah support him with His mighty help), Friday Sermon, November 7, 2008 told the following story.

A young girl from the village of Badeen in Pakistan did not have funds to contribute to Taḥrīk Jadīd but when a request was made on Taḥrīk Jadīd Day, she borrowed 180 rupees from her brother and gave them to the secretary. Later that day when she was cleaning her cupboards, she found 500 rupees that were lost for many months, Al-Ḥamdu Lillāh.

## Year 2010

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah support him with His mighty help), Friday Sermon, November 5, 2010, told the following story.

Jamil Ahmad, a Mu'allim (Ahmadi religious teacher) in Africa, reports that he went to a place and appealed members for financial contribution. At the close of the meeting, the president of the Jamā'at said, "I have nothing to offer except this chicken, please accept this." A few months later, the Mu'allim went again and noticed that this person had a whole pack of chickens. Upon inquiry, the man responded, "I borrowed one chicken and had her hatch the eggs, and now today these are all the products of just one hen. None of the offspring died. This is the immense blessing of the Chanda I offered with sincere heart." So just note how Allah blessed this man's finances due to the meager sacrifice he offered.

## Year 2011

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper), Friday Sermon, November 4, 2011 related the following story.

Taḥrīk Jadīd secretary of Germany reports that a lady gave €1,000 for Taḥrīk Jadīd, money she had kept to buy jewelry. Many ladies in Germany gave their jewelry in Taḥrīk Jadīd funds. He also reports that on

one of his tours, someone gave him a piece of paper with a message on it that he pledged €20,000 for Tahrik Jadid but wished to do so anonymously. He said he related this in another place he visited. There too a person gave him a slip of paper with the message that he wished to donate €21,000 to Tahrik Jadid anonymously.

### Year 2012

Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah support him with His mighty help), Friday Sermon, November 9, 2012 related:

A member of Jamā'at, who had arrived in Switzerland, sought to seek refuge, but his case was rejected. At about the same time, the new year of Tahrik Jadid was announced. He had approximately 1,000 francs in his bank account, which he pledged towards

this scheme right away, although he had saved that money for the lawyer's fee. He prayed to God that his troubles be taken away. Soon afterwards, he was granted asylum, without the aid of any lawyer."

### Year 2013

Hadrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper), Jalsa Speech at UK related:

In Pakistan, an Ahmadi did not have any children and was praying to be bestowed with four. He began to offer Rs. 100 for each unborn child and continued paying Rs. 400. Allah blessed him with four children one after the other, thus matching the offering he made to God. This was an instant reward that Allah manifested for this man. There are many Ahmadi's like that who are being blessed with unusual rewards for their meager sacrifices.

## Gift for Children Who Contribute \$50 for Tahrik Jadid

Kids' electric toothbrush with soft bristle for teeth whitening

PLEASE GIVE THE AMOUNT IN A CHECK TO YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
AND THE TAHRİK JADİD SECRETARY

PRESIDENT WILL GIVE YOU THE GIFT FROM RESPECTED AMIR SAHIB USA *IN SHA'ALLAH*.

*Children include both boys and girls.*

Anwer Mahmood Khan, Secretary Tahrik Jadid USA



# Accomplishments of Tahrik-i-Jadid

Anwer Khan, Secretary Tahrik-i-Jadid, USA

## Expansion into New Countries

There are 196 countries and 62 territories in the world. As of 2015, Jamā'at is established in 207 countries and territories of the world

## Establishment of Mosques

As of 2015, total number of Ahmadiyya mosques in the world is over 16,000. A year-by-year breakdown follows.

1914.....	12
1965 .....	365
1984 .....	790
1985 .....	822
2003.....	13,908
2007.....	15,055
2015 .....	16,391

## Establishment of Mission Houses

There are 2808 mission houses in 97 countries of the world. Last year 186 mission houses were added.

There are 12 printing presses outside Pakistan, India and UK.

Review of Religions in French is published at Raqueem Press in Burkina Faso. All printing presses have color printing capability.

## Translations of Holy Quran

Translations into 71 languages have been completed and printed. Dutch, Portuguese and Greek Translations were done by women.

Additional 21 translations are ready for printing.

Estimated Cost of one translation is approximately \$100,000.

Extensive efforts are made to assure accuracy of translations and quality of printing.

## Translation of the Books of the Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him)

Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam and Al-Waṣiyyat have been translated into 81 and 10 languages respectively.

Thirty books of Ḥaḍrat Ahmad, may peace be upon him, have been translated into English.

In 2015, for the first time literature published by the

Ahmadiyya Community exceeded 10 million.

## Establishment of Missionary Training Schools

Missionary training schools (Jāmi'as) have been established in the following countries:

India (Qadian)  
Pakistan (Rabwah)  
UK  
Canada  
Ghana  
Nigeria  
Indonesia  
Germany

## Establishment of Computer Training Centers

A large scale computer center has been established in Qadian. Other countries include: Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone and Burkina Faso.

## Solar Energy

203 Solar energy stations have been established in Ghana, Benin and Burkina Faso. Energy needs at Jalsa Sālāna in Benin were met with solar power.

## Sewing Schools

Sewing schools are established in Benin, Burkina Faso and Nigeria after my mothers name Sarwar Abdul-Malik

## Establishment of Schools and Hospitals

684 Schools are in operation in 12 African countries.

41 hospitals and 655 homeopathic clinics are in operation in the world.

Another hospital is in the construction phase in Guatemala

## USA Collections

Nine years ago USA Tahrik-i-Jadid collections were \$516,000.

Last year USA collections reached to a lofty figure of two million dollars with a per capita amount of \$170, highest in the world.

Target for this year is a \$2.5 million and 15,000 participants. Please donate generously to reach this target of \$ 2.5 Million and a 20 % increase in participation. Jazakumullāh.

# Activities and News

## Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, USA

### Appointment of Nā'ib Amīrs

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ Ayyadahullāhu Bī-Naṣraiḥil-'Azīz has graciously appointed the following as Na'ib Amir of USA Jamā'at starting July 1st 2016.

- 1) Azhar Hanif Sahib
- 2) Masood Ahmad Malik Sahib
- 3) Falahuddin Shams Sahib
- 4) Munam Naeem Sahib

- 5) Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah Sahib
  - 6) Dr. Hameed-ur-Rahman Sahib
  - 7) Wasim Ahmad Malik Sahib
  - 8) Dr. Faheem Yunous Qureshi Sahib
- May Allah help them to serve the Jamā'at.  
Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā'at USA

### Changes in National Āmila

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ālā has made the following appointments/changes in National Majlis-e-Āmila of US Jamā'at.

Mukarram Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi Sahib: National General Secretary USA

Mukarram Zahir Mustafa Sahib: National Secretary Umooor-e-Āmma

Mukarram Zaheer Ahmad Bajwa Sahib: Responsibility for Tabligh and Tarbiyat at Fazal Mosque, Washington D.C. area

May Allah help us to serve the Jamā'at with sincerity and devotion.

(Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā'at USA)

## Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community USA mourns passing of Nazir Ahmad Ayaz

### President of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community New York Passes Away After Over 36 Years of Service to the NY Muslim Community, From Implementing Weekly Youth Education Classes to Hosting Community Symposiums for Local Leaders

Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community USA mourns the passing of the President of its Queens, New York community, Nazir Ahmad Ayaz, who passed away in Manhattan, NY on July 3, 2016, at the age of 69. From God we are and to Him we return.

Nazir Ahmad Ayaz was born on May 23, 1947 in Tanga, Tanzania. Nazir Ayaz was first elected to the office of President in 1981 and remained in the office until the day he passed away, a monumental 35 years. He was also a member of the International Aḥmadiyya Centenary Committee appointed by the late Khalifa of Islam, His Holiness Mirza Tahir Ahmad. The late Khalifa remarked about Ayaz, "I am happy to say that in my opinion you are an exemplary President of the [Chapter] out of all the U.S.A. [Chapters] by the grace of Allah. I pray that may Allah enable you to maintain that distinction always."

Nazir Ayaz oversaw instrumental developments in New York City's Aḥmadiyya Muslim Chapter. In 1996, Nazir Ayaz helped facilitate the expansion of Aḥmadiyya Muslim chapters in the NYC Metro area from one to

three. In 2005, he then helped the community expand to Long Island. He managed the transition from a mosque in a small house to the great mosque that is now present at the corner of 188th and McLaughlin.

Under his leadership, the New York chapter was among the first to pioneer (in 1985) a weekly Sunday school for local Muslim youth, a school program that runs to this day.

He also started a basketball tournament to encourage fitness and brotherhood amongst the community's young men, which has grown into an annual event featuring dozens teams from around the nation and world.

Nazir Ayaz worked closely with Humanity First USA, to raise funds and establish programs in impoverished countries around the world. He was particularly focused on funding cancer research in his home country of Tanzania.

Through his involvement with the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, he was a staple in meeting with

other faith and community leaders and eager to offer the mosque as a meeting point.

“Nazir Ayaz was a role model for thousands of people. His humble nature touched everyone. He made sure to remain behind the scenes while actively involving as many people to enhance their skills and empower them,” said Nasim Rehmatullah, Senior Vice President Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, “We have the

utmost respect for him and offer our heartfelt prayers for Nazir Ayaz and his grieving family. He will be greatly missed by friends, family, and our community.”

Nazir Ayaz is survived by his wife Farhat, daughter Asmaa, and three grandchildren, along with numerous members of his extended family in the United States, England and Pakistan.

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA Saddened by Passing of Legendary Boxer Muhammad Ali

### Remembers Ali's Inspirational Humanitarian Contributions

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA mourns the passing of Muhammad Ali (1942-2016). The Community enjoyed a personal relationship with Ali in his youth, as he studied Islam under the tutelage of several scholars of the Community.

Most significantly, Ali's unmatched contributions in the service of humanity are commendable and inspiring. He used his celebrity to unapologetically combat racism and anti-Muslim sentiment. Moreover, reports indicate that since 1986 alone he raised over \$100 million dollars

for charity to help find a cure for Parkinson's disease.

“Muhammad Ali is an inspiration and a once in a generation icon,” said Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, National Vice President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA. “He was a proud Muslim and a proud African American at a time when both demographics are singled out. We pray that God bestows His grace and mercy on him. We pray that God gives patience to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.”

### TrueIslam Campaign

I am reaching out to you with request for your help in maximizing endorsement of [www.trueislam.com](http://www.trueislam.com) campaign. I very humbly request that each member of the Jamā'at must endorse all eleven points and also reach out to their friends and contacts in law enforcement, academia, and public service and seek

their endorsements as well.

All men, women and older children who have email accounts should be able to endorse the campaign.

Please reach out to me if you need any help in this regard. (Latif Ahmed, Coordinator Media Team USA)

### Gift from alislam Team

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/quran-english-urdu-translation/id1084547988?mt=8>

Also visit <https://twitter.com/alislam>

Following is a series of articles on Islam in the major local newspaper published May 29 through June 4, 2016.

1-May 29:

[http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/05/daily\\_inspiration\\_true\\_islam\\_rejects\\_all\\_acts\\_of\\_terrorism.html](http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/05/daily_inspiration_true_islam_rejects_all_acts_of_terrorism.html)

2-May 30:

[http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/05/daily\\_inspiration\\_true\\_islam\\_recognizes\\_the\\_equality\\_of\\_men\\_and\\_women.html](http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/05/daily_inspiration_true_islam_recognizes_the_equality_of_men_and_women.html)

3-May 31:

[http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/05/daily\\_inspiration\\_true\\_islam\\_unites\\_for\\_peace.html](http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/05/daily_inspiration_true_islam_unites_for_peace.html)

[http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily\\_inspiration\\_true\\_islam\\_teaches\\_the\\_right\\_of\\_free\\_speech.html](http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily_inspiration_true_islam_teaches_the_right_of_free_speech.html)

4-June 1:

[http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily\\_inspiration\\_true\\_islam\\_advocates\\_separation\\_of\\_mosque\\_and\\_state.html](http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily_inspiration_true_islam_advocates_separation_of_mosque_and_state.html)

5-June 2:

[http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily\\_inspiration\\_true\\_islam\\_values\\_all\\_human\\_life.html](http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily_inspiration_true_islam_values_all_human_life.html)

6-June 3:

[http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily\\_inspiration\\_true\\_islam\\_no\\_religion\\_has\\_monopoly\\_on\\_salvation.html](http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily_inspiration_true_islam_no_religion_has_monopoly_on_salvation.html)

7-June 4:

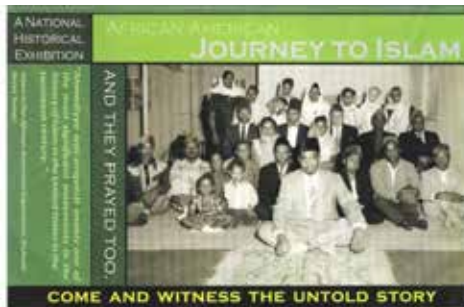
[http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily\\_inspiration\\_true\\_islam\\_unites\\_for\\_peace.html](http://www.syracuse.com/living/index.ssf/2016/06/daily_inspiration_true_islam_unites_for_peace.html)

## Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Activities

Friday February 12th, 2016, two families attended a Shabbat (Sabbath) evening program at Temple Sinai in Squirrel Hill. The group included the family of Dr. Nayyar Khokar and Dr. Sohail Husain. They met several people at the synagogue and had the chance to tell about the peaceful and true Islam.

Black History Month Jamā'at Exhibits in Pittsburgh: During February, which is Black History Month, Rahman Shareef, along with Imam Adnan Ahmad and Omar Shaheed, President, led an effort to host our Jamā'at's African American Journey to Islam exhibit at the following library venues.

- 1) Homewood (2/9: 1 – 5 pm) (2/23: 10 am – 5 pm)
- 2) East Liberty (2/8; 10 am – 5 pm)
- 3) Southside (2/22: 10 am – 8 pm)
- 4) Hill District (2/20: 10 am – 5 pm)
- 5) Lawrenceville (2/11: 10 am – 5 pm)



Sunday February 28th, 2016, Pittsburgh Jamā'at held a Muslims for Life Blood Drive in partnership with a local church, at their location.



March: Rahman Shareef leads a group of Anṣār (mostly) to a local soup kitchen, called the Jubilee Kitchen, to serve meals to the homeless and in general needy.



During the month of March, Rahman Shareef along with Omar Shaheed, Imam Adnan Ahmad, Abdullah Baymon, and other brothers organized an exhibition at libraries in the Pittsburgh area.



Saturday-Sunday March 12-13th, 2016, Lajna sleepover and Tahir Academy field trip. On Saturday, the girls (and some boys with their parents) went to Sky Zone. One Sunday, the boys went with Imam Adnan Ahmad to FunFest. They all had a lot of fun.



Thurs March 17th, 2016, Dr. Sohail Husain published a letter in the Philadelphia Inquirer entitled, "True Islam prays for him."

Fri March 25th, 2016, Imam Adnan Ahmed published a letter in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette entitled, "Terrorists distort the true teachings of Islam."

Sat March 26th, 2016, young Khādim, Khalid Husain, published a letter in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette entitled, "We are waging a jihad of the pen to promote love."

Saturday-Sunday April 2nd-3rd, 2016, prayer vigil for the victims of Brussels, Lahore, and elsewhere in the world. Attended by several key guests, including the Honorary Consul of Belgium in Pittsburgh Ms. Anne Lackner, two agents from the FBI's Pittsburgh Division, Channel 11 news, and two photographers from local Pittsburgh newspapers.



Anṣār and Khuddām local Ijtimā' was held on Saturday and Sunday. It included: Religious knowledge, sports competitions. Tahajjud, Fajr, and Darsul-Quran and Khuddām outing at IHOP for breakfast. Anṣār fun sports included badminton, Indian wrestling, fast walk, and PingPong. There were about 12 Anṣār and about 15 Khuddām and Aṭfāl in total.



Sunday April 3rd, 2016, Dr. Sohail Husain published an OpEd in the New Haven Register entitled, "A Muslim superhero in our midst."

# Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community USA Condemns Senseless Shooting in Orlando

## Offers condolences to victims' families and friends

The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community USA urges calm after a shooting in an Orlando nightclub left at least 20 dead and 42 injured. Reports state that the shooter has died following a shootout with SWAT officers. The FBI is looking into whether this was an act of international or domestic terrorism. The shooter has been identified as Omar Mateen.

"This is really tragic and sad," said Dr. Nasim

Rehmatullah, National Vice President of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community USA, "Reverence for all human life is the essence of Islamic teaching. This is a time for prayers and efforts to stop such senseless violence in our nation."

We pray for the speedy recovery of the injured and offer our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims.

## Third Annual Muhammad, the Messenger of Peace, Event at University of Dayton, April 26, 2016



The purpose of the program was to explain the true teachings of Islam and the Holy Prophet Muhammad's peaceful preaching of Islam in contrast to the harsh ideology presented by Islamic Extremists. Thus the event was subtitled: True Islam and the Extremists as part of the nation-wide True Islam campaign.

