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A Panoptic View of Financial Sacrifice

His Holiness, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his
Helper), stated in his Friday Sermon on March 31, 2016

In this age of the Promised Messiah (as), one type of Jihād is financial sacrifice, because without it, literature in the defence of Islām cannot be published, nor can the Holy Qur’ān be translated into various languages, and sent across the globe; without it, missions cannot be established, nor can missionaries or mubalighīn be trained, and sent to the Jamā’ats across the globe; without it, mosques cannot be built; without it, schools and colleges, which facilitate education of the poor, cannot be built; without it, hospitals, which provide service to the suffering, cannot be built to serve humanity. Thus, as long as the message of Islām does not reach every corner of the globe, and to every person in every corner, and as long as needs of the poor are not fully met, this Jihād shall continue! It is compulsory for every Aḥmadī to participate in it, according to his capacity and means. (*Al-Fazl International*, London, April 21, 2006)

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Pearls of Wisdom



THE HOLY QUR'AN

The similitude of those who spend their wealth for the cause of Allāh is like the similitude of a grain of corn which grows seven ears, in each ear a hundred grains.

And Allāh multiplies it further for whomsoever He pleases; and Allāh is Bountiful, All-Knowing.

They who spend their wealth for the cause of Allāh, then follow not up what they have spent with taunt or injury, for them is their reward with their Lord, and they shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve. (2:262- 263)

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ
اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلٍ فِي كُلِّ
سُنْبُلَةٍ مِائَةٌ حَبَّةٌ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يُضِعِفُ لِمَنْ
يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦٢﴾

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عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٢٦٣﴾

HADĪTH OF THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD^{SA}

Hazrat Ibn Mas'ūd^{ra} relates that the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "Only two persons deserve to be envied; firstly, a person to whom God gives wealth, and spends it in the way of the God; and secondly, the person upon whom God has bestowed knowledge, wisdom and insight, by which he judges between people and teaches them." (Saḥīḥ Bukhārī)

عَنْ ابْنِ مَسْعُودٍ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ يَقُولُ لَا حَسَدَ إِلَّا فِي اثْنَيْنِ رَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ مَالًا فَسَلَّطَهُ عَلَىٰ هَلَكَاتِهِ فِي الْحَقِّ وَرَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةً فَهُوَ يَقْضِي بِهَا وَيُعَلِّمُهَا. (صحيح بخارى)

So Said the Promised Messiah^{as}



Wealth Can Only Be Gained By God's Will

It goes without saying that you cannot love two things at once. This is not possible for you to love wealth and love God. You can love only one of them. Fortunate is he who loves God. If any of you loves Him and spends his/her wealth in His cause, I am certain that his/her wealth will increase more than that of others; for wealth does not come by itself. Rather, it comes by God's will. Whoever parts with some of his wealth for the sake of God, will surely get it back in return. On the other hand, he who loves his wealth and does not serve it in the way of God as he should, will surely lose his wealth. Do not ever imagine that your wealth comes of your own effort. No! It comes from God Almighty. And do not ever think that you do God or his Appointed One a favour by offering your money or helping in any other way. Rather, it is His favour upon you that he calls you to this service!

(Majmū'ah Ishtihārāt, Vol. 3, pp. 497-498)

Guidance from Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V^{aa}

The following summaries of Friday Sermons have been provided by Wakālat ‘Ulyā’, Taḥrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya

The Mosque at Regina, Canada

Friday Sermon Delivered on November 4, 2016

Inauguration of Bait Mahmood Mosque at Regina, Canada, and advice to the office-bearers and auxiliary organizations of the Jamā‘at to thank Allāh, make financial sacrifices and keep the houses of Allāh well-inhabited.

It is in the nature of the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at to sacrifice life, wealth and time for the sake of Islām, for its members have made it their objective to win the pleasure of Allāh.

The Jamā‘at has set a good example by working voluntarily for the construction of the mosque. This tradition should be kept alive and efforts should be made to save as much money in this way as possible.

Huzoor (aa) recited verse 18 of Sūrah Taubah:

Verily, he alone is worthy of maintaining the Mosques of Allāh who believes in Allāh, and the Last Day, and observes Prayer, and pays Zakāt, and fears none but Allāh; so these it is who are far more likely to be counted among the guided. (9:18). Huzoor (aa) said: We are thankful to Allāh that He enabled the Jamā‘at in Regina, Canada, to build a mosque. Indeed, it is a beautiful mosque. Around 160 members of the Jamā‘at live here and in the area surrounding the mosque. About 400 people can offer Prayer in it and additional arrangements can be made to accommodate around 100 more people. In other words, the mosque is three times bigger than the current need

However, the total cost of the project has been 1.6 million dollars, which means the mosque was completed in less than half the estimated cost. A worldly-minded person cannot understand how this has happened. The reason is that he is absolutely unaware of what financial sacrifice is and how commendable the standards of sacrifice set by the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah (as) are. Indeed, it is members of the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah (as) among whom you can find the examples of sacrificing one’s life, wealth and time for the sake of Faith. And, this is the hallmark of the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at everywhere. Wherever they are living in the world, God enables them to make sacrifices, and the reason for this is that they have made the pleasure of the Almighty God their

On the one hand, there are people who want to spread disorder, and on the other Aḥmadīs are offering their wealth and time for the construction of a house of Allāh in a country which, from the worldly point of view, is a developed and materialistic society. The reason for this is that the Holy Prophet (sa) said: ‘The one who builds a house of Allāh [in this world], God builds for him a house in heaven.

Before delivering the Friday Sermon on November 4, 2016, Huzoor Anwar (May Allāh be his Helper) unveiled the inauguration plaque at Bait Mahmood, Regina, Canada, and led members of the Jamā‘at in silent prayer. Later, Huzoor (aa) delivered the Friday Sermon.

of the Jamā‘at in this area. The expenses for the construction of the mosque have also been borne by the local chapter of the Jamā‘at. The minimum bid made for the construction of the mosque was 2.8 million dollars which was to reach a total of 3.5 million dollars after having incurred various other expenditures.

objective.

Huzoor (aa) mentioned the three real brothers of the Saskatoon Jamā‘at who helped save half of the estimated cost of the project. Also, Huzoor Anwar (aa) spoke about other volunteers including male and female members of the Jamā‘at from Saskatoon and from other areas

in Canada and said: These people cared least for their money and time. I have been told that the volunteers worked for around 41500 hours on the project. Such passion can be witnessed among the Aḥmadīs everywhere by the grace of Allāh.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: On the one hand, there are people who want to spread disorder, and on the other Aḥmadīs are offering their wealth and time for the construction of a house of Allāh in a country which, from the worldly point of view, is a developed and materialistic society. The reason for this is that the Holy Prophet (sa), said: 'The one who builds a house of Allāh [in this world], God builds for him a house in heaven.'

The purpose of the sacrifice made for the building of the houses of Allāh is to obtain the pleasure of Allāh as well as to remove the misconceptions that the people of this world harbour regarding the true Faith. We need to convey it to the world that our mosques and teachings are not going to be a means of disorder and destruction in the world; rather they are means of earning good of this world and the hereafter, of creating love for Allāh's creation in the world and of fulfilling Allāh's rights upon us.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: By doing voluntary work for the mosque, the volunteers of the Canada Jamā'at have also obtained the distinction of saving a large amount of Jamā'at funds. May Allāh abundantly bless the finances and lives of all those who have made contributions in this regard.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) spoke about the plan to construct some smaller mosques and said: Our resources do not allow us to construct a mosque at every place. Therefore, the tradition which has been set by doing voluntary work for this mosque is really a commendable one and must be kept alive. Efforts should be made to save as much of Jamā'at's money as possible.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) highlighted the importance of building mosques in light of an extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah (as) and said: We should try to fulfill the wish of the Promised Messiah (as). Another thing which we ought to keep in mind is that sincerity towards the Jamā'at should not be a temporary and transitory passion; rather there is a need to perfectly fulfill the objectives. One shouldn't show off. Instead mosques should be built for the sake of Allāh alone.

Speaking about those who immensely sacrificed their time for the sake of the construction of the mosque, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: God never leaves one without reward if one's intention is good. God showers His blessings upon such people. Huzoor Anwar (aa) drew the attention of the members of the Jamā'at towards thanking Allāh, fulfilling the rights of the mosques upon them, establishing Prayer and spending in the way of Allāh.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) also drew the attention of the office-bearers and auxiliary organizations of the Jamā'at towards inhabiting the mosques and

said: 'In order to express your thanks to Allāh for the construction of the mosque, we should convey the message of the true Faith to every single person of this area. By doing so, we will not only be thanking Allāh, but also fulfilling the rights people have on us. It is their right upon us that we should convey to them the message of the true Faith and bring them out of the filthy life they are living. In certain respects, these people have abandoned all moral values in the name of freedom. It is for the Aḥmadīs today to save the world from destruction. However, the only condition for this is that our steps should always move forward. It is a huge responsibility of the Aḥmadīs to save the world from destruction. We should try to save the world which is fast forgetting God. Hence, we all need to feel the anguish the Promised Messiah (as) felt for the sake of the people of this world. We should set such excellent examples so that the Jamā'at and the Promised Messiah (as) are commended by everyone. May God enable us to obtain this objective and may our tomorrow be better than today. May our children and future generation be able to understand that the true wealth are the sacrifices our forefathers made and the mosques they built and the propagation of the true Faith they performed and the advice they tendered to their children to firmly stick to the true Faith. May Allāh enable our coming generations realize this and develop such thinking in them. May our coming generations too be recipients of the fruits of Allāh's grace. May God enable us to achieve this objective. Amīn

Essence of Financial Sacrifice, Tahrīk Jadīd 83rd year

Friday Sermon Delivered on November 11, 2016

Announcement of the commencement of the 83rd year of Tahrīk Jadīd. The importance of making sacrifices in the way of Allāh, and how Allāh rewards them in return.

In the previous year, Pakistan stood first, followed by Germany, UK and USA.

Allāh has made MTA the means for linking the Jamā'at to Khilāfat. Listen to the sermons, there is a lot of difference in listening to the whole sermon as against listening to a summary.

On November 11, 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-

Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitur- Nur, Calgary, Canada.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: The Promised Messiah (as) says that man loves wealth so much that it is written in the books of dream interpretation that if a man dreams that he has given his liver to someone, it means giving away one's wealth. Spending out of one's wealth forms a major part of sympathy for God's creatures without which faith is not perfected. Spending in the way of Allāh is a sign of man's goodness and righteousness. God's pleasure, which

is the source of true happiness, cannot be attained without going through temporary hardship. Blessed are those who do not care for hardships in seeking Allāh's pleasure. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: Today people think that they can only attain happiness and contentment by accumulating wealth and spending it on themselves. But a believer who understands the essence of faith realizes that Allāh has given us the bounties of this world for our benefit but the true purpose of our lives is to win Allāh's pleasure, to walk the path of righteousness and to fulfil our obligations to His creatures. True contentment comes from spending

our wealth in the cause of Allāh. If we look around us today, we will realize that the love of wealth is the source of all the evil and mischief in the world.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: Today Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya is the only community that spends in an organised way for the purpose of spreading the faith. There are many who undergo much hardship in order to contribute. The Jamā'at has the most excellent financial and expenditure system.

