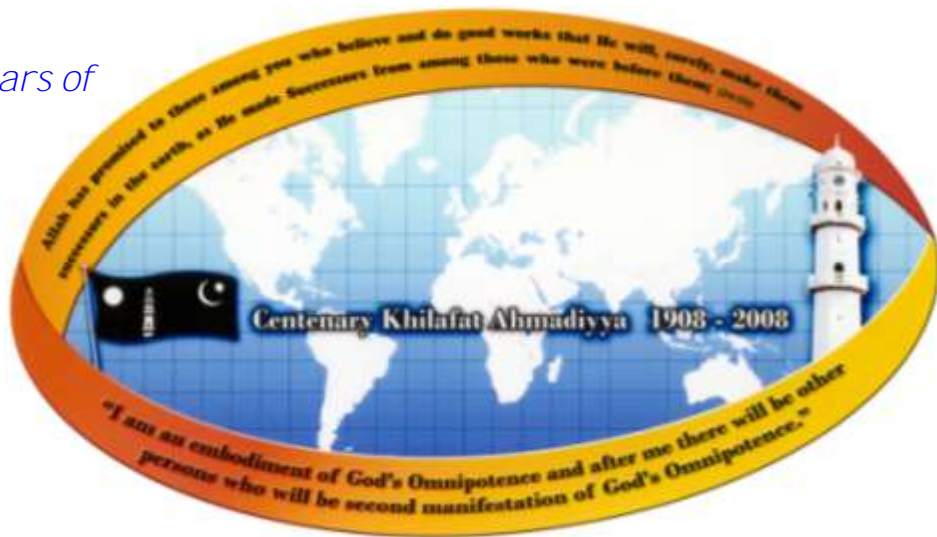


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And thy Lord has inspired the bee, *saying*, ‘Make thou houses in the hills and in the trees and in the trellises which they build, ‘Then eat of every *kind of* fruit, and then pursue submissively the paths prescribed by your Lord.’ There comes forth from their bellies a drink of varying hues. Therein is a cure for men. Surely, in that is a Sign for a people who reflect. (The Holy Qur’an, 16[Al-Nahl]:69-70)

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# The Discourses

*Sayings of the Promised Messiah, 'alaihissalām*  
*Presented in English by Maulana Naseem Saifi*

## GRACE OF GOD

The greatest proof of the truth of the claim to prophethood by the Holy Prophet, **ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam**, is the very life that he lived. There is none who can raise an accusing finger at him. He was sent to the world at a time when the darkness enveloped it on all sides and he lived up to the time that he heard the words. *Al-yauma akmaltu lakum dinakum wa atmamtu 'alaikum ni'mati* [5:4]: He did not pass away from this world till he had seen people joining Islam in very large numbers.

In fact, there are many reasons why he was called Muhammad.

He had another name too: Ahmad. This is the name which occurs in the prophecy made by Messiah (Christ) about his advent. The words: *Mubashshiram-bi-rasūliñ-ya'ti mim-ba'dismuhū Ahmad* [61:7]. That is, a prophet will be raised after me and his name will be Ahmad. This name had a reference to his praising God more than every body else. This word makes it quite clear—and it is very true—that the people praise the person from whom they receive something and the more they get the more they offer praises. He who is given one rupee will praise only as much as he is given and one who is given a thousand rupees will praise according to his own gift. This very clearly shows that the Holy Prophet Mohammad, **ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam**, received the grace of God more than everybody else.

The fact is that the very name (of the Holy Prophet) constituted a prophecy that this person would be the greatest recipient of the **Grace of God**. (Malfūzāt, Vol. II, p. 177)

## THE BELOVED OF GOD

The verse, *in kuntum tuḥibbūnallāha fattabi'ūnī yuḥbib kumullāhu wa yaghfir lakum dhumūbakum* [3:32] clearly shows that nobody can become the beloved of God nor can he deserve to attain to His nearness through the ways and means of worship chalked out by himself. The Lights and the Blessings of God cannot descend upon anyone unless he is totally lost in the obedience to the Holy Prophet, **ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam**.

He who gets completely lost in the love of the Holy Prophet, **ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam**, and it is, as if, he causes a death to himself in loyalty and obedience to the Holy Prophet, becomes the recipient of the Light of Faith and Love which grants him freedom from all others than God; it also grants him salvation from sin. In this very world he attains to a life of righteousness and piety and is brought out of the dark, narrow gates of low passions. The Ḥadīth, *anal-ḥāshirulladhī yuḥsharannāsu 'alā qadamī*, points to this very fact. It says: I am that one who gives life to the dead on whose footsteps they are raised. What it really means is that whatever is the basis of salvation, it cannot be had without the life which is granted to a man through the Holy Spirit. The verse of the Holy Qur'an quoted above, pointedly draws our attention to the fact that the spiritual life cannot be had without giving full obedience to the Holy Prophet, **ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam**. All those who are rebellious and do not obey the Holy Prophet because of some enmity that they have against him, are under the shadow of the Satan; they do not have anything of the spirit of the pious life. They are apparently alive but in reality they are dead. The Satan rides over their hearts. It is a

pity, such people do not remember that they have to pass away from this world, one day. And how far is death from them? He who is fifty years may live a few years more—two to four, or at the most ten years. After all, he has to pass away from this world. Death is sure like anything and there is no escape from it for anybody whosoever he might be.

I could see that people keep themselves engrossed in the material affairs—counting of money—but they never make any calculations about their life. Unfortunate is the person who never thinks of his life (that its span is short). The most important thing for which an account should be kept is nothing but life. It should never be that at the time of death (which he might deem sudden) **he should be full of regrets. The Holy Qur'an** tells us that just as the heavenly life starts from this very world, so also is the case with the life of the Hell. When a man dies with regrets, it is, as if, he has been thrown into **the Hell. (Malfūzāt, Vol. II, p. 183)**

#### ACCEPTANCE OF PRAYER

Prayer (Supplication) is a great thing. Alas! the people do not know what it really is. Some of them think that whatever is asked for, must be given (i.e. the prayer must be accepted as it is offered). That is why whenever they ask for something and it is not given to them by God they are despaired and begin to think evil of God. Whereas what behoves a believer is that even if he is not given what he asks for, through his prayer, he should not be despaired, for, he has not been given because the Mercy of God has not found it useful for him.

Behold! if a child wishes to hold a burning charcoal, the mother would run and hold his hand back and may be she will slap him for this act of his. When I ponder over the philosophy of the prayer and realize that the All-knowing God knows what is good and bad for the people, it really affords me very **great pleasure. (Malfūzāt, Vol. II, p. 195)**



**Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad**  
The Promised Messiah and Mahdi, 'alaihissalam  
(1835-1908)

#### GET NEARER TO GOD

You should remember that it is only when a man abandons negligence and evil deeds that his prayer is accepted by God. The closer he is to God the more he will have his prayers accepted. That is why God says: ***Wa idhā sa'alaka ibādī annī fa-innī qarīb*** [2:187]. And when My servants ask you about Me, say: I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.

At another place He says: ***Wa anna lahumut-tanāwashu mim-makanim-ba'id*** [34:53], how should I accept the prayer of the person who is far away from Me.

