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Holy Qur'an

"Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious.

And observe Prayer and give the Zakat and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy." [24:56&57]

Hadith

The Holy Prophet ^{saw} said: "What will be your condition when the son of Mary will descend among you and he will be your Imam from among yourselves." (Bukhari)

"Verily, God will appoint for this Ummah in the beginning of every century, those who will restore for it its faith." (Abu Da'ood)

"When you hear of the Messiah of the latter days go to him, though you have

to crawl on your hands and knees on a glacier, and give him my salaams." (Kanzul Ummal)

Writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}

Therefore I am that Messiah, and no one else. Whoever enters into sincere *bai'at* with me and becomes my follower from the bottom of his heart, as to be engrossed in his obedience to me as to forsake all his own personal aims and intentions, he alone is the one for whom in these days of great distress my soul shall desire to intercede.

So all ye good people, counted as members of my community! In heaven you shall be counted members of my following only when in all truth you actually begin to advance on the paths of righteousness. Offer your five daily prayers with such concentration and awe of mind as though you were seeing God in front of you with your physical eyes. Observe the days of fasting for the sake of God in full sincerity. All among you who are liable for Zakat should never fail to discharge this important obligation; and those, on whom the pilgrimage to Mecca has

become obligatory, without any obstacles standing in the way, should duly undertake that blessed journey. Do all good deeds with the proper care they deserve, forsaking evil from a real repulsion rising in the heart. Be very sure that no action whatsoever, can take you to God if it is devoid of righteousness of the heart. The root of everything good is *Taqwa*, (fear of God) in whatever action this root is not lost, that action will never be devoid or futile. It is necessary too, that you be tried by being thrown into diverse grief's and distresses, even as those before you were tried. Be, therefore forewarned lest you stumble when the time came. The earth, with everything in it, can inflict no injury on you, provided your contact with heaven is firm. Whenever any injury comes to you, it will come only from your own hands. If all your honor on this earth is lost to you, God will give you honor in heaven that shall never wane. Therefore do not leave Him, whatever you may have to go through. [Our Teaching, pages 6&7]

MESSAGE FROM SADR LAJNA IMA'ILLAH, USA

Sister Saliha Malik

"O children of Adam! look to your adornment at every time and place of worship" [7:32]

With this verse I want to emphasize the importance of our local communities. I recollect Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth on one occasion urged us to go to our local mosque so that we can sit beside the Messiah of the time, *for that is where he sits*. The message struck me that our real striving should be to put aside all conflicts of time and relationship and go to our local mosques whenever we are called, specifically to seek the company of the Messiah^{as}.

Allah says, '*take your zeenat to every place of prostration to God*'. Regarding the word *zeenat*, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth explains its impact: "the word does not only cover the adornment of the body but also the connotation of enhancing the spiritual loveliness and the sublimation of the beauty of one's character". [Address to Lajna, Jalsa 6/29/91] Let us go with this *zeenat*, our wish to learn and to make our Islam strong, to soak up the ways of Allah's Messengers. Let us go with forgiveness and tender heartedness, with humility and prayer. In his sermon of 12/31/2010 Hudhur^{aba} said, "We have accepted the Adam of this age, for God also called the Promised Messiah^{as} Adam. He is the Adam through whom paradise will be established on earth, which means that followers of the teachings of the Holy Prophet^{saw} will be created. They will be firm on high levels of sacrifices and will do good works and attaining God's pleasure will be their viewpoint." Each of us is an important part of our local community and each local community is an important part of our Jamaat USA. When we ourselves and our local communities shine with Allah's light and the true teachings of His beloved, Muhammad Mustafa^{saw}, we will be able to spread His message and stir the hearts of others, Insha'Allah.

I wish each and every one of you a blessed, peaceful and productive year. Let us resolve to strive for this by making our local communities alive with our sincerity of heart and our eagerness to serve. May Allah make it so for all of us, Ameen.

National Correspondence



Letters from the Office of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba}

December 28, 2010

Dear Sadr Lajna Imaillah USA,
Assalamo Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatahu,

I have received your activity Report for the months of August and September 2010. Jazakamullah.

Ma' shallah, it is a well presented, detailed report covering the work of all the shoba's. A good effort by the Tabligh Shoba resulting in 3 Bai'ats in August and participating in numerous programs in September.

I pray Allah accepts the sacrifices of the members and bless their families with health and happiness and prosperity. I pray Allah help them with greater opportunities to serve the cause of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam. Please convey my loving salaam to all Nasirat and Lajna Members in USA

January 26, 2011

Dear Sadr Lajna Imaillah USA,
Assalamo Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatahu,

I have received your activity report for the month of Oct 2010, together with a summary report of the Tehrik e Jadid 2009/10, a copy of the quarterly magazine Lajna Matters, and a letter dated 4th January 2011 requesting for prayers, Jazakamullah.

Alhamdulillah, many activities were organized throughout the country and I pray that the scheduled amila meeting was successfully held. May Allah

enable you and your members to work with enthusiasm, devotion and dedication and excel in all aspects of Jamaat work.

I pray Allah accepts the sacrifices of the members who have participated in the blessed Tehrik-e-Jadid scheme and bless their families with health, happiness and prosperity. Please convey my loving Salam to all Nasirat and Lajna members in the USA.



February 11, 2011

Dear Sadr Sahibah Lajna USA,
Assalamo Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatahu,

I have received your letter dated 29th January 2011 in which you have sent both the report of your National Majlis-e-Shura and the recommendations. *Jazakamullah Ahsanal Jaza*

The recommendations of the Majlis-e-Shura and the proposed Budget are all approved. You should work hard to implement all of these items. May Allah the Almighty grant Lajna Imaillah USA the ability to implement the recommendations with great enthusiasm and in a truly wonderful manner, Insha' Allah.

International Jamaat Correspondence

December 12, 2010

The Amir/National President through the Private Secretary Sahib London.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba} has given approval to include the following new rules in the constitutions of three Auxiliary Organizations of the Jama'at. Please convey these rules to the respective Presidents of the three Auxiliary Organizations of your country so that they incorporate these rules in their respective constitutions of Majlis Ansarullah, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Lajna Imaillah.

1. A Khadim/Nasir who is in arrears of Chanda Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya/ Majlis Ansarullah for more than six months, and of Chanda Salana Ijtimah' for more than one year shall not be eligible to hold any office of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya / Majlis Ansarullah.
2. A Khadim/Nasir who is in arrears of Obligatory Chandas (viz. Chanda 'Am, Chanda Hissa Amad for more than six months and of Chanda Jalsa Salana for more than one year) shall not be eligible to hold any office of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya / Majlis Ansarullah.
3. An earning member of Lajna Imaillah who is in arrears of membership chanda for six months, chanda salana Ijtimah' for more than one year and Obligatory Chandas (viz. Chanda 'Am, Chanda Hissa Amad for more than six months and of Chanda Jalsa Salana for more than one year) shall not be eligible to hold any office.

Tehrik-e-Jadid Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan, Rabwah

Letter from the Office of the Ameer Sahib, USA

January 2, 2011

Huzur has expressed his disappointment at the small number of subscribers to Review of Religion from USA, and we need to pull all stops to achieve our given target of 1000 subscribers from USA. (The current is less than 300.)

It would be good if members are asked to subscribe, read and give feedback to the editors as well. This would develop a more international forum.

I am told that many individuals look at Review on the internet and do not see the need for subscription. No matter what the reasoning for less

subscriptions, serving Khalifatul Massieh is more important and should take precedence. Kindly encourage them to subscribe as well.

In addition, members are to be encouraged to place it in libraries or religious institutions, and solicit input from the institutions/individuals and then pass it on to the editors. This can help make it more relevant to our audience, which should be to a greater extent for sending message to the audience of the Jamat, less so for the Jamat membership itself.

Ahsanullah Zafar

Copy to Private Secretary Sahib For Huzur's Favor






the Review of Religions



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A Periodical founded in 1902 by the Promised Messiah^{as} himself!



The Promised Messiah^{as} said:

*'Up to now, permanent funding for this publication has been inadequate. If, God forbid, this magazine ceases to exist as a result of a lack of interest from this community, then this would be a cause for mourning for the community. **Therefore, I urge, with great emphasis, the sincere members of my community to provide as much support and financial assistance as may be possible for them.***



Hadrat Khalifatul Masih ul Khamis^{ra} on the occasion of Jalsa Salana UK 2010, said:

"With regards to The Review of Religions, this is the magazine that started during the time of the Promised Messiah^{as}. At the outset of his Khilafat, Hadrhat Khalifatul Masih IV^{ra} also announced a scheme to increase the number of subscribers. For a short while people paid attention to this, however, it was then neglected, and now there are hardly any subscribers to this magazine. There is a great need to pay heed to this and the Jama'ats should give due regard and increase its subscriptions."