Speaking about the blessings that accrue from giving Chanda, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: Allāh had promised the Promised Messiah (as) that He would grant him a Jamā'at of people who would love him and whom He would cause to grow in faith. Those who strive towards Allāh, Allāh blesses their efforts. There are many examples of how Allāh blesses those who pay Chanda, and such phenomena are experienced by Aḥmadīs in every country. Those who make sacrifices for the sake of Allāh, Allāh blesses them

are built every year through the Chanda of Tahrīk Jadīd and Waqf Jadīd. Millions of dollars are spent on MTA.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: The analysis shows that there is not as much inclination towards watching MTA as there should be and that some people do not listen to my sermons live. The Jamā'at is spending all this money for the teaching and training of the Jamā'at. If you are unable to listen to the live sermon on account of the time difference, then you should at least listen to the repeat telecast. Many non-Aḥmadīs listen to these sermons and write to me about it. Allāh has made MTA a link between Khilāfat and the Jamā'at. If you do not pay due attention to it in your homes your children will start to move away. So before such a time comes that you regret you should attach yourself to Khilāfat and for this the best medium is MTA. Many good programs are broadcast on MTA, but at the very least you should listen to the sermons. It is not enough to say that the Missionary read out the

Jadīd. By the grace of Allāh members made a sacrifice of 10,933,000 pounds sterling, which was 1,717,000 pounds higher than the previous year. Jamā'at Pakistan came first in terms of contribution, followed by Germany, UK, USA, Canada, India, Australia, a Jamā'at of the middle east, Indonesia, a Jamā'at of the middle east, Ghana and Switzerland, respectively. In terms of per person contribution, USA stood first, followed by Switzerland, UK, Finland, Singapore, Germany, Norway, Japan, and Canada. Among African countries, Mauritius came first, followed by Ghana and Nigeria. There was an overall increase of 90,000 contributors and the total number of contributors was 1,404,000. Speaking of Pakistan's three leading Jamā'at's Lahore, Karachi and Rabwah, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that despite financial hardship, the standard of Chanda in Pakistan is very high.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) also read out the positions of Jamā'ats within Germany, UK, Canada, USA, India and Australia.

This Chanda is spent for spreading Islām. The Centre spends this money in Jamā'ats that are unable to finance their budget. Hundreds of schools, dozens of hospitals, and hundreds of mosques and mission houses are built every year through the Chanda of Tahrīk Jadīd and Waqf Jadīd. Millions of dollars are spent on MTA.

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synopsis and we know what the sermon was about. There is a great difference in listening to the whole sermon and listening to a summary.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) announced the statistics for the [outgoing] year of Tahrīk

Huzoor Anwar (aa) prayed that may Allāh bless the lives and wealth of all those who have contributed and enable them to make greater sacrifice in future and become firmly linked with Khilāfat.

The Canadian Tour 2016

Friday Sermon Delivered on November 18, 2016

Canadian Jamā'at, like most Jamā'ats around the world, is growing in devotion and sincerity.

Impressions of the dignitaries and media coverage of two symposiums, opening of three mosques, and the address at the Parliament House.

All this is by the grace of God which we should value. Canadian Aḥmadīs in particular should bear this mind.

On November 18, 2016, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Reflecting on the recent tour of Canada, Huzoor Anwar (aa) spoke about the Jalsa and other engagements. Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: By the grace of Allāh, Canadian Jamā'at, like many Jamā'ats around the world, is growing in devotion and

sincerity. Young men and women are filled with the zeal to serve the Jamā'at. These young people have worked particularly hard in terms of media relations. They were able to garner wide coverage, and God blessed their efforts. This time there was a marked difference in our relationship with the media. Ultimately it was all due to the grace of Allāh who has immensely blessed our efforts. While

I say to Aḥmadīs living in Peace Village and Abode of Peace, in particular, that they should cultivate a true Aḥmadī atmosphere and set exemplary standards. Their expressions of love for Khilāfat should keep increasing even afterwards. They should never forget their true purpose, which is to establish a relationship with Allāh and to never waver in safeguarding this relationship. May Allāh enable us all to do so! Amīn!

in the past we were trying to get more media attention, this time the media was keen to interview the Jamā'at's Head, and some of their requests had to be declined due to shortage of time. Our media team should apologize to those whose requests were refused either through writing or by meeting them personally, and this is necessary for future liaison.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: By the grace of Allāh, three new mosques were inaugurated. I delivered addresses at the Parliament and at York University. Peace symposiums were held in Toronto and Calgary. By the grace of Allāh, on every occasion people acknowledged the beauty of the teachings of Islām. In Toronto I gave three interviews. The first was to Global News Toronto which was watched by 300,000 people and more than 100,000 have watched it online. The second was to the Chief Correspondent of CBC and our message reached 10 million Canadians. These were all senior journalists. The Mail and The Globe published full-length reports. Videos were also uploaded to YouTube, and the news reached 1.5 million people. The coverage on the lecture reached 500,000

parliament was attended by six Canadian ministers, 57 National MPs, Ambassadors from 11 countries, representatives from USA and Libya, a minister from Ontario and many other dignitaries. Speaking about the media coverage, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that the Canadian Prime Minister tweeted on his Twitter account that he was pleased to meet with the Khalifa of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya, Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad. The news reached about 4 million people through various sources.

Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: The symposium at Iwane-Tāhīr was attended by 614 non-Aḥmadīs. The third function was the address at York University. This is the third largest university in Canada with 53,000 students and 7,000 teachers. In Saskatoon our message reached around 1.79 million people. About 200 guests attended the opening of the Mahmood Mosque in Regina and the coverage from various sources reached 1.97 million people. Then there was the opening of Baitul Aman mosque in Lloydminster. In Calgary a peace symposium was held which was attended by 644 guests. Up to eight TV channels in Calgary covered this event. Therefore, the message reached

32 TV channels broadcast news items in five languages, reaching 40 million people. 30 news items were reported by radio stations in six languages reaching 8 million people. 227 newspapers published news items in 12 language reaching 4.8 million people. Our message reached 14.6 million people through the social media. Overall it reached more than 60 million people. All praise belongs to Allāh. All this has come about through His grace and we should be appreciative of this and follow up on all this work. Canadian Aḥmadīs in particular should be mindful of this so that Allāh may increase His favours on them. Always remember that our intention in everything should be to spread the message of Aḥmadiyyat and Islām, to establish God's oneness, and to raise His flag everywhere in the world. If this remains our intention, God will bless what we do and enable us to do even more.

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Huzoor Anwar (aa) said: In Ottawa I had a one-on-one meeting with the Prime Minister. This meeting was held in a very cordial atmosphere and I thanked him for his cooperation. The address at the

about 5 million people in Calgary. Huzoor Anwar (aa) quoted some of the impressions of the guests who attended the programs.

Citing the figures for the overall media coverage, Huzoor Anwar (aa) said that

keep increasing even afterwards. They should never forget their true purpose, which is to establish a relationship with Allāh and to never waver in safeguarding this relationship. May Allāh enable us all to do so! Amīn!

Jalsa Sālāna Canada 2016

Remembrance of Allāh and its Blessings

Maulānā Mubarak A. Nazir, Missionary Incharge Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya Canada

The following speech was delivered by Maulānā Mubarak A. Nazir, Missionary Incharge Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya Canada, at the 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada.

Recite that which has been revealed to thee of the Book, and observe Prayer. Surely, Prayer restrains one from indecency and manifest evil, and remembrance of Allāh indeed is the greatest virtue. And Allāh knows what you do. (29:46)

Remembrance of Allāh and its blessings or “Zikr Ilāhi” is a very important subject. Over the years many, imminent speakers including, our blessed Khulafā have spoken on this subject. Exactly a hundred years ago, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ II (ra) spoke on this topic. His epoch making lecture is available in the shape of a booklet by the title *Zikr Ilāhi*.

How can I do justice to this topic when Allāh, Himself, has already stated, “The Remembrance of Allāh is the best” (29:49).

Remembrance of Allāh or Zikr Ilāhi has been mentioned many many times in the Holy Qur’ān. Many many times by the Holy Prophet (sa) and numerous times by Hazrat Masīḥ Mau’ud (as) and his blessed Khulafā’.

Three things have been mentioned in this verse: preaching and reading of the Holy Qur’ān, observance of prayer, and the remembrance of Allāh.

The purpose of all three of these is to deliver man from the bondage of sin and elevate him morally and spiritually to the highest level. This is the object of all Divine Books.

What a privilege and blessing that we have just offered the Jummu’ah and ‘Asr prayers led by the 5th Khalīfa of Hazrat Masīḥ Mau’ud (as), may Allāh be his helper.

Then, we have listened to the recitation from the Holy Qur’ān. And now we have gathered here for the glorification and Remembrance of Allāh.

We come into this world not by our own accord and neither do we depart from this transitory world at our own will. We come into the world crying, and depending upon how good we have been, we leave this world with a host of our relatives and friends in grief.

One thing is certain: we are mere creatures – and Allāh is our Creator! He has not only gifted us with numerous faculties and potentialities, but also assigned a specific goal and objective of our creation.

What topic could be more important than discussing the pivotal object of our creation and the ways and means of achieving those objectives?

We all have set certain goals in life. We feel that achieving those goals would give us contentment in life. Maybe it is

the desire for higher education, a desire for a good job, a comfortable home, a good spouse, children, affluence, and so on and so forth. Nothing wrong with these desires, but should we chase after these desires at the cost of forgetting the ultimate objective of our creation?

Look at how beautifully and explicitly Allāh has spelt out the real object of our creation!

“And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me” (51:57).

We are a restless species. Indeed the entire world is restless; – the fulfillment of one desire leads to a host of other desires and aspirations. Ultimate contentment is a like a mirage – you may call it an illusion or a delusion.

The restlessness of the developing nations and the have-nots can be somewhat understood, but why are the world’s most affluent nations so restless? Look at the drugs and sleeping medications used – look at the suicide rates of the multibillionaires. With all the amnesties, why this absolute restlessness and despair?

It is because, we remain unmindful that true happiness and true contentment can only be had by forging a relationship, a communion, with our Creator – true Peace of Mind is only through Zikr Ilāhi or Remembrance of Allāh.

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There are many verses in the Holy Qur'an, which speak about remembrance of Allāh:

“Therefore Remember Me, and I will Remember you, and do not be ungrateful to Me” (2:153).

Ponder over this beautiful verse of the Holy Qur'an that answers the question: how to have peace of mind?

“Those who believe, and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allāh. Ay! it is in the remembrance of Allāh that hearts can find comfort” (13:29).

Real happiness and true contentment can only be achieved by having a living communion and relationship with Allāh.

So O' you and I, wandering in the wilderness, seeking satisfaction and contentment! Know for certain that we can only get true satisfaction in the remembrance of Allāh and in having a living relationship with Allāh!

This beautiful verse embodies a great and extremely natural truth. The more man gains the paltry goods of this life, the greater becomes his pangs of hunger and the consequent burning of his heart. But as for those who seek God, the more they turn to Him, the greater is their tranquility and peace of mind.

The vitality of remembering Allāh can also be seen in the following saying:

“One who remembers his Lord and one who does not remember Him, is analogous to the living and the dead” (Bukhāri).

In addition to worship and salat, another type of worship is the recitation of the Holy Qur'an. Allāh says,

“Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation [remembrance],

and We will, most surely, safeguard it” (15:10).

Remembering Allāh through recitation of His Word, the Holy Qur'an is very important and full of blessings. The Holy Prophet (sa) has stated that reciting every letter of the Holy Qur'an is equivalent to 10 good deeds.

Why is the Holy Qur'an an excellent means of remembrance of Allāh? What are the benefits? The Promised Messiah (as) states:

The purpose of the Holy Qur'an was to elevate savages into a human beings, then to equip them with moral qualities, and finally raise them to the level of godly persons. (Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām, Ruhāni Khazāin, Vol 10, p. 329)

Hazrat Masīh Mau'ūd (as) states in Chashma Ma'arfat that those who follow and act upon the teachings of Islām [i.e. worship and remembrance of Allāh being the ultimate purpose], reach a pinnacle, after which they start reflecting some of the Attributes of Allāh in accordance with their capacity. (Ruhāni Khazā'in, Vol. 1, p. 427)

Hazrat Masīh Mau'ūd (as) states that no one can defeat such devout persons, because Allāh becomes their tongue with which they speak. And Allāh becomes their hands.

That is why in another part of the Holy Qur'an, Allāh says,

“Say, ‘We will adopt the religion of Allāh; and who is better than Allāh in teaching religion, and Him alone do we worship’” (2:139).

Adopt the Attributes of Allāh. Dip yourself in the colours of Allāh!

Develop the habit of remembering Allāh,

for it is not possible

That you love your Beloved— And His Name is not constantly on your lips.

Say, ‘We will adopt the religion of Allāh; and who is better than Allāh in teaching religion, and Him alone do we worship.’ (2:139)

Look how Allāh became the hand of the Holy Prophet (sa), when in battle of Badr he threw a hand full of pebbles and sand at the enemy, and how this turned into a gust of storm, blinding the eyes of the *Kuffar* [disbelievers].

“So you killed them not, but it was Allāh Who killed them. And thou threwest not when thou didst throw, but it was Allāh Who threw, that He might overthrow the disbelievers and that He might confer on the believers a great favour from Himself. Surely, Allāh is All-Hearing, All-Knowing” (8:18).

Yes! Allāh says that when you [the Holy Prophet (sa)] took the Oath of Allegiance from your followers – it was not only your hand but in reality it was the Hand of Allāh! *Subhān Allāh!*

Verily, those who swear allegiance to thee indeed swear allegiance to Allāh. The hand of Allāh is over their hands. (48:111)

In the cave of *Thaur*, look how the Holy Prophet (sa) assured his companion that we are not two here, but Allāh is also with us. Look at the *Tawakkul* [trust]! Look at the confidence in the help of Allāh.

“Grieve not, surely Allāh is with us” (9:40).

Once the Promised Messiah (as) was unwell and was reclining on a cot. Someone came to inform him the Hindu magistrate was bent upon convicting him and even said that Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

is now in my trap, and I will deal with him.

Hazrat Masīh Mau'ūd (as) got up with his eyes wide open and said, 'let him dare to lay his hand on the Lion of Allāh! Allāh becomes the tongue of such apostles!

Who does not want to succeed?

“O ye who believe! when you encounter an army, remain firm, and remember Allāh much that you may prosper” (8:46).

Then God Almighty says:

“O ye who believe let not your wealth and your children divert you from the remembrance of Allāh” (63:10).

“O ye who believe, remember Allāh much. And glorify Him morning and evening” (33:42-43).

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd (ra) states in various couplets on this subject:

I was about to tumble as a result of the weight of my follies. But the Kalima : 'There is none worthy of worship except Allāh' came to my rescue and became my cane that saved me from stumbling.

With your heart filled with countless idols – how can the mere chanting of Kalima do you any good?

On the day of Judgment everybody will forsake you – but if you had been chanting Kalima with true

understanding, then it is only the Kalima that will come to your rescue.

The Remembrance of Allāh is my only treasure – and all His creation are my progeny.

Inculcate the habit of always remembering Allāh, because how is it possible that the name of your true beloved is not on your lips?

Erase the evil of your heart by the continuous Remembrance of Allāh.

Become the glow of the night and continue to enlighten the world.

From my head to toe, my Lord is immersed into my being.

So O' my foe consider this, before you venture to attack me.

O' you the heedless. It is not prudent to confront the Prophets of Allāh!

Stay away from them, because they are a den of lions (who will pounce on you).

This shows that the search after God is the innermost yearning of human nature and is the real goal of our life.

Alas! If the world knew for certain this secret of happiness? Otherwise, anyone who is blind to this secret of happiness in this world, will be blind to the happiness of the hereafter.

“But whoso is blind in this world, will

be blind in the Hereafter” (17:73).

My Dear Brothers and Sisters!

You and I have always wished that we could see the blessed era of the Holy Prophet (sa) of Islām.

How we long to have been born during the life of Hazrat Masīh Mau'ūd (as) who was a true servant in fact the foot-servant of the Holy Prophet (sa).

How we wished that we had seen the Khilāfat of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh I (ra).

That was not to be. But there are a few surviving Aḥmadīs who saw the glorious period of the 52 years of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd (ra). But, *Al-Hamdu lillāh*, many of us saw the blessed era of the Khilāfat of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III (rh), and Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV (rh).

But how lucky we are that we are basking in the glorious period of the Khilāfat of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Al-Khāmis (aa)! But what a privilege! What a blessing that Hazrat Amīrul Mu'minīn is with us today, sitting in Our midst. *Al-Hamdu lillāh!*

This affords us an excellent opportunity not only to pledge our absolute obedience to the institution of Khilāfat, but also gives us a boost to have a living relationship with our Creator through our humble Zikr Ilāhi.

May Allāh enable us to do so! Amīn!



Financial Sacrifice

An Introduction to Waqf Jadīd

The following is an extract from *An Introduction to Financial Sacrifice* (p. 118-119), which is an English translation of *Māli Qurbāni Aik T'aruf*. It was published by *Tahrīk Jadīd, Anjuman Aḥmadiyya, Pakistan* in 2005.

Waqf Jadīd was founded in 1957 by Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ II (ra). The aim of this scheme is to provide education and training to rural Jamā'ats, as well as to take the message of Tauḥīd to idol worshippers. It was, at first, limited to Pakistan, but Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ IV (rh) later made it international.

About this scheme, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ II (ra) said:

This is the undertaking of Allāh, and He Himself will complete it. Since it is Allāh Almighty who has put this inspiration in my heart, I shall endeavour to fulfill it even if I have to sell my house and my clothes to do so and even if not a single person assists me. Allāh shall cut them off from the Jamā'at who are not helping me in this regard and will send down angels from heaven to help me. (Friday Sermon, January 5, 1958)

Waqf Jadīd and the Responsibilities of Mothers

Addressing Aḥmadī mothers, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ II (ra) said:

If all the Aḥmadī children who grow up under your care, and whose proper upbringing is your responsibility, were to give full attention to this matter . . . But the fact is that this matter has not been given the attention it deserves. You cannot inculcate the importance of Waqf Jadīd among your children unless you yourselves fully realize its importance. (Al Fazl Daily, Rabwah, February 11, 1968)

Exhortation to Aḥmadī Children

While inaugurating Daftar Atfāl in 1966, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ III (rh) said,

Today I appeal to all Aḥmadī children (boys and girls) to come forward and fill the gaps which have been left by your elders due to their laxity, and get rid of the weaknesses which have found their way into the work of Waqf Jadīd" (Al Fazl Daily, Rabwah, October 7, 1966).

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ IV (rh) said,

"If children are made part of Waqf Jadīd at an early age, Allāh increases their ability to offer other Chandas as well."

Instructions

The Waqf Jadīd year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

Effort should be made so that not a single member of the Jamā'at, man, woman, old or young should be left out of this scheme.

New Aḥmadīs should also be included in this scheme.

The head of the family should make sure that no member of his house is left out of the scheme. Chanda should even be paid on behalf of newborns.

Those who have just started earning independently should participate in it with greater zeal.

Members should try to continue the sacrifices of deceased relatives who used to pay Chanda Waqf Jadīd.

Announcement of Achievement

By the Grace of Allāh, Dr. Laeeq Ahmad Tahir (son of Raja Naeem Ahmad Zafar Sāhib), Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine Dalhousie University has been honoured with two more noble responsibilities. In recognition of his dedicated services in the cause of Clinical, Educational services and medical research, he has been appointed as Research Associate in Unversite' De Moncton, Faculty of Health Sciences and Community Services, as well as a Physician Examiner for the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) to conduct Family Medicine Certification

Examinations. He has also been appointed as Examiner for the Licensing examinations of The Medical Council of Canada (LMCC).

Dr. Laeeq Ahmad Tahir is a Grand son of Raja Zia-ud-Dīn Arshad Shahīd (First Martyr of Rabwah), and Nephew of Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar Shahīd who was martyred in 2014.

May Allāh Almighty bless this achievement! Members are requested to pray for him and his family.



Early Ah̄madīs of Canada

Manzoor Sheikh Şāhib and Mubarka Sheikh Şāhiba



Manzoor Sheikh Şāhib came to Canada on August 7, 1965 from Nairobi, Kenya. His official record of birth is unknown, but he used September 6, 1926 on his Canadian paperwork. He was born in Ludhiana, India. He was the youngest of six brothers and had one younger sister. Two of his brothers accepted Ah̄madīyyat and he faced severe persecution from his non-Ah̄madī family. His own parents passed away in his young age and he accepted Ah̄madīyyat after contemplating the teachings and following his heart. He was a fervent and ardent follower and believer in the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} and the Promised Messiah^{as}.

He initially settled in Brantford, Ontario and worked as a machinist. He was a founding member of the Brantford Jamā'at and served in the 'Āmila Jamā'at meetings were first held in his home along

with the first ever elections of Brantford Jamā'at in April 1973. Brantford Jamā'at at the time consisted of members in Brampton, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Cambridge, Waterloo and London. He was well known in the Brantford Jamā'at for his *tabligh* efforts, inviting people to his home and delivering the message of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

He moved to Brampton in 1979 and then to Vancouver in 1981 till 1985 and then back again to Brampton.

His wife, Mubarka Sheikh Şāhiba joined him in Canada on December 11, 1965 along with four children, Nasra, Tahira, Mahmood and Bushra. He often related his experience with a specific dream, where he saw Sir Ch. Zafrulla Khan^{ra} visit his home. He shared his dream with Abdul Latif Chaudhari Şāhib who insisted he write a letter and share this dream and invite Sir Ch. Zafrulla Khan Sahib^{ra} to make this dream a reality. In October of 1967, Sir Ch. Zafrulla Khan^{ra} visited his home and made the dream into a reality. At the same time, his youngest son was born. Sir Ch. Zafrulla Khan^{ra} gave the name of Maqbool to the newborn and also recited the *Adhān* in his ear.

He loved to cook, especially with his spices and salt. A few of his specialties were a dish he named "five minute keema," which took longer than five minutes to prepare! He would add fresh, long pieces of garlic, diced tomatoes and green onions. He was also known for his spicy mint chutney, which he named *Patakha* or loosely translated as "Kaboom!" More than cooking though, he loved to feed others. He was particularly proud when, then missionary, Naseem Mahdi Şāhib, asked him to cook for Western Canada Jalsa one year. He decided to cook a rich

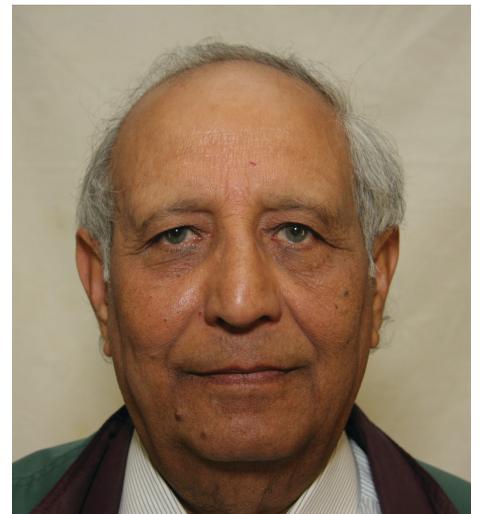
dish of chicken curry with whole almonds and it was enjoyed by all.