This is a lesson through an instance from the law of nature.

It does not really mean that God cannot hear (from distance). He is fully aware of the

intentions that are hidden in the heart and even the intentions that have not taken any shape as yet. Here, actually the attention of man has been invited to the nearness of God. He has been told that just as a voice that comes from far off cannot be heard, so also a person who is negligent and engrossed in the evil deeds, goes away from God. The farther away he goes, the greater is the distance and the thickness of the curtain between him and the acceptance of his prayers.

As I have just said that although God is the knower of the Unseen, this is the law of nature that man cannot achieve anything without *Taqwā* (the fear of God, righteousness and piety).

At times the ignorant person becomes an atheist simply because of the non-acceptance of the prayer. **The Bukhārī (a Book of Ḥadīth) contains a Ḥadīth which says that the believer attains to the nearness of God through *Nawāfil* (optional good actions or supererogatory prayers). (Malfūzāt, Vol. II, p. 198)**

### THE FRIENDS OF GOD

It is only through the Nafl (supererogatory prayers) that one can make his love for God perfect. When this stage is reached, then God says that He becomes the sight of the Believers and of those who are near to Him; whatever the Will of God, that is their own choice.

The Truthful does not trust life (he is ever ready for the time of his passing away) and he is never negligent towards God.

God says that He becomes the ears of this type of people. This actually means that wherever people talk of God, of His Messenger or of His Book derogatorily, they express their disdain and leave that place; they do not want to listen to this kind of sacrilegious talk. They also do not like to listen to whatever is against the Will of God and contrary to His command. They do not join the people who do this kind of

undesirable things. They keep their hearing powers away from listening to foul talk and they do not cast their eyes on unpleasant scenes. When one listens to what is forbidden, evil thoughts begin to generate and that is the adultery of the ears. That is why Islam ordained Parda (wearing of the veil).

The Messiah (Christ) said that the people should not look at others with an eye of adultery (i.e. they should not see with a sinful intention). But this is not a perfect teaching. On the other hand, the teaching of Islam is perfect, for it teaches the avoidance of even the preliminaries of sin. *Qul-lil mu'minīna yaghuḍḍū min absārihim* [24:31]: Tell the believers that they should cast down their eyes. That means that they should not look with any intention whatever, for, the heart is not controllable (it can incline towards sin, without the person thinking of doing so). How perfect this teaching is.

Then, God says that He becomes the hands of these people (the true believers and those who are near to Him).

At times, people show great injustice to others through their hands. God says: the hands of the true believers do not exceed the limits; they do not touch those whom they should not touch (they do not go near the preliminaries of sexual sins).

God also says that He becomes the tongue of this type of people. A reference has been **made to this fact in the words: *ma yanṭiqu 'anil-hawā* [53:4] (he does not speak from himself)**. That is why whatever the Holy Prophet, *ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam*, said, was, as a matter of fact, from God Himself. God says about the hand of the Holy Prophet, *ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam, ma ramaita idh ramaita wa lakinnallāha ramā* [8:18]: when you threw a handful of pebbles, it was not you but God who really threw it.

In short, a man can attain to very high spiritual ranks through supererogatory prayers (*Nafl*), and he gets very near to God,

so much so, that he is included in the group of God's friends. At this stage of his life, what happens to him is, man *'āda lī waliyyan faqad bārastuhū bil-ḥarb*: he who opposes My friend for My sake, it is Me Who fights with him. The Ḥadīth tells us that God pounces upon such a person (the enemy of the friend of God) like a lioness whose cub has been carried away by some one.

One must always continue struggling to attain to this status. Nobody knows when the time for his passing away from this world will approach; a believer must never be negligent in this matter; he should always fear God.

(Malfūzāt, Vol. II, p. 199-200)

#### LONGEVITY OF LIFE

Wishing for a long life often becomes the root cause of sins and weaknesses. Our friends should spend their life in perfect accordance with the will of God. That is the target that has to be achieved, otherwise what difference does it make that a man passes away today or after 50 years from now. The moon and the sun that are there today, the same moon and the sun will be there at that time (i.e. fifty years from now). The person who is) beneficial and a servant of God is given long life whereas God does not care for the people of bad character.

It is more than thirty years that God told me in very clear words that I would live up to 80 years, two three years less or more than that: It points to the fact that the task that has been assigned to me should be completed within this period. That is why even when I fall ill, I am not bothered about death. I vividly remember the trees under which I used to play when I was six or seven years old. I could see that those trees are still fresh but as for me, my condition has changed very much. You also can observe it. (Malfoozat, Vol. II, p. 201)

#### PILLAR OF LIFE

Everything has a pillar. The pillar of life and health is the Grace of God. (Malfūzāt,

Vol. II, p. 203)

#### CONFIDENCE IN GOD

I have so much of confidence in God that I do not even express my desires to Him, for, He knows my condition. When Ḥaḍrat Ibrahim was thrown into the fire, the Angels came to him and asked him if he had any need that should be fulfilled. (If he wanted anything to be done for him.) He answered: "Yes, I have, but I am not going to tell you what my need is." The Angels, on hearing this, said: "Well, you may present it to God and pray to Him for its fulfillment."

Ḥaḍrat Ibrāhīm replied: He knows my condition to such an extent that I do not need to express my requirements to Him. (Malfūzāt, Vol. II, p. 209)

#### EASE AND NOT HARDSHIP

I believe that one should not put oneself to too much of hardship. What is ordinarily known to be a journey should be taken as journey for the purpose of shortening the prayer, etc.

#### *Innamal-a'mālu binniyyāti*

actions are to be judged according to the intentions.

At times I go for a walk with my friends and I cover two to three miles but nobody takes it to be a journey. But when a man takes his baggage and goes out with the intention of going on a journey, then he really is on a journey. The *Shari'at* is not based on hardship. Whatever you take to be a journey, is really a journey for you. Just as one obeys the commandments of God in connection with what is obligatory, one should obey Him in the matter of leave also. The *Fard* (obligatory) are from God and so is the leave granted by Him.

(Malfūzāt, Vol. II, p. 211)

The Discourses, Naseem Saifi, Freetown, pp. 87-95.

# Story of Abdul-Latif Nasir

My name is Abdul Latif Nasir and my **father's name is Chaudhry Faqir Muhammad** Kambooh. Following is the account of my acceptance of Ahmadiyyat.

Right from my childhood I was interested in overcoming the Jinns. So, around the age of 12, I used to go to the local cemetery for meditations and rituals. After finishing my high school, I joined college but due to financial hardship I could not continue my education. My father advised me to look for a job or join him in taking care of our land. Next day I rode my bike to Lahore from **Okara to stay at my elder brother's house in** Ichhrah suburb of Lahore. Looking at my inclinations, my sister-in-law (**brothers' wife**) was much concerned about my curiosity and wanted to see me succeed in attaining the true light.