Huzur further said:

"America and Canada should have at the very least 500 to 1000 subscribers"

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professor, etc.



National Matters



Lajna Imaillah 2010 Majlis-e-Shura Highlights

Alhamdulillah, Lajna Ima'illah USA, held its National Majlis-e-Shura from October 29th -31st 2010, at Ba'it ul Jaamay Mosque in Chicago, IL. A total of 304 members attended this blessed meeting: 244 delegates and 60 observers. The program started after Salat-ul Jumma, with Tilawat, followed by a welcome address from local Sadr Lajna, Chicago West; Sister Yasmin Qazi, who expressed her gratitude for having the opportunity to host this auspicious occasion and wished everyone a comfortable stay. A detailed report regarding implementation of the approved Shura proposals from 2009 was presented. The delegates were then divided into sub-committees who convened separately to deliberate on assigned Shura proposals. The recommendations to these proposals were presented the next day also allowing time for other delegates to share additional comments.

As this was the election year, election of Sadr Lajna USA was also conducted on the second day of Majlis-e-Shura. Dr Shanaz Butt Sahibah conducted the election in a most organized manner. Sister Saliha Malik was recommended by majority vote and later approved by Hudhur^{aba} as the next Sadr Lajna USA. The formal Shura session ended and Sadr Sahibah, Dr. Shanaz Butt, closed the meeting with silent prayers. The observers were invited to join the delegates for the remaining non-Shura session, which continued the next day.

The non-Shura session began with brief but proficient media

training, educating attendees on how to approach media. We then watched a memorable slide show reflecting upon many inspiring moments of the last ten decades under the invigorating leadership of Dr. Shanaz Butt.

The final day of this spiritual gathering was no less profound. A very thought provoking presentation on 'Purdah a Means of Progress', including Hudhur^{aba}'s message was delivered by then Secretary Tarbiyat, sister Saliha Malik. A panel of Lajna members representing various walks of life who are consistent in their observance of Purdah answered questions from their personal experience. A presentation on domestic violence (DV) followed to increase awareness of this unfortunate disease, which sadly affects the life of many. The DV team is working hard to create a system to assist those in dire need of help. A presentation on IT/Website enlightened the members on the various resources available on Lajna website and included a template of an on-line Talim test. This three day spiritual experience ended on a very powerful and inspiring note. Respected Sadr Sahibah, Dr. Shanaz Butt, in her concluding address reminded the audience that all the progress made during these past years will hold no value at all, if it didn't bring us closer to God. She asked everyone to self analyze that whether this journey increased us in righteousness and Taqwa, or was it a mere materialistic advancement? To sum up, the attendees of this meeting returned home with valuable information and a spiritually rejuvenating experience.

National Amilah with St Louis Lajna in Bait ul Hafeez, St. Louis

The St. Louis Lajna hosted this year's first National Amilah Meeting, January 14-16, 2011. After the meeting National Amilah met with St Louis Lajna and delved into fascinating St Louis History and personal stories of accepting Ahmadiyyat.



Lajna Ima'illah - USA Website

<http://www.lajnausa.net>

Please visit the website frequently for upcoming events, updates in your region and departmental news.

Make a frequent use of Lajna Website resources during your General, Halqa and Nasirat meetings/Classes. Please send your feedback to IT@lajnausa.net.

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National IT/Website Dept. Lajna Ima'illah - USA



Tarbiyat Matters



Tarbiyat Quarterly Topic - Be true to the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah^{as}

The tarbiyat topic for the quarter, January to March 2011 is “Be true to the Jamaat of the Promised Messiah^{as}. The tenth condition of Bai’at demands a bond of brotherhood and obedience to the Promised Messiah^{as} and this bond requires such a high devotion that is not found in any worldly connection. Therefore to be true to the Jamaat, we must demonstrate obedience to the Khalifatul Masih and Nizame Jamaat under all circumstances.

The Friday sermon for this quarter is “**Divine Attribute of Al Wahab (The Bestower)**” delivered by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba} on November 21, 2008. Please refer to page 146 of the Workbook for suggestions on this topic and use *Our Teachings* by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as} for further reference.

In this sermon, Hudhur^{aba} reminds us of the importance of the following Quranic prayer which we should repeat frequently:

‘Our Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after Thou has guided us; and bestow on us mercy from Thyself; surely, Thou art the Bestower.’ (3:9)

The special directive for this quarter is the presentation of the Power point on **Purdah - a Means of Progress**. This power point has been prepared by Sister Saliha Malik, Sadr Lajna USA under guidance from Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba}. The presenter of this power point should use the notes that accompany the slides. A purdah observant panel from different walks of life in your community should be selected to answer questions from your members, as was demonstrated at the Shura. Local Sadrs are requested to mention this activity in their monthly report under tarbiyat.

May Allah Ta’ala enable us to serve the Jamaat with greater devotion, and may we improve in our understanding and obedience to Nizame Jamaat, Ameen.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. *Aziza Rahman, National Secretary Tarbiyat*

Indonesian Tragedy - Two Nafil Prayers:

Our hearts have once again been torn by the tragic and gruesome news of the three Ahmadiis martyred in Indonesia. Inna lillahe wa inna alaihe rajioon. ‘Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’

May Allah Ta’ala accept their noble sacrifice and elevate their status to the highest level. *Please* remind every sister in your majlis that Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba} has directed that every Ahmadi should offer two nawafil (voluntary prayers) daily for the protection and safety of all Ahmadiis who are facing persecution.

Hudhur’s^{aba} sermon of 2/11/11 on the incident reminded us again of the difficulty the wives and families face at the sudden loss of their husbands and fathers - one of them 5 months pregnant. Apart from the extra prayers seeking Allah’s help and protection and the special prayer for Steadfastness that our Beloved Hudhur^{aba} mentioned, I humbly request those who can, to also donate to the **Syedna Bilal Fund** to help the families of those martyred. May Allah always keep them in His Special Care and answer all their needs.

National Secretary Tarbiyat *and* Sadr, Lajna Ima’illah – USA

Prayer for Steadfastness

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٧٥﴾

O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us, and make our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving people.

Khidmat-e-Khalq Matters



Pakistan Flood Victims -Several boxes of clothes and goods were collected and donated by the Willingboro Jamaat.

Breast Cancer Awareness - During the month of October.

Thanksgiving baskets - Donations were collected throughout the month and baskets were prepared and delivered: "Nuns of Clare Sisters," "Providence House" (local women's shelter) & "South Jersey Food Bank"

Bags for Blankets: (Every 200 recyclable bags = 1 blanket donated to the needy)

Donation of over 200 Pounds of Bread, Pastries, Bagels and goods were donated to South Jersey Food Bank. (Ongoing monthly donation)

Ongoing community service projects like canned food drives, clothes drive, toys for tots, throughout the year and special projects like "School supplies collection for the needy kids inside and outside Jamaat."



West Coast Jalsa

By the Grace of Allah, 25th West Coast Jalsa Salana (Silver Jubilee) was successfully held at Bait ul Hameed Mosque in Chino, California from December 24th to 26th. We are humbled for the opportunity to host this blessed event and I would like to thank all the guests of Promised Messiah^{as} who made special effort to travel from far and near to participate and join us at the Jalsa, which was attended by over 1313 members including 553+ Lajna and Nasirat members. We were delighted that Respected Sadr Lajna USA, Sister Saliha Malik Sahibah could grace us with her presence. Also, 7 National Amilah members, 9 Lajna Sadrs and both SW & NW Regional Sadrs attended the Jalsa.

We are thankful to Allah for blessing our hard work in making this Jalsa a great success and learning experience for the attendees. I would like to take this opportunity to express my profound thanks and gratitude to the volunteers of the host Majalis, LA East, LA Inland Empire, LA West & San Diego, including their Sadrs, Sisters Dr Amtul Mujeeb, Mubarika Sadiq, Nuzhat Malik and Sadaf Ijaz and also Sadiqa Rashid Malik. JazakAllah

Please allow me to share National Sadr Sahibah's message to volunteers and members:

"Special thanks to you and to all the volunteers who worked so hard for the success of the Jalsa. Please extend my heartfelt thanks to all the speakers. The choice of speeches was most appropriate and they researched and presented them very well. May Allah shower His abundant blessings upon you all and your families and may He keep you ever in His Grace. I am immensely grateful to Allah Ta'ala for granting me the opportunity to attend the West Coast Jalsa and I pray that we may all benefit from it in the way the

Promised Messiah^{as} prayed that we all should benefit."

Audience also appreciated the selection of the following presentations and found them informative and relevant to their learning.

- Holding On to the Rope of Allah- The importance of absolute faith in Allah.
- Holy Prophet's (PBUH) Life- An example of personal accountability.
- Women's Role in Marital Harmony- Teachings of Promised Messiah^{as}.
- Youth responsibilities in perpetuating the Ahmadiyya Khilafat.
- Shuhada e Lahore- Wife's, Mothers, Daughters & Sisters' exemplary behavior.
- Couple of Poems and a Group Poem by Nasirat & Youth of Southwest Region.

Following were the Discussions held on the Lajna Side:

- Youth Workshop – Lajna members ages (15-22)
- Rishtha Naata Panel Discussion
- Amilah Members of all the West Coast Region were introduced and had an opportunity to meet with Sadr Sahibah.
- Fundraisers were held for Bait ul Hameed & Bait ul Salaam Mosques.

We had very positive feedback and great remarks by the guests of the Promised Messiah^{as}. May Allah Subhan-a-Ta'ala forgive our shortcomings and help us improve in our future endeavors. May He accept our humble efforts. Ameen Summa Ameen.

Bushra Bajwa, SouthWest Regional Sadr



Tabligh Matters



Interfaith Events and Symposiums

Detroit

Detroit Lajna hosted a Seerat-un-Nabi Jalsa: Alhamdulillah it was a great success! The attendance was 107 which included 20 non Ahmadi guests and 10 Ahmadi guests. Our Regional Sadr Sahibah and Regional Naib Sadr Sahibah traveled from Columbus to attend the program. Presentations included speeches, nazms and Ahadith. Nasirat participated very actively in presenting nazms and the Ahadith and played an excellent role as hosts to our guests. Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi guests commented on how well the function was organized especially the presentations which were a true reflection of how Tribute should be paid to the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw}. It was a truly inspiring event!



LA East

Lajna LA East participated in the "Disaster Preparedness" breakfast meeting at Lifeway Church in Riverside, California. Thirty (30) guests representing various faiths attended this event. LA East Tabligh Secretary introduced the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, talked about Lajna, and especially gave a thorough introduction to Humanity First in line with the theme of the event. The participants noted the website information with interest and asked several questions. The Church informed that they had never been visited by any Muslim organization before. Plans are underway to develop these new contacts.

LA Inland Empire

Lajna LA Inland Empire hosted an interfaith Symposium at the Baitul Hameed Mosque on the topic of "PEACE". It was attended by 27 guests who participated in interfaith dialogue, question and answers, and also shared their views according to their teachings on Peace. Representatives of different churches as well as Jewish and Hindu community shared their thoughts. An Ahmadi Muslims' point of view on peace was also given. A 10 minute Power point presentation on introduction of our Faith as Ahmadi Muslims was presented, in which a brief life sketch of Promised Messiah's^{as} message and his divinely guided interpretation of Islam; his Successors; about our worldwide community; the services of Humanity First all around the world, and the persecution of Ahmadies in Pakistan and other Muslim Countries was also given. Guests were presented with literature about Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

A Jalsa Seeratun Nabi was also held and was greatly appreciated by the guests. Speakers talked about different aspects of the Prophet's^{saw} life, which included his family life, his being a

Model of Simplicity, Messenger of Peace, and Liberator of Women. Later, non-Muslim audience asked questions about the Ahmadi interpretation of Quran. They were told about the Promised Messiah^{as} and his message of the correct interpretation of Islam. Afterwards during tea and snacks guests had a chance to meet the members and talked on various topics. Guests (Muslims & Non Muslims) as usual appreciated the organization and remarked that it was very informative for them and their children growing up in this country. Alhamdulillah, both these events were a great success in removing misconceptions and enlightening them with the true message of Islam.

Willingboro

The Lajna held two interfaith meetings. Willingboro Lajna Members attended a women's interfaith meeting at the Mt Laurel Presbyterian Church and also the Al-Nasr Mosque Jama'at was invited to speak at Unity Church in Mt Laurel on November 24th, 2010 on the topic of Gratitude.

A presentation on Women in Islam was held on November 11, 2010. It was a presentation for a class of about 25 students was conducted at Burlington County College, many misconceptions were clarified and questions answered.

Willingboro Lajna participated in attending the Muslim for Peace campaign held in Time Square, NY, along with the Blood Drive in Union Square, NY.

York/Harrisburg

This Jamaat acquired a landmark church in the city of Harrisburg October 2010. On December 5, 2010, an open house was held. More than 150 guests attended. The Lajna was responsible for inviting the mayor and other dignitaries and made many contributions to the success of the event. Pictured is the Mayor of Harrisburg addressing members of the Jamaat and community.



An interfaith event was hosted by Lajna in the Noor Mosque on the Advent of the Messiah. Approximately ten guests attended. Other faiths represented in the panel were Bah'ai and Mormonism.

Two presentations were made one was on Muslim Women in the Workplace to 39 business executives as part of a community diversity program and the other was a presentation on Differences of Ahmadiyyat and Other Sects in Islam for a class of 23 high school students.





Publication Matters

Al Hilal

Al Hilal

Spring 2011

Theme:

The Beautiful Holy Qur'an

- What are your favorite verses of the Holy Qur'an?
- What makes them important to you?
- What would you like others to know about your Holy Book?
- Do you know facts about the Qur'an or special ways to treat this special book?
- Can you describe what makes it the most read book in the entire world?

- *As always we welcome artwork, poetry, short stories and photography.*
- *Adult submissions written with a young audience in mind are also encouraged.*
- *Parents please encourage your children to submit their own original work and include your name if you have assisted in writing the piece.*
- *All submissions must include author's name, age, Jama'at and contact phone number as well as any collaborators who assisted in the writing of the piece.*

Email submissions to:
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Deadline:
March 15th 2011

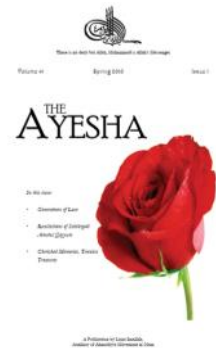


Publication Matters



Ayesha Magazine

Look for the next issue in April, 2011! The topic for the Fall 2011 issue of Ayesha magazine is "Women in the Holy Books." Please begin now thinking of topics. Further deadlines and information will be sent at a later date insha'Allah. If you have any suggestions for this issue, future issues or any questions, comments or concerns, please email ayesha@lajnausa.net. Jazak'Allah.



Lajna Media Watch - Tragedy in Pakistan

Sister Saima Sheikh, Spokesperson, Lajna Media Watch, Texas Dallas wrote a letter to the editor of The Dallas Morning News, condemning the murder of the governor of Punjab, Salman Taseer.

Salman Taseer, governor of Punjab, Pakistan, was murdered by his bodyguard. His bodyguard said that he killed the governor who opposed the blasphemy law and supported the release of the Christian woman, Asia Bibi, from jail. The Associated Press reported that Taseer "vented his opposition -- even using Twitter -- to Pakistan's blasphemy laws that effectively order death for anyone convicted of insulting Islam." A study by the National Commission for Justice and Peace reports that 964 people have been charged under this ordinance, including 340 Ahmadi Muslims, 119 Christians, 14 Hindus and 10 of other religions. As a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, I condemn this act of brutality. It is a sad day for any democratic government when a sitting governor gets murdered in broad daylight because of his views. The government of Pakistan needs to take a serious look at the blasphemy law and repeal it.

Facebook Policy

In his sermon of 12 /31/10 Hudhur^{aba} said that he also tells people individually to be careful of Facebook as it can have many wrong consequences, in particular girls should be very careful.

The following policy has been approved by London Markaz for the members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

1. Ahmadi Muslims are not allowed to create Facebook pages on behalf of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. All pages created by individuals representing "Ahmadiyya" or "Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani (a.s.)" or "The Promised Messiah (a.s.)" or "Mirza Masroor Ahmad" or "Khalifatul Masih" etc. should be closed immediately.
2. The only official Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Facebook page is via Alislam platform at <http://www.facebook.com/AhmadiyyaMuslim>
3. The practice of making and maintaining individual Facebook pages is strongly discouraged. If you have to make and maintain a Facebook page use it smartly. Avoid posting unnecessary information or pictures. Refrain from discussion forums, comments chat and other time consuming web interactions. Being on the Internet, Facebook and twitter has pitfalls and we must not violate safety, security, privacy and moral rules. Guide your family and children to follow these rules as well.
4. Any questions write to nasim.rehmatullah@ahmadiyya.us

Mark Your Calendars



Mentoring Conference

InshAllah, Lajna Ima'illah USA will be holding its National Mentoring Conference from March 25th -28th, 2011. It is yet another blessed opportunity for the members of Lajna Ima'illah USA to spend three days in a blessed environment that promotes sisterhood, bonding and spiritual rejuvenation. The goal of the Mentoring Conference as always is to provide support and training to the local Sadrs and Amilah members, and to address their concerns. The new program for the next two years will be InshAllah introduced in this year's meeting.

Jazaak Allah Ahsanul Jaza to Nazir Ayaz Sahib, Jama'at President, Sisters Farkhanda Ahmad, and Fehmeeda Shah, Lajna Sadrs of Queens and Long Island Majalis as well as Lajna members of these Majalis in advance for their assistance and hospitality. Members of National Aamla, Regional and Local Sadrs; and Local Aamla/Non Aamla members as approved by Respected Sadr Sahibah Lajna Ima'illah - USA, are requested to plan to attend the meeting for its entire duration.

Packing Check list: Please pack lightly especially if you are flying as most flights charge a \$15+ fee for even the 1st checked bag.

Select clothes and shoes that are both comfortable and

weather appropriate.

You can log on to **Lajnausa.net** for detailed guidelines.

Objectives of this Conference

- Get to know one another
- Learn from each other
- Address concerns
- Have fun while we learn!
- Build sisterhood
- Experience Unity!
- Increase our Love for Allah!
- Feel Blessed to be an Ahmadi



Registration: Feb. 26th- March 13th, 2011

Please register no later than March 13th, 2011. Registration link provided via e-mail

<http://lajnausa.net/web/lmc-2011>,

<http://lajnausa.net/web/lmc-2011-registration>

<http://lajnausa.net/web/upcoming>

Lajna Ima'illah - USA National Mentoring Conference

March 25th - 27th, 2011

Location: Masjid Bait-ul Zafr, New York

The meeting will begin on Friday after Juma and will conclude on Sunday at ~2:00 pm.

Please mark your calendars.

National Aamla, Regional Sadrs and Local Sadrs; and Local Aamla/Non Aamla members as approved by Respected Sadr Sahibah Lajna Ima'illah - USA, should plan to attend for the entire duration of the meeting.

Jalsa 2011



The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at U.S.A will hold its 63rd Jalsa Salana on July 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2011 at Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center
2300 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg PA 17110-9443

Registration will be available on www.ahmadiyya.us soon.



Lajna Highlights



Lajna Highlights July – September 2010

Meetings

Tajnid as of September 2010:	4,144
Total number of meetings held:	232
Average attendance:	32%
Total number of Halqa meetings:	174
Monthly reports received:	96%

Tabligh

of Bai'ats obtained: 5 Alhamdulillah!

Chicago East	1
Dayton	2
Minnesota	2

Outreach (Number of People/Guests)

People under one-to-one Tabligh:	2,181
Needy served outside the Jamaat:	2,952
Lajna served:	544

Average percentage of members active in

Dae'e Ilallah Committee:	603/month
Khidmat-e-Khalq:	1,360/month
Listening to Khutba/MTA:	52%
Learning Qur'an Nazira:	25%



Congratulations to:

Majaalis that consistently had Meetings Attendance \geq 50% from July to September 2010: NJ North, Toledo, Dayton, Alabama/Ten, Kentucky, New Orleans, Las Vegas, San Diego, Va Central

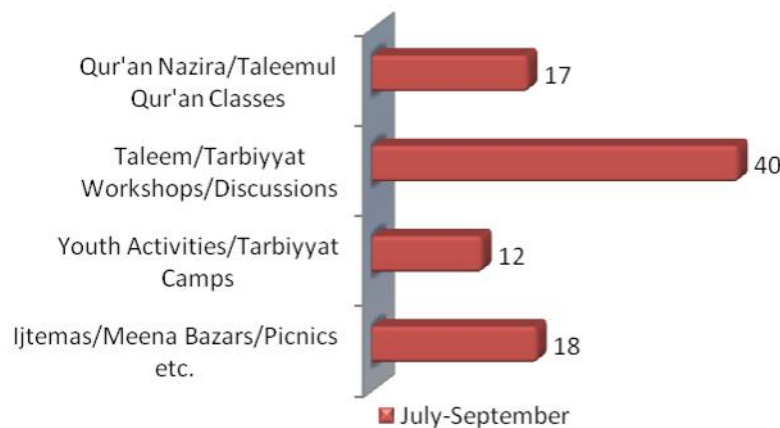
Majaalis that consistently listened to Hudhur's^{aba} Friday Sermons \geq 75% from July to September 2010: Syracuse, NJ central, Willingboro, Lehigh Valley, Oshkosh, Toledo, Columbus, Dayton, Las Vegas, Wash DC, Silver Spring, Va Central

Majaalis that consistently achieved Qur'an Nazira participation \geq 50% from July to September 2010: Brooklyn, NJ Central, Columbus, Wash DC, York HSB, VA Central



Majaalis Activities (July-September 2010)

68 Total Majaalis



* Based on information gathered from Lajna monthly reports

Local Matters



Sad News

Our dear sister, Cindy L “Careema” Knaub passed away on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at the age of 57. Inna lillaha wa inna alaihe rajeoon. She was born October 1, 1953 in Lancaster, PA and was raised as a Christian by her mother Shirley Knaub. She became a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community York/Harrisburg Chapter in 2002.

She was a welder at Three Mile Island, a meter reader for PP&L for 25 years and a heavy equipment operator with Waste Management. She received her BS in Political Science from Pennsylvania State University in 1998. It is in college where Careema first learned about Islam and took several classes on religion.

In 2000, Careema was severely hurt in a car accident which greatly restricted her mobility. In the time following her accident, she took this time to continue her studies about Islam

and Ahmaddiyyat. Over the rest of her life, her love for Allah and Khilafat grew.

She studied the Qur’an on a continuous basis. She read the complete commentary of the Holy Qur’an at least twice. Careema was named by Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmadth, she made sure that she continued to write to the current Khalifa Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aba}, and was able to meet him during his trip to the United States.

While she was not able to come to many of the meetings due to her mobility issues, her love for her lajna and jamaat were always evident. When any of her sisters in Ahmaddiyyat think of Careema, they will always remember her generous heart and gentle and caring nature. May Allah grant her peace. Ameen.

Request for Prayers

- Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) and his family
- Respected Ameer sahib and his family
- Sister Najma Aftab: May Allah give her strength to bear the death of her husband Abdul Hafeez Sahib...and the children for the loss of their father.
- Sister Hafeez Khan and her family on the death of her sister. The deceased was also the mother-in-law of Sister Rashida Lodhi.
- Sister Shakura Nooriah, may Allah grant her full and speedy recovery
- Sister Kishwar Tahir’s mother Amtul Aziz Sahibah: may Allah grant her full & speedy recovery.
- Please pray for Sister Ansa Rashid (Indiana) recovering from knee surgery
- Qaiser Begum Sahibah.
- Dr. Fehmida Munir Sahibah.
- Sister Rizwana Naheed of Richmond Jamaat has a critical surgery next week. Please pray for her speedy recovery Inshallah.
- Also please pray for some families in Richmond Jamaat who have moved recently as asylum-seekers.



Announcements

In June 2010, Zina Sajid graduated from the University of California San Diego.

Sabeena Khan (Laurel, MD Majlis), a sixth grade nasirat, recently participated in a competition held by SPEAK! MD Oratory League Inc. She was awarded a medal for her participation.



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Ameen

The following children all finished their first recitation of the Holy Qur'an, Mashaalah

Maala Sabah Noor, LA Inland Empire, at age 5 yrs

Hajra Gondal (Virginia South), at age 5 yrs,

Farhan Ahmad (Virginia South), at age 5 yrs.

Adnan Ahmad (Virginia South), at age 10 yrs.

Tanzeela Virk (Virginia South), at age 5 yrs.

Fatima Ahmad (Virginia South), at age 9 yrs.

New Baby Additions



Mr. Nasir & Tahira Ahmad (Detroit) welcomed a baby boy, Tafreed Ahmad Nasir December 12, 2010

Mr. Shahkar & Aida Lone (Detroit) welcomed a baby girl, Zoya Lone on December 3, 2010

Mrs. Hafeez Khan was blessed with a grandson, Arshaan Adil Khan born on January 31st to Asad and Mahim Khan. (Detroit) In November 2010, Khola Nasir and Haroon Shakoor of San Diego welcomed a baby girl, Kaashifa Haroon Shakoor.

Sister Safiyah Mubashar Wentling & Parker Wentling of Richmond Jamaat have been blessed with a son on 8th January 2011. They named him Adam Alexander. Please remember them in your Prayers.

Erma Ahmad and Kashif Khan (LA inland Empire) have been blessed with a baby boy, Durood Ali Khan.

Amina Khan and Fawad Ahmad Khan (LA inland Empire) have been blessed with a son, Daniyal.

Mehreen Ahad and Mustafa Ahad (LA inland Empire) were blessed with a baby daughter, Amaya.

Sara Ahmad and Faraz Ahmad (LA inland Empire) were blessed with a baby daughter, Fahtima Mahum Ahmad.

Kanwal Alvarez and Ignacio Alvarez (LA inland Empire) were blessed with a baby daughter, Anaya.

Request of prayers by Amtulnoor Peterson and Michael Peterson of Richmond Jamaat on the birth of their daughter Aaliyah Zeenat Peterson on Oct 23 2010





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