Mubarka Sheikh Şāhiba served as Şadr Lajna of Brantford and always carried a loving, hospitable and smiling demeanour.

With the exception of one granddaughter in Norway, the entire family is well settled in the Toronto area, along with all their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mubarka Sheikh Şāhiba passed away in January 2010 and Manzoor Sheikh Şāhib in December 2014.

The family request prayers for their high station in Heaven. May Allāh reward them for their services to the community! Āmīn!

Masood Ahmed Khan Şāhib



Masood Ahmad Khan Şāhib was born in Shimla, India, where his father, late Fazal Mohamad Khan Şāhib Shimlivi, accepted Ah̄madīyyat during the *Mubahasa* ("Dialogue") that was conducted by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masīh II^{ra}. Details of this *Mubahasa* are documented in Jamā'at

literature. Masood Khan Şāhib lived in Qādiān before the partition and received his early education there.

Masood Ahmad Khan Şāhib came to Canada in 1965 from England with his wife and daughter. When he arrived in Toronto, Canada, there were very few Ahmādīs living here. A monthly meeting was held at the apartment of the late Mian Attaullah Şāhib who was also the president.

Like his late father, Masood Khan Şāhib has a passion for *Tabligh*. He is very knowledgeable and continues to preach even now in his retirement.

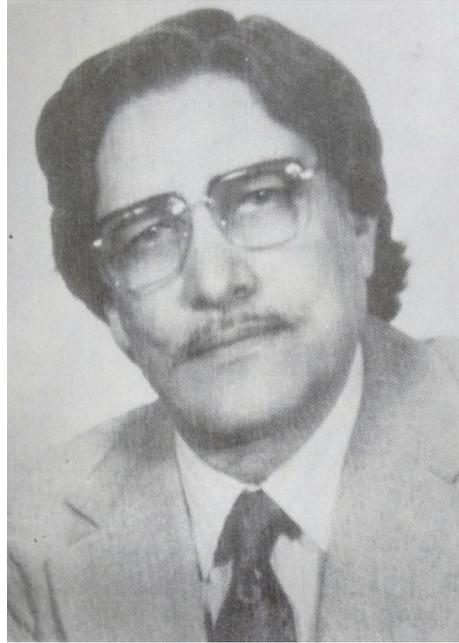
He has also participated in Waqfe 'Arđi to Belize in Central America and also to Ecuador in South America.

He served as the first President of Hamilton Jamā'at, when it was initially formed around 1990.

Masood Khan Şāhib is the younger brother of Hassan Mohammad Khan Arif Şāhib, who dedicated his life for Jamā'at, and retired as Nā'ib Wakīlūt Tabshīr from Rabwah. Hassan Arif Şāhib is, *Māshā'Allāh*, 96 years old and lives in Toronto. He has made many valuable contributions, while serving Jamā'at Canada. May Allāh grant health to respected Hassan Arif Khan Şāhib!

May Allāh grant Masood Khan Şāhib the strength to continue pursuing his passion of *Tabligh* and bless him with further successes! Āmīn!

Syed Tahir Ahmad Bokhari Şāhib



Syed Tahir Ahmad Bokhari Şāhib came to Canada in October 1954 from Lahore. He was born in 1931 in Qādiān, India. His father, late Hazrat Abdullah Shah Bokhari Şāhib^{ra}, was a Companion and would deliver mail to the Promised Messiah^{as}.

Tahir Bokhari Şāhib settled in Toronto in 1954. He had a background in electronics and soon found a job with CBC. He later went to Cleveland, Ohio for a year and a half to study about the then emerging Colour TV program production.

In 1967, Tahir Bokhari Şāhib married his wife, Yasmin Bokhari Şāhiba, who came to Canada from Lahore that year. She is originally from Kenya (East Africa) where she was born and raised but later moved to Pakistan. Their son Mr. Shezad Ahmad

Bokhari Şāhib was born in April 1969.

Tahir Bokhari Şāhib was very involved in volunteer work in Canada. He spent many years serving the Toronto food bank. He received awards from the City of Toronto recognizing his work.

For several years, he made funeral and burial arrangements for dozens of people from within the Jamā'at as well as from other Muslim families. Later, he documented the funeral and burial procedures according to the teachings of Islām and trained many new volunteers who are still continuing this responsibility.

Tahir Bokhari Şāhib was always willing to help newcomers to Canada and provided them with much needed support and guidance. His wife was also very supportive in this regard, and together, they provided counselling to many families.

In 1966, when the Jamā'at was incorporated in Canada, Tahir Bokhari Şāhib was one of the founding directors and remained so for many years following.

After working at the CBC for nearly 40 years, he retired in 1994. He relocated from downtown Toronto to Vaughan in 2007.

Tahir Bokhari Şāhib passed away on September 25, 2010. He is buried in Maple Cemetery. His wife and son now live near Masjid Baitul Islām. May Allāh reward this family for their contributions in the establishment of the Jamā'at in Canada and may Allāh grant health to Yasmin Bokhari Şāhiba. Āmīn!

Announcement of Birth



We are happy to announce that Dr. Mahmood Mirza Şāhib and Hiba Mirza Şāhiba have been blessed with a baby girl on July 19, 2016. The child has been named Zarina Sofia Mirza. She is the paternal granddaughter of Munawar Mirza Şāhib and Shahida Mirza Şāhiba of Toronto East, and the maternal granddaughter of Waseem Ahmad Şāhib and Bushra Siddiqa Şāhiba of Brampton. The new born is a direct descendant of Hazrat Baba Hidayatullah Şāhib (ra), Hazrat Mirza Ataullah Şāhib (ra), and Hazrat Mirza Muhammad Shafi Şāhib (ra), all companions of the Promised Messiah (as). May Allah grant Zarina a long, healthy and righteous life! Āmīn!

Public Health Series

The Benefits of Exercise

Dr. Najam Junaid Mian



Exercise has scientifically been shown to be helpful for all human beings of all ages. In this article, I will highlight some of the known benefits of exercise in different populations.

Studies have shown that exercising increases your life expectancy. In other words, it helps you live longer. Exercise protects the heart and slows the body from storing central body fat. It can also allow you to perform your daily activities with less stress on the heart and less fatigue of your muscles. In other words, it increases your stamina.

In adults, studies have shown that exercise decreases your risk of developing:

- **Arthritis**
- **Cancer**
- **Chronic Kidney Failure**
- **Cognitive (thinking) impairment**
- **Diabetes**
- **Heart Failure**
- **Heart Attacks and Angina**
- **Depression**
- **High Blood Pressure**
- **Obesity**
- **Osteoporosis (weak bones)**
- **Strokes**
- **Diseases of the Blood Vessels**

There are many factors that put you at a higher risk of having a heart attack. These include high cholesterol, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes/poor sugar control, and obesity. Exercise can help with each of these factors and reduce your overall chance of dying from a heart attack by 20-25%.

Pregnant women should be encouraged

to participate in aerobic and resistance exercises. Exercising does not negatively affect breast milk or infant growth. Exercising can help reduce complications of pregnancy such as pregnancy-induced hypertension and gestational diabetes, and can benefit the psychological and physical health of the mother. Since some pregnancies are higher risk than others, all females should discuss their plans with their family doctor or obstetrician before beginning an exercise program.

For people who do not exercise at all, studies have shown that simply starting a moderate amount of exercise can improve sugar control, help clear cholesterol, and reduce fat.

In people with balance problems such as the very elderly, people with diabetes, or people with Parkinson's disease, exercises such as tai chi have been shown to reduce their amount of falls.

As you age, and especially after women reach menopause in their 50s, your bones can get weaker and can lead to a bone disease called osteoporosis in which bones can easily fracture. In post-menopausal women, aerobic, weightbearing, and resistance exercises have been shown to actually increase the strength of bones.

Healthy adults aged 18 and up should be performing 150 minutes of aerobic activity weekly. That is only 21.5 minutes per day. Major muscle groups should also be strengthened using weights or machines, at least 2 times per week. Stretching before or after doing any activity can help reduce pain and stiffness from tight muscles. 21.5 minutes a day - that is all it takes to start noticing all of the benefits listed above!

I encourage all readers to watch a video called "23 and 1/2 hours: What is the single best thing we can do for our health?" on YouTube, by Dr. Mike Evans. It is available in English, French, and Arabic.

If you are interested in increasing your activity level, you may find it helpful to ask your local Secretary Sehat-e-Jismani for resources that are available in your area. Even simple activities like walking and using a stationary bicycle are a good start. If you have any questions or would like help developing an exercising plan for yourself or your family members, please do not hesitate to email me at najam.mian@utoronto.ca.

References: Position Statements by the Canadian Association for Sports & Exercise Medicine, Canadian Society of Exercise Physiology, and American College of Sports Medicine.

Useful Tools for Physicians Prescribing Exercise:

Exercise in Pregnancy: <http://www.csep.ca/cmfiles/publications/parq/parmed-xpreg.pdf>

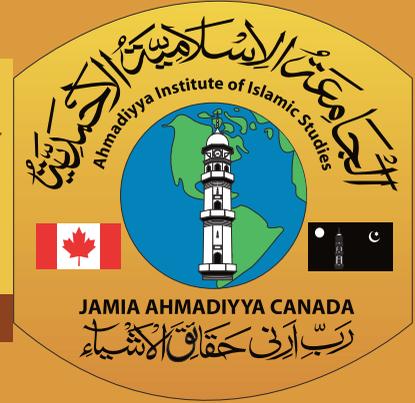
Canadian Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines: <http://www.csep.ca/en/guidelines/get-the-guidelines>



Report of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada

July to October, 2016

Fazal ullah Muneeb (2nd year) & Hashim Usman (3rd year)



Waqf Ardhi in Summer Holidays

From July 4 to September 14, 2016, students of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada were on summer holidays. However, like every year, by the grace of God, students actively participated in the blessed Taḥrik of Waqf Ardhi, and spent their holidays serving the Jamā‘at in Canada and other foreign countries. These foreign countries included: UK at the occasion of Jalsa Salana UK, USA, Belize, Mexico and Japan. The breakdown of students assigned by country is as follows: Canada (24 students), UK (13 students), USA (12 students), Mexico (2 students), while there was one student in Belize and one student in Japan.

During Waqf Ardhi the responsibilities assigned to students included helping organize Atfal classes under Majlis Khuddāmūl Aḥmadiyya Canada, participation in the distribution of Jamā‘at literature, and performance of various duties during Jalsa Sālana UK 2016..

Beginning of Studies Following Holidays

Starting September 14, 2016, the studies of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada resumed again. By the sheer grace of Allāh, 21 students were enrolled in this year’s newest class.

Meeting of Professors and Students

On Monday, September 19, 2016, a comprehensive meeting of students and professors of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya was held. The meeting included detail discussions on various aspects of student life that included, relationship with God, Discipline at Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya and implementation of the educational syllabus. The purpose of the meeting was to enhance and expand the learning experience at Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya.

Guest Lectures

In keeping with the goal of enhancing academic knowledge and expanding the breadth of knowledge, of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya students, regular lectures are held on various secular and religious topics, which include both religious, spiritual as well as secular topics. Various scholars, guests and dignitaries of the Jamā‘at are invited to deliver lectures throughout the year, to fulfill this purpose. The names of the guest lecturers, along with the topics of the lectures, during this period are given below:

Guests	Topics
Maulānā Zaheer Ahmad Khan Sāhib (Professor Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya UK)	Faithful Bond to Khilāfat
Respected Amir Sheikh Sāhib (Nā‘ib Amir Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya Canada)	The Financial System of Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya
Maulānā Abdul Hafeez Khokhar Sāhib (Missionary, Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya UK)	Life Devotion and Our Responsibilities

40 km Endurance Walk

The annual *Endurance Walk* was held on Saturday, September 17, 2016. The walk consists of a 40 km route. The event formally began after Salātul Fajr with silent prayers, led by Maulānā Zaheer Khan Sāhib, Professor Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya, UK. In total, 50 students of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya participated in this walk. Following the walk, Jāmi‘a staff and students enjoyed a barbeque lunch.

The top three winners of the 40 km *Endurance Walk*, who completed the walk in the fastest time, are as follows:

Position	Name of Student
1st	Hāfiz Junaid Aslam (1st year, Diyānat Group)
2nd	Usama Rehman (4th year, Diyānat Group)
3rd	Muhammad Danial Ahmad (3rd year, Diyānat Group)

Huzoor Anwar’s (aa) Blessed Arrival in Canada

On October 3, 2016, His Holiness (aa), once again, blessed the land of Canada with his blessed arrival. During the blessed arrival to Peace Village, the students of Jāmi‘a gave a very passionate and heartwarming welcome to beloved Huzoor Anwar (aa) by presenting various poems and raising slogans.



Duties at Jalsa Sālāna Canada 2016

By the Grace of Allāh, students of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya were blessed with the opportunity to serve various departments of Jalsa Sālāna Canada 2016.

Participation of Students in the Program of Jalsa Sālāna

Students of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada also took part in the program of Jalsa Sālāna by making various presentations that included Adhān, Tilāwat, Nazm, Translations of Tilawāt and Nazm, as well as a Speech,

Apart from this, students of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya also took part in the Qur‘ān project, “Al-Qalam,” organized by *The Review of Religions*.

Likewise, at the conclusion of Jalsa Sālāna, students of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada were also blessed with the opportunity to recite poems in the blessed presence of Huzoor Anwar (aa).

Huzoor Anwar’s (aa) Blessed Arrival at Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya

October 23, 2016 was a very historical, important and blessed day in the history of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada. On this day, Huzoor Anwar (aa) graciously honoured Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada and Hifzul Qur‘ān school with a special class.

Beloved Huzoor (aa) arrived in Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya reception area at approximately 11:10 AM. The staff and faculty of Jāmi‘a and Hifzul Qur‘ān school welcomed beloved Huzoor (aa), and had the honour of doing *Musāfa* [shaking hands] with beloved Huzoor (aa). Following this, beloved Huzoor (aa) proceeded to tour the Jāmi‘a facility as well as view the exhibition on the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa).

Class with Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada & Hifzul Qur‘ān School

Next, Huzoor Anwar (aa) proceeded to the Jāmi‘a Auditorium to grace the students of Jāmi‘a and Hifzul Qur‘ān School with a special class in his blessed presence.

The class began with recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān by Hāfiz Frass Ahmad (Hifzul Qur‘ān student), followed by Urdu translation

by Farrukh Tahir (3rd year). Next, a hadith was presented by Muslehuddin Ahmad Shanboor (7th year).

Next, Farrukh Tahir (3rd year) recited a poem of the Promised Messiah (as) very melodiously. Omar Farooq and Labeeb Shah (4th year students) presented Urdu speeches on “The Spread of Aḥmadiyyat in North America through the Promised Messiah (as) & Khilāfat Aḥmadiyya.” Rayyan Mian (Hifzul Qur‘ān student) presented an English speech on “The Importance of Memorizing the Holy Qur‘ān.”

Beloved Huzoor Anwar (aa) then answered questions of students and imparted great wisdom and advice. Towards the end of the class, students were blessed with the opportunity to shake the blessed hands of Huzoor Anwar (aa), and receive a pen. The duration of this class was approximately two hours.

Following this, Huzoor Anwar (aa) proceeded to the staff room where he was introduced to the staff and faculty. After gracing the office of Principal Sāhib with his presence, Huzoor Anwar (aa) proceeded to the Jāmi‘a Auditorium to grace the staff and students of Jāmi‘a and Hifzul Qur‘ān School with a memorable photo session. He, then, went to the Jāmi‘a Library, Hifzul Qur‘ān School, followed by a visit to the Aisha Academy.

Luncheon

Huzoor Anwar (aa), then, returned to Aiwān Tahir for a luncheon with students and faculty of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada and Hifzul Qur‘ān School. Among the invitees to this unique luncheon were Missionaries, members of National Majlis ‘Āmila, and other invited guests. According to the special instructions of Huzoor Anwar (aa), the students of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Canada were blessed to be seated immediately in front of Huzoor Anwar (aa).

During this event, the cooking staff of Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya were also blessed with the honour to have a photo with Beloved Huzoor (aa).

The Luncheon held at Aiwān Tahir was entirely organized and hosted by Jāmi‘a Aḥmadiyya Students.

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MUSLIM LEADER SAYS JUSTICE IS A PRE-REQUISITE TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION

On October 22, 2016, the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) delivered the keynote address at the 1st National Peace Symposium hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Canada.

The event was held at the Baitul Islām Mosque in Peace Village, Vaughan, with an audience of over 600 people, comprising government officials, including the Mayor of Vaughan, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Member of Parliament, Deb Schulte, and City Councillor, Marilyn Iafraate.

During his keynote address, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was an entirely peaceful sect of Islām because it followed the true teachings of Islām. Hence it should not be considered to be a 'liberal' or 'reformist' group.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“It is absolutely true that we, Ahmadi Muslims, are peace-loving and seek to build bridges of love and hope between different religions and different communities. However, this is not because we have deviated from Islām or 'modernized' it in any shape or form. Rather, it is because we follow Islām's authentic teachings.”

His Holiness (aa) referred to a saying of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (sa), that Muslims should love for others what they love for themselves. His Holiness said this principle laid down the foundations for peace and it was incumbent on Muslims to reflect upon this.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Do we have ambitions to be mired in poverty and to go to bed hungry every night? Do we want our children to be plagued by ill-health, to be uneducated and to be placed in danger? Of course, no normal person would ever hope for any of these things. Therefore, as Muslims, we must seek prosperity not only for ourselves but also for others.”

His Holiness (aa) said that conflicts arose between people and nations from time to time, however, rather than prioritizing self-interest, they ought to be resolved with justice and fairness.

The Caliph referred to chapter 4, verse 136 of the Holy Qur'ān that requires a Muslim to be willing to testify against himself, his parents and his loved ones in order to establish justice.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Islām teaches that a Muslim's first loyalty must always be to the truth and so a person must never hide the facts or give false testimony. A person should not be governed by his own personal desires, as this leads to bias and prejudice and takes a person away from what is fair and what is right. This enlightened principle is the means to solve the problems of the world and to transform all forms of hatred into peace, tolerance and mutual respect.”

His Holiness (aa) said that Muslims are in fact commanded to go beyond the level of adopting justice. The Holy Qur'ān says that a person should “give like kindred.”

Explaining this teaching, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“It means that a person should offer sympathy and compassion and be willing to serve others without any expectation, just as a mother serves and selflessly nourishes her child without any desire for reward or recompense. This is the altruistic and benevolent spirit that Islām advocates and teaches, wherein it calls on Muslims to open their hearts for the good of mankind.”

Referring to the treatment of prisoners of war, His Holiness (aa) said that in the modern world, it was often the case that prisoners were kept in inhumane conditions



with little or no recourse to justice.

In complete contrast, His Holiness (aa) narrated the example of the Battle of Badr where the non-Muslims of Mecca waged a war against Islām.

The Muslims were victorious and the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (sa) instructed the prisoners of war that could read and write to educate the Muslims who were illiterate. This was their means of freedom.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“It was an incomparable example of how even from amongst a state of bitter war and conflict, some good could ultimately be retrieved. Those, who had themselves shown no mercy towards the Muslims, were treated with compassion and consideration and utilized as teachers.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“This example exhibited two beautiful aspects to the character of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (sa). On the one hand, he was neither vengeful nor bitter towards those who had persecuted him and his followers. Secondly, it proved how highly he valued education and learning. He desired for people to better themselves and to progress in all spheres of their lives, and education was the key to this.”

Highlighting the Qur’ānic teaching of not casting envious looks at the wealth of others, His Holiness (aa) said that ignoring this principle had led to world’s peace being undermined time and time again.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Some governments completely ignore human rights abuses taking place in countries, because they wish to have access to the oil or natural resources of those nations. However, members of the public are not blind, deaf or dumb. They can see that such policies are not based on justice, and naturally this leads to frustration and anger.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“Nations must be fair in their dealings and should not be governed by narrow self-interest but rather by what is right, what is just, and what is in the interest of the world at large.”

Concluding his address, His Holiness (aa) warned of the possibility of an imminent Third World War.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“We are charging madly towards a catastrophic and devastating world war. The consequences of such a war do not bear thinking about. The misery, horror and destruction could last for generations to come. Therefore, we can only hope and pray that Allāh the Almighty grants wisdom and sense to humanity.”

Prior to the keynote address, various dignitaries spoke about the importance of peace and the efforts of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community.

Lal Khan Malik, the National President of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Canada said:

“This Symposium is being held to promote a deeper understanding of Islām and inspire a concerted effort for lasting peace. We have the honour of launching our first

national Peace Symposium today here with a keynote address by His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa), World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Jamā‘at.”

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, the Mayor of Vaughan said:

“When I think about you, Your Holiness (aa), I think about your incredible message; the message of peace, love and compassion, and also something the world needs a lot more of – that is, interfaith dialogue and interreligious harmony.”

Deb Schulte, MP said:

“I want to thank His Holiness very much for taking the time to come to Parliament Hill (on 17 October). He gave a wonderful speech with a message of love for all and hatred for none, focusing on religious tolerance around the world. He also included several suggestions on policy direction that we might want to take and we very much appreciate the time that he took to share his wisdom with us.”

City Councillor, Marilyn Lafrate presented a gift to His Holiness to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada and said:

“Most people will know that I am probably the most ardent champion of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community. A Community that speaks to love, speaks to tolerance, speaks to giving back to the community which is very unique.”

After the event’s proceedings, His Holiness (aa) met personally with dozens of guests and dignitaries.

MAYOR OF MISSISSAUGA WELCOMES HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY TO CANADA

On October 24, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) was visited by Bonnie Crombie, the Mayor of Mississauga at the Baitul Islām Mosque in Peace Village, Canada.

During the meeting, the Mayor welcomed His Holiness (aa) to Canada and spoke of her admiration at the way Aḥmadi Muslims had successfully integrated into Canada. She also thanked His Holiness (aa) for the continued charitable endeavours of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada, including providing large contributions to local food banks in Mississauga.

Upon learning that youth unemployment levels in Mississauga were significant, His Holiness (aa) said that schemes should be developed to provide jobs and skills to young members of society.

His Holiness said that he considered youth unemployment to be a security issue as economic hardship was a trigger for crime and radicalization.

The Mayor asked His Holiness (aa) about his recent travels. In response, His Holiness (aa) informed that during the past three months he had attended the Annual Convention (Jalsa Sālāna) of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in the United Kingdom, Germany and most recently in Mississauga where the 40th Jalsa Sālāna Canada was held.

“JUSTICE IN AN UNJUST WORLD” – HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY DELIVERS HISTORIC LECTURE AT YORK UNIVERSITY IN TORONTO

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (may Allāh be his Helper) says principle of justice being undermined by financial interests

On October 28, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalīfa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) delivered an historic lecture at York University in Toronto in front of an audience of more than 180 guests, including academics, politicians, media and thought leaders.

The event titled “Justice in an Unjust World” – was organised by the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Canada in collaboration with York University.

During his address, His Holiness spoke of increasing conflict in the world and the heightened risk of another world war.

His Holiness (aa) began his address by stating that whilst human intelligence had been utilized to rapidly progress in technological and scientific advancements, it had also, on occasion, been used as a ‘force for evil and destruction’.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Technology has been developed that has the capability of wiping nations off the map with the press of a button. I am referring to the development of weapons of mass destruction that are capable of inflicting the most unimaginable horrors and devastation. Such weapons are being produced that have the potential to destroy not only civilisation today but to also leave behind a legacy of misery for generations to come.”

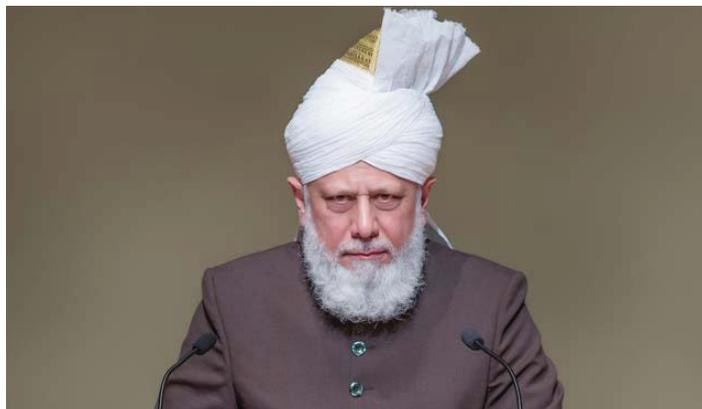
Referring to the current global unrest, His Holiness (aa) said that as a Muslim leader, it was a cause of grief to him personally, that today’s world conflicts and terrorism were being associated with Islām.

Thereafter, His Holiness (aa) quoted Islām’s primary sources, the Holy Qur’ān and the sayings of the Founder of Islām (sa) to dispel the myth that Islām was a religion that promoted violence, extremism or terrorism.

Referring to a famous saying of the Holy Prophet (sa) that a person should desire for others what he desires for himself, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“In terms of verbal proclamations, it is very easy to say that “Yes we do desire the best for others,” however, in practice it is much more difficult and challenging. Wherever there is a conflict of interests, most people tend to prioritize their own interests and welfare over and beyond the rights of others.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) quoted chapter 4, verse 59 of the Holy Qura’n, which requires Muslims to ‘make over the trusts to those entitled to them.’



His Holiness (aa) emphasized the duty of citizens to participate in the democratic process elections as an example of the trusts placed on the people.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“When it comes to elections or nominations, a person should not vote automatically for his ally or party member, rather they should consider who is the most qualified and suitable for the task at hand. Thereafter, those who are elected and handed the keys to government or power should exercise their duties with honesty, integrity and justice. This teaching is the model of democracy that Islām champions.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“This should be the guiding principle when voting for individuals or for particular policies, rather than merely following party lines or personal relationships.”

His Holiness (aa) said that at an international level, weaker nations often relied on powerful nations so it was incumbent upon the latter to fulfil the trusts placed in them.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“At the United Nations it should not be that certain countries wield undue power and influence, or that the permanent members of the Security Council care only for their own interests and utilise their veto power even where it is in conflict with the interests of the majority. Rather, all members of the United Nations should work together and fulfil the covenant of trust upon which the institution was founded - to maintain the peace and security of the world.”

His Holiness (aa) said he believed that self-interest had become the ‘hallmark’ of the powerful members of the United Nations. He said that the ability of the permanent members of the Security Council to utilise a veto power was implicitly unfair.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) also said that there had been various foreign policy mistakes in recent years and that the 2003 Iraq War was a “prime example”, wherein many of those who initially supported the war now accepted it was a grave mistake.

Citing the consequences of such mistakes, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“There is no doubt that such injustices have shattered the foundations of world peace and have enabled terrorist groups such as Daesh to take root and grow. These groups are now not just a threat to the Muslim world but to all humanity.”

His Holiness said that it did not seem that the world's major powers had learnt from past errors and cited the arms trade as an example of how financial incentives were being prioritised over and beyond morality and justice.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“A number of Western countries are continuing to sell weapons to Saudi Arabia that are being used to target the people of Yemen. No Muslim country has large-scale weapons factories that can produce such huge quantities of deadly weapons and so their only source is the Western world.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“Even Western writers and commentators have spoken of the hypocrisy and immorality of the international arms trade, yet when questioned about such sales, governments either ignore the question or seek to justify what is patently unjustifiable. All they care about is that their cheques clear so that billions are added to their own national budgets.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“In short, money talks and morality is left nowhere to be seen. How on earth can peace be achieved in such an environment?”

Referring to Islāmic standards of justice, His Holiness quoted chapter 4, verse 136 of the Holy Qur’ān, which requires that Muslims should be willing to give testimony against themselves and their loved ones in order to uphold truth and justice.

The Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community also referenced chapter 5, verse 9 of the Holy Qur’ān which states, ‘and let not a people’s enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be always just, that is nearer to righteousness.’

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“This is the exalted standard of justice advocated by Islām and so if today’s Muslim governments are not following this teaching, it is their fault. Hence, it would be entirely unjust and wrong to blame Islām for their misdeeds.”

Concluding, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“If we truly want peace in our time then we must act with justice. We must value equality and fairness. As the Prophet of Islām (sa) so beautifully stated, we must love for others, what we love for ourselves. We must pursue the rights of others with the same zeal and determination that we pursue our own rights. We should broaden our horizons and look at what is right for the world, rather than what is only right for us. These are the means for peace in our age.”

The Chancellor of York University, Mr. Greg Sorbara, and Ontario’s Minister of Research, Innovation and Science, Hon. Reza Moridi hosted the event.

Prior to the keynote address, both Mr. Sorbara and Mr. Moridi took to the stage and welcomed His Holiness to York University, whilst Mr. Lal Khan Malik, the National President of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada, also gave a welcome address.

Chancellor of York University, Mr. Greg Sorbara said:

“The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Canada is growing as

fast and as dynamically as any organisation in the country with a mission that needs to be heard around the world, and that is the mission of peace and love for all and hatred for none.”

Hon. Reza Moridi, said:

“We are so fortunate that in the Muslim world we have a leader, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad, His Holiness, who leads the Muslim world with his teachings, with his books, his sermons and his meetings. He advocates peace he advocates brotherhood, he advocates equality of all human beings and we are so blessed to have leaders such as His Holiness.”

Both prior to and following the event, His Holiness met personally with Mr Sorbara and Mr Moridi.

NEW MOSQUE OPENED BY HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN REGINA, CANADA

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (may Allāh be his Helper) inaugurates the Mahmood Mosque and delivers the Friday Sermon during his tour of Canada

The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community is pleased to announce that on November 4, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) inaugurated the Mahmood Mosque in Regina, which serves as the capital city of Saskatchewan Province in Canada.

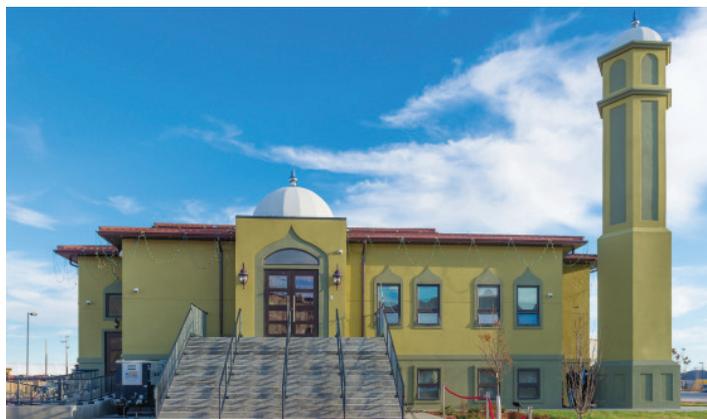
Upon arrival, His Holiness officially inaugurated the Mosque by unveiling a commemorative plaque and offering a silent prayer in thanks to God Almighty. His Holiness then delivered the weekly Friday Sermon from the newly built Mosque in which he outlined the true and entirely peaceful objectives of Mosques.

Furthermore, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) praised the efforts and sacrifices of the local Aḥmadi Muslims who raised funds for the construction of the Mosque and even played a great role in its physical construction. His Holiness mentioned that the money spent on constructing the Mosque was greatly reduced due to the sacrifices made by the local Aḥmadi Muslims who volunteered their time to help construct the Mosque. A total of 41,500 man-hours were dedicated by the local Aḥmadi Muslims in building the Mosque.

Contrasting the peaceful actions of Aḥmadi Muslims with the actions of extremist Muslims, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Whilst certain Muslims are busy in spreading disorder in the world, Aḥmadi Muslims are dedicating their time and wealth for building Houses of God. Aḥmadi Muslims are acting in accordance to saying of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (sa) who said that the whosoever builds a House of Allāh in this life, builds a house for himself in heaven.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued and said that the sacrifices made by Aḥmadi Muslims were in order to attain the pleasure of Allāh and to dispel misunderstandings about Islām. Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:



“The sacrifices by Aḥmadi Muslims are for the sake of informing the world that Mosques and the teachings of Islām are not the cause of disorder in the world, rather they are a means of bettering ourselves in this life and in the Hereafter. They draw mankind towards loving their Creator and His Creation.”

His Holiness remarked that Aḥmadi Muslims in Canada were extremely fortunate as they lived in a country where they could build Mosques and freely practice their faith, whereas Aḥmadi Muslims living in Pakistan were unable to do so.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Often Aḥmadi Muslims in Pakistan write to me in great distress asking for prayers that the laws change so that they can build Mosques or even halls where they can offer their prayers in congregation. Currently, they are not even permitted to build a room with an extended place for the Imam to stand in and so Mosque features such as minarets and domes are out of the question. In fact in some areas the conditions are so harsh that Aḥmadi Muslims cannot even construct buildings that face towards Mecca.”

His Holiness said that at a time where materialism was increasingly dominant, it was the duty of Aḥmadi Muslims to inform others about the blessings of spirituality and religion.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“At this moment in time, the majority of the world considers material progress as its sole objective... In such times, it is the responsibility of Aḥmadi Muslims to inform the world that the pursuit of materialism cannot bring eternal joy or contentment. Rather, the true and everlasting means to happiness and peace is attained by fulfilling the rights of God.”

His Holiness said that the Mosque was bound to spark interest amongst the local population and that the local people would take note of the conduct of those who attended the Mosque. Therefore, it was incumbent upon Aḥmadi Muslims to exhibit excellent moral conduct and righteousness at all times. Concluding the Friday Sermon, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) prayed:

“May Allāh the Almighty enable our children to understand that the sacrifices made by their parents, the Mosques that they built, promoting the true teachings of Islām and the moral and spiritual guidance they gave to their children is in actually the real wealth their parents left behind for them. May Allāh enable the future generations to also

inculcate this conviction within their children too.”

“OUR JIHAD IS OF LOVE, MERCY AND COMPASSION” - HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (may Allāh be his Helper) makes comments during special reception held to mark inauguration of Mahmood Mosque in Regina

On November 4, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalīfa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) delivered the keynote address at a special reception held to mark the inauguration of the Mahmood Mosque (Mosque of the Praiseworthy) in Regina, Canada.

The Mosque was officially opened earlier in the day when His Holiness (aa) delivered his weekly Friday Sermon from the new Mosque. More than 180 guests, including the Premier of Saskatchewan, Brad Wall, attended the evening reception held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Regina.

During the address, His Holiness (aa) reflected upon the true objectives of Mosques and spoke of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community’s continued commitment to serving humanity. At the outset, His Holiness (aa) spoke about the current situation in the Muslim world, which he described as “extremely precarious and turbulent.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“We are all well aware of the fact that certain Muslim extremist groups have formed and are perpetrating the most horrific brutalities. Where they are fighting one another, they are also waging wars against their leaders and rulers. Similarly, certain Governments are also failing to fulfill the rights of their citizens and so rebel groups have formed and have risen up in violent opposition.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“As a result of all of this, there has been a complete breakdown in society in some Muslim countries. Rather than living peacefully, those nations are mired in a state of perpetual and utterly senseless cycle of violence and destruction. What is happening can only be deemed as an absolute stain on humanity.”

His Holiness also stated that whilst the local people in Regina and the wider Saskatchewan Province had a good relationship with Aḥmadi Muslims, there might be fears amongst the local people that the opening of the Mosque could change the dynamic met personally with a range of dignitaries and guests.

“NO NEED TO FEAR TRUE MOSQUES” – HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (may Allāh be his Helper) inaugurates new Mosque in Lloydminster, Canada

The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community is pleased to announce that on November 5, 2016, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa), the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim



Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), inaugurated the Baitul Amman Mosque in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan in Canada.

Upon arrival at the Mosque, His Holiness unveiled a plaque to commemorate the opening, which was followed by a silent prayer. Thereafter, His Holiness (aa) led the Maghrib and 'Isha prayers from the new Mosque.

The following day, November 6, 2016, a special reception was held to mark the opening of the new Mosque in which Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aa) delivered the keynote address.

During his address, His Holiness (aa) spoke of the true purpose of mosques and how the new Mosque would not only be a place to worship God Almighty, but would also prove a means of serving and protecting all people.

His Holiness said that at a time when there was widespread fear of Islām, it was a sign of open heartedness and “extraordinary courage” that the guests had attended an Islāmic event.

His Holiness then explained in detail the true objectives of building Mosques.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aa) said:

“The Arabic word for Mosque is ‘Masjid’ and this word literally means a place for people to congregate in complete humility and submission in order to worship God Almighty. If a person enters a Mosque with this meek spirit, considering himself to be worthless, he can never wish any type of harm on others or be the cause of discord or animosity.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aa) continued:

“A Muslim who offers his prayers with humility is a person who is kind, caring and merciful and who strives to stay away from immorality, illegal activity and all forms of evil. Rather than promoting disorder or division, Mosques are a means of bringing people together in humility for the worship of their Creator.”

His Holiness quoted chapter 5, verse 3 of the Holy Qur’an, which states, “And let not the enmity of a people that they hindered you from the Sacred Mosque, incite you to transgress.”

Explaining this verse, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aa) said:

“Here, Allāh the Almighty prohibited those early Muslims who had been mercilessly persecuted from responding unjustly or transgressing against their oppressors, even though they

had sought to prevent them from entering the Holy Kaabah, the Sacred Mosque, which is the most revered place in Islām.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aa) continued:

“Consequently, the Holy Qur’an has laid down an unprecedented standard of tolerance, justice and forbearance for Muslims to abide by, wherein they are duty-bound to act righteously, with grace and fairness, even to those who seek to deny them their religious freedom... Therefore, let it be clear that there is no need to fear true Mosques because they are not places of vengeance or hatred but are abodes of peace, harmony and unity built for the sake of worshipping God Almighty.”

His Holiness also quoted chapter 4, verse 37 of the Holy Qur’an which calls on Muslims to show kindness towards “parents, and to kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and to the neighbour who is a kinsman and the neighbour who is a stranger, and the companion by your side.”

Commenting on this verse, the Caliph said that it required Muslims to lovingly serve all of mankind, irrespective of colour, caste or creed. His Holiness said that Mosques of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community reflected the Quranic spirit of benevolence and were built with the dual objectives of fulfilling the rights of God Almighty and also fulfilling the rights of mankind.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aa) said:

“Our Mosques are built with the purpose of bringing people together and serving our neighbours and the local society. Our Mosques are beacons of light radiating peace, love and humanity. Wherever we have built Mosques or we have established Ahmadi communities we seek to alleviate the suffering of the local people because Allāh the Almighty has linked the fulfillment of His rights with the fulfillment of the rights of humanity. Our faith teaches us that our worship and our prayers are worthless if we fail to love, support and cherish those around us.”

His Holiness gave the example of the charitable initiatives in Africa where the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was providing clean drinking water, healthcare and education by building water pumps, hospitals and schools in some of the most deprived parts of the world.

Explaining the positive effects of the humanitarian endeavours of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aa) said:

“Instead of carrying earthen vessels upon their heads for hours on end, those children are now being educated in schools that our community has established. We are seeking to free them from the bondage of their poverty and help them stand upon their own feet so that they can grow to serve not only their families but also their nations.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aa) continued:

“We consider it to be our good fortune to remove the heavy weight of desperation from the shoulders of such disadvantaged people. This is true Islām, wherein apart from worshipping God Almighty, Muslims strive earnestly to provide comfort to others.”

Concluding his address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aa) said that the local people who lived near the Mosque would soon



come to see that the new Mosque would prove to be a “centre of peace for all of mankind”.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) prayed:

“I pray that our neighbours and indeed all members of the society come to see and witness for themselves the highest standards of benevolence, care and consideration from the local Aḥmadi Muslims. And I pray that that we are never a cause of pain or concern for anyone. I am confident that the local Aḥmadi Muslims will act upon this and will strive to serve humanity with selflessness and open hearts.”

Before the keynote address, a welcome address was given by the National President of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Canada, Lal Khan Malik followed by remarks by the Mayor-elect of Lloydminster, Mr. Gerard Albers who welcomed Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) to the city. Thereafter, various other dignitaries also took to the stage.

Colleen Young, MLA Saskatchewan Province said:

“Your Holiness, under your leadership, we can see and we can feel in our province and in my constituency and in our city, how the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community is engaged to serve humanity... Here in Canada and Saskatchewan, we share your vision of love for all and hatred for none.”

Jason Kenney, Former Federal Minister of Integration and Federal Minister of Defence, said:

“The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada is a community that is a model for integration for maintaining its faith and identity, in the Canadian model of pluralism. A community that is fully Muslim and fully Canadian and is therefore a wonderful example to newcomers from across the world.”

John Gormley, former politician and current host of a well-known radio talk show said:

“In terms of community outreach, in terms of civic engagement, in terms of building a better Canada, the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community’s national outreach is absolutely an inspiration for us.”

Both prior to and after the reception, His Holiness met personally with a number of guests and also held a press conference with local media representatives.

“STORM CLOUDS FOREWARNING

US OF A THIRD WORLD WAR ARE GETTING HEAVIER BY THE DAY” – HEAD OF AḤMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (may Allāh be his Helper) says role of world leaders is to “bring people together rather than threaten to ban Muslims from entering their nations” during Calgary Peace Symposium

On November 11, 2016, the World Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) delivered the keynote address at the Calgary Peace Symposium, hosted by the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Canada.

More than 800 people, including over 650 dignitaries and guests attended the event including Canada’s former Prime Minister, Right Honourable Stephen Harper, the Mayor of Calgary, Naheed Nenshi and Irfan Sabir, Provincial Minister of Human Services. Also attending were various senior representatives of the First Nations community, leading academics and media.

Prior to the event, His Holiness held a meeting with Rt Hon Stephen Harper, during which the former Prime Minister thanked His Holiness for the continued commitment of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community to spreading peace and for its humanitarian efforts.

During the main reception, His Holiness spoke of the increasing uncertainty in the world and warned of the risks of a Third World War. He condemned Muslim extremists and terrorists in the strongest terms and stated that their acts were completely against the teachings of Islām.

His Holiness quoted several verses of the Holy Quran and incidents from the life of the Prophet of Islām (sa) that attested to the peaceful teachings of Islām. His Holiness also referenced the writings of non-Muslim academics in relation to the teachings of Islām.

Speaking about the need for peace in the world, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Everyone appreciates that the world stands in great need of peace and harmony, yet despite comprehending this, it seems as though people are unwilling to take the necessary steps to achieve it. Regrettably, in many parts of the world, far greater priority is being given, either directly or indirectly, towards asserting dominance and supremacy over others and satisfying a craving for power and authority.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“Some of you may question what a Muslim leader can say about establishing world peace, given that the disorder in today’s world revolves primarily around Muslim countries or so-called Islāmic groups... However, before casting judgement, it is essential that people are familiar with Islām’s true teachings. No one should assume that the acts of extremists or terrorists are in accordance with Islām.”

His Holiness spoke of how the failure of Governments to uphold the rights of the people and the subsequent rise of terrorism and extremism had led to the breakdown of a number of Muslim



countries. He said the root cause for the lack of peace was the lack of fairness and justice.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Previously successful nations have been torn apart and immersed in calamitous civil wars. All of this conflict and warfare is based upon the fact that the majority of Muslims have forgotten the true teachings of their religion and are failing to fulfil the rights of one another. Rather than manifesting justice and integrity, they are motivated solely by greed and a desire for power. Tragically, the end result is that peace is being eroded, as restlessness entrenches itself amongst the masses.”

Regarding the standards of justice that Islām requires of Muslims, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“The Qur’ān states that a person should be ready to testify against himself or his loved ones in order to uphold the truth. It is very easy to say that “I am ready to speak against myself”, however to practically live up to this standard is incredibly difficult. Yet, this is the target and challenge that Allāh the Almighty has laid down to the Muslims, wherein He has said that true justice cannot transpire until a person is willing to set aside all personal interests.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“If practiced, this unique principle is the means of establishing peace, not just in Muslim countries, but in every village, every town, every city and in every nation of the world.”

The Head of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community explained the reason why early Muslims were permitted to engage in defensive warfare following years of sustained persecution. He said that permission was granted by Allāh the Almighty in order to protect the right of freedom of belief of all people of all faiths.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“It is a great manifestation of the enlightened teachings of Islām that the Quran did not grant the Muslims permission to fight in order to protect Islām, or out of a fear that all Mosques would be demolished. Rather, permission was granted to protect all religions and all places of worship, whether churches, temples, synagogues, mosques or any others.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“The early Muslims did not risk their lives to defend themselves, but to shield mankind itself, and to uphold the universal values of freedom of conscience and belief. Those Muslims risked their lives in order to push back against the hand of oppression that sought to destroy the peace of the

world.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said the blame for the world’s conflicts could not be completely pinned on Muslims. He stated that certain non-Muslim nations had manufactured and sold weapons to Muslim nations, which were then being used to fuel wars.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Instead of bringing an end to the wars plaguing the Muslim world, the major powers are actually further igniting them. Rather than prioritising peace, they have continually sought to influence and even profit from warfare.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“The reality is that the wars taking place today are not fought for religious reasons but are being fought for geo-political purposes and for the sake of obtaining wealth and power.”

The Caliph continued by warning of the risks of another world war, which he said would prove “catastrophic”.

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Storm clouds forewarning us of a Third World War are getting heavier by the day. The effects of such a war would last for decades to come. Generation after generation of children would, more than likely, be born crippled or with genetic defects due to the lasting effects of the radiation.”

Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) continued:

“It is the urgent need of the time for mankind to work towards safeguarding our future. Instead of only blaming Muslims for the global disorder, the world’s major powers should also take a step back and look at themselves. Rather than publicity-seeking politicians stating their intentions to ban Muslims from entering their nations, the world needs leaders who are sincere in their efforts to bridge the differences that divide us.”

Concluding, Hazrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (aa) said:

“Governments and policy makers should realise the immense weight of their duties as custodians of the world. They should strive earnestly to ensure that those who follow us are not born disabled or raised in a broken world, but are born healthy, happy and into a world of ever greater peace and harmony.”

Earlier, following a welcome address by Mr. Lal Khan Malik, the National President of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, various dignitaries took to the stage to welcome His Holiness to Canada.

The Mayor of Calgary, Naheed Nenshi said:

“The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community has been in Canada now for 50 years and it is a day to give thanks for all that the community does because this community, perhaps more than many others, understands that that fight against intolerance and small mindedness is a fight for us all. This community understands that building community together every single day ultimately enriches every single one of us.”

Rt Hon, Stephen Harper, former Prime Minister of Canada, said:

“Throughout my term as Prime Minister, the Aḥmadiyya

Muslim Community was among one of the best partners that we ever worked with... As elsewhere in the world, Ahmadi Muslims in Canada are known for their devotion to peace, universal brotherhood and the will of God - the true principles, the core principles of true Islām. And for serving the greater good in so many ways, not just in Canada, but wherever Ahmadis live in the world. When you as Ahmadis take your public space in the public square and you proclaim, love for all, hatred for none, you are in the most essential way a partner, a neighbour, a friend for all Canadians.”

Irfan Sabir, Provincial Minister of Human Services, said:

“Over the past few weeks, in his travels across Canada, His Holiness (aa) has been spreading the message of ‘Love for all, Hatred for none’. He has inspired Canadians with his courageous call for peace and compassion.”

Darshan Kang, Federal Member of Parliament, said:

“Those of us who have had the pleasure of meeting and working with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community know the tremendous contribution the Ahmadi Muslims have made in the Canadian society. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community stands apart in embodying those values each of us holds dear as Canadians.”

Following the conclusion of the event, His Holiness was also welcomed by a delegation from the First Nations community. The indigenous elders gave His Holiness a traditional welcome according to their customs and thereafter had a private audience with him.

The Calgary Peace Symposium was the final public reception of the current Canadian tour of His Holiness. During the preceding weeks, His Holiness has also delivered keynote addresses at Parliament Hill in Ottawa, York University, the Canada Peace Symposium and Mosque openings in Regina and Lloydminster.

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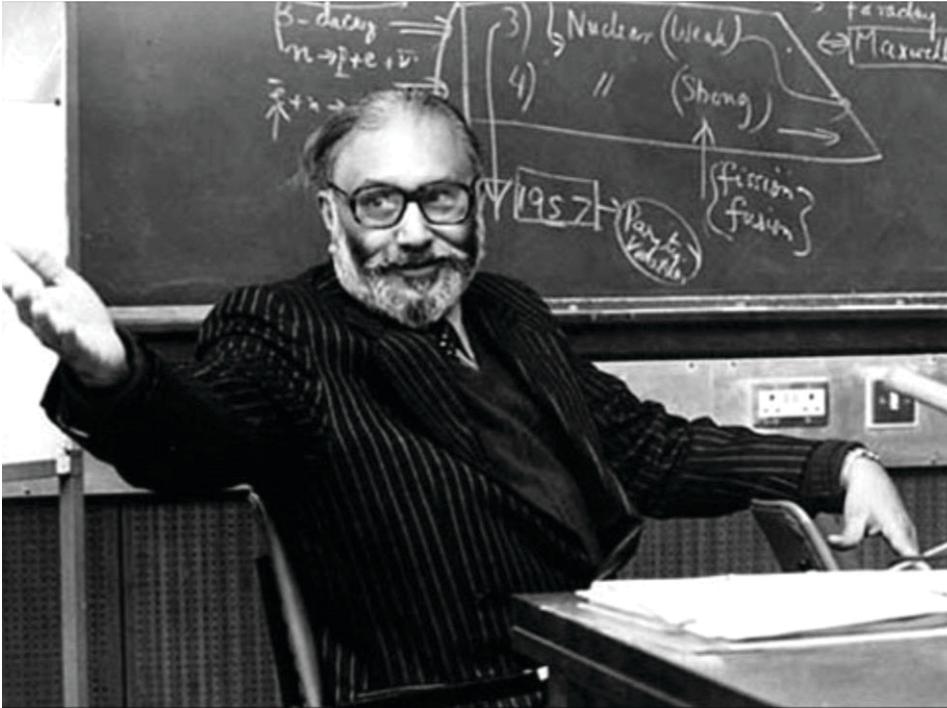
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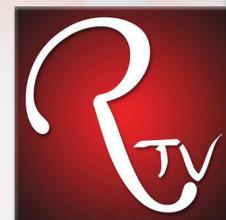
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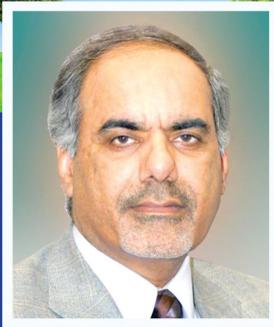
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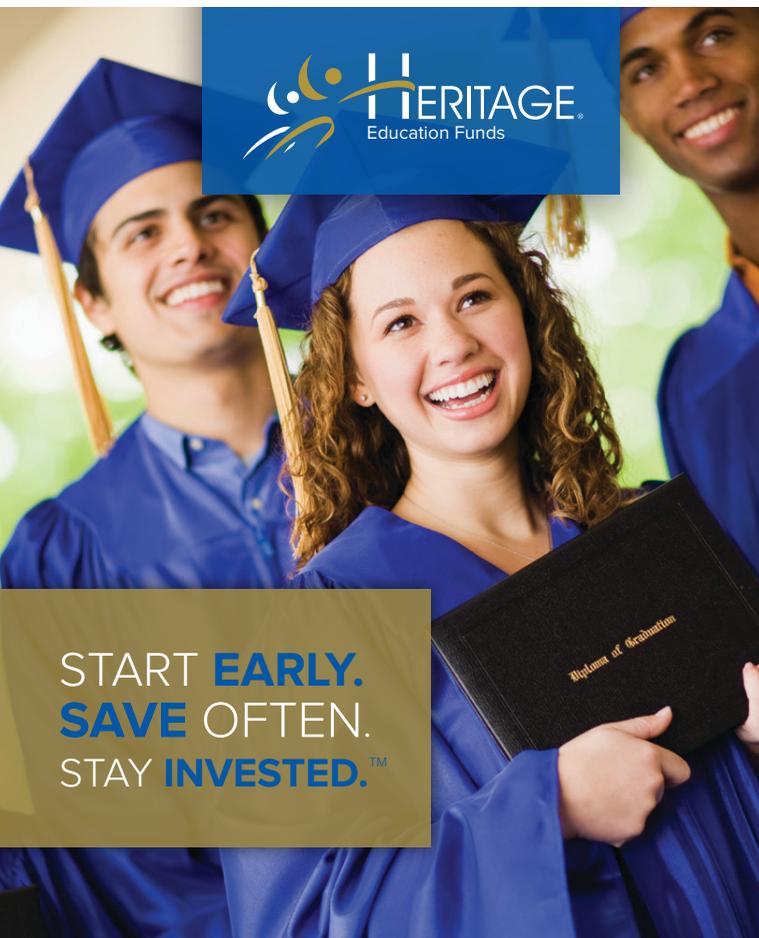


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ii. A copy of educational certificates

iii. A copy of Photo ID (for example, Driving License or Passport)

iv. A copy of valid passport (for non-Canadian applicants only) Three passport-size photographs.

6. General Instructions:

Prospective students, besides reciting the Holy Qur’ān daily, should prepare for the written test and focus on improving their Arabic, Urdu and English.

7. Application Form –

Submission Deadline:

Contact information is given below for obtaining the Application Form and submission of completed application.

Original completed application must be received by **April 30, 2017**



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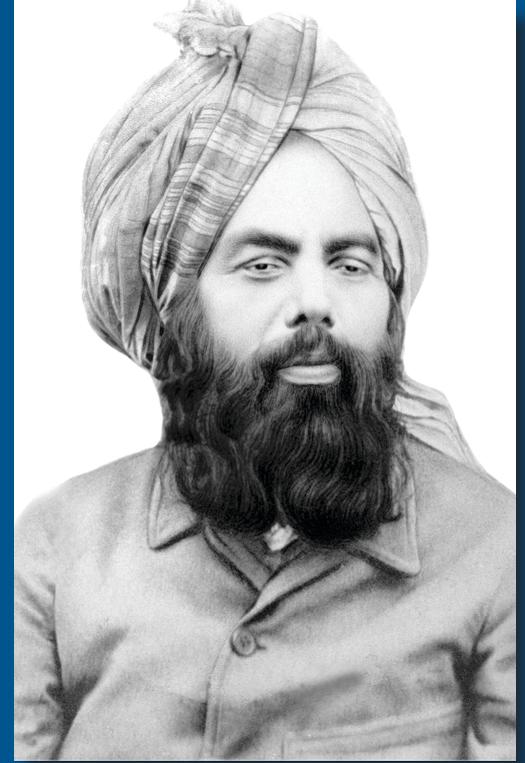


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داخلہ کی شرائط اور طریق کار

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1. تعلیم: درخواست دہندہ نے ہائی سکول ڈپلومہ (گریڈ 12) مجموعی طور پر کم از کم 70 فی صد نمبروں سے پاس کیا ہو۔
2. عمر: درخواست دہندہ کی عمر 17 سے 20 سال کے درمیان ہو۔
3. میڈیکل رپورٹ: درخواست دہندہ کی صحت کے بارہ میں practicing physician کی رپورٹ درکار ہوگی۔
4. تحریری ٹیسٹ اور انٹرویو: درخواست دہندہ کو ایک تحریری ٹیسٹ پاس کرنا ہوگا جس میں پاس ہونے کے لئے کم از کم 70 فی صد نمبر لینا ضروری ہیں۔ یہ ٹیسٹ وقفِ نو سکیم کے 16 سال تک کے مروجہ نصاب میں سے لیا جائے گا۔ تحریری ٹیسٹ پاس کرنے والے درخواست دہندگان انٹرویو کے اہل ہوں گے۔
5. درخواست کا طریق: داخلہ کے لئے داخلہ فارم کے ساتھ حسب ذیل دستاویزات کی ضرورت ہوگی:
- الف۔ نیشنل امیر جماعت کی طرف سے تصدیق شدہ درخواست برائے وقف زندگی
- ب۔ تعلیمی سندات کی کاپی
- ج۔ ایک با تصویر سرکاری دستاویز (مثلاً ڈرائیونگ لائسنس یا پاسپورٹ کی کاپی)۔ valid پاسپورٹ کی کاپی (صرف غیر ملکی طلباء کے لئے)
- د۔ تین تازہ تصاویر (پاسپورٹ سائز)
6. عمومی ہدایات: داخلہ کے لئے خواہش مند طلباء روزانہ تلاوت قرآن کریم اور داخلہ ٹیسٹ کی تیاری کریں اور عربی، اردو اور انگریزی زبان میں مزید مہارت پیدا کرنے کی مسلسل کوشش کریں۔
7. درخواست کی تاریخ: داخلہ فارم حاصل کرنے اور مکمل درخواست جمع کروانے کے لئے درج ذیل پتہ، فون نمبر یا ای میل پر رابطہ کریں۔ مکمل درخواست اصل کاپی ۳۰ اپریل ۲۰۱۷ء تک درج ذیل پتہ پر پہنچ جانی چاہئے۔



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