So, she took me to visit various shrines and tombs in and around Lahore. First we went to Pir Ghazi. On the tomb it was written, Maqbrah Nau Gaza (9-yard Grave). Upon inquiring about the history of the saint from the keeper of the shrine, I was told that the saint was in the army of Syed Ahmad Brelvi (well renowned saint in the subcontinent of India). He was martyred here while fighting against an enemy and he was 27 feet tall. I told him that he is neither a peer (a seer) nor ghazi (fighter returning from war alive), rather he is a shaheed (martyr). Secondly, there did not exist any human being of 27 feet in the past or now, it is quite impossible.

We also visited Data Darbar (tomb of **Hadrat Ali Hajwari, renowned saint and** Mujaddid of his age in the subcontinent of India). Whatever I saw and observed there, I am unable to describe. I also visited Jamaal Shah in Kasur and Chauchran Sharif. My sister in law was doing all this out of the good of her heart but as a result I was becoming more distant from the ulama and shrines and

successors of shrines.

The Imam of the mosque close to my house was a very harsh opponent of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and used very harsh and filthy language about him. One day after Fajr Prayer, I asked him why he picked on the Ahmadi sect when there were so many other Muslim sects for him to criticize. Instead of answering, he accused me of being Qadiani (Ahmadi Muslim). At this point other people standing in the mosque started questioning the maulavi, why he turned a simple question into a fatwa against a young boy.

In the meanwhile, I met some of my relatives in Ichhra, Lahore, who introduced me to Ahmadiyyat and I started reading the **literature about the Jamā'at. I learned early** on that if I asked a question about the death of Jesus or Khatam-i-Nabuwwat (finality of Prophethood), ulama would instantly declare me Qadiani and turn the whole crowd against me. So I used to ask different types of questions, other than about the death of Jesus or Khatm-i-Nabuwwat.

One day, four of us went to see the Imam of Badshahi Mosque (famous Mosque in Lahore built by a Mughal Emperor). After asking his permission, I showed him a piece of paper and asked him what it was. He said, It is paper. Then I tore this into pieces and asked him what is it now, he replied, It is no more a paper but just pieces. Then I said that this is the situation of Islam these days, can you guide us towards true Islam. He said, I wish I could help you, but I am also in search of true faith.

Then I also visited Maulana Muhammad Umer, renowned scholar of the time. He used to enquire in advance what the discussion would be about. When he was told that the topics of our discussion were life and death of Jesus, son of Mary, he said that he never



discussed these topics before, and since this is a doubtful matter, he is not going to discuss this in the future as well.

On another instance, my friend and I visited Sialkot to see Syed Fida Hussein, another scholar, for the purpose of discussion and quenching our thirst. He agreed to hold the discussion. My friend **recited a verse of the Holy Qur'an and inquired the meaning.** Not knowing what the meaning was, he said it was the word of God, and it is true. Then I asked him, Why in ancient times did the disbelievers of the prophets of God become monkeys and pigs but not in the time of the Prophet **Muhammad's (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and of other prophets' time? Then I cited examples from Ḥaḍrat Naoh, Abraham and Moses.** I asked, Is it because **Ḥaḍrat Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is a mercy for all mankind and this is why the phenomenon did not occur?** The Maulana did not answer the question and excused himself. He said he was short of time and promised to see us again in 2-3 weeks, but he did not give us any opportunity after that.

Since I attained maturity I could not comprehend some concepts in the case of religion. Whenever I wanted to ask, I was always hushed and told that you will get to know when you grow older. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is the Noor (light) of the sun and the moon in his physical body, it should have been visible and distinct to everybody. Instead, this perfect Noor was seen by a black **slave (Ḥaḍrat Bilal, may Allah be pleased with him)** and a **12-year old boy (Ḥaḍrat Ali, may Allah be pleased with him),** but Abul-Hakam (father of the wisdom), later Abu Jahl could not perceive it at all. Similarly, Jesus, who started talking from crib, should have been a living miracle for all the people around him, and people should not have needed any argument in his favor. Instead,



after 33 years of constant struggle, he was put to the cross. Some people have custody of Jinns, why can they not use them to convert people to Islam? Some people, when they are blessed with offspring, they start attributing this as a special favor from saints or their graves. Visiting graveyard, I saw people prostrating to graves rather than God Himself. These and other disturbing thoughts puzzled me a lot.

I continued my research by reading books of different sects of Islam. I was also in contact with Ahmadi relatives of mine. I want to mention at this point four brothers who live in Ichhra, Lahore: Abdul-Hamid, Abdur-Rehman, Abdul-Hafiz and Muhammad Aslam, also of particular mention is Mrs Sughran Begum, wife of Abdul Hameed, who was always courteous to me. Another Ahmadi brother was Late Chaudhry Muhammad Hasan, in police department; he provided me a great deal of guidance towards Ahmadiyyat. His children live in New York and Sweden. May God bless them all with great reward. **Āmīn.**

Even after studying Ahmadiyyat, I was still not sure. One day, in search of light, I even

visited the church at Regal Chowk, when I entered the hall, it was so smelly that I could not stand even for a minute, I instantly came out and this was my final day of search.

It was Ramadan, after endless research and more than three years of thinking, I could not get to a conclusion. Then I decided to pray to God for direct Divine guidance. After Isha prayer and Taraveeh, I offered two nawafil, in which I recited each prayer seven times, that included Al-Hamd Sharif, At-Tahayyat, Darood sharif and prayer. I do not recall the exact words but it was similar to the following:

**“O God, You have sent me to this world with Your will, I have nothing to do with my own creation, You have provided me everything to live my life. But for a long time, I have struggled a lot but still am unsuccessful in knowing the truth. There is so much literature, which I am unable to read, but even if I do read it, it will still be difficult to decide which Islamic sect is true. O Creator, Qadir, Sami, Rabb, You Yourself guide me what should I do and where should I go. If You tell me the whereabouts of such a person, I will fully submit myself to this person till my last day. If I do not get any answer, I will not be answerable to You on the Day of Judgment. This life seems dark. I could not find light. The world rejected me wherever I went. I cannot see You, If You**

hear or not, I do not get any answer. This is why; I ask You this small favor to guide me to the right path. All my wisdom, determination **and power is finished, You take care of me.”**

After two nights, I saw in a dream myself bathing in a large stream at night under the light of moon. On the waves of the water it was written ‘**Alif Lām Mīm. Dhālika Ḥaḍrat Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, Lā Raiba Fih’**. I dived in water, and when I come back up, I saw the same writing. It happened three times. After the third time, I said to myself in the dream, Abdul-Latif, *hun te sachcha’i dē had muk ga’i he* (Abdul Latif. now truth has come with no bounds). After this I woke up and thus God made truth appear to me as a bright day.

Initiation in Ahmadiyyat was even a bigger challenge because of strong opposition from my immediate family. It was harder than actual research. Non-Ahmadi ulama had done their full homework in opposing Ahmadiyyat. I was advised to go to Rabwah **for Bai’at. It was the time of sad demise of Khalifatul-Masih II. I performed my Bai’at at the hands of Khalifat-ul-Massieḥ III and I stayed four days in Rabwah. Since that day, I am, Al-Hamdu Lillah, an Ahmadi Muslim.**

I request for prayers to all the readers for a peaceful final demise and also remember me in your prayers. Jazakumullahu Ahsanal-Jaza.



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Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA

The year 2008 brought all Ahmadi Muslims a renewed sense of purpose for many blessed reasons:

- The celebration of the 100th anniversary of the divine gift of Ahmadiyya Khilafat;
- The opportunity to participate, either in person or through MTA, in the worldwide celebrations of Khilafat Centenary, **including the first visit to the US by Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih V (ayyadahullahu ta'ala binasrihil-'aziz);**
- The unique opportunity to re-dedicate our allegiance to Khilafat on May 27, 2008 pledging obedience and loyalty.

Majlis Ansarullah, USA was able to participate in the Khilafat centenary celebrations by:

- Donated \$500,000 towards the construction of Baitur-Rahman Mosque expansion which was being done as part of the Khilafat Centenary Celebrations.
- Published two issues of Al-Nahl on Khilafat.
- Theme of all regional and National **Ijtima'at was "Khilafat."**
- An essay competition (Topic: The Institution of Khilafat) was held in which all auxiliaries participated. Table 1, below, shows breakdown of participants by auxiliary:

The Majlis Ansarullah, USA was established in 1981. Since then, growth has been significant in terms of the number of

majālis as well as membership. In 2008, there were 66 established majālis in 10 regions and the total membership was approximately 2006. The US Jamā'at currently has 68 chapters; two Jamā'ats did not have sufficient number of Ansar to establish a Majlis.

Through Almighty Allah's Mercy and Grace the Majlis Ansarullah, USA continues to move forward with members' cooperation, support, and prayers. The year 2008 ended with the following significant achievements. *Al-Hamdu Lillah*:

Tabligh (Propagation):

Following the directions of Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih V (ayyadahullahu ta'ala binasrihil-'aziz) visits to small towns were the focus for Tabligh during 2008. Graph 1 shows the number of small towns/villages visited each month.

Mal (Finance):

Financial sacrifices of Ansar continue to be strong both for the Majlis itself and also in **support of the Jamā'at system.** Ansar chanda collection increased by 1.83% over 2007, however, collection (\$357,974.78) in 2008 was 11.79% more than the budget (\$315,755.00) for 2008, *Alhamdulillah*.

Ansar Income Budget/Collection for 2007 is given in Graph 2.

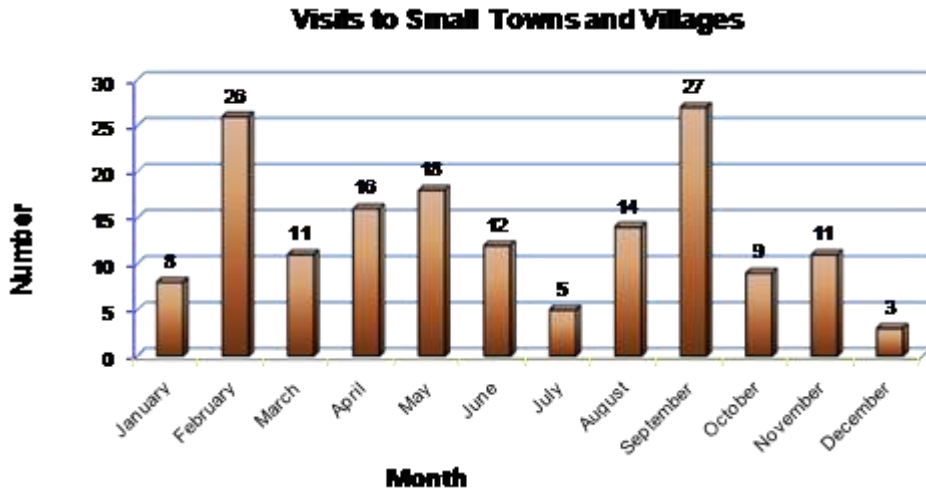
Ansar Income Budget/Collection progression for 10 years is given in Graph 3.

Graph 4 gives analysis of the last 4 years showing total Ansar membership and how

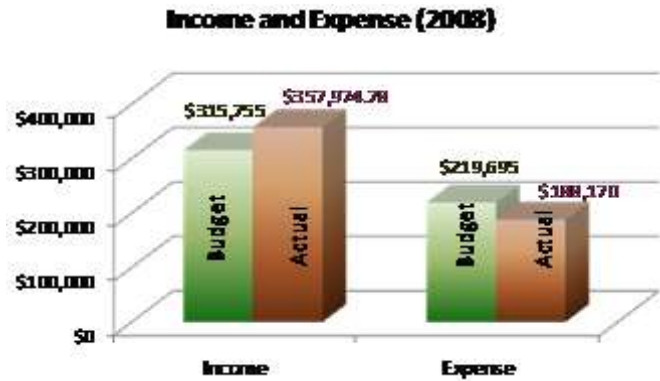
Table 1. Participants in the Khilafat essay competition by auxiliary.

Ansar	Khuddam	Lajna	Atfal	Nasirat	Waqf-e-Nau (out of 32 Khuddam, Atfal, Lajna, Nasirat)
3	4	9	12	7	18

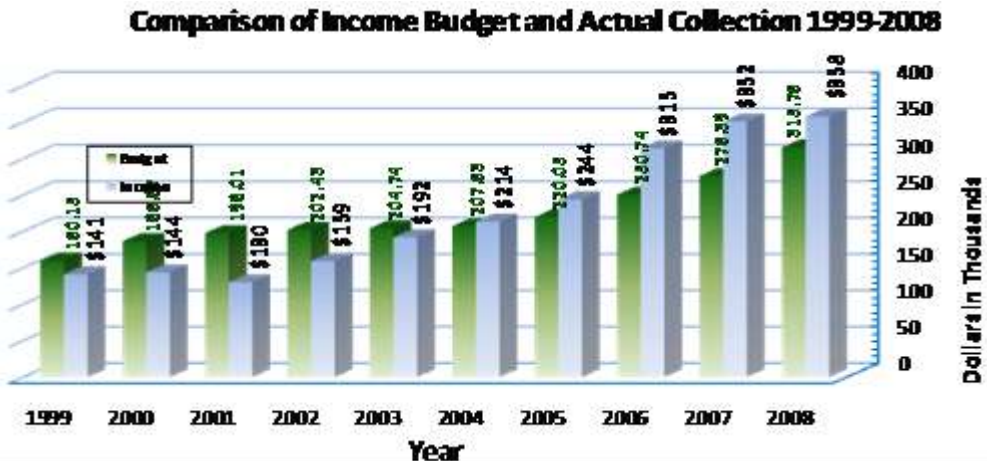
Graph 1. The number of small towns/villages visited each month for Tabligh purposes.



Graph 2. Ansar Income and expense for 2008.



Graph 3. Ansar Income Budget/Collection progression for 10 years



many Ansar paid their dues (also shown as percentage of total Tajnid who paid their Ansar dues).

Expenditure breakdown:

Graph 5 shows expenditure by various categories:

**Ta'lim:**

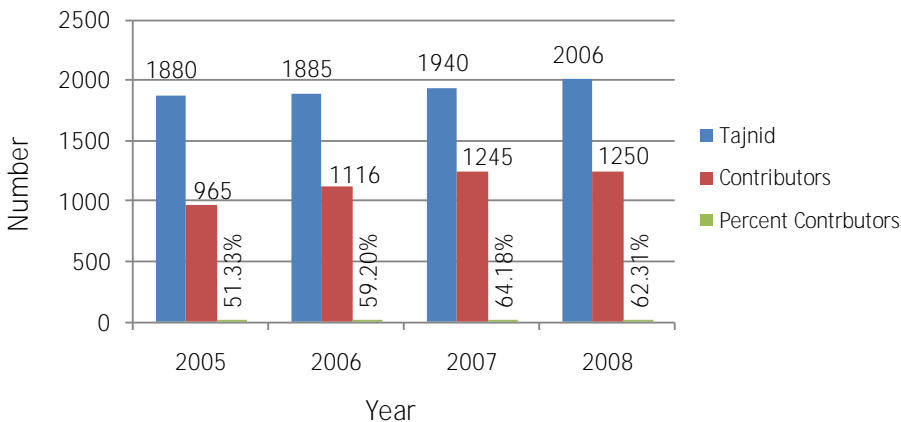
Participation in the Ta'lim (education) exams continues to improve. Two exams

were conducted during 2008. Participation by Majālis and member is shown in Table 2.

**Ta'limul Qur'an:**

The Majlis continues to make an effort in teaching correct reading of the Holy Qur'an. Number of Ansar who are learning correct reading of the Holy Qur'an and number of Majālis holding Ta'limul Qur'an classes are depicted in Graph 6.

Graph 4. Total Ansar membership and how many paid their dues 2005-2008.



Graph 5. Ansar Income Budget/Collection progression for 10 years

**Expense by Category (2008)**

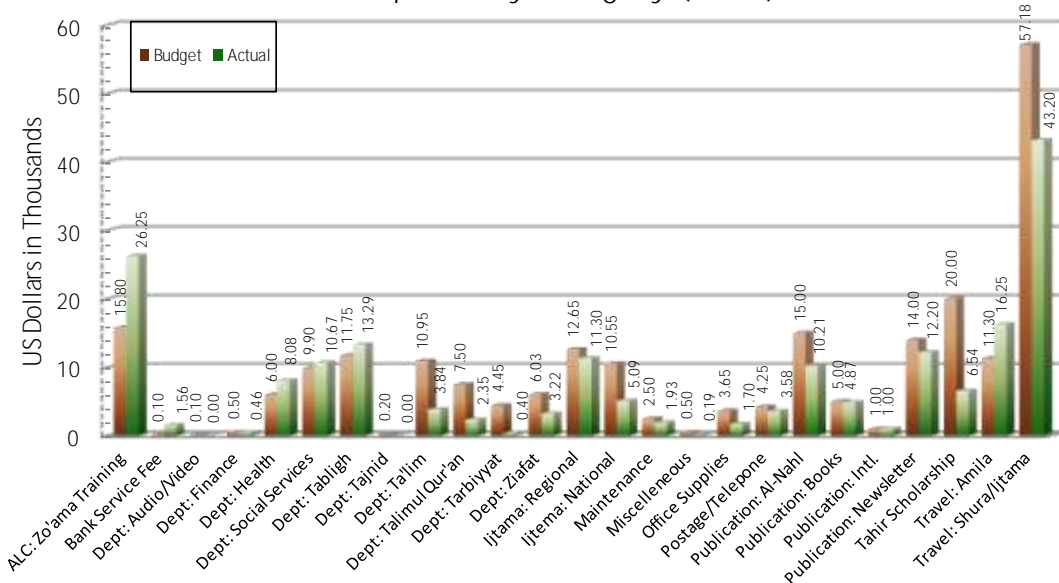
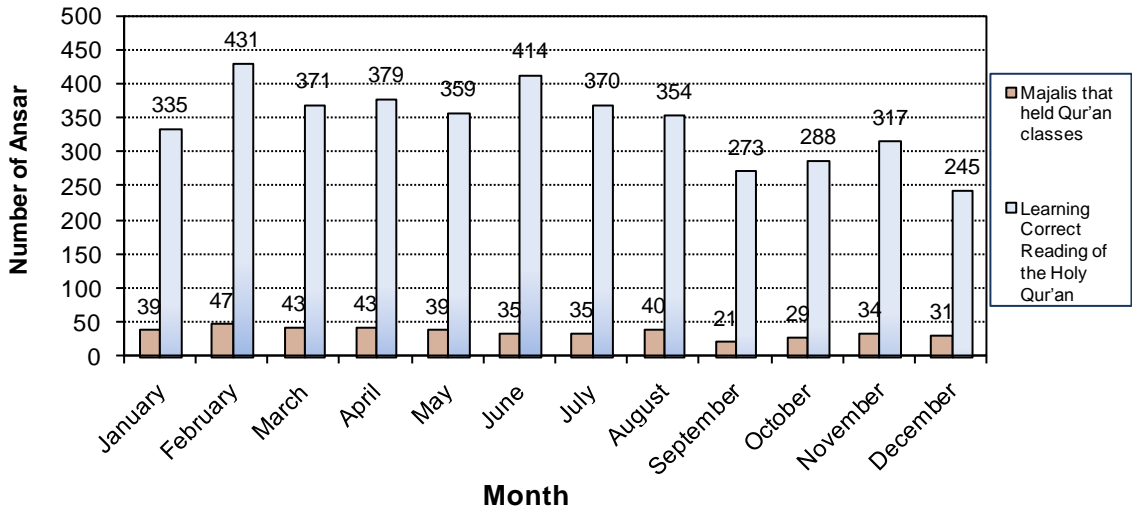


Table 2. Participation in the Ta'lim (education) exams by Majālis

	Participation by Percent	
	Majālis	Ansar
Exam I of 2008 held in July 2008	64%	17%
Exam II of 2008 held in December 2008	66%	18%
Exam I of 2007 held in July 2007	71%	20%
Exam II of 2007 held in December 2007	71%	17%
Exam I of 2006 held in July 2006	75%	17%
Exam II of 2006 held in January 2007	84%	22%

Graph 6. Ansar learning the correct reading of the Holy Qur'an and Majālis holding Ta'limul-Qur'an classes.

### Learning Correct Reading of the Holy Qur'an



#### Tarbiyat:

The importance of congregational prayers and establishing Ṣalāt centers in each Majlis were emphasized. More than 90% Majālis have established Ṣalāt centers with an average of two centers per Majlis.

One of the goals to be achieved in the tarbiyat department was to contact inactive Ansar. Graph 7 shows number of inactive Ansar contacted during the year.

The Tarbiyat department managed discipline duty at the annual convention of

US Jamā'at which was held in Harrisburg, PA.

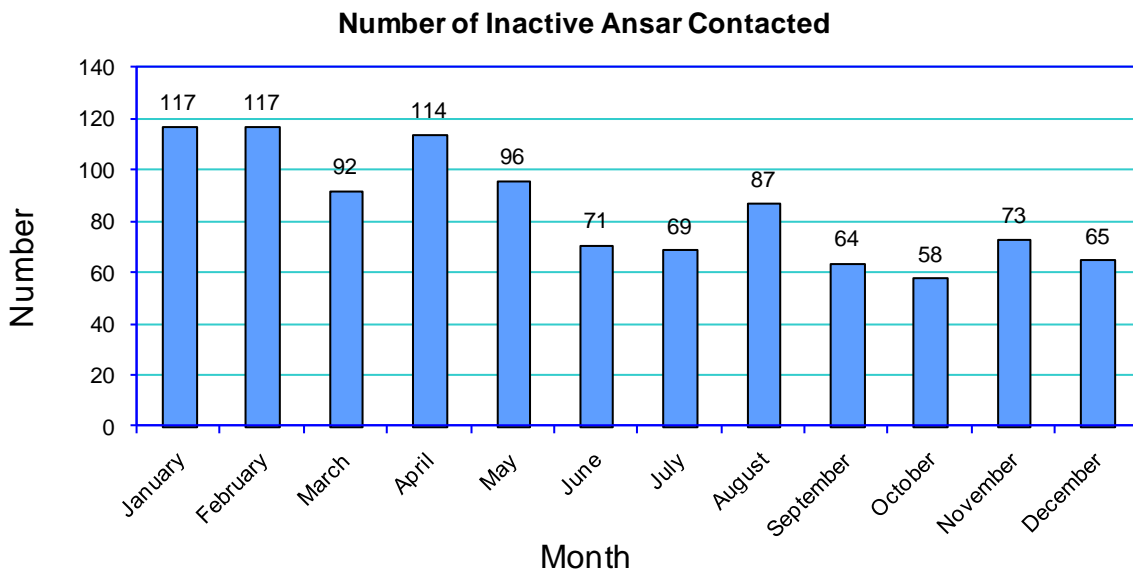
#### Publication:

The annual edition of Al-Nahl (2007 in Review) was published as planned and sent to every member of the Majlis Ansarullah USA.

Khilafat Centenary Issues of Al-Nahl were published and sent to every member of the Majlis Ansarullah, USA.

The Ansar newsletter was published every month and sent to every member of the

Graph 7. Inactive Ansar contacted during the year.



Majlis Ansarullah USA.

Printed 1,000 copies of the book **“Approaching the West”** by Imam Mubasher Ahmad.

The following three flyers were published during 2008:

1. **“Jesus, Son of Mary”** - Quantity: 20,000.
2. **“El Islam, Una Religion De Paz Y Amor”** - Quantity: 20,000.
3. **“¿Jesucristo Murio En La Cruz?”** Quantity: 10,000.

Ithar (Social services):

Water well project: Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih V (ayyadahullahu ta’ala binasrihil-‘aziz) directed Majlis Ansarullah USA to install 5 water wells in 2008 in African countries. Saying **“Labbaik”** to the directive of the Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his support), Majlis Ansarullah USA has partnered with Humanity First to install these wells.

Ansar were invited to sponsor one or more water well(s) individually or with family. By the Grace of Almighty Allah, collection for this scheme in 2008 was \$23,350.00. In

2008 Humanity First installed five water wells in Ghana and this effort will continue, In-Sha-Allah.

The Majlis continued to provide MTA system (Muslim Television Ahamdiyya Satellite dish system) to those Ansar who could not purchase one. Two MTA systems were provided to members during 2008.

**Members from 56 majālis spent 3,541** hours in Waqar-i-Amal (dignity in work) which saved \$53,115. Waqar-i-Amal was devoted to various maintenance and cleanup projects in and around mosques and mission houses.

Graph 8 shows hours spent in social **service activities by various majālis.**

Zahanat-o-Sehat-e-Jismani  
(Intellect and Physical Health):

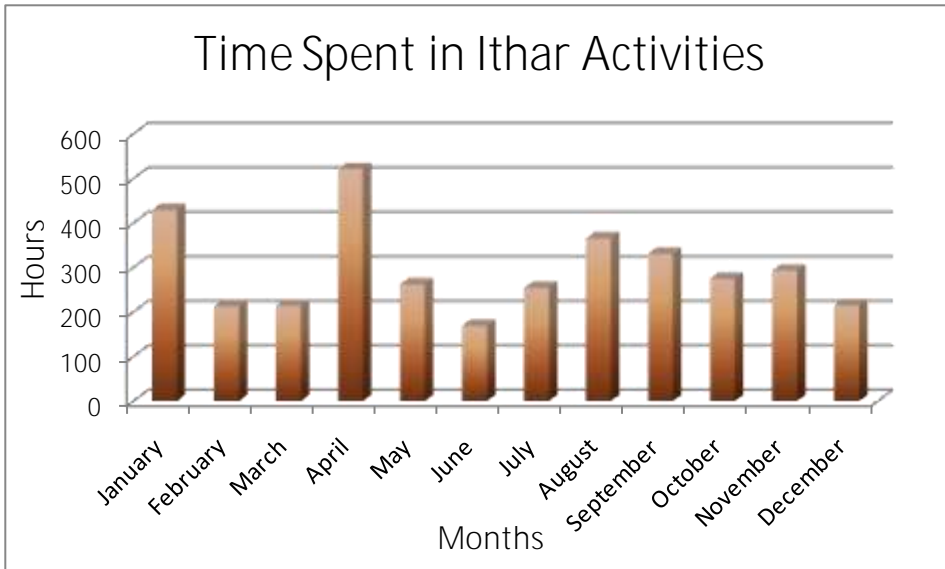
Thirty-nine homeopathy kits have been provided over the last three years to various **Majālis.**

19% of Ansar were actively involved in a daily or weekly exercise routine.

Monthly Activity Reports:

A total of 592 monthly activity reports

Graph 8. Hours spent in social service activities by various majālis.



were received (out of a possible 772 – which makes the total reports received 77% showing a 10% improvement from 2007). The number of Majālis increased from 64 to 66 in 2008.

Graph 9 displays monthly reports data.

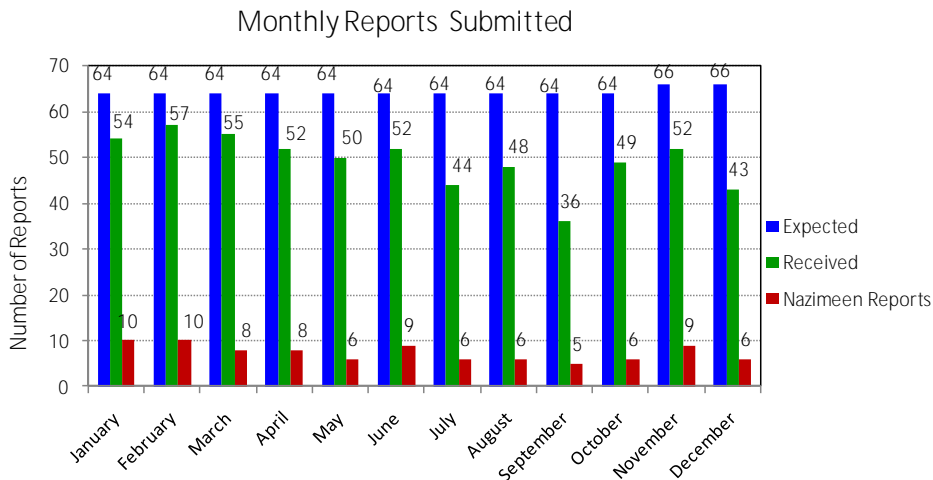
### Ijtima‘āt

National Ijtima: The 27th National Annual

Ijtima (Khilafat Centenary Ijtima) of Majlis Ansarullah USA was held at Baitur-Rahman Mosque in Silver Spring, MD from Friday, October 17 to Sunday, October 19, 2008.

Approximately 400 Ansar from 55 Majālis attended. Three guests from abroad also participated in the Ijtima.

Graph 9. Monthly reports submitted by majālis.





The following annual awards were given at the National Ijtima:

Best Majlis (*Alam-i-In'ami*): Dallas (Za'im: Mujahid Mahmood)

**Outstanding Majlis (large Majālis)**

1st Dallas (Za'im: Mujahid Mahmood)

2nd LA East (Za'im: Rashid Mian Syed)

3rd LA Inland Empire (Za'im: Imran Jattala)

**Outstanding Majlis (small Majālis)**

1st Austin (Za'im: Malik Mohammad Altaf)

2nd Cypress-Houston (Za'im: M. Dawood Munir)

3rd Fitchburg (Za'im: Muzaffar Chaudhry)

**Regional Ijtima'at:** Successful Regional Ijtima'at were held in all 10 regions with National Āmilah members participating in each Ijtima.

Table 3 gives details of these Ijtima'at (date, location, and which Āmilah member attended these Ijtima'at):

Ansar Leadership Conference (ALC):

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Ansar Leadership Conference for 2008 (ALC 2008) was held at Baitun Naseer Mosque, Miami, Florida on Saturday, January 19 and Sunday, January 20, 2008. This conference started on Saturday morning and concluded on Sunday with Zuhr Prayer. ALC was attended by members of the national Āmilah, Nazimeen

and Zo'ama from all 64 Majālis of Majlis Ansarullah, USA. More than 85 delegates from all over the US attended the conference.

Conclusion:

I wish to thank all members of the National Āmilah, Na'ib Qa'ideen, Nazimeen, Zo'ama, Muntazimeen and members at large for their diligence and sacrifices. I also wish to thank the families of all officers and volunteers and pray that Almighty Allah reward them abundantly, *Ameen*.

As we close out this historic and memorable year in the history of Ahmadiyyat, we must take time to re-examine our own personal goals and re-evaluate where we stand as far as our dedication and commitment to Islam and Ahmadiyyat is concerned.

May Almighty Allah enable each and every member of Ansar USA to fulfill not only their spiritual and Majlis (Jamā'at) obligations but also their obligations to their families in these difficult financial times. Remember, Almighty Allah does not burden anyone of us beyond our capacity. Rest assured He rewards our sacrifices many times over. Undoubtedly, the spiritual path we take as we go forward will be the one our future generations will follow closely.

May Allah accept our humble efforts and forgive our mistakes, and guide us to further success through His Grace and Mercy,

Table 3. Regional Ijtima Details.

Region Name	Nazim	Date	Location	National Representative
North East	Muhammad Zafar Iqbal	Sat. May 17	Albany, NY	Zia Shah
Central East	Farooq Azam Malik	Sat. May 3	Queens NY	Farooq Azam Malik
		Sat. May 17	Baitul Hadi Mosque, Central Jersey, NJ	Munawar Saqib
Headquarter	Basharat Ahmad Wadan	Sat. May 17	Baitur Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD	Khaled Ata
South East	Nafis Ur Rehman	Sat. May 17	Indian Spring State Park, Flovilla GA	Habeeb M Shafeek Jr.
Great Lakes	Naseem Ahmed	Sat. May 31	Mahmood Mosque, Detroit, MI	Bashiruddin K. Ahmad
Mid West	Nazir Ahmad	Sat. May 17	Chicago, IL	Rafiuddin Malik
Gulf States	Bashiruddin Shams	Sat. May 31	Baitus Samee Mosque, Houston, TX	Kalim Ahmad Rana
North West	Abid Haq	Sat. May 17	Rizwan Mosque, Portland, OR	Naseem Ahmed Waseem
Central West	Naseer M. Siddique	Sat. May 18	Baitul Baseer in Milpitas CA	Syed Sajid Ahmad
South West	Anis M. Shaikh	Sat. May 17	Magnolia Park, 651 W 15th Street, Upland, CA	Asim Ansari





US Ansar National Āmilah meeting was held in Pittsburgh PA on May 3, 2008 at the newly acquired spacious building converted to Al-Nur Mosque shown above and on the opposite page. Left bottom on the opposite page shows the gravestone of the first Ahmadi Muslim missionary to die on American soil. Local members joined the Āmilah for a group photo (below).



# National Executive, 2008

Most of the biographies of the US Ansar national **Āmilah** members have appeared in previous issues.



Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa  
Research Triangle, NC, **Şadr**



Munawar Ahmad Saqib, Willingboro, NJ, **Nā'ib Şadr, Qā'id Umūmī**



Dr. Khalid Ata, Potomac, MD  
**Nā'ib Şadr Saf Awwal**



Naseem Ahmed Waseem  
Central Jersey, NJ, **Mu'āwin Şadr**



Mujahid Mahmood, Dallas, TX  
**Mu'āwin Şadr**



Monas Ahmad Chaudry, Los Angeles, CA, **Qā'id Tablīgh**



Mohammad Dawood Munir  
Houston, TX, **Qā'id Ta'lim**



Rafiuddin Malik, Columbus  
OH, Qā'id Tarbiyat



Zia Shah, Syracuse NY  
Qā'id Tarbiyat Nau Mubā'itn



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Qā'id Ta'limul-Qur'ān



Kalim Ahmad Rana,  
Houston, TX, Qā'id Māl



Chairul Bahrī, New Orleans,  
LA, Qā'id Tahrīk-i-Jadīd



'Abdullāh Ennin, Milwaukee,  
WI, Qā'id Waqf-i-Jadīd



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## Sadr Majlis Ansarullah Mauritius Visits US

On February 10, 2008, a regional delegation consisting of Nazim, Na'ib Nazim and Secretary Tajnid, Farurkh Javed, met Mukhtaruddin Tajoo, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, Mauritius, at the hotel where he was staying and accompanied him to National Ansarullah office at Bait-ur-Rahman, Silver Spring, MD. **Ch. Perwaiz Aslam, Za'im A'la, received Sadr Majlis Mauritius. In a formal meeting, Za'im A'la, along with regional Ansarullah Amilah,** welcomed him and thanked him for making time for the visit. He conveyed the Salam of Sadr Majlis USA. He very briefly introduced Majlis Ansarullah USA. Basharat Ahmed Wadan, Nazim, HQ Region, introduced his regional Amilah to Sadr Majlis Mauritius.

Sadr Majlis Mauritius addressed the members present at the occasion. First he introduced himself. He is a fourth generation Ahmadi. By profession, he is an Assistant Commissioner police, and in-charge of Capital City in Mauritius. He is representing his country in an official meeting in the US. He is blessed with four children. Mauritius is an island. Mauritius has a very organized

**Jama'at and has twelve mosques. Ansar** Tajnid is more than 700. Before becoming Sadr Ansarullah, he was National Secretary Amur-i-Āmmah in Mauritius. **He mentioned** some inspiring incidents during the visits of Khulafa of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, to Mauritius. He said that though he does not know Urdu, nevertheless, during the visit of the Khalifatul-Masih, he recited poems of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him.

Members asked many questions about Mauritius. One member requested him to recite that poem of the Promised Messiah he recited before the Khalifatul-Masih, and he honored the request.

**Za'im A'la presented their guest some** Ansarullah publications on behalf of Sadr Majlis USA. Nazim, HQ, presented some souvenirs on behalf of the HQ region. After Maghrib and Isha prayers at Bait-ur-Rahman, all had dinner arranged by Ch. **Mushtaq Ahmed, Senior Na'ib Nazim, HQ** region.

(Basharat Ahmed Wadan, Nazim, HQ.)

# Ansar Leadership Conference 2008

## *Baitun-Naseer Mosque, Miami, Florida*

By the grace and mercy of Allah, Majlis Ansarullah USA held Ansar Leadership Conference (ALC) 2008 at Baitun Naseer Mosque, Miami, Florida on Saturday, January 19 and Sunday, January 20, 2008. This conference started on Saturday morning and concluded on Sunday with Zuhr Prayer. ALC was attended by members of the **national Āmilah, Nazimeen and Zo`ama** from all 64 Majalis of Majlis Ansarullah, USA. More than 85 delegates from all over the US attended the conference.

**Saturday's program started with Tahajjud** and Fajr prayers followed by Dars-e-Qur'an. Ansar enjoyed morning walk on the beach. The conference was inaugurated by recitation **of the Holy Qur'an on Saturday at 9:00 AM**, followed by Ansar pledge lead by Sadr Ansarullah, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa.

In his brief opening address, welcoming

the delegates, Sadr Ansarullah reiterated the objectives of ALC. He said that ALC is designed to provide a forum to discuss, and to understand, what are the challenges faced by Majlis Ansarullah. He reiterated the responsibilities levied upon Ansar by the Messiah of the Age and the Khulafa. He mentioned that we need to take step-by-step action, within our means, to implement all directives from the Khalifatul-Masih to the letter and in the spirit of obedience.

He further said that we are here to serve and not to give directives. Qa`ideen are going to present their respective plans and the goals for the year. The overall primary goal this year is:

Increase participation of Ansar in meetings by 10%;

Increase financial contribution by 10%;

Guide Ansar to become role models for



**Imam Daud Hanif Na'ib Ameer and Missionary-In-Charge USA** addressing attendees at Ansar Leadership Conference 2008, in Miami, Florida on January 20, 2008. Head table (left to right): **Saifullah Cheema, Za'im Miami Majlis; Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr; Imam Shamshad A. Nasir, Missionary South West region; Dr. Mubarik Ahmed Shah, President Miami Jama'at.**





Recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Muhammad Dawood Munir at the opening session of the Ansar Leadership Conference 2008, in Miami, Florida on January 19, 2008. Head table (left to right): **Dr. Khaled Ata, Na'ib Sadr Saff I; Imam Daud Hanif, Na'ib Ameer and Missionary-In-Charge USA; Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr; Imam Shamshad A. Nasir, Missionary South West region**



Attendees of Ansar Leadership Conference 2008, Miami, Florida on January 20, 2008



Imam Shamshad A. Nasir, Missionary South West Region, addressing attendees at the opening session of the Ansar Leadership Conference 2008, in Miami, Florida on January 19, 2008



Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA addressing attendees at the opening session of the Ansar Leadership Conference 2008, in Miami, Florida on January 19, 2008

their families; and

Increase Ansar Moosian to 50% of the Chanda paying members.

After the opening address, each attendee introduced himself. This was very interesting and informative as everybody learnt a little more about each other. This year 29 new **Zu'ama** were elected to the office.

Imam Shamshad Nasir Sahib gave a talk **“Talqeen e Amal” on the subject of “How to make inactive members active.”** He presented a three-point action plan, briefly:

Establish personal contacts

Inactive members should be welcomed, no rudeness / sarcastic remarks should be made

Special prayers for inactive members, mentioning their names while praying

During the conference there were

**interactive presentations from all Qa'ideen. Qa'ideen presented their annual plan and methodology of achieving the goals given in the plans.**

In the concluding session, Imam Daud **Hanif, Na'ib Amir and Missionary-In-Charge USA**, talked about Ansar responsibilities to **Khilafat and the philosophy of Sami'na wa Ata'na** – listen and obey.

Sadr Ansarullah, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, concluded the conference by reminding **Ansar that the theme for this year's activities is “Khilafat,” and without its blessings, all efforts are meaningless.**

The conference ended with Ansar pledge lead by the Sadr Majlis at 12:30 PM.

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr  
Majlis with Ahmad  
**Shareef, Za'im** of  
Pittsburgh Majlis at  
Ansar Leadership  
Conference 2008, in  
Miami, Florida on  
January 20, 2008



Attendees enjoying  
lunch at Ansar  
Leadership Conference  
2008, in Miami,  
Florida on January 19,  
2008





US National Majlis Āmilah met in Seattle on August 29, 2008 at the Seattle Ahmadiyya mosque/center (above). Local members joined the Āmilah for a group photo (below).



Northwest Regional Ijtima was held in June 2008 in Seattle Ahmadiyya Center.

Right: Malik Mubeen is speaking while Khalil-ur-Rehman Chaudhry is presiding a session.

Below: A group photo of the participants. In the middle are **Naseem Waseem (Mu'awin Sadr)**, Abid Haq (Regional Nazim) and Muhammad Luqman (Former Regional Qa'id).



# Regions and Regional Nāzim 2008

No	Region	Majalis		Nāzim
1	Northeast	Albany, Boston, Bronx, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Hartford, Long Island, Queens, Rochester, Syracuse	10	Muhammad Zafar Iqbal
2	Central East	New Jersey-Central, New Jersey-North, Philadelphia, Willingboro, York	5	Farooq Azam Malik
3	Headquarters	Baltimore, Laurel, Potomac, Silver Spring, Virginia Beach, Virginia-N, Virginia-S, Washington	8	Basharat Wadan
4	Southeast	AL/TN, Charlotte, GA/SC, Miami, Res. Triangle	5	Nafis Ur Rehman
5	Great Lakes	Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Detroit, Pittsburgh	5	Naseem Ahmed
6	Midwest	Chicago-E, Chicago-W, Kansas, Milwaukee, St. Louis, St. Paul, Zion	6	Nazir Ahmad
7	Gulf States	Austin, Cypress Houston, Dallas, Houston North, Houston South, New Orleans, Tulsa	6	Bashiruddin Shams
8	Northwest	Portland, Seattle	2	Abid Haq
9	Central West	Bay Point, Merced, Sacramento, San Francisco, Silicon Valley	5	Naseer Siddiq
10	Southwest	Las Vegas, Los Angeles-E, Los Angeles-W, Phoenix, San Diego, Tucson	5	Anis M Shaikh



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Nazir Ahmad



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# Southeast Regional Anṣārullāh Ijtimā‘

*Regional Nazim: Nafis Ