

We are the Helpers of Allah.

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Live Your Purpose

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Dear Ansar Brothers, As-Salamu 'Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

Our Publications team, it seems, never rests. Before many of us even returned home from a faith uplifting National Ijtima, they were asking me for a "message that can be used in the print as well as tomorrow's e-newsletter." Not next week, not after the weekend, but tomorrow!

And we love it. Because that's exactly the level of dedication our pledge expects from us. And its through such dedication of our Zu'ama, Nazimin, National Amila, and Ijtima volunteers that we experienced the magic of 1175 attendees.



Talking of the pledge, I am not sure how many of you have ever recited the Ansar pledge behind Hazrat Khalifatul Masih but it was a first for me. What a goose bumps moment it was on Sunday when Huzoor graced our ljtima via satellite link! We will share the YouTube link to Huzoor's address as it becomes available from MTA UK.

Huzoor reminded us of the purpose of establishing Majlis Ansarullah. So we establish congregational Prayers, recite Qur'an, exhort our

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children to become good Muslims, and among many other things, spread the beautiful teachings of Islam. In essence, we say with our actions that "We are the helpers of Allah. We have believed in Allah. And bear thou witness that we are obedient." (The Holy Qur'an, 3 [Aal Imran]:53)

Achieving these tasks will require conviction, focus, and prayers. Conviction, that if we follow the instructions of our Imam, our own families will be the beneficiaries. Focus, that instead of wondering in the vain "we should" gripes, we work together with an "I will" attitude. And prayers, that Allah keeps us humble and obedient, that by His grace, we become as brothers.

Stay tuned. In the coming days we will Insha'allah share not only videos and survey results from our faith inspiring ljtima, but we will also develop action items from Huzoor's address and coalesce around that message.

Once we start living the real purpose of Majlis Ansarullah, we will realize that it is not an auxiliary of "old people" but an auxiliary of helpers of Allah who believe in striving hard—instead of resting—in the cause of Allah.

Was-Salam,

Faheem Younus Qureshi Serving Majlis Ansarullah, USA

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ljtima 1-1-1-1 Survey

If you attended ljtima 1-1-1, please take a moment to fill out the <u>online ljtima survey</u>. The survey's results will help us better plan for next year's ljtima.

October 15 Extension Deadline to File 2014 Tax Return

Dawood Munir, Cypress Houston

October 15 is the last day to file 2014 tax returns for most people who requested an automatic six-month extension. You can file any time











before October 15 if you have all your required tax documents. If you are one of the nearly 13 million taxpayers who asked for more time to file your federal tax return this year, you don't need to wait until October 15 extension deadline to file your return. You can file now if you are ready. As you prepare to file, here are some things that you should know:

- Use IRS Free File. Nearly everyone can e-file their tax return for free through <u>IRS Free File</u>. It does the math, checks to see if you qualify for tax breaks that you might miss, and it works best for those who are used to doing their own taxes. The program is available on <u>IRS.gov</u> now through October 15. <u>IRS e-file</u> is easy, safe and the most accurate way to file your taxes. E-file also helps you get all the tax benefits that you're entitled to claim.
- A Refund May be Waiting. If you are due a refund, you should file as soon as possible to get it.
- **Try Easy-to-Use Tools on IRS.gov.** Use the <u>EITC</u> <u>Assistant</u> to see if you're eligible for the credit. Use the <u>Interactive Tax Assistant</u> tool to get answers to common tax questions, including new Health Care Law topics. Use these interactive tools to find out if you're eligible to claim the premium tax credit, qualify for an exemption or if you must make a payment.
- Use IRS Direct Pay. If you owe taxes, the best way to pay them is with<u>IRS Direct Pay</u>. It's the simple, quick, and free way to pay from your checking or savings account. Just click on the 'Pay Your Tax Bill' icon on the IRS home page.
- Understand the Health Care Law's effect on your taxes. The<u>Affordable Care Act</u> requires you, your spouse, and your dependents to have qualifying health insurance for the entire year, report a health coverage exemption, or make a payment when you file. If you purchased coverage through the Marketplace, you may be eligible for the premium tax credit and need to use Form 8962, <u>Premium Tax Credit</u>, to reconcile any advance payments made on your behalf. If you do not file a 2014 tax return, you will not be eligible for advance payments or cost-sharing reductions to help pay for your Marketplace health insurance coverage in 2016. Filing as soon as possible, using your most current Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, will substantially increase your chances of avoiding a gap in receiving this help.
- Missed Deadline? File as soon as you can. If you did not





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request an extension by April 15, you should file and pay as soon as you can anyway. This will stop the interest and penalties that you will owe. IRS Direct Pay offers you a free, secure and easy way to pay your tax directly from your checking or savings account. There is no penalty for filing a late return if you are due a refund. The sooner you file, the sooner you'll get it.

- Don't Forget the October 15 Deadline. If you are not ready to file yet, remember to file by October 15 to avoid a late filing penalty. If you owe and cannot pay all of your taxes, pay as much as you can to reduce interest and penalties for late payment. Use the <u>Online Payment</u> Agreement tool to ask for more time to pay. In most cases, the failure-to-file penalty is 10 times more than the failure-to-pay penalty. So if you can't pay in full, you should file your tax return as soon as you can and pay as much as you can.
- More Time for the Military. Some people have more time to file. This includes <u>members of the military and</u> <u>others</u> serving in a combat zone. If this applies to you, you typically have until at least 180 days after you leave the <u>combat zone</u> to both file returns and pay any taxes due.

Source: <u>IRS.gov</u>

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