### Event highlights:

**Number of outside guests:** 155+ Total Attendance: 180+

**Literature distributed:** Approximately 200 pieces of literature including Jamā'at introduction flyers, Review of Religions Magazine, Life of Muhammad, Promised Messiah (as) books in (Arabic and English) and Huzur's(aba) books on Pathway to peace.

**Quran Exhibition:** 35 translations of the Holy Quran were on display along with banners.

### Preparations:

For publicity and invitation emphasis was placed on members of the Jamā'at attending, meeting and participating in Community meetings / programs to gain acquaintance and the support of community personalities throughout the City and County.

Imam Yahya Luqman, Secretary Tabligh Haji Aminullah and key officers of the Jamā'at, guided the implementation and execution of a very successful program targeting Local Government Officials, Community leaders, Neighborhood Organizations, Ahmadiyya Gazette USA

University Faculty and Students previously engaged.



Social Media, Personal E-Mail Contacts, Facebook contacts were utilized to promote the event, and help the community understand the True Religion of Islam, alleviating many of the fears that created Islamophobia through the miss understanding of the religion.



300 Invitation cards and 2000 flyers were printed in Detroit with the help of Secretary Tabligh Detroit Jamā'at. An additional 250 flyers printed in Dayton.

**Invitation Cards:** 224 Invitation cards were mailed to State/County/City Officials, Neighborhood Association/Community Leaders, Church/Religious Leaders, Interfaith Organizations, and specific Tabligh contacts. 75 Invitation cards were taken by Jamā'at members to give to their own contacts.



**Flyers:** For two weeks prior to the event, flyers were distributed at three university campuses: Wright State University, Sinclair College, and University of Dayton. Flyers were also distributed in the neighborhood of the University of Dayton. Lajna distributed flyers at a number of their interfaith meetings before the event. The day prior to and on the day of the event a booth was also organized at the University of Dayton.

**Electronic/Social Media:** Individual emails invitations were sent to roughly 190 Jamā'at contacts made over last 7 months. 600 university professors were also sent individual email invitations. Lajna sent email invitations to more than 100 of their contacts. Mass emailing to 1200 addresses, 150 individual tweets. New webpage, Facebook, and Twitter account was made for daytonmosque to publicize the event.

**Advertisement:** The event was advertise for free in print media The Dayton City Paper (weekly) for 3 weeks and online media localdayton.com

**RSVPs:** A total of 90 RSVPs were received by email and telephone. More than 70 RSVPs had been received before flyer distribution started at the University of Dayton.

**The Program:** On arrival each attendee received a program, True Islam campaign flyer, and notecards for questions. Light refreshments, drinks and tea was served. Several Jamā'at propagation banners were displayed; such as Muhammad Messenger of Peace, the Covenant, Interfaith and the Last Pilgrimage. A new banner covering the history of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Dayton was also displayed. These banners attracted passersby as they ate and engaged in conversation. A table also was designated to display the Holy Qur'an, in English and several world languages.

The formal program opened with recitation/translation of the Holy Qur'an by Br. Mohammad Fytahi, of the Indiana Jamā'at. The Program Moderator, Imam Yahya Luqman, provided a welcome and an impressive video introduction of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The audience witnessed and acknowledged compliments supporting the peaceful initiatives of the Jamā'at, by distinguished V.I.P.s and Government Officials from several Countries around the world.

The first speaker was Sister Khadija Ali, Program Director of the Circle of Vision Keepers. Sister Khadija's topic was the "Equality of Women in Islam." Citing Chapter 33 verse 36 of the Holy Qur'an beginning with the statement "Surely, men who submit themselves to God and women who submit themselves to Him" and ending with the statement "Allah has prepared for all of them forgiveness and a great reward" effectively repudiated the notion that Islam accords a lower status women as to men.

The next speaker was the Honorable Judge Walter H. Rice, Federal Judge of the US District Court. He related being of Jewish decent, recalling his childhood remarked that Muslims had comforted him and his family and he has always believed Islam to be a peaceful religion. Judge Rice spoke admirably about his respect and support of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

A video produced by the Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya was presented about the Holy Quran and its revelation to the Holy Prophet Muhammad. The details and images of the presentation was impressive and greatly appreciated by the audience.

The last speaker of the evening was respected Imam Azhar Haneef, the National Vice President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Respected Imam Sahib spoke dramatically and expressively on the peaceful nature and existence of the religion of Islam. He unprovocatively but definitively established the high status of the Holy Prophet's loving and peaceful nature while preaching and defending the religion of Islam, captivating the audience with both humor and fact differentiating the beliefs of true Islam and the extremist version of the religion.

Half an hour of questions and answers session followed. Imam Yahya Luqman read written inquiries collected from the audience, to a panel consisting of Imam Azhar Haneef, Judge Walter Rice and Sis. Khadija Ali pertaining to statements made during their speech. The program closed with a message of gratitude and farewell from the President of the Dayton Chapter, Chaudhry Muhammad Arshad. Imam Azhar Haneef led the concluding silent prayer.

Al-Hajj Aminullah Ahmad, Secretary Tabligh, Dayton Jamā'at

## Annual Iftār in Miami

### Interfaith Ramaḍān Dinner, June 12, 2016

In view of the recent interest in Islam and its traditions, Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Miami started organizing Annual Interfaith Iftār Dinners. The core purpose of this interfaith gathering is to educate our fellow Americans about a Muslim holy tradition and forge bonds of understanding and build bridges. According to a recent PEW research, about 62% Americans have never met a Muslim or visited a mosque. Thus, such gatherings are integral to share Muslim customs with our fellow countrymen.



Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Miami planned an interfaith Iftār dinner on June 12<sup>th</sup> and a letter was sent to Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allah be his Helper) for special prayers. Invitation was extended via emails, flyers and social media to neighbors, friends, faith and community leaders in addition to federal, state and city officials. In light of the increasingly overwhelming positive response, guests were requested to RSVP online for the event and 88 guests responded. On the night of June 11, our mosque was all set up and ready to hold our largest interfaith gathering at Bait-un-Naseer mosque.

However, the tragic events of Saturday night in Orlando - 49 people shot dead in a nightclub - dampened the spirits and our community was struck with horror and intense grief. We realized that what was to be a festive and joyous celebration of breaking bread with our non-Muslim friends would be a somber event as so many had lost their lives in our state (Florida) just a few hours ago.

A Media Advisory was disseminated to inform the local media that our interfaith Iftār would be incorporating a prayer service for the lives lost in Orlando. Television crews from two stations WPLG 10 (ABC affiliate) and WSVN 7 arrived at Baitun-Naseer mosque at 2 pm to gather our reaction about the Orlando shootings as a leading Muslim organization in South

Florida. Both the TV stations stayed at the mosque premises till midnight and sent their live coverage of the interfaith gathering throughout the evening in their 5 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm live broadcasts. WSVN7 came to the mosque on next day again and interviewed our spokesperson Dr Khalid Minhas about the tragedy.

As the interfaith Iftār was scheduled to start at 7 pm, guests started coming shortly after 6 P.M. A total of 125 guests were in attendance, way more than the 88 who had earlier sent their RSVPs. Some guests commented that they had made it a point to attend despite their prior commitments after they heard about the Orlando shooting.



The program started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Imran Ahmad. Khalid Minhas, Director of Public Affairs welcome the guests and read out the official Press Release of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community USA that condemned the tragedy and offered condolences to the victims' families.

The event was a vibrant gathering of diverse faiths and traditions. In attendance were two Rabbis, six Christian priests, Shia, Bahai, Sikh and Quaker faith leaders, in addition to scores of members of federal, state, city and non-profit advocacy groups that included Florida State Senator Eleanor Sobel, City of Hallandale Beach Mayor, Vice Mayor, and two Commissioners. Also in attendance were members of AJC Jewish Advocacy, Florida International University Religious Studies professor and an official from US Department of Justice.

It was remarkable that large groups of congregants had accompanied some of their respective faith leaders. 12 members from Christ the King Lutheran Church, 6 from Miami Friends Meeting House (Quakers), 6 from Redeemer Lutheran Church and St Andrews Lutheran Church and 7 from American Jewish Committee.

Here are some excerpts from the remarks of the speakers:

**Rev Mark Tonnesen, St Andrew's Lutheran Church Homestead FL:** As we come together in solidarity, love of Creation is what we are about as people of faith. People are violent, not religions.

**Father James Quinn, Pastor Emeritus St Matthew Catholic Church Hallandale Beach FL:** Ramaḍān is a happy and thankful time like Lent. Love of God transcends all barriers.

**Rabbi Tom Heyn, Temple Israel of Greater Miami:** Extremists of all faiths have loudest voices. We must strengthen the moderate voices against terror. All people are created in God's image.



**FL State Senator Eleneor Sobel:** We should not give into fear. People with mental health issues with guns create havoc. ISIL hates democracy.

**Pastor Nancy Grajek, Redeemer Lutheran Church Fort Myers FL:** We grieve with you.

**Rev Harold 'Hunter' Thomspon, Miami Beach Community Church:** Faiths unite us and we all wall together.

**Rabbi Barry Silver, Congregation La Dor Va Dor Lake Work FL:** Salam, Shalom, Peace is our common goal.

**Ted Brownstein of Spiritual Assembly of Bahais and Lake Worth Interfaith Network:** There is a lot in common in the Abrahamic faiths, quoting and excerpt from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as).

**Pastor Katie Carroll, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Pinecrest FL:** May we be united in spirit.

**Professor Iqbal Akhtar, Florida International University:** Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community embodies the values and ideals of Islam. Its members preserve their heritage in a remarkable way.

**Norman Hemming from US Attorney's office, Department of Justice:** The best of humanity played out in aftermath of the Orlando tragedy when all faiths united against hate.

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**Major Pannu, Sikh Society of South Florida:** If someone respects religion, they can't hurt others in Ramaḍān. Those who do so are mentally sick and lack integrity. We are all part of one Noor (light) and we can't judge people, only God can.



**Vice Mayor Bill Julian, City of Hallandale Beach:** The best of humanity played out in Orlando when 1500 people gathered to donate blood after the tragedy. We can't let one person ruin an entire faith because of his atrocious behavior.

**Jamil Rizvi of Islamic Jaffria Association:** It's a heavy day for all Americans, as lives were lost for no reason. Humanity is bigger than hate and that's what religion is all about. Let love conquer hate.



**Mayor Joy Cooper, City of Hallandale Beach:** We come together and celebrate our unity and diversity. Your community (Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community) comes above themselves and that's commendable.

**Munawar Ahmad Chaudhry, President of Miami Jamā'at:** Today is a sad day but seeing all the guests gathered here we realize that we don't have to worry about the future. We can't be thankful to God without being thankful to people. Interfaith gathering in Ramaḍān is a great blessing. Some guests have inquired if they could offer some recompense for the outstanding hospitality. As a community we do not accept donations from nonmembers. Your presence here is a gift for us.

We request you to kindly follow us on social media and endorse our latest campaign **‘True Islam and the Extremists’** at [www.trueislam.com](http://www.trueislam.com). That is the best way to defeat and counter the radical ideology and hate.

Meeting concluded with silent prayers.

Miami Jamā‘at members displayed outstanding teamwork and seamless service to ensure a delicious Ifṭār dinner that was served to a diverse gathering of 125 guests. A vibrant group had gathered to have Ifṭār and it

was a wonderful display of Ramaḍān’s spirit and the guests were immensely pleased to join us in sharing the tradition. It was a beautiful show of unity and love as Jews, Christians, Sikhs, Bahais, Quakers and others joined us at the annual Ifṭār dinner. Afterwards some guests also recorded their comments for MTA report.

More pictures are posted on our website [www.amcmiami.info](http://www.amcmiami.info). (Dr Tariq Mahmood, General Secretary Miami Jamā‘at)

## Accident at Baitur-Rahman and Request for Prayers

On the evening of 27 June 2016, a severe thunderstorm hit Washington DC area. After the rain stopped around 7:00 PM, our very dear and respected Mukhtar Malhi drove to his home and as he came out of his car, woody side of a fairly large branch of a tree fell on his back. His back took the brunt of the falling branch resulting in multiple fractures of the thoracic vertebrae. He fell to the ground and broke his leg bone where he had a plate placed while in Pakistan for an injury. In addition, there was a fracture of the ankle. Ambulance came in a few minutes and he was taken to a suburban

hospital.

He had about 10-hour surgery the next day. The spine was reconstructed with metal hardware as prescribed by surgeons. They fixed the leg fracture too. His ankle fracture was also repaired.

We all join in prayers for the best for this uniformly humble and devoted servant of the Jamā‘at, may Allah grant him a miraculous recovery and we again see him working and smiling among us very soon. Āmīn. (Dr. Ahsan Zafar and Dr. Zaheer Bajwa)

## Obituary Mian Abul Shakoor of Switzerland

It is announced with grief and sorrow that after long protracted illness, brother-in-law of Scribe, Mian Abdul Shakoor, Sadr Anṣarullāh, Zurich Jamā‘at of Switzerland passed away on Wednesday, May 18th, 2016. Late Mian Abdul Shakoor was grandson of Mistri Faiz Ahmad, one of famous 313 Sahaba of the Promised Messiah, may peace be upon him. Mother-in-law of the Scribe, late Saleha Begum, mother of late Mian Abdul Shakoor and my wife Mrs. Amtul Hamid Baloch is daughter of late Mufti Fazal Ahmad of Bhera, district Sargodha, Punjab, Pakistan. Both Late Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, First Aḥmadiyya Missionary to USA and late Mufti Fazal Ahmad are real cousins from Bhera,

district Sargodha, Pakistan. Mrs. Qudusia Shakoor is daughter of late Maulawi Zahoor Hussain Bukhara, First Aḥmadiyyah Missionary to USSR. Passing away of late Mian Abdul Shakoor is an irreparable loss to the grieving family members and Zurich Jamā‘at of Switzerland. Members of Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at worldwide are requested to pray to Almighty Allah to elevate rank of the departed soul in Paradise, Amen! His funeral prayer in absentia was lead Syed Majid Shah at Masjid Mubarak on the following Friday, as our young Imam Rizwan Khan of Virginia Jamā‘at, USA was away on that day. (Professor G-H. Qamar Baloch)

## Birth Announcements

1. I am pleased to inform you that Allah granted our brother Mohammed Trawally with a baby son. He is grandson of the Amir Jamā‘at Gambia. We all congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Mohammed Trawally at the birth of son. May Allah grant him long, healthy life and become a Khādim (servant) of Aḥmadiyyat. Amin.

2. I am pleased to share with you the good news of birth of our grandson, who is son of Dr. Mahmooda K. Pasha and Dr Faraz Pasha. He was born on Friday August 5, 2016 in St. Petersburg Florida and named as Mikael Pasha. Requesting your prayers for the long, healthy, successful life with continuous guidance from Allah. May he become a Khādim (servant) of Aḥmadiyyat and Qurratul-‘Ain (coolness of eyes) for the parents. Amin.

(Muhammad Abdul Khaliq, President Minnesota Chapter)

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# Remembering a Gentle Soul, Ahmed Abdul Hameed

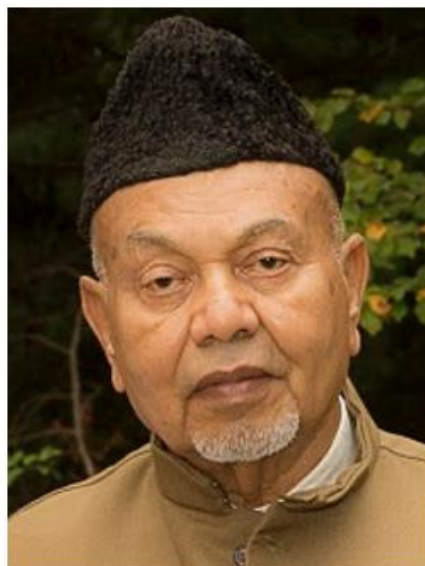
Faheem Younus Qureshi, Sadr Majlis

Ahmed Abdul Hameed passed away on July 6, 2016 in Maryland, Innā Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Rāji‘ūn. He was a devout Ahmadi Muslim, a loving father, a responsible husband, and a friend to many. He was born in Hyderabad Deccan, India where he served as Qa’id Majlis Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya. From there, life took him to Saudi Arabia where he was entrusted to be the president of Dammam Jamā‘at. Over 20 years ago, he dedicated himself to serving MTA USA at Baitur-Rahman Mosque. He also served as the Secretary Waṣāyā in Silver Spring chapter.

Abdul Hameed Sahib—as we lovingly called him—was a man of ideas. From what kind of speech topics we should select to where we should place the portable bathrooms at Ijtimā, he knew it. “We should have more discussions about Rishta Nata. Let fathers talk to each other about their children of marriageable age,” he once advised me.

A few days before his demise, when he was on hospice, I was fortunate to visit him at home with two other Anṣār of Baltimore Majlis. Despite being deeply jaundiced and physically exhausted, he was sharp. “Dr. Sahib, I have always read the works of Ḥaḍrat Masīḥ Mau‘ūd (peace be upon him) and found them flawless,” he said, “but lately when I read them, I find Huzoor’s words to be very powerful.” “Very powerful,” he emphasized by shutting his eyes and making a fist of his right hand.

One measure of the goodness of a tree is the fruit it leaves behind. Allah blessed Late Ahmad Abdul Hameed and his wife, Sabiha Banu with six children (Abdul Shukoor Ahmed, Abdul Rafeeq Ahmed, Mansora Shaheen, Abdul Noor Ahmed, Zakia Mubarika, and Abdul Hadi Ahmed) and 19 grandchildren. He remained devoted to Khilāfat and urged his children to do the same.



His final days, Al-Ḥamdu Lillāh, were spent in fervent prayer in the holy month of Ramaḍān with his family. On July 6th, he peacefully passed away at home. His funeral Prayer was offered at Baitur-Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD, on July 8, 2016.

His youngest son, Abdul Hadi Ahmad currently serves as Mu‘awin Sadr Majlis Anṣarullāh, USA. While his oldest son, Abdul Shukoor Ahmad has previously served as Na‘ib Sadr Saff Dom, Majlis Anṣarullāh, USA. Both of them flew over to India to fulfill one last wish of their beloved father.

A few days ago, a friend shared a picture of both of these brothers, wearing grey and white Topis, spreading dirt at the freshly made grave of their beloved father in Qadian, where respected Ahmad Abdul Hameed was buried. May Almighty Allah elevate his status in paradise and grant his family strength to bear this loss with steadfastness, patience, and fortitude, Ameen.

## A Father Who Led by Example

By Asmaa A. Ayaz, Daughter of Nazir Ayaz

My beloved father, Respected Nazir Ahmad Ayaz, took his final breath on July 3rd, 2016 at 12:00 AM and departed from this world to meet his Creator. Innā Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Rāji‘ūn. Al-Ḥamdu Lillāh, he passed away peacefully with his loved ones by his side. As was his nature, he never inconvenienced anyone, planned precisely, and never wasted time, and so was true until the last beat of his heart. He was on his way to the mosque during the last ten days of Ramaḍān. He passed away 48 hours later on the 27th of Ramaḍān.

Respected Nazir Ayaz arrived in U.S.A. in 1977 from London, England. Late Missionary Masood Jhelumi took my father under his wings and formed a very special bond. He appointed my father as the financial secretary of the New York chapter. It was during this time that my father’s passion and vigor to serve the Jamā‘at took root. He kept the finances record amicably. A few years later, in 1981, when I was five years old, he became the president of the New York chapter, an honorable position that he held until his very last day. He

exemplified the motto: “I shall give precedence to my faith over all worldly matters.”

His every action was towards the betterment of the Jamā‘at, especially focusing on the youth. With limited resources, he started the Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya Basketball Tournament that has now become an international event uniting Khuddām from all over the world. He collaborated with the local missionary and Lajna president and took the young Lajna on hiking and camping trips engaging them in interactive dialogue.

He advised us, “As Ahmadi women, you should not let any obstacles stand in the way of your success”.

During Jamā‘at events, my mother, Farḥat Ayāz and I would be the first to arrive at the mosque and the last to leave. Seeing my father with a mop, broom, or a vacuum cleaner was a common sight and an amazing example for everyone. I rarely saw him in the reserved section for special guests, or sitting in the front row, presiding over an event or making speeches. During his concluding remarks, he was always thanking others for their hard work and dedication. He was one of the simplest and humblest human beings I ever came across. As a family man, my father always spoke about the importance of serving the Jamā‘at and humanity, but always stressed the importance of serving to win the pleasure of Allah. He was always proud of the accomplishments of his grandchildren and myself. My father would often quote Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd’s (may Allah be pleased with him) poem when advising us, “Ham Na Khush Hoñ Gai Kabhee Tum Maiñ Gar Islam Na Ho,” meaning, “We would not be content if the love of Islam were not in you,” and would always tell me, “Khidmat-i-Deen Ko Ik Fazl-i-Ilahi Jano,” meaning “always think of serving Islam as a blessing from Allah.”

In 1999, after a family trip to his birthplace, Tanzania, Africa, he reassured the Tanzania Jamā‘at that the Ayaz family would always provide any kind of aid and assistance necessary. Since then, the contributions of the Ayaz family have helped renovate mosques, educate students, provide employment, and provide Iḥfārs and food for ‘Īds. As the Director of Humanity First for Tanzania, he and his team were responsible for setting up the first mammogram machines in the country and brought nurses over to U.S.A. to receive training, and set up a sewing and vocational school for adults, and a

private elementary school for children. He had also donated a computer and science lab to a local high school as well as textbooks and educational materials. He has helped establish many water wells throughout the country providing families with fresh water. He was in the process of setting up an affordable health clinic to provide services to anyone requiring medical care.

Another outstanding quality was his belief in Allah and his habit of remembering Allah. During one of the worst economic recessions in history, he purchased Bait-uz-Zafar in 2008, which seemed impossible for many. With complete faith in Allah, my father and his team of dedicated workers managed to raise the necessary funds required to purchase the property. He was a compassionate man, with many admirable qualities and always found ways to make others laugh and smile. His days and nights were spent in the remembrance of Allah. While sleeping, we would frequently hear him say, “Allahu Akbar,” and “Astaghfirullah.” In fact, en route to the mosque to offer his daily Maghrib and Tarawīḥ prayers during Ramaḍān, he would stop by at a local park for his daily walk. While walking on the tracks, he engaged in reciting Durūd and Quranic prayers, and these were the words he was reciting when he collapsed and met his creator the following day.

I may have been his only child, but during these last few days, I have realized that he was a father figure, a mentor, a coach, a teacher and an inspiration to so many others. He was a pillar of support, a guide, a confidant, and a gentle selfless person who touched the hearts and souls of everyone he met. He had a personal relationship with the young and old, man or woman.

Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation my mother, Farḥat Ayaz and I feel towards the Jamā‘at for their unconditional love and support and the honor and respect they have bestowed on my father. On many occasions, I tried convincing him to come and live with me in Connecticut. His response was always, “I can never move away from the New York Jamā‘at.” His love for Bait-uz-Zafar and its members was immense and the manner in which the Jamā‘at has reciprocated that love has left us speechless. Jazakumullāhu Ahsanal-Jaza. May Allah continue to shower His blessings on you and may New York always be a model Jamā‘at for others to follow. Ameen.

## Birth Announcement

I am pleased to inform you that Allah has blessed Drs. Ansar Malik and Mehr Karamat with a son, Aarib Karamat Malik. Congratulations to both the parents and their families for the birth of Aarib, may Allah grant him long, healthy and happy life and become a source of blessings for the family and Jamā‘at. Ameen! Members are requested to remember them in your prayers. (Jamil Ahmad, General Secretary, Minnesota Chapter)

# Nazir Ayaz

## *A personal Tribute to Long Serving President of New York Jamā'at*

Naeem Ahmad, Long Island, NY

My first meeting with Respected Nazir Ayaz was in 1982, when he came to my apartment to visit with my brother-in-law, Dr Yunus Khan, who was his friend and a fellow student in Tonga, East Africa. I next met him when I needed his signature on my Nikah Form. Although a third generation Ahmadi, I was not an active member of the Jamā'at. He was gracious enough to overlook my weakness and ever so gently invited me to keep a connection with the Jamā'at. After my marriage, and on moving to Long Island, I did start attending Jamā'at functions and enrolled my children in Tahir School.

Although I was older to him by a few years, he always treated me most affectionately as a younger brother. He encouraged me to make speeches for various Jamā'at functions, and always called me at home to offer his praise filled critique. Whether it was by his design or the Grace of the Almighty that I improved in my study of religious knowledge and also in the practical aspects of faith. He encouraged me to attend Jumu'a Prayers regularly, and start spending in the way of Allah, and also to guard against unnecessary comments.

Nazir Ayaz can be described as a model of simplicity, humility, and as a self-effacing servant of God and Humanity. Apart from his righteous pride in being an Ahmadi Muslim, he claimed no superiority due to his office or accomplishments. He was the first to enter the mosque and invariably the last to leave. I have observed that his interaction with all persons was only with a view to promoting the Jamā'at. And he did this with a smile and hearty infectious enthusiasm.

For myself though, I consider his greatest gift was to bring out the best in me. He made me write long research articles, Jalsa Salāna speeches, and goaded me to memorize portions of the Holy Qur'an so I could lead Tarāwīḥ Prayers. Before the Respected Hafiz Sahib from West Africa assumed this duty, he browbeat me for almost 20 days at Bait-uz-Zafar. He would not take no for an answer and coerced me in learning, researching and delivering lessons (Dars) of the Holy Qur'an during Ramaḍān and for sometimes regularly to Khuddām's monthly meetings. I could never imagine that I would be able to do any of these duties but it was all by Grace of God and Ayāz Sahib's 9:30 PM phone calls. He also called upon me for Tilāwat at larger gatherings, saying that it warranted a "mature" Qārī, reciter. Also, he sent me to churches and synagogues for speeches and Q/A sessions.

I was also deputed to invite college students to the Ahmadiyya Gazette USA

mosque during Ramaḍān and on Sirat events, through my acquaintances with some professors. So the Hofstra Theology and Near Eastern Studies classes were attended over several years. During the last visit of Respected Mujeebur Rahman, he coaxed my daughter, Zainab, by mounting a barrage of calls on me to have him invited to Columbia and NYU. Both visits were highly successful.

In my wife, Nasrin, he discovered a willing worker. She handled the subscription to the Review of Religions for some years and other tasks for the Jamā'at. But he discovered that she would be motivated by service to humanity. This was his passion too. Many would bear witness regarding his financial assistance, direct or through others, counseling and affectionate care that he freely gave to those in need. But he encouraged Nasrin to help in intra-family disputes. Over the last 20 years, she has handled and brought to an equitable resolution several cases of domestic violence, and marital discord. Indeed, it was the exposure to the government's slow moving procedural machinery that encouraged her to seek public office.

His other passion was to find the best deal for the Jamā'at. He was always on the lookout for a bargain as to him Jamā'at funds were sacred. And so, he also brought out the best in me in applying my professional know-how. In 2003, he asked me to oversee a proposal to provide air-conditioning to the old Bait-uz-Zafar. The plan, roof-mounted air conditioning unit with ductwork was impractical. Alternates, like split-system air conditioners were costly and the funds were limited. He urged me to rise up to my (imaginary) reputation as a can-do engineer. Surfing the web, I came across Daikin, Japanese air conditioning company that after a long hiatus were returning to the US and were looking for dealers, etc. I spoke to their sales manager and offered the air-conditioning of the mosque as a showcase first project for his company. The manger was very cooperative and designed and provided (indeed donated 50% of cost) all the equipment, start up and service. The system is still running and was a positive factor in the sale of the building.

I have recounted only my and my family's personal experiences with Ayaz Sahib. But I have no doubt that all who came in contact with him felt elated by completing an assigned task for him. He met or exceeded the financial targets; he successfully brought out the Ahmadiyya Calendar every year, he supervised the distribution and subscription of the Review. But his

greatest triumph is the creating the team of selfless workers that keep the largest Ahmadi mosque and chapter running. Indeed, the acquiring and financing of the present Bait-uz-Zafar on the contributions of ordinary folks, with no specialist doctors, no business millionaires or rich members is in itself a great success.

In my 32 years of knowing him, I never heard him complain, backbite or express displeasure at anyone. He was the personification of “Love for All, Hatred for None.” The example of service, contentment, obedience and good cheer that he has left behind will light up the way for many to follow. May Allah, the Merciful, grant

him His mercy and forgiveness. Ameen

قَرِّجِينَ بِمَا أُنْتَهَمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ  
وَيَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ  
مِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ أَلَّا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ  
يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿١٧١﴾

Jubilant because of that which Allah has given them of His bounty; and rejoicing for those who have not yet joined them from behind them, because on them shall come no fear, nor shall they grieve. (3[Āl ‘Imrān]:171)

## My Ammi—Najma Younus

Faheem Younus Qureshi, Baltimore, MD

### Ammi

Ammi never completed high school. But she was my university.

Why else would Najma Younus—my Ammi—put up with a clingy child who declined to even sit in his kindergarten class without her? I was five years old when Ammi first brought me to school, bright and early at 8 A.M. When Ammi tried to leave, I started crying incessantly. So she negotiated. Clad in her black Burqa, she sat on a bench right outside my class and remained there until the school day ended. Then it became her daily routine. After a few days—when my hyper-acute separation anxiety failed to subside—Ammi started bringing her household chores to my school. Sitting right where I could see her, Ammi would knit winter sweaters, chop ladyfingers, finish needlework, and complete a whole host of other chores as she remained efficient and yet completely committed to me. On our way home, we would walk ten minutes to the Chowburji Bus Stop in Lahore. Ammi kept me busy: remove that banana peel, push that rock to the side, pick up that plastic wrapper.

In hindsight, during that walk, Ammi was silently schooling me on Hadith.

Ammi was born on December 4, 1941 in Faisalabad, Pakistan. Her father, Sheikh Abdul Aziz, was a companion of the promised Messiah (peace be upon him), and her mother, Salma Khatoon, enjoyed close relationship with many of the revered ladies of the family of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). Her mother’s brother (Māmūñ), Sheikh Basheer Ahmad, served as Amīr Jamā’at Lahore. But she didn’t flaunt *their* names as a mark of *her* spirituality. Instead, Allah revealed her piety to us serendipitously, when we children would randomly walk into her room at Ṣalāt time, only to find her crying in prostration.

### Prayers

Ammi prayed like a scientist conducts his experiments: methodically.

We never once saw Ammi miss an obligatory prayer. And for more than two decades, she was regular in Tahajjud prayers as well. In addition, Ammi always used books of Quranic prayers and the prayers of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). *Durūd*, *La Ilāha Illā Anta Subḥānaka Innī Kuntu Minaz-Ḍālimīn* and *Rabbi Kullu Shai’in Khādīmuka* and *Istighfār* were among her favorite prayers. Not performing proper ablution was Ammi’s pet peeve. When her grandsons were called to lead prayers at home, Ammi would often touch their elbows and feet to confirm they had performed complete Wuḍū.

My nephew Fraz remembers saying, “Nānee, I have an exam tomorrow. Please pray for me.”

She replied, “In Sha Allah, I will. But what time is your exam tomorrow?”

“From 9 to 11 A.M.”

Fraz told me that when he came out of his exam the next day, happily cross checking his answers with his friends, his phone rang—a little after 11 A.M. It was Ammi, asking, “How did your exam go? You never told me. I was praying for you.” Everyone in our family knew that whenever someone made a prayer request to Ammi, whether it was for a journey or a trial or a sickness, she stayed focused on prayers during that time, from wherever in the world she was.

In the 1970s my father was in a car accident resulting in serious bodily harm to a pedestrian. The police charged and arrested him. Ammi told us this story many times: “I was a simple woman with no influence. So I turned to Allah and offered Nawāfil at Tahajjud time,

pleading with Him to vindicate your father. I knew he was innocent. Then as I dozed off after Tahajjud, I saw a being sitting on the foot end of my bed, dressed in pure white clothes. As I moved, this being vanished, leaving me with a thought that this must have been an angel of mercy. Soon after, it was Fajr time, and my heart was at peace. Before 10 A.M., one of your uncles called me from the High Court. Your father had been exonerated of all charges.”

During the 1974 political unrest in Pakistan, my father lost his job due to being an Ahmadi. He then took on small consulting opportunities, which required travel to different cities. We children stayed in Lahore with Ammi and our grandfather. Ammi recalled this incidence to us: “One night, a rumor spread that a mob was planning to attack our house. All four of you children were sleeping on charpoys at the roof, with a fan running, during the summer months. During Tahajjud, I cried to Allah for your safety. I was scared, defenseless. Sometime before Fajr, I saw a bright white light emerge from the stairs leading up to the roof. The light surrounded the charpoys on the rooftops. That’s when I knew that Allah will protect all of you.” As it turned out, no one caused any harm to us that night or in the nights to follow.

In the 1990s, one of our family members was going through a lot of trials, material, academic, and emotional. Ammi prayed for him constantly and fervently. One night she came out and told him, while everyone was in the room, “I heard a voice saying: ‘Triumphs have been destined for him.’” He laughed, but Ammi’s faith in Allah was unflinching. Now, 25 years later, he himself marvels at how unlikely it was but it all came true.

## Helping People

Ammi loved people. Family. In-laws. Neighbors. She was so personable that even when she bought fruit from a roadside vendor, the vendor believed her to be a loyal customer by the time she paid for the goods. Once when we had some guests over, Ammi asked me to run to the corner shop and bring the typical chat, samosas, and bhallay kind of foods to go with the tea. For some reason, I did not sit with the guests. After they left, Ammi gave me a tongue lashing: “Guests come hungry for your respect, not your food. In the future, I don’t want to see you not giving company to the guests.”

During the 1980s, when Ammi was Sadr Lajna Multan Road Hālqa, she reminded the ladies about observing purdah according to the wishes of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ. My elder sister told me that after repeated reminders, one day Ammi bought burqas for those ladies who were reluctant in improving their purdah, telling them, “This is a gift from Huzoor for you.

He would be happy if you were to use it.”

In the 2010s, Ammi often called us from Pakistan to ask, “How much is there in the Ṣadaqa box?”

In our home, the Ṣadaqa box is a simple piggybank on top of the fridge for anyone to put in cash Ṣadaqa when we feel an immediate need to do so. My wife and I knew that she was trying to help collect a girl’s dowry or pay a student’s educational expenses or something similar. So regardless of how much was in the Ṣadaqa box, our answer would always be, “Ammi, how much is the need?”

Ammi was always helping those in need. Typically such people were not Ahmadis, but Ammi’s loving heart never asked that question. All it asked was: “Are you human?”

Ammi would be the first to initiate a phone call to a distant relative. She liked to stay in touch, and she had built bonds with our whole family across the world. She always reminded us that, “Those who sever the ties of kinship will be severed from Allah’s mercy.”

One of my cousins called after Ammi’s death and said, “I don’t think you know how many people were under the shade of her care and support.” Honestly, I believe even Ammi herself didn’t know that. Because what many classify as caring for others, Ammi simply qualified as “living.”

Ammi incentivized behaviors. I liked to play cricket; “Memorize the first poem of Durr-i-Sameen (collection of Urdu poems of the Promised Messiah) and then you can go.” I was bad at math; “Improve your math scores and I will get you the red bike you liked.” But not every negotiation was that easy.

I liked kite flying. Ammi hated it with a passion. When I was in 6th grade, Basant (a kite flying festival) fell on a weekday. I wanted to bunk school, but for Ammi that was a big no. Regardless of what excuse I pulled out that morning, Ammi still made me go. However, when I returned, she had set up kites and food and chairs on the roof so that I could have fun with my friends.

## Sunset

In hindsight, it’s obvious that Ammi’s functional capacity had been declining for the past decade. She was able to walk independently in the 1990s. But by 2008, she began to require a cane. Then a walker. Even in this condition she would always wash her feet during Wuḍū, while we were afraid that she might fall.

Despite her declining health, Ammi made at least fifteen return trips between Pakistan and the US since 1996. She would emerge from International Arrivals on a wheel chair, beaming, with a bag in her lap carrying gifts for all of us. A cricket bat for my son, books for me, clothes for the ladies in the family, and Ludo (a popular

board game) for all of us. She taught all my children to play Ludo, gracefully allowing them to bend the rules in their favor in exchange for laughs.

One day in 2014, Ammi asked me to grab some paper, saying, “I want you to write some of my last wishes.”

I casually pulled out some printer paper and a pen and said, “Alright Ammi, I am ready.”

But she shook her head, “Not like this. I want you to write it carefully, like you write your Jamā’at articles during the night.”

By now, my sisters had moved to Canada, my brother remained in Pakistan, I was in the US and Ammi was living among fears. To settle those fears, she made me draft a proper Last Will document using online help, documented the following five wishes; all siblings to sign it:

1. If I become severely ill where there is no reasonable chance of a functional life, I do not want to be kept alive by artificial means, such as a ventilator, etc.
2. Since my children are now spread all over the world, and I travel to see them, bury me in whatever land I die.
3. When I die, grant me a speedy burial according to the practice of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).
4. Don’t compel anyone to travel from other countries, and don’t instill guilt in whoever is unable to come. My children have served me well during my life. Instead of wasting money on expensive airplane tickets, use that money to pay for a girl’s wedding or a child’s education.
5. Donate all my money to the Jamā’at as charity.

Remember, this is a woman who often reminded us that she was a high school dropout. Yet she had such clarity of thought.

On June 10, Ammi sustained a fall at home, and she was also quite somnolent. An ambulance was called, and multiple other problems were discovered in the hospital. I arrived in a Canadian hospital on Wednesday, June 15.

Upon seeing me, Ammi perked up. That day I realized that a mother always has a reserve of love that she can tap into, even if she is dying. Over the next three days, she repeated many of the above stories, while become increasingly hungry for air. She always preferred female doctors, and her primary doctor in the hospital turned out to be female. Every day when she asked Ammi if she needed anything, Ammi would say, “Do you have a nurse who speaks Urdu?” Unfortunately, they didn’t have one.

On June 17, as Ammi’s oxygen requirements quadrupled and her chest X-rays worsened, the prospects of a ventilator became real.

I asked her, “Would you like to reconsider your decision?”

“I have lived a long life. What good will be another few days on the ventilator? Let me go. Don’t compromise my purdah during my last days,” she said. An ICU doctor also evaluated her and agreed with her decision.

“For some reason,” Ammi said, “I feel like the words Labbaik Allāhumma Labbaik are flowing on my tongue.”

On the night of June 17 a nurse walked in the room and said, “As-Salamu Alaikum, Khāla Jān.”

Ammi looked up, asking in Punjabi, “Tusee Urdu Boldai O Baitee?” (“Do you speak Urdu my daughter?”)

The nurse responded, “Khāla Jee, Urdu Ee Na’ee, Maiñ Tai Punjabi Wee Bol Laineer Aañ.” (“Aunty, not only Urdu, I can even speak Punjabi.”)

Even in her last days, Allah didn’t decline Ammi’s wishes.

Around 5 P.M. on Saturday, June 18, at the age of 74, Ammi gracefully walked across the bridge to the hereafter. Funeral prayers were led by Imam Afzal Mirza in Bait-ul-Hamd, Mississauga. Despite short notice, her family came from Vancouver, Calgary, North Carolina, Baltimore, Detroit, New York, New Jersey and many other far-fetched areas during Ramaḍān to offer her funeral prayers.

On Monday, June 20, in accordance with her wishes, we buried our university in Canada.

## Contribute to Nasir Hospital in Guatemala

The Nasir Hospital is a \$2.7 million hospital which will serve nearly 2 million people of the Sactepequez region of Guatemala. Construction of the hospital began on June 4th, 2016 after laying the foundation stone sent by our beloved Hazur (may Allah be his Helper) with his prayers. We are aiming to complete construction by September 2017. However, we are still facing a shortage of \$1.4 million which is needed over the next few months in order to make timely installments to contractors. I request every member of the Jama’at to say Labbaik at the call of our beloved Imam (may Allah be his Helper) to help our fellow human beings in Guatemala. I would like to urge all members to also donate on behalf of your elders and loved ones. When you contribute on their behalf, the rewards from Almighty Allah will continue to reach them as long as this hospital is serving the poor people of Guatemala.

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# Annual Reports of Departmental Activities for 2015-2016

Summary of the departmental reports presented at the US Majlis Shūra 2016

By Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa (Gainesville, FL)

Annual reports were spread over more than a hundred pages. This summary highlights only few of the significant tasks for each department. All acknowledgements and other details are excluded from this summary for brevity. Full details for a given department are available from the respective officials.

## General Secretary

**Shūrā 2015:** The process was set into motion by requesting the members of the National Majlis ‘Āmila and the Presidents of the local chapters to submit the proposals for Shūrā and elect Shūrā delegates from the local chapters. Secretaries and the chairman of the Shūrā Subcommittees were requested to implement all decisions taken by the Shūrā. The Center (Markaz) was informed about the Shūrā activities, proposals, and the implementation process.

**Jamā‘at Elections:** Year 2016 being the election year, all the required steps needed to conduct the elections were initiated.

**National ‘Āmila Meetings:** The minutes of all the meetings were prepared, circulated and approved during the next meeting. All concerned were pursued for necessary action on all the “Action Items”.

**Annual Report 2014-15:** Annual report of USA Jamā‘at for the year 2014-15 was compiled and

submitted to Markaz.

**Report Master:** After the last year’s surge in the use of report master, the current year experienced stagnation and somewhat downward trend.

**Asylum & Tajnīd Requests:** The requests for asylum and Tajnīd were processed for verification from various countries through London Headquarters and letters were issued to the verified individuals.

**Regional Refresher Courses:** In compliance with National ‘Āmila Decision, four Regional Refresher Courses were conducted at Maryland, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Houston.

**Communication:** All communication from Markaz and respected Amīr Ṣāhib was disseminated to all local chapters and the heads of the auxiliaries.

(Zaheer A. Bajwa (National General Secretary)

## Tabligh Department

The information contained in this report is based on monthly Jamā‘at Tabligh reports in the Report Master:

Activity	Number of Jamā‘at Participated
1. Martin Luther King Day	10
2. Black History Events	6
3. Memorial Day Events	4
4. July 4th/Muslims For Loyalty	15
5. Muḥammad Messenger of Peace conference	20
6. Interfaith Town Hall Meetings	75
7. Flea Market Stalls	25
8. Qur’ānic Exhibitions	10
9. True Islām Campaigns	25
10. African American Events	10
11. Focus on local Public Access TV	30
12. MFL blood drive	25
13. Outreach to local schools, universities	40
14. Outreach community partnerships	40

15. Outreach to colleges, mosques, churches and synagogues	15
16. Outreach to local city councils, political leaders	8
17. Book Fairs, Community Fairs, etc.	10

### Number of Book Titles Distributed

Item	Quantity
1. Love for All Love, Hatred for None (Bookmarks)	300
2. Jesus Son of Mary	60
3. Jihād or Terrorism	40
4. Jihād (in the words of Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him)	40
5. Introduction to Islām	75
6. Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community	75
7. Muslims for Peace	150
8. Muslims for Loyalty	200
9. Muslims for Life	200
10. Muslim Sunrise	1,500
11. Muḥammad, Messenger of Peace	300

12. Peace through the Messiah	150
13. True Islām And The Extremists	400
14. Journey to Islām	50
15. Jesus (Spanish)	100
16. Yihad (Spanish)	100
17. El Velo (Spanish)	100
18. La Comunidad Ahmadiya (Spanish)	100
19. The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām	300
20. The Punishment of Apostasy in Islām	50
21. Life of Muḥammad, The Holy Prophet of Islām	300
22. The Seal of Prophet	75
23. True Love for the Holy Prophet (pbuh)	25
24. Muḥammad <sup>s</sup> in the Bible	100
25. Women in Islām	50
26. True Islāmic Concept of Jihād	100
27. Jihād Against a Just Ruler	50
28. With Love to the Muslims of the World	50

## Prison and Jail Outreach

The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community has provided re-entry support for inmates, books and other reading materials to prisoners housed in the nation's penal institutions and jails. This past year, several chapters donated materials for inmates that consisted primarily of newsletters, books, magazines (Muslim Sunrise) and the Holy Qur'ān. The most popular books were the "Life of Muḥammad" and the "Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām." There was also a demand for Ṣalāt books in English and Spanish.

## Tabligh in Mexico

**Merida:** The Mission House in Merida has been set-up since October 2014, the Mission House is open every day from 9 AM to 9 PM. It is located in downtown Merida. Activities are held throughout the week at the Mission House.

**Mexico City:** A building for the purpose of serving as a Mission House has been purchased in Mexico City.

## Tarbiyat Department

Personal visits

- Imām Hammad Aḥmad and National Secretary Tarbiyat visited 47 chapters.

Maintaining connection (phone calls, reports etc.)

- **National:** Monthly conference call with ten regional Tarbiyat secretaries was held with regularity. Average attendance ~90%.

**Tajnīd:** 106 Bai'ats since October 2014.

## Books printed

- **Islām: Un Jardin de sabiduria** (An introductory book presented to all Tabligh contacts) - 6,000 printed
- **Jesus in India:** 3,000 printed
- **Holy Qur'ān in Spanish with Short Commentary:** 5,500 copies received in Mexico City and 2,500 copies received in Merida.

**Mission House Library:** Mission House in Merida has received the first shipment of books for the library. More shipments are expected in the ensuing months. Mexico City will be receiving the first shipment of books soon, inshallah.

**Book Fair:** A stand was acquired to perform Tabligh activities at Merida's book fair. The book fair was held from March 12, 2016 to March 20, 2016. This book fair gave the Jamā'at an opportunity to display and distribute literature, few slides of the Holy Qur'ān and Holy Prophet exhibition were also displayed.

**Weekly Activities:** Various Tabligh and Tarbiyat related activities are held at the Mission Houses in Merida and Mexico City.

**Flyers printed & distributed:** 750,000 'Muslims for Peace' flyers have been printed. These flyers have been distributed in Merida, Mexico City and various other cities in Mexico with the help of 3 missionaries accompanied by a Spanish speaking member of Mexico Jamā'at.

**Jalsa UK 2015:** 4 members from Merida attended the Jalsa Sālāna UK 2015.

**Waqf-e Arḍī:** Members from USA have been coming regularly to volunteer in Merida and now, some have volunteered in Mexico City as well.

- Merida: Anṣār (8), Khuddām (16), Ṭīfl (1), Lajna (9), and Nāṣirāt (3)
- Mexico City: Anṣār (2) and Khuddām (2)

**University Lectures:** Close to 10 lectures for total of 40 hours were delivered.

**Interfaith Symposium:** The First Interfaith symposium in Merida was hosted by the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community on May 25, 2015. A total of 260 non-Aḥmadī guests attended this event.

Ḥasan Hakeem (National Secretary Tabligh)

## Projects:

- **Spiritual Fitness Forums:** With new questions posted daily, this forum has recorded over 400,000 page views. Over 330 unique users engage in discussions.
- **@SpiritualFitTwitter:** Daily interactions with thousands of Ahmadiis in real time (~1,491 followers).
- **SpiritualFitness.us Website:** Our information hub recorded over 94,000 visits from over 35,000 visitors so far.
- **Tāhir Academy:** 32 Tāhir Academies have been established nationwide. All auxiliaries have worked together to launch one single syllabus for Aṭfāl and Nāṣirāt.
- **Sending summary of Friday Sermon:** Every week, the summary of Huzoor's sermon is sent to all Presidents, Missionaries and Tarbiyat Secretaries. Tarbiyat team creates "action items" from the sermons which are also shared with the above group and archived on SpiritualFitness.us
- **Spiritual Fitness newsletter:** Emailed to over 6,000 members twice a month.
- **Spiritual Fitness:** Seven quotes from the Friday sermons of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ were sent to Presidents; gathered data regarding office holders' compliance with listening to Huzoor's sermons;

created and distributed 1,800 fridge magnets to launch the Ramaḍān Spiritual Fitness Challenge; Spiritual Fitness camps organized in 12 locations (benefiting 505 students);

- **Jalsa Sālāna Drive:** "Before next Jalsa I will..." Tarbiyat campaigns were successfully conducted at Jalsa 2015.
- **Animal Sacrifice - October:** A reminder was sent to resurrect the dying Islāmic obligation of sacrificing an animal at 'Īdul-Aḍḥā. It resulted in nearly fivefold increase in the number of animals sacrificed over the past 2 years.
- **Ṣalāt Centers - September to December:** We have established over 200 Ṣalāt Centers.
- **Zakāt Drive- March:** Provided Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Friday sermon material on the topic of the 4th pillar of Islām, Namely Zakāt. Zakāt participation and collections have increased by ~50%.
- **Presentations - February to May:** Created interactive presentations for commemorative days like Masīḥ Mau'ūd (may peace be upon him) Day, Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd Day, Khilāfat Day, Sīratun-Nabī Day

Faheem Younus Qureshi (National Secretary Tarbiyat)

## Ta'lim Department

1. Published monthly "*In the Know*" regularly.
2. Promoted Rūḥānī Khazā'in Study Program.
3. Developed Ta'lim Plan in support of the Mexico initiative.
4. Reviewed/Responded to Monthly Local Reports (average 27 reports)
5. Organized 2015 Education Day Programs (EDPs): 33 chapters held EDPs
6. Initiated 2016 EDPs.

7. Awarded the 2015 talent-based medals, merit-based scholarships, and need-based Scholarships and Loans.
  8. Awarded \$27,500 to 15 students (from 10 chapters) under the 2015-2016 African-American Education Assistance Program.
  9. Launched the 2016 African-American Education Assistance, Talent Awards, Merit Scholarships, and Need based Scholarships & Loans Programs.
- Nāṣir Maḥmūd Malik (National Secretary Ta'lim)

## Ishā'at (Publication) Department

1. **Review of Religions:** At the end of the last year, paid subscriptions had passed 600 mark in the US.
2. **Muslim Sunrise:** 3,500 - 4,500 copies are printed depending on the topic and need.
- a. **Distribution of Muslim Sunrise:**
  - 1,000 copies are sold or distributed through the bookstore.
  - 100 are sold at Jalsa.
  - Less than 100 are sent to London, Qādiān, Jāmi'as, and libraries in other countries.
  - 1,000 copies go to Tabligh department.
  - Every missionary in USA gets 20 or more copies each.

- A copy each goes to all Ahmadiyya Mosques, Mission Houses and Centers, presidents and national 'Āmila members.
  - 550 to elected officials and National Library (100 Senators, 442 Congressmen and library of congress).
  - 850 to Think Tanks including Public Libraries, Newspapers, News Organizations and public information media like radio stations and TV stations.
3. **Ahmadiyya Gazette/Al-Nūr:** 3,600 complementary copies are sent to all Ahmadi households in the US.
  4. **Al-Hilal:** 3,600 complementary copies are sent to all Ahmadi households in the US.

5. **amibookstore.com:**  
Online and Jalsa Sālāna sales were almost \$30,000 (3,696 books) and Amazon sales reached almost \$500 (80 books) taking the total cash sales close to \$50,000 including sales in LA. More than \$40,000 worth of books were sent to chapters for their libraries (6,585 books), outreach (16,668 books) and other events. Online store on alislam.org was provided 2,994 books for sale.
6. **Libraries:** Jamā'ats have been placing orders at amibookstore.us to populate their local and regional libraries.
7. **Books Printed:**
  - a. Spanish translation of the Holy Qur'ān.
  - b. Prayers (English) by Hafiz Muzaffar Aḥmad.
  - c. Ḥaḍrat Muftī Muḥammad Ṣādiq Ṣāhib (Urdū).
8. **Waiting to go to Press:** Perseverance (story of Rashid Aḥmad).
9. **Waiting for Approval:** English translations of Hamamatul-Bushra, The Story of Prophet Yūsuf (for children), Ḥaḍrat Mian

Muhammad Musa Ṣāhib of Nila Gunbad, and Chief of the Prophets.

10. **Books in Progress:** Tuhfa Baghdad by Abid Haneef, English translation of Fiqh Aḥmadiyya, History of Aḥmadiyyat in US, Brief History of Aḥmadiyyat in the US, and translation of Saniha Topi.
11. **DVDs:** DVD publishing equipment has been acquired with the help of Audio/Video department to mass-produce DVDs for playing on cable and for distribution for outreach. Currently about two dozen cable TV channels run our programs at least once a month. Fourteen Spanish titles have been produced and 336 DVDs were completed and mailed. Two thousand English DVDs were produced in 2015.
12. **Local Publications:** Numerous Jamā'ats publish local newsletters in print and/or online.
13. **Local Book Clubs:** Chapters have reported holding book club meetings to encourage reading of the books of the Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him).  
Syed Sajid Aḥmad (National Secretary Ishā'at)

## Audio-Video Department

1. Maintained and expanded Jamā'at websites www.alislam.org, www.ahmadiyya.us, www.thepersecution.org, www.jalsasalana.org, www.islamicfag.org, Khalifaofislam.com, and many more.
2. Alislam.org is hosting over 70 sites with back up on secure private cloud.
3. Audio-Video recordings of Jalsa Sālāna USA 2015 and National Jamā'at Functions were created as well as live streaming of these events.
4. Sixty (60) video recording for MTA International were created 60 in English and Spanish.
5. MTA apps for Roku and Samsung were launched.
6. DVDs for Cable stations were provided to Jamā'ats.
7. Alislam.us online library contains more than 1,000 books and articles.
8. New expanded multi-media section at alislam.us was created.
9. New archive for Friday Sermons was created containing audio, video, text, indexing, and search option.
10. Audio question and answers (Q&A) under "Ask Islām" were created.
11. Audio Books of the Promised Messiah (a.s.) (more than 100 hrs) were created.
12. Digital Media Library Video with Q&A and index was developed. This library has 9,426 Programs, 7,160 Hours, 13,385,718 views
13. Full Friday Sermons were uploaded to YouTube
14. Holy Qur'ān: selected verses in 100 languages. PDF format: 48 languages
15. Mobile Apps: Holy Qur'ān, Friday Sermons, 10 conditions of Bai'at, MTA, Alfazl, Nazms
16. iBooks, eBooks, and Google books created under alislam.org/books/epub/

Nasim Rehmatullah (National Secretary Audio-Video)

## Rishta Nāṭa Department

### Rishta Nāṭa Team

(<https://www.rishtanata.us/index.php/page/rnteam>):

The team has been restructured and more members have been added; currently, in addition to the National Secretary, there are three (3) Assistant National Secretaries (one for Premarital Counseling) and 34 Regional/Local coordinators (23 Lajna members, 11 Anṣār /Khuddām members)

### Rishta Nāṭa Website ([www.Rishtanata.us](http://www.Rishtanata.us)):

The website has been enhanced with a dedicated

server hosted at a secure location.

### Rishta Nāṭa Programs at the Annual Jalsas:

1. Rishta Nāṭa program was held at US Jalsa Sālāna on August 14, 2015.
2. Rishta Nāṭa booth on the Lajna side at the US Jalsa Sālāna was managed from August 14 – 16, 2015.
3. Rishta Nāṭa program was held at West Coast Jalsa Sālāna, December 2015.

### Rishta Nāṭa Seminars/Programs/Presentations:

Eighteen Rishta Nāṭa programs were held at various chapters.

### Premarital Counseling (PMC):

1. The Rishta Nāṭa Department has started offering premarital counseling.
2. A team of 20 members (10 men and 10 women) from different areas of the country has been trained.

3. A total of 14 PMC sessions were conducted last year.
4. Premarital Counseling can be requested by submitting form available at [www.Rishtanata.us/premaritalcounseling](http://www.Rishtanata.us/premaritalcounseling) or emailing to [pmc@rishtanata.us](mailto:pmc@rishtanata.us)

Farooq Padder (National Secretary Rishta Nāṭa)

## Umūr Khārijīyya (Public Affairs) Department

### High Level Data Summary

Category	Total Number of Meetings
Meetings with members of U.S. Congress (House) (or staff)	265
Meetings with members of U.S. Congress (Senate) (or staff)	31
Meetings with U.S. State Department officials in D.C.	37
Meetings with other government agencies in D.C.	15
Meetings with U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom	6
Meetings with United Nations officials	35
Meetings with U.S. Embassy officials	22
Meetings with foreign embassy officials	104
Meetings with officials in China/ Thailand/ Pakistan/ Bangladesh / Kyrgyzstan/ Kazakhstan/FSM	79
Meetings with mayors/governors/other state representatives	440
Meetings with intellectuals/professors	1,344
Meetings with NGOs/think tanks	24
<b>Total number of meetings in all categories</b>	<b>2,402</b>

### Highlights

- ❖ First ever “Day on the Hill” events held in Washington D.C. by Aṭṭāl-ul-Aḥmadiyya (May 2015) and Lajna Imā’illāh (September 2015) with extensive efforts and media coverage (100+ delegates in each event).
- ❖ On February 26, 2016, a historic “True Islam” launch event was held at Rayburn Gold Room (U.S. Capitol Hill), in which 7 members of U.S. Congress spoke at event (120+ attendance, including 50 members of U.S. Congressional staff, NGOs, etc.); special op-ed written by U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D-CA) for The Hill (U.S. Congressional newspaper); Jum‘a offered in Cannon Caucus Room.
- ❖ 6th Annual “Day on the Hill” and 10th Annual National Public Affairs Seminar held (February 26-27, 2016): 75 delegates from 55 Chapters

participated in 150 total meetings with U.S. Congressional offices (House/Senate), including over 40 direct meetings with members of U.S. Congress (not staff), at Capitol Hill in D.C. A special 150- page binder/dossier (with appendices reflecting current activities) was prepared for each U.S. Congressional office.

- ❖ On September 11, 2015, a special Capitol Hill blood drive for “Muslims for Life” was held on 9/11/15 (Rayburn Foyer, U.S. Capitol) in partnership with American Red Cross (approx. 45 donors, including 3 members of U.S. Congress and two dozen members of U.S. Congressional staff); feature story in The Hill (U.S. Congressional newspaper).

Amjad Maḥmūd Khan (National Secretary Umūr Khārijīyya)

## Ḍiyāfat Department

Ḍiyāfat department prepared food for numerous activities held at Baitur-Rahman Mosque. The department also ensured proper maintenance of

kitchen and dining facilities at Baitur-Rahman Mosque.

Amjad Chaudhry (National Secretary Ḍiyāfat)

## Finance Department

Total collection in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 was 114% of the budget. Expenditure for new mosques and mission houses was \$5,463,555.

Mirzā Naseer Ehsan Aḥmad (National Secretary Finance)

## Waṣāyā Department

Mūṣīs in various Jamā'ats range from 21% to 100% of Chanda paying members. Top three Jamā'ats are: Oshkosh, WI; Research Triangle; and NC, Kentucky, KY

ranges from 0% to 100% of the Mūṣīs. Top three Jamā'ats are: Fort Worth, TX; Dallas, TX; and Dayton, OH

Percent of Mūṣīs who submitted Schedule C Form

Khaled Aḥmad Ata, National Secretary Wasāyā

## Ta'limul-Qur'ān and Waqf 'Ārḍī Department

A total of 989 students attended Alfurqan based classes, with 346 students in group classes and 176 in one-to-one classes. Number of classes held: 4, number of students: 35, and hours per week: 18

### Local Qur'ān Conferences

- Qur'ān conferences held in 31 Jamā'ats.
- Prepared 9 power point presentations
- Sent "attendance enhancing awareness guidelines"
- Designed and printed banners, flyers, and pamphlets to help Presidents enhance visibility of this department.

### Waqf 'Ārḍī

- LA County Fair (9/4 – 9/27)

- 10 devotees manned a stall at the fair. They distributed copies of the Holy Qur'ān, "Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām", and "World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace" to 200 visitors
- Distributed 2,900 flyers outside the hall

### Annual Administrative Meeting

- Held in March 2016 at Baitur-Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD.
- 38 members attended the meeting. 6 connected through a web conference.

Dr. Zaheeruddin Mansoor Ahmad, Secretary TaQWA

## Taḥrīk Jadīd Department

- Total collections: \$2,000,006.
- The total number of participants: 12,591
- Per capita contribution: \$159

### Notable Participation:

- Queens New York: 551 (100%)
- LA. East: 628
- South Chicago: 308 (100%).

### Highlights of this year's activities:

- a. Pledge taking was seriously followed with 58 out of 72 chapters.

- b. Money Jar named TJ Bank was made for children to save money and present to Taḥrīk Jadīd as their financial sacrifice for the cause. 2,112 money Jars were distributed as a gift.
- c. A tea/coffee Mug was created that had the accomplishments of Taḥrīk Jadīd inscribed. This inscription displays when the hot tea/coffee is poured in the cup.

Anwar M. Khan (National Secretary Taḥrīk Jadīd)

## Waqf Jadīd Department

- The total collections: \$1,552,507.
- The total number of participants: 12,140.
- Per capita contribution: \$128.

### Children's Contribution

- The total collection: \$124,569 (previous year's collection: \$114,546) representing an increase of 9%.

- Number of children participating: 2,943 children
  - Nanha Mujāhid (young striver): 1,101 children donated at level of \$50 or more.
- Waseem A. Sayed (National Secretary Waqf Jadīd)

## Jā'idād (Property) Department

### Completed Projects

- Seattle, WA: Acquired 8.3 acres parcel with about 41,000 sq. ft. (2 buildings) for \$1.65M (major local contribution).
- Zion, IL: Acquired 9-acre land parcel close to the existing mission house for \$160,000.
- Baltimore Mission House acquired for \$810,000. About an acre lot and a functional facility.
- N. Virginia: Construction of residence for missionary completed.
- North Jersey Hawthorne Property purchased for \$650,000, under use now.

- Boston, MA: Purchased 2-Acre plot (for \$475,000) adjacent to the existing property.

### Ongoing Construction Activities

- Philadelphia Mosque Construction Project continues.
- Charlotte, NC: Construction of Phase I building is ready, pending approvals.
- Oshkosh Mosque Facility: Remodeling in progress.
- Lexington, KY: Mission house Facility was burnt last year. Decided to demolish the structure and sell the lot rather than reconstruction.

Daud Aḥmad (National Secretary Jā'idād)

## Waqf-e-Nau Department

### Census of Waqf-e-Nau Boys and Girls

Boys: 602, Girls: 418 (Total: 1,020)

### Waqf-e-Nau Boys Graduated from Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya, Canada

Khawaja Hassan Aḥmad graduated from Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya, Canada. He received his *Shahīd* degree in January 16, 2016.

### Boys from USA presently studying at Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya, Canada

Waqf-e-Nau: 13, Non Waqf-e-Nau: 4

### Career choices of Waqf-e-Nau Boys and Girls

There are 399 Waqf-e-Nau boys and girls age 18 and above: Accounting (11), Architecture (9), Cinematography (1), Dentistry (4), Engineering (11), Engineering Aero (3), Engineering Mechanical (3), Engineering Telecommunication (1), Finance (10), IT (18), Journalism (9), Languages (3), Law (16), Missionaries (19), Medicine (88), Nursing (3), Pharmacy (95), Psychology (5), Sciences (9), and Teaching (20)

### New Admissions to Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya, Canada

Two applicants for admission were processed in 2015 and seven applicants for admission were processed in 2016.

### Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya Awareness Campaign:

Visits of 'Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya Canada Team' to various Jamā'ats: A Jāmi'a faculty member and two current Jāmi'a students along with representatives from National Waqf-e-Nau Department USA joined in these meetings and events organized in the following USA Jamā'ats:

- Maryland Jamā'ats, Baitur-Rahman Mosque – March 4, 2016
- Virginia and DC Jamā'ats, Mubarak Mosque –

March 4, 2016

- Philadelphia – March 18, 2016
- New York Metro – March 18, 2016

### Waqf-e-Nau Boy's 10<sup>th</sup> Trip to Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya, North America

- Friday April 3 – Sunday April 5, 2015

### Pittsburgh Satellite Jāmi'a Campus

Five boys from USA received admission at Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya, Canada in 2014. One received Canadian study visa and joined Jāmi'a Canada. Four students who received admission at Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya Canada did not get Canadian visas. These students continued their studies Pittsburgh Mosque and Mission House via distant learning. Classes were conducted live via Skype from Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya, Canada. These students completed 2nd Semester.

### Waqf-e-Nau Writers from USA for International "Ismā'il" Magazine:

Under the instructions given in the letter from London Markaz about writers for 'Ismā'il Magazine a team of 13 Waqf-e-Nau writers was established.

### Jāmi'a Orientation Camp (2015)

Orientation camp was held on Saturday, August 1 to Thursday, August 13, 2015 at Baitul-Hadi Mosque, Central Jersey. 35 boys participated in this camp from various USA Jamā'ats.

### Distribution of Magazines "Maryam" And "Ismā'il"

- International Waqf-e-Nau Magazine "Maryam," a dedicated publication for Waqifāt-e-Nau (girls).
- International Waqf-e-Nau Magazine "Ismā'il" the dedicated publication for Waqf-e-Nau Waqifeen-e-Nau (boys).

### National Waqf-e-Nau Teleconferences:

The Waqf-e-Nau department held 11 teleconference

with members.

### Reports by Local Jamā'ats

Waqf-e-Nau reports from 45 Jamā'ats were received on regular basis in the Report Master.

### Newsletter "Nawaa'e Waqf-e-Nau"

The Waqf-e-Nau newsletter, "Nawaa'e Waqf-e-Nau" is published quarterly by the Waqf-e-Nau Department.

### Waqf-e-Nau Rededication at Jasla Sālāna

- The Waqf-e-Nau Rededication Workshop was held

## Zirā'at (Agriculture) Department



Two pronged approach was use to establish Zirā'at program that involved the following objectives: 1) Beautifications of Mosques, and 2) Feeding the Hungry. Initially one-page synopsis was produced, but later, a comprehensive document outlining various techniques and procedures was written. Both of these documents were distributed to all Jamā'at Presidents.

### Beautifications of Mosques

Quite a few vegetables like mint, okra, eggplant, beans, Pakistani radish, and several varieties of chilies were grown and harvested at Baitur-Rahman Mosque. All of the vegetables were distributed to local staff and a few visitors.

Vegetable gardens were also developed at the Jamā'at Properties at Chicago, St. Louis, and Houston.

### Beautification of Baitur-Rahman Mosque

A fountain, waterfall, and flowerbed was developed at the front lawn of Baitur Rahman Mosque. The flowers bloom during different seasons. Some Shūrā delegates used pictures of Baitur Rahman Mosque flowers as their profile picture on their Facebook pages.

## Media Communication and Outreach

### Training Sessions:

- Since creation, the Media Team has organized 15 training sessions. Training programs have been held in the following Jamā'ats

at Jalsa Sālāna 2015.

- Number of Waqifeen-e-Nau who have rededicated is: 217

### Waqifat-e-Nau Camp

The very first National Waqifat-e-Nau Camp in the USA was held from Friday, July 24 to Friday, July 31, 2015 at Baituz Zafar Mosque in Queens, NY.

Hafiz Samiullah Chaudhary (National Secretary Waqf-e-Nau)

### Beautification of Other Mosques

Landscaping five acres of Baitus-Samee Mosque Houston premises and creating a large Ahmadiyya Community Garden "Gulshan-e-Ahmad."

This Mega project, first of its own kind in USA Jamā'at started on the first week of spring in 2014. Garden features: a 21 feet iron bridge over the pond and foundation for a large fountain was also completed in summer of 2015. Almost all the shade, junipers, and all kind of fruit plants were in ground by October of the same year.

### Feed the Hungry Project

Goal of this project is to provide help and support to less fortunate people. They were given seedlings and seeds to grow food in their own backyards on self-help basis.

Last year as part of the vegetable garden project hundreds of "karela" and "Tinda" seedlings were produced in cones and distributed to Shūrā participants.

Nāṣir S. A. Malik (National Secretary, Zirā'at)

(neighboring Jamā'ats from the region were also invited to these programs): Detroit, Chicago & Ohio Region, Los Angeles, Silicon Valley, Houston, Dallas, New York, Headquarters Region, Rochester, Miami,

Boston, Oshkosh.

- A training session was held in which nominated members of Canada Jamā'at (Toronto), Germany and UK also participated.

#### **National Press Releases and Media Advisories**

This year 55 Press Releases and Media Advisories were sent to thousands of Media Outlets on the following Jamā'at events and incidents in English and some in Spanish:

- True Islām Campaign
- Jalsa USA
- West Coast Jalsa
- Paris Attacks
- San Bernardino Attacks
- Belgium Attacks
- Connecticut Mosque Shooting

#### **Stationery and Collateral Distribution**

Requests received from the Jamā'ats for the Stationery and Collateral templates, developed by the Media Team, were fulfilled promptly as and when received during the year.

#### **Assistance to Local Jamā'ats for Media Outreach**

- Custom media lists were provided to various Jamā'ats/Office Holders.
- Media advisories were developed based on specific information provided by Jamā'ats.
- Email blasts were sent to every contact on the media list.
- Follow up phone calls were made for the media to cover local events.
- Research of media outlets was carried out to ensure accurate information is recorded by the appropriate media contact.
- Media Team utilized researched information to procure interviews with local Jamā'at spokespersons and/or for the journalists to cover local events.
- As necessary, the Media Team assists the local Jamā'ats post their events on the event calendar.

#### **Phone Call Support for Campaigns Update**

This year a total 3,000 calls were made in support of various Jamā'at campaigns and programs

#### **Social Media Campaign**

1. TWITTER: [https://twitter.com/Islam\\_Press](https://twitter.com/Islam_Press)
  - @Islam\_Press has 4,960 followers. 298 of these followers are media outlets.

- The total number of tweets is 7,077.

#### **2. INSTAGRAM:**

[https://www.instagram.com/islam\\_press/](https://www.instagram.com/islam_press/)

- We have 250 followers
- Our posts are gaining popularity among a young, non-Aḥmadī demographic. For example, one of our posts about President Obama received more than 550 tweets in 48 hours. The link is as follows:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BBWGj-Rpnej/>

#### **3. Media Coverage Data**

This year Jamā'at received following Media coverage:

Newspaper	651
TV	206 (6 hours and 27 mins)
Radio	51 (6 hours and 10 mins)
Internet	301
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,209</b>

#### **Notable Outlets Covering Jamā'at Events and News**

##### **Newspapers**

The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Houston Chronicle, Chicago Tribune, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, The Columbus Dispatch, The Baltimore Sun, Contra Costa Times, The Miami Herald, Christian Science Monitor, The Dallas Morning News, Philadelphia Inquirer, Washington Times, and Huffington Post.

##### **Television**

The O'Reilly Factor (Fox Show), CNN Anderson Cooper, Fox News - Spirited Debate, Fox News - Kelly's Debate, Local NBC affiliates, Local CBS affiliates, Local ABC affiliates, Local Fox affiliates

##### **Initiatives Coverage by Media**

Topics Number	Coverage
San Bernardino Attacks	178
Paris Attacks	111
Garland	109
Brussels Attacks	48
True Islām	49
LA Mosque Vandalism	21
Jalsa USA	10
Pray for Rain	10
Wasim Malik, Nā'ib Amīr (Media Outreach)	

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# International Jamā'at News

## Martyrdom of Hameed Ahmad in Pakistan

Nizārat Umūr-e-Āmma reports that 64-year-old Dr Hameed Ahmad has been shot dead outside his home in Attock, Punjab on 7 June 2016. Innā Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Rāji'ūn. He leaves behind two sons and three daughters. His wife passed away a few years ago. A few years back, extremists attempted to set his clinic on fire but failed. Arrests were made but nothing further

happened.

May Allah elevate his rank in Jannatul-Firdaus. This is the second Ahmadi Shahadat in 10 days. Please continue to pray for our dear brothers and sisters in Pakistan.

## An Ahmadi, Dawood Ahmad, murdered outside his house due to religious hatred

Mr. Dawood Ahmad son of Haji Ghulam Muhiyyuddin, 55, was shot dead in Gulzar Hijri, Karachi on 24 May 2016 by unidentified assailants due to religious hatred. He was waiting for his friend outside his house when two unidentified men came on a motorbike, the man sitting behind disembarked and opened fire at him, and they fled thereafter. Three bullets hit him, one in the chest, and two in the abdomen. The assailants also fired shots at Mr. Ahmad's friend who had already reached there as he hurried to help him. Both were rushed to the hospital. Mr. Dawood was critically injured due to the shots that damaged his entrails and liver and loss of blood due to the chest injury. He was operated upon but did not survive. His friend was also operated upon; he is stable now. The murdered victim is survived by his three sons; his wife died a few years ago.

Mr. Ahmad was a noble, practicing Ahmadi who had

no personal vendetta with anyone. He was target killed solely for being an Ahmadi. Incidents of shooting Ahmadis have happened in this area in the past as well. Mr. Saleemuddin, the spokesman of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya strongly condemned this distressing incident and expressed deep grief. He said, "Mischievous and baseless propaganda is going on all over the country against Ahmadis and is the basic reason of such grievous incidents. It was announced in the National Action plan that action would be taken against hate promoters but it is sad to say that elements who promote hate against Ahmadis are not only free but are busy spreading hateful propaganda openly without any fear. Thirty Ahmadis have been killed in Karachi and not a single murderer has been brought to justice till now. Consequently, extremist elements feel encouraged." He demanded that the administration arrest Dawood's killers immediately and bring them to justice.

## Selling your books through amibookstore.us

The US Jamā'at bookstore is allowed to sell only the books published or approved by Wakālat Tasnīf. Authors who want to sell their books through amibookstore.us need to provide a copy of the letter of approval of their work by Wakālat Tasnīf. They also need to fill a consignment form available from [incharge@amibookstore.us](mailto:incharge@amibookstore.us).

Books need to be delivered much in advance of an event for sale. The bookstore needs time to catalog and place barcodes on the books before they can be sold.

Authors wishing to sell their book at the US Jalsa Sālāna should have the paperwork completed and books delivered a few weeks ahead of the event so that the books can be cataloged and barcodes placed for sale at Jalsa.

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# The Meaning of Messiah

M.A. Azim and Nasirah Fardan

I was inspired to put this pamphlet together because people had questions concerning the meaning of Messiah and I found it necessary to provide this information. The author, after being raised Catholic, converted to Al-Islam in 1970, as he searched for the Prophets and the One True God.

## What is the Meaning of Messiah?

Messiah (which is Mashiah in Hebrew, al-Masih in Arabic) is a savior or liberator of people in the Abrahamic religions. Messiah also means “the anointed one, one who travels much, one blessed.”

A messiah is someone regarded as or claiming to be a savior, deliverer or liberator of a country, people or the world. (Webster Online Dictionary; Wikipedia)

## Jesus the Messiah

“When the angels said, ‘O Mary, God gives thee glad tidings of a son through a Word from Him; his name shall be the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, honored in this world and in the next, and of those who are granted nearness to God. ‘And he shall speak to the people in the cradle and when of middle age, and he shall be of the righteous.’ She said, ‘My Lord, how shall I have a son, when no man has touched me?’ He said, ‘Such is the way of God. He creates what He pleases. When He decrees a thing, He says to it, ‘Be’ and it is; And He will teach him the Book and the Wisdom and the Torah and the Gospel.” (3[Āl ‘Imrān]: 46-49)

Jesus was sent as a Messenger to the Children of Israel, meaning his mission was to the House of Israel, that is, the Twelve Tribes of Israel. He was not to be a world Messenger. (3[Āl ‘Imrān]:50) He said, “I come fulfilling that which is before me, namely, the Torah; and to allow you some of that which was forbidden unto you.” He told them what they should eat and what they should store up in their houses. He did not bring about a change in the Mosaic Law, but only informed the Jews of the things they had themselves rendered unlawful; and how their iniquities and transgressions had deprived themselves of certain Divine Blessings, and how they could be restored if they followed him. (3[Āl ‘Imrān]:51)

And he also said, “I come to you with a sign from your Lord, which is, that I will fashion out for you a creation out of clay after the manner of a bird; then I will breathe into it a new spirit and it will become a

soaring being by the command of God.” This doesn’t mean he actually created birds, but figuratively speaking, it means that if ordinary men of humble origin with the ability to grow and develop came in contact with him and accepted his Message, they would undergo a complete transformation in their lives. In other words, they would become like birds soaring high, but high in the lofty regions of a spiritual firmament. And the humble fishermen of Galilee did just that, by preaching the Word of God to the world of Israel. (3[Āl ‘Imrān]:50)

Jesus said, “I will heal the night-blind and the leprous,” meaning there are those weak in faith and spiritual vision when the darkness of life’s trials and tribulations grow heavy, and they regain their spiritual vision upon hearing the Word of God as delivered by him. And the lepers not only have a physical disease but were seen as unclean by the Israelites and kept separated from the rest of society, causing them to endure an oppressive and demeaning way of life. When Jesus said “I declare to be free,” it meant these social and legal disabilities were removed by him.

He also said, “I will quicken the dead.” This does not mean Jesus actually brought the dead to life, but that he awakened the minds of those who were spiritually dead. (3[Āl ‘Imrān]:50)

Shortly after these events took place, a band of Jews and their guards took Jesus, bound him and led him away to the high priests of the Jews and finally to Pilate, the Roman Prefect. He was put to the cross, with a crown of platted thorns and a title written by Pilate,

## Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews

Joseph of Arimathea, one of his disciples, was allowed to take Jesus’ body from the cross. Realizing that Jesus had survived the cross, he and Nicodemus, a highly respected member of the Essene Brotherhood, cared for his wounds and looked after him in the sepulcher where he remained for three days. After the wounds had healed he left the sepulcher and met with some of his disciples who were frightened, thinking he was a spirit. But he

assured them he was alive and one of them put his hands into the wound where he had been pierced on the cross to prove it. He asked them did they have meat, and he ate the broiled fish they gave him.

Jesus told his disciples that he would be going away. He would go in search of the ten remaining tribes of the twelve tribes of Israel. He also gave glad tidings of a Prophet to come after him, his name being Ahmad, who would be known to the world as the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him). Instead of Ahmad the Bible uses the Greek word “Paraclete” (Comforter) (4[Al-Nisā]:158-160).

## Holy Prophet Muhammad

That prophet whom Jesus prophesied of, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him), was born in 571 C.E., in Mecca, Saudi Arabia (Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Life of Muhammad, Islam International Publication Ltd, UK 2012). He was a law bearing prophet, whose mission was to the world, not to just one people or one country. The previous law, the Mosaic Dispensation, was fulfilled by Jesus who was sent only to the House of Israel.

Orphaned early in life, he was raised by his grandfather and uncle, and became known throughout the land as the Truthful, the Trustworthy, because of his piety and integrity. At age 25, he became the employee of a wealthy widow, Ḥaḍrat Khadijah (may Allah be pleased with her), to manage her business. They married and had children. She was the first to believe in his prophethood.

In 610 C.E., at the age of forty, he was visited by the angel Gabriel in a cave on Mt. Hira where he was accustomed to going for meditation. This was the first of the revelations of his prophethood that would continue for twenty-three years. These revelations are known as the Holy Qur’ān, a book preserved in its original tongue, Arabic, and never changed. This is the basis for the religion, Islam, that Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) brought to the world. (96[Al-‘Alaq]:2-6)

In the twenty three years of receiving these revelations, he established the belief in One God, belief in the Messengers of God, the Five Pillars of Islam and the Six Articles of Faith.

It was during a spiritual journey called the *Mi’rāj* that the Holy Prophet described ascending to Heaven and accompanied by the Angel Gabriel, met the earlier Prophets. In another vision and spiritual journey called *Isrā’*, the Holy Prophet (may peace and

blessings be upon him) experienced a Night Journey to Jerusalem where he sees an embodied representation of the Temple at Jerusalem. This journey to the Distant Mosque prophetically referred to his later emigration to Medina, where he would build a mosque that would become the center of a religion that united all former dispensations into the new religion of Islam, to be spread worldwide and not confined to one place or people. (The Holy Qur’ān, Arabic Text and English Translation with Commentary, Edited by Malik Ghulam Farid, Note under Verse 17[Bani Isra’īl]:2)

Like other Prophets, Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) was not accepted by his own people, the tribes of Mecca (Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Life of Muhammad, Islam International Publication Ltd, UK, pp. 29-56, 2012). In 622 C.E., after thirteen years of teaching the religion of Islam in Mecca and surrounding communities, and enduring the abuses of the disbelieving Meccans, the Holy Prophet and his small but growing number of converts to Islam, began the migration to Medina, known as Hijrat. After returning to Mecca for the last time to clear the Sacred House, Ka’ba, of all idols, the Holy Prophet returned to Medina where he passed at the age of 63. (Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Life of Muhammad, Islam International Publication Ltd, UK, 2012)

Many traditions of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings be upon him) have stated the status of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (peace be upon him). One of the traditions is:

“When you hear the advent of Mahdi, it is then enjoined on you to enter his Bai’at even if you have to walk on snow by crawling and creeping to reach him, for indeed he is Khalifatullah Mahdi.” (Kanzul-‘Ummal; Also footnotes to Musnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, Sunan Abū Dāwūd, Bab Khurūjul-Mahdī).

Other tradition of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings be upon him) are:

“The one who recognizes the Promised Mahdi (may peace be upon him); he should convey my Salāms to him.” (Durr Manthūr)

## Promised Messiah Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qādiān

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was born in 1835 in Qādiān, a small village in the Punjab region of India. He was an Iranian by descent. (A.R. Dard, Life of Ahmad, Islam International Publication Ltd, 2008,

pp. 8-9) He was educated at home by tutors. Coming from a prominent and well established family he was expected to pursue legal and governmental work that would benefit the family. Despite his dislike of such worldly pursuits and his preference for solitude, prayer, and reading the Holy Qur'an, he fulfilled these obligations of work until his father's death in 1876. (A.R. Dard, Life of Ahmad, Islam International Publication Ltd, 2008, pp. 14-17)

At the age of 34 or 35, he had a dream in which the time of his father's death was approaching. This was followed by continuous revelations which identified him as the one the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings be upon him) had spoken of to come after him. And it was said there would be heavenly signs when this one, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi would appear. The revelations that came to Ghulam Ahmad led to his claim as the Mujaddid (i.e., reformer) of the Age, which he announced in 1882, and his claim as the Promised Messiah, which he announced in 1891. (A.R. Dard, Life of Ahmad, Islam International Publication Ltd, 2008, pp. 63-67)

Overall, his claim to be the Reformer of the Age was met with much support and recognition by the Islamic divines, theologians and mullahs. This meant that God had entrusted the revival of Islam to him. But his claim to be the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (i.e., the rightly guided one) was met with fierce opposition and condemnation; those who had accepted him as the Reformer of the Age, turned against him, especially the mullahs, calling him an apostate from Islam, an imposter and a fraud. This opposition and abuse lasted throughout the rest of his life. (A.R. Dard, Life of Ahmad, Islam International Publication Ltd, 2008, chapters 21, 22 & 25)

The following heavenly signs, prophecies, and sayings (*Hadith*) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings be upon him) support Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's claim as the Promised Messiah and the Mahdi.

### The Eclipses of the Sun and Moon on Specific Dates and Times

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings be upon him) said, "For our Mahdi there are two appointed signs which have never been manifested for any other claimant since the creation of the heavens and the earth, namely, the moon will be eclipsed on the first night in Ramaḍān (i.e., on the first of the nights on which a lunar eclipse can occur) and the sun will be eclipsed on the middle day of

Ramaḍān (i.e., on the middle day on which a solar eclipse can occur) and these Signs have not happened since the creation of the heavens and earth." (Dar Quṭnī, Vol. 1, p. 188) It was in 1891 that Ahmad claimed to be the Promised Messiah, and it was in 1894 that these Signs of the Eclipses in the month of Ramaḍān were shown. There have been others who made the claim of being the Mahdi but the sign of the eclipses could not be shown for any of them.

### The Mubahala (prayer challenge)

This is a method of discerning who is telling the truth and who is lying. It originates in the Holy Qur'an: "This is the truth from your Lord, so be not of those who doubt. But whoever disputes with you in this matter after what has come to you of knowledge, then say: Come, let us call our sons and your sons and our women and your women and our people and your people, then let us be earnest in prayer, and pray for the curse of God on the liars." (3[Āl 'Imrān]:61-62). When opposition to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings be upon him) was so great, as a last resort he invited the Christians to accept this prayer challenge. (A.R. Dard, Life of Ahmad, Islam International Publication Ltd, 2008, pp. 153-163) The most recent Mubahala concerning the followers of the Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him), who have been tortured and murdered in Pakistan (and elsewhere), came when the Fourth Khalifa (leader of the Ahmadiyya Movement) issued the prayer challenge to General Zia-ul-Haq, President of Pakistan at the time (1988), his ministers and the Judges of the Shariat Court and all the Maulawis who played a part in organizing opposition against the Ahmadiyya Community. When they persisted in the abuse and slaying of the Ahmadiyya Community, the Khalifa said that their fate was sealed. Within five days, President Haqq perished when his military plane exploded in the air. Reports said, "Zia Blown out of the Sky!"

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qādiān (the Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him)) is the fulfillment of the prophecies about the Second Coming of the Messiah; Christians may say the Second Coming of Christ Jesus. This does not mean the Jesus of 2000 years ago will return himself, but that it was necessary for God to send a second Messiah to clear Jesus' name of the blasphemy against him by those who introduced the doctrine of the Trinity thereby setting up partners with the One True God. Jesus never called himself God, but rather Messiah; and his mission was to reform the Jews of the House of Israel who had strayed from the path given to them in the Mosaic

Dispensation. And thus it was that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings be upon him) said that the second Messiah would come “to break the cross and kill the swine.” (Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Life of Muhammad, Islam International Publication Ltd, UK 2012, pp. 24-35)

Sūrah Al-Jumu’a in the Holy Qur’an, says: “He it is Who has raised among the Unlettered *people* a Messenger from among themselves who recites unto them His Signs, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom, although they were before, in manifest misguidance; And *among* others from among them who have not yet joined them, He is the Mighty, the Wise” 62: 3-4. These verses coupled with a well-known saying (*Hadith*) of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) refer to the Second Advent of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) in the person of the Promised Messiah in the Latter Days. A companion of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings be upon him) said:

“One day we were sitting with the Holy Prophet when Sūrah Jumu’a was revealed. I asked the Holy Prophet, ‘Who are the people to whom the words “And among others from among them who have not yet joined them,” refer. Salman the Persian was sitting among us. Upon my repeatedly asking him the same question, the Prophet put his hand on Salman and said, “If Faith were to go up to the Pleiades, a man from these would surely find it.”

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qādiān, the Promised Messiah, was of Persian descent. (A.R. Dard, Life of Ahmad, Islam International Publication Ltd, 2008, p. 230)

The Promised Messiah (Second Coming of Messiah) and Mahdi are one and the same. There is a well-known saying of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings be upon him) that supports this: *The Mahdi is none other than the Messiah*. Mahdi is the “rightly guided one” and is to appear in the Latter Days. Jesus himself refers to this one to come when he told his disciples “Ye shall not see me henceforth,

till ye shall say: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” (Matthew 23: 39) In other words, he would not reappear himself, but another person will appear in his name (Messiah). (Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Five volume of commentary #4236, p. 2627)

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad formed the Ahmadiyya Community in 1889, and began taking plaeges of fidelity (*Bai’at*), i.e., handing over one’s life to Almighty God by those who wanted to join him. One who wished to join with Ahmad must agree to ten conditions. They are still practiced to this day. (The Ten Conditions of Bai’at, [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org))

He used the pen to spread the truth and excellences of Islam throughout the world. His great work, Barahin Ahmadiyya contained the revelations in which he was addressed as messenger, prophet and Warner. He left thousands of pages of letters, public lectures, and over eighty books for generations following to read and study. (A.R. Dard, Life of Ahmad, Islam International Publication Ltd, 2008)

He married twice, had children, one of whom was the Promised Reformer, whose birth was one of the prophecies fulfilled and confirmed Mirza Ghulam Ahmad’s claim as the Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him) (A.R. Dard, Life of Ahmad, Islam International Publication Ltd, 2008) Having a revelation about his impending death, he wrote The Will, and the day before his death, he penned A Message of Peace. Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qādiān passed from this life on May 26, 1908. On May 27, 1908, a Divine system of Khilāfat was established in the Ahmadiyya Community, meaning that there would be one leader after the the demise of the Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him), who would reflect the living prophethood. God promised in the Holy Qur’an (24[Al-Nūr]:56) that He would establish Khilāfat among the people who are “believers and do good works.” This Khilāfat has been established since 1908. Today the members of the Ahmadiyya Movement represent diverse nationalities, live and work in over 200 countries, continuing the spread of the true Islam in the same spirit of peace, by the pen and spoken word, and humanitarian service.

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# How to Read Books of Promised Messiah in a Year

Read 30 Short Books in a month

**Qaiser Mahmood (Daily Alfazl 31 October 2012)**

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I start with a quotation from Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ II (may Allah be pleased with him) taken from Seeratul-Mahdi:

“These are the very spiritual treasures that grant one direction and gnosis of such a treasure as God. These writings of his are the only means of all types of advancement in knowledge and morality, spiritual and physical cures. One who turns their face away from these treasures is destined to leave this world and the hereafter devoid of faith and is accounted arrogant in the court of God, as the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) states: “The person who does not read our books at least 3 times has a type of pride in him.”

In an academic function an elderly person recommended that we can read relatively small pages books of Ḥaḍrat Masīḥ Mau’ūd (peace be upon him) in few days by putting in a small effort. Thereby we shall acquire a sense of confidence that we have gone through so many of his books rather quickly. In this context he named few books like “Al-Waṣīyyat” (The will), “Fath-i-Islam” (Victory of Islam) and “Rāz-i-Ḥaḳīqat” (The Secret of Truth), etc.

On checking it was found that if we resolve strongly 36 books of Ḥaḍrat Masīḥ Mau’ūd (peace be upon him), which has about 50 or fewer pages can be studied in a month’s time only. Let us see which are those books and in which volume of Rūḥānī Khazā’in they are placed.

S. No.	Vol. No.	Name of Book of the Promised Messiah	No. of Pages
1.	2	Purani Tahrirain (old Writings)	48
2.	2	Sabz Ishtihar (Green Poster)	24
3.	3	Fath-i-Islam (Victory of Islam)	48
4.	3	Tauḍīḥ-i-Maram	52
5.	4	Aasmani Faisla (The Heavenly Decree)	46
6.	4	Nishan-i-Aasmani (The Heavenly Signs)	58
7.	6	Barakatud-Du’a (The Blessings of the Prayer)	40
8.	6	Hujjatul-Islam (The Convincing Proof of Islam)	30
9.	6	Sachcha’i Ka Izhar (The Expression of Truth)	12
10.	9	Noorul-Quran (1) (The Light of the Holy Quran)	49
11.	10	Mi’yar-ul-Madhahib (Criterion of Religions)	33
12.	12	Istifta (Asking for Opinion on a Religious Matter)	34
13.	12	Mahmud Ki Ameen (Ameen of Mahmud)	8
14.	12	Sirajud-Din Isa’i Ke Char Savalon Ka Jawab (Answers of Four Questions of Sirajud-Din, a Christian)	49
15.	13	Ḍaruratul-Imam (The Need for the Imam)	49
16.	14	Raaz-i-Haḳīqat (The Secret of the Truth)	24
17.	14	Kashful-Ghita	50
18.	14	Haḳīqatul-Mahdi (The True Nature of Mahdi)	47
19.	15	Sitara Qaisariyya (Star of the Empress)	18
20.	15	Ro’idat-i-Jalsa-i-Du’a (Minutes of the Meeting for the Prayer)	40
21.	17	Government Angrezi Aur Jihad (The British Government and Jihad)	34
22.	18	Aik Ghalati ka Izala (A Misconception Removed)	12
23.	18	Dafi’-ul-Balaa	28
24.	18	Gunah Sai Najaat Kayunkar Mil Sakti Hai (How to be Free from Sin)	32
25.	18	Ismatul-Anbia	47
26.	19	Tohfatul-Nadwah (A Gift for An-Nadwah)	16

27.	19	Review Ber Mobahisa Batalvi-o-Chakrhalavi (A Review of the Debate between Batalvi & Chakrhalavi)	11
28.	19.	Sanatan Dharm (Himdu Religion)	15
29.	20	Lecture Lahore	56
30.	20	Lecture Sialkot	48
31.	20	Lecture Ludhiana	50
32.	20	Al-Waṣiyyat (The Will)	34
33.	20	Tajalliyyat-e-Ilahiyyah (Devine Manifestation)	24
34.	20	Qādiān kai Aaria aur Ham (Arians of Qādiān and We)	44
35.	20	Ahmadi aur Ghair Ahmadi Main Kia Farq Hai (What is the Difference between Ahmadi and Non-Ahmadi)	31
36.	23	Paigham-e-Sulh (A Message of Peace)	52
		<b>Total Pages of 36 Books</b>	<b>1293</b>

The total number of pages of these 36 books is 1293. The average number of pages per book is about 36. With small effort can we not complete reading of these 36 books in 36 days? If we do this, then we can say that 1/3 of books of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) have been studied.

Similarly another scholar of our Jamā'at pointed out that we could go through the books in 1 or 1-1/2 year by reading 20 to 25 pages in a day. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ III (may Allah shower His mercy on him) once advised Jamā'at to read those books of the Promised Messiah first which were written in the later years i.e. start reading from Rūḥānī Khazā'in Vol. 23 and not from Vol. 1. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ III (may Allah shower His mercy on him) also said while addressing final session of a Training Class of Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya on 13 May 1967:

“If one fourth of the time you are wasting is spent on studying five pages of the books of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) daily, then 150 pages in a month and 1,800 pages can be read in a year. To say, these are just five pages per day.” (Mash'al-i-Rāḥ, Vol. 2, p. 45)

There are about 8500 pages of Urdu books. Therefore, if 23 to 24 pages are studied from the books daily then it shall take about a year to complete the reading. There are 90 books and magazines in Urdu. Most of Arabic books are with Urdu translation. There is another point to consider that by studying Rūḥānī Khazā'in Volumes 18, 19, and 20, one can complete reading 24 books of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

I would like to share an interesting episode with you. Sometimes back my wife did Waqf-e-Ārḍī. During filling of the form on the last day of the Waqf she noticed that there is a column in the report asking how many books of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) are being read during the period. She was worried that this column shall be left blank. I asked her not to worry and gave her three small booklets of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), which can be studied in a short time. Therefore, I gave her “Rāz-i-Ḥaqīqat” (The Secret of the Truth) 24 pages, “Aik Ghalati Ka Izāla” (A Misconception Removed) 12 pages and Sanātan Dharm (Hindu Eternal Religion) 15 pages for studying and putting the numbers in the report column. When I returned home from office, she had already read these books. By helping our wife and children in this regard, we can generate interest for studying books of the Jamā'at.

The books of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) are full of ‘Pearls of Wisdom’ and must be read at least three times in one’s lifetime.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

By the Grace of Allah, our son Mudassar Ahmad and his wife Quratulain have been blessed with a daughter, Hanyia Mudassar, on July 11, 2016 at Stamford, CT. She is the granddaughter of the late eminent Dr. Amatus Salam, granddaughter of Ḥaḍrat Maulawi Qudratullah Sanori (may Allah be pleased with him), companion of the Promised Messiah and Mahdī (peace be upon him). Mudassar Ahmad is the grandson of the late respected Abdul Rehman Sabir, ex Na'ib Ameer/General Secretary, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya and ex-Manager, Singer Machines and the late respected Zainab Bibi, Gujranwala, Pakistan. Quratuain (Hafiza Qur'an) is the daughter of respected Al-Haj Muzaffar Ahmad Zahid and Amatul Mateen, Dubai, UAE. Kindly pray that may Allah bless Hanyia Mudassar with a long, happy, healthy and prosperous life, make her true Ahmadi Muslim and Qurratul-'Ain for the family. Āmīn. (Mubashar Ahmad Nasir, Philadelphia, PA)

# Obesity

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What is Obesity? Obesity is a disorder involving an excessive amount of body fat. Obesity isn't just a cosmetic concern. It increases our risk of diseases and health problems such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure.

**Symptoms:** Obesity is likely when an individual's body mass index (BMI) is 30 or higher. Body mass index is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms (kg) by height in meters (m) squared.

BMI	Weight Status
Below 18.5	Underweight
18.5 to 24.9	Normal
25.0 to 29.9	Overweight
30.0 to 34.9	Obese (Class I)
35.0 to 39.9	Obese (Class II)
40.0 and higher	Extreme Obesity (Class III)

For most people, BMI is a reasonable estimate of body fat. However, BMI doesn't directly measure body fat, so some people, such as muscular athletes, may have a BMI in the obese category even though they don't have excess body fat.

**Causes:** Although there are genetic and hormonal influences on body weight, obesity occurs when we eat more calories than we burn through exercise and normal daily activities. Body stores these excess calories as fat. Obesity results from inactivity and unhealthy eating.

**Inactivity:** If we are not very active, we don't burn as many calories. With a sedentary lifestyle, we can easily take in more calories every day than we use through exercise and normal daily activities.

**Unhealthy diet and eating habits:** Having a diet that's high in calories, lacking in fruits and vegetables, full of fast food, missing breakfast, and laden with high-calorie beverages and oversized portions all contribute to weight gain.

**Complications:** If you're obese, you're more likely to develop a number of serious health problems, including:

- High triglycerides and low high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol
- Type 2 diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Metabolic syndrome — a combination of high blood sugar, high blood pressure, high triglycerides and low HDL cholesterol

- Heart disease
- Stroke
- Cancer, including cancer of the uterus, cervix, endometrium, ovaries, breast, colon, rectum, esophagus, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, kidney and prostate
- Breathing disorders, including sleep apnea, a potentially serious sleep disorder in which breathing repeatedly stops and starts
- Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, a condition in which fat builds up in the liver and can cause inflammation or scarring
- Osteoarthritis

When you're obese, your overall quality of life may be lower, too. You may not be able to do things you'd normally enjoy as easily as you'd like, such as participating in enjoyable activities.

**Treatment:** The goal of obesity treatment is to reach and stay at a healthy weight.

All weight-loss programs require changes in eating habits and increased physical activity. The treatment methods that is right for you depend on your level of obesity, overall health and willingness to participate in your weight-loss plan. Other treatment tools include:

- Dietary changes
- Exercise and activity
- Weight-loss surgery

**Dietary Changes:** Reducing calories (amount of food) and eating healthier are vital to overcoming obesity. Although you may lose weight quickly at first, slow and steady weight loss over the long term is considered the safest way to lose weight and the best way to keep it off permanently.

It is important to reduce the total number of calories in the diet. An average sized man or woman should eat 1200 to 1500 calories a day to lose weight. Number of calories in a food can be found on the label. **Exercise and activity:** People who are overweight or obese need to get at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity (pulse rate of 100 to 120) to prevent further weight gain or to maintain the loss of a modest amount of weight. To achieve more significant weight loss, you may need to exercise 300 or more minutes a week. You probably will need to gradually increase the amount you exercise as your endurance and fitness improve. To make your own exercise goal more doable,

break it up into several sessions throughout the day, doing just 10 minutes at a time.

**Weight-loss surgery:** In some cases, weight-loss surgery, also called bariatric surgery, is an option. Weight-loss surgery offers the best chance of losing the most weight, but it can pose serious risks. Weight-loss surgery limits the amount of food you're able to comfortably eat or decreases the absorption of food and calories or both.

Weight-loss surgery for obesity may be considered if you have tried other methods to lose weight that haven't worked and:

- You have extreme obesity with a body mass

index (BMI) of 40 or higher

- Your BMI is 35 to 39.9, and you also have a serious weight-related health problem, such as diabetes or high blood pressure
- You are committed to making the lifestyle changes that are necessary for surgery to work

Weight-loss surgery can often help you lose as much as 35 percent or more of your body weight. But weight-loss surgery isn't a miracle obesity cure. It doesn't guarantee that you'll lose all of your excess weight or that you'll keep it off long term. Weight-loss success after surgery depends on your commitment to making lifelong changes in your eating and exercise habits.

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①

Keep a naflī fast  
(non-obligatory, optional fast)  
in the last week of every month.

②

Offer two raka'āt naflī Ṣalāt  
before dawn or after Zuhr or after  
'Ishā.

③

Recite Sūrah al-Fātiḥah  
at least seven times a day.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ  
إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ  
اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ  
صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ  
غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

bis-mil-lā-hir-rah-mā-nir-ra-ḥīm  
al-ḥam-du lil-lā-hi rab-bil-'ā-la-mīn  
ar-rah-mā-nir-ra-ḥīm  
mā-li-ki yau-mid-dīn  
iy-yā-ka na'-bu-du wa iy-yā-ka  
nas-ta-'in  
ih-di-naṣ-ṣi-rā-tal-mus-ta-qīm  
ṣi-rā-tal-la-ḥi-na an-'am-ta 'a-lai-him  
ghai-ril-magh-ḍū-bi 'a-lai-him  
wa laḍ-ḍāl-līn

In the name of Allah, the Gracious,  
the Merciful.  
All praise belongs to Allah,  
Lord of all the worlds,  
The Gracious, the Merciful,  
Master of the Day of Judgment.  
Thee alone do we worship and Thee  
alone do we implore for help.  
Guide us in the right path—  
The path of those on whom Thou  
hast bestowed Thy blessings, those  
who have not incurred Thy  
displeasure, and those who have not  
gone astray. [1:1-7]

④

Recite at least eleven times a day  
the supplication:

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا  
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

rab-ba-nā af-riḡh 'a-lai-nā  
ṣab-rañw-wa ṭhab-bit aq-dā-ma-nā  
wan-ṣur-nā 'a-lal-qau-mil-kā-fi-rīn  
O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness  
upon us, and make our steps firm,  
and help us against the disbelieving  
people. [2:251]

⑤

Recite at least 33 times a day the  
prayer:

رَبَّنَا لَا تُرِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا  
وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

rab-ba-nā lā tu-zigh qu-lū-ba-nā  
ba'-da idh ha-ḍai-ta-nā wa hab la nā  
mil-la-dun-ka rah-mah—  
in-na-ka an-tal-wah-hāb  
'Our Lord, let not our hearts become  
perverse after Thou hast guided us,  
and bestow on us mercy from  
Thyself; surely Thou art the Great  
Bestower. [3:9]

⑥

Repeat at least 11 times a day the  
prayer:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِيْ نُحُوْرِهِمْ  
وَنَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُوْرِهِمْ

al-lā-hum-ma in-nā naj-'a-lu-ka  
fī nu-ḥū-ri-him wa na-'ū-ḍhu bi-ka  
min shu-rū-ri-him

O Allah, we make Thee our shield  
against them, and take refuge in  
Thee from their mischief.

⑦

Repeat at least 33 times a day the  
prayer:

اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ رَبِّيْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَّاَتُوْبُ اِلَيْهِ

as-tagh-fi-rul-lā-ha rab-bī min kul-li  
ḍhan-biñw-wa a-tū-bu i-laihi

I beg pardon from Allah, my Lord,  
from all my sins and turn to Him.

⑧

Repeat at least 33 times a day the prayer:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ  
اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

sub-ḥā-nal-lā-hi wa bi ḥam-di-hī  
sub-ḥā-nal-lā-hil-'a-ẓīm—  
al-lā-hum-ma ṣal-li 'a-lā  
mu-ḥam-ma-diñw-wa ā-li  
mu-ḥam-mad

Holy is Allah, worthy of all praise,  
Holy is Allah the great. Allah, bestow  
Thy blessings on Muḥammad and the  
people of Muḥammad.

⑨

Repeat darūd at least 33 times a day:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ عَلَى اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى اِبْرٰهِيْمَ وَّ عَلَى اٰلِ اِبْرٰهِيْمَ  
اِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَّجِيْدٌ

al-lā-hum-ma ṣal-li 'a-lā  
mu-ḥam-ma-diñw-wa 'a-lā ā-li  
mu-ḥam-ma-dīn,  
ka-mā ṣal-lai-ta 'a-lā ib-rā-hī-ma  
wa 'a-lā ā-li ib-rā-hī-ma,  
in-na-ka ḥa-mī-dum-ma-jīd  
O Allah, bless Muḥammad and his  
people as Thou didst bless Abraham  
and his people. Thou art indeed  
Praiseworthy, the Exalted.

al-lā-hum-ma bā-rik 'a-lā

اَللّٰهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ عَلَى اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى اِبْرٰهِيْمَ وَّ عَلَى اٰلِ اِبْرٰهِيْمَ  
اِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَّجِيْدٌ

mu-ḥam-ma-diñw-  
wa 'a-lā ā-li mu-ḥam-ma-dīn  
ka-mā bā-rak-ta 'a-lā ib-rā-hī-ma  
wa 'a-lā ā-li ib-rā-hī-ma  
in-na-ka ḥa-mī-dum-ma-jīd  
O Allah, Prosper Muḥammad and his  
people as Thou didst prosper  
Abraham and his people. Thou art  
indeed Praiseworthy, the Exalted.



# BOLETÍN AHMADÍA

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## La propagación del verdadero mensaje del Islam

Resumen del sermón del viernes del 29 de julio de 2016

Su Santidad, Mirza Masrur Ahmad, el Quinto Jalifa de la Comunidad Musulmana Ahmadía del Islam, pronunció su sermón desde Baitul Futuh, Londres.

Hazur dijo que la condición del mundo se deteriora rápidamente y esta es la causa del surgimiento de algunas facciones. Hazur dijo: "Los gobernantes que profesan pertenecer a una religión que defiende la paz están haciendo estragos con la justicia y la gente está manipulando esta situación a costa de su interés personal. Esto ocurre debido a que los gobiernos dan preferencia a sus propios intereses antes que a las necesidades de su gente. Los gobiernos no adoptan la moderación y cometen atrocidades. Cuando tales injusticias se perpetúan, se produce una reacción, que las grandes potencias utilizan en pro de sus propios intereses personales.

Hazur dijo: El Islam no prescribe la matanza de gente inocente. El Santo Profeta, cada vez que enviaba a un ejército al combate, ordenaba no perjudicar a las mujeres, niños, ancianos o sacerdotes, y mucho menos matarlos. Hazur dijo: El mismo nombre de nuestra religión rechaza el terrorismo, la violencia



y la coerción, y promueve la paz y armonía. Cuando un verdadero creyente busca la merced y bendiciones en la oración, se salva del mal y la transgresión porque el Salat le ayuda a evitar el mal y el pecado. Nuestra religión ordena saludar a la gente con el saludo de *Salaam* y a promover la paz. Todos los mandamientos de nuestra religión demuestran que es una religión de paz y armonía.

Hazur dijo que cada ataque terrorista debe recordar a los áhmadis el cumplimiento de sus obligaciones como en ningún otro momento. Cada uno de nosotros debe informar al mundo que la paz y armonía es la esencia del Islam. Hazur elogió la declaración del Papa en la que afirmó que no se trata de una guerra de religiones sino una guerra de intereses personales. Dijo que estos días los mensajes pueden llegar a millones de personas a través de Facebook y Twitter, por lo que debemos considerar lo que dice la gente y responder-

la. Dijo que hay una gran labor por realizar, por lo que no es correcto pensar que lo que hemos realizado es suficiente. Debemos actuar con sagacidad y diligencia y pedir a Dios que nos muestre el progreso del Islam durante nuestra existencia. Cada áhmadi, como parte del Yamaat, debe prestar atención a las plegarias y a la caridad. El Santo Profeta<sup>sa</sup> dijo que cuando las puertas de la merced se abren a una persona, las puertas del paraíso también se le abren. El Santo Profetas<sup>sa</sup> también dijo que debemos entregar limosna para salvarnos de las tribulaciones y el fuego.

El Mesías Prometido dijo se pueden evitar las pruebas y tribulaciones a través de la limosna y las plegarias. Para la aceptación de las oraciones es preciso que el hombre experimente una transformación sagrada y no viole los mandamientos divinos. Hazur dijo que cuando el creyente recita las plegarias enseñadas en el Santo Corán con plena sinceridad, Dios las acepta. Hazur instó a la Comunidad a recitar algunas de estas plegarias. Finalmente pidió para que Dios proteja a la Comunidad, individualmente y colectivamente, de la maldad de nuestros adversarios, pidió que sus malas acciones reviertan sobre ellos y que nos ayude a extender las enseñanzas del Islam.

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## DEL SAGRADO CORÁN

“¡Oh vosotros los que creéis! Temed a Al-lah como debe ser temido y no permitáis que os llegue la muerte si no estáis sometidos.

Y aferraos fuertemente todos juntos, con la cuerda de Al-lah y no os dividáis, y recordad el favor de Al-lah que Él os concedió cuando erais enemigos y Él unió vuestros corazones en el Amor, para que con Su gracia os hicierais como hermanos; estabais al borde de un abismo de fuego y Él os salvó.

Así os explica Al-lah sus mandamientos para que seáis guiados.

Y que surja de entre vosotros un grupo de hombres que invite a la gente a la bondad, imponga la justicia y prohíba la maldad. Ellos serán los bienaventurados.

Y no seáis como aquellos que se separaron y disputaron entre sí después de que les llegaran pruebas evidentes. Y sobre ellos caerá un gran castigo. ”

(C.3 Vs: 103-105)

## HADIZ (RELATOS DEL SANTO PROFETA<sup>SA</sup>)

“Un musulmán es hermano de otro musulmán, por lo que no deberá oprimirle ni entregarle a ningún opresor. Al-lah le cubrirá las necesidades de aquél que satisfaga las necesidades de su hermano.

A quien salva a su hermano de una calamidad, Al-lah le salvará de una de las calamidades del Día de la Resurrección, y Allah ofrecerá protección a aquél que protege a un musulmán.”

(de Abdullah bin Umar)

## MALFUDAT (ESCRITOS DEL MESÍAS PROMETIDO)

### SOIS EL ÚLTIMO PUEBLO ELEGIDO POR DIOS



Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad  
1935-1908

Vosotros, los que proclamáis ser mis partidarios: sólo podréis ser reconocidos como tales en el cielo cuando adoptéis el camino de la rectitud. Ofreced, pues, las cinco oraciones diarias con tal devoción y fervor que parezca que contempláis a Dios realmente; observad el ayuno fielmente por amor a Él; a quien le corresponda, que ofrezca zakat (limosna) y a quien le incumba, que emprenda la peregrinación a la Meca si nada se lo impide. Practicad el bien con devoción y sentid aversión hacia el mal, recordando que ningún acto sin rectitud es aceptado por Dios. El temor de Dios es la raíz de todo bien; si esta raíz se marchita, el acto no podrá florecer.

Es necesario que seáis sometidos a pruebas y aflicciones como lo fueron los creyentes de antaño. Cuidad, pues, de los tropiezos. La tierra no os podrá infligir ningún mal si el lazo que os une al cielo es sólido. Son vuestras manos, y no las del adversario, las que causan vuestra perdición. Si se perdiera vuestro honor en la tierra a causa de Dios, Él os recompensaría con eterno honor en el cielo. Así pues, no le abandonéis. Es preciso que sufráis adversidades y os veáis privados de esperanzas, pero no desesperéis, porque

vuestro Dios os somete a pruebas para comprobar quién es constante en Su camino. Si deseáis que los mismos ángeles canten vuestras alabanzas en el cielo, alegraos cuando se os persigue, regocijaos cuando se os injuria y no os separéis de Él aunque el fracaso os abrume.

Sois vosotros el último pueblo elegido por Dios. Practicad el bien hasta límites insuperables. El que se abandone a la pereza, será expulsado de la Comunidad como un lastre y morirá con pesar si haber logrado perjudicar a Dios en absoluto. Escuchad: yo os anuncio la buena nueva de que Dios existe. Aunque todos seamos Sus criaturas, Él elige a quien le elige; se acerca a quien se acerca a Él y ensalza a quien le ensalza. Venid a Él después de purificar vuestros corazones y limpiar vuestra lengua, ojos y oídos, y Él os aceptará.

(Nuestras Enseñanzas, página 3)

## Actividades de la Yamaat en México

### FORO INTERRELIGIOSO

El Dr Waseem Sayed hizo una presentación en el primer foro interreligioso en Naucalpan, “La paz en la actualidad”, en la que participaron representantes de diversas religiones. En la ponencia, se reunieron líderes de diversas religiones para saber cómo se trabaja en materia de paz. En este foro se hizo una exposición de la paz en la actualidad, desde la religión, filosofía, etc. en la que participaron alrededor de 500 personas.

En su discurso, el Dr Waseem Sayed habló de la paz y seguridad del mundo como la cuestión más crítica de nuestra época y señaló que la crisis financiera, la falta de justicia por parte de ciertos líderes mundiales y la disparidad entre las naciones ricas y pobres eran las causas primarias de la inestabilidad actual que impera en el mundo.

Dijo que el Islam no permite la coerción y que ningún musulmán tiene derecho a participar en la violencia, guerra o anarquía contra ningún estado o pueblo. Dijo que el Sagrado Corán y la vida del Noble Profeta demuestran que el Islam se opone totalmente a todas las formas de extremismo y derramamiento de sangre, y que el Islam garantiza la libertad, y la profección de todas las personas de todas las religiones. Finalmente dijo que nuestro lema es. “Amor para todos, odio para nadie”.

### TABLIGH

La tertulia Café Torta e Islam, una sesión de preguntas y respuestas, tiene lugar dos veces a la semana en la Misión de Mérida, con participación de áhmadis y no áhmadis. En los últimos meses, más de 30 personas han acudido a estas sesiones. También se imparten clases de árabe todos los sábados en las que participan áhmadis y no áhmadis. Se han pronunciado conferencias en cinco universidades de Mérida.

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También se han ofrecido entrevistas a los diarios, 5 entrevistas en la radio y televisión local e internacional.

También se han realizado tareas de predicación en once ocasiones plazas públicas con altavoces.

### PUBLICIDAD DE LIBROS

La Comunidad Musulmana Ahmadía de México está intentando promocionar sus libros en México, especialmente el Sagrado Corán y Jesús en la India, a través de Museos, librerías y páginas web. Hasta el momento se han distribuido ambos libros en algunos comercios y librerías.



El Dr Waseem Sayed presentando una copia del Corán al Director del Museo.

El 14 de Junio, se hizo una presentación del Sagrado Corán en el Museo del Estanquillo. En este sentido, uno de los diarios más prestigiosos de México, el Universal, publicó la noticia diciendo los musulmanes quieren demostrar que el Islam y su libro tienen mensajes de paz y que la edición del Corán busca no solo difundir el Islam en el país con su lectura en español, sino ser referente para académicos y estudiosos



### HUMANITY FIRST

En Mérida se ha iniciado un proyecto para ayudar a un colegio público que atiende a niños ciegos o incapacitados. Voluntarios de Humanity First les proporcionaron el material necesario para la mejora de la condición del colegio y la mejora de su enseñanza

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## YALSA SALANA DEL REINO UNIDO, 2016

**Más de 38.000 personas participaron en el Yalsa Salana celebrado en Hampshire del 12 a 14 de agosto, 2016**



El 50º Yalsa Salana (Convención Anual) de la Comunidad Musulmana Ahmadía del Reino Unido concluyó el 14 de agosto del 2016 con un discurso inspirador del Líder de la Comunidad Musulmana Ahmadía, el Quinto Jalifa, Su Santidad, Hazrat Mirza Masrur Ahmad.

Más de 38.000 personas, procedentes de unos 100 países participaron en el Yalsa Salana, que se celebró en Hadeeqatul Mahdi, Alton, Hampshire. El acto fue transmitido en directo a través de la MTA internacional y online. Los participantes formaron una cadena humana para jurar lealtad al Jalifa.

Durante su discurso de clausura, Su Santidad invitó a los críticos del Islam a juzgar a la religión en base a sus verdaderas enseñanzas en lugar de enfocarse en los actos ominosos de una ínfima minoría de extremistas.

Al inicio de la ceremonia, Su Santidad anunció que más de 584.000 personas de todo el mundo se unieron a la Comunidad Musulmana Ahmadía durante el pasado año. También anunció que la Yamaat está establecida en 209 países. En su discurso de clausura, Hazur dijo que los críticos del Islam continúan levantando objeciones injustas y totalmente infundadas contra la religión. Dijo:

“El terrorismo y desorden actuales se deben al hecho de que las personas están distorsionando las enseñanzas de la religión y sus acciones llenas de odio y maldad no tienen ningún vínculo con las auténticas enseñanzas del Islam.”

Su Santidad dijo que el Islam ha sentado las bases para la paz al promover la verdadera igualdad entre los hombres y las naciones. El Islam enseñó que ninguna nación o pueblo ostenta superioridad sobre otras naciones o pueblos. También dijo que el Islam intenta crear la paz a todos los niveles de la sociedad y que las bases para la paz en la sociedad radican en el hogar de una persona. Dijo que el Islam hace un hincapié especial en los derechos de los padres. Dijo: “En el mundo desarrollado mucha gente afirma no

disponer de tiempo para estar en compañía de los padres, sin hablar de su cuidado y servicio en la edad anciana.”

Su Santidad dijo que no era posible establecer la verdadera justicia sin antes establecer un vínculo con Dios Todopoderoso. Dijo: “Los que se denominan musulmanes pero continúan actuando en contra de las enseñanzas del Islam, lo hacen por no haber reconocido verdaderamente a Dios ni por cumplir sus obligaciones hacia Él.” Hablando de las responsabilidades de los padres hacia los hijos dijo:

“Una de las razones por la que los niños se hacen vulnerables al extremismo es la falta de atención y educación moral por parte de los padres. Por ello, acaban cometiendo atrocidades en nombre del Islam. Los padres, en la búsqueda de riquezas, abandonan sus obligaciones hacia los hijos, que quedan desprovistos de un mínimo conocimiento de su religión. Esto es lo que destruye a sus hijos.”

También dijo: “¿Acaso el hecho de que ciertos grupos o individuos actúen en contra de las enseñanzas del Islam da licencia a los musulmanes a provocar y herir los sentimientos de todos los musulmanes, incluyéndonos a nosotros, los áhmadis, que estamos en un primer plano a la hora de promover las auténticas enseñanzas del Islam?”

Hazur dijo que tanto las naciones musulmanas como las grandes potencias han jugado un papel muy importante en destruir la paz mundial. Mencionó informes de prensa que cuestionaban por qué ciertos países vendían armas a las naciones involucradas en guerras, donde se mata a gente inocente. Dijo que si estos países hubieran actuado con justicia e integridad, se hubiera evitado la situación crítica que estamos atravesando. Dijo que los intereses personales han cegado a ambas partes.”

Terminó diciendo que es responsabilidad de los áhmadis informar el mundo de las verdaderas enseñanzas del Islam. Concluyó con una oración silenciosa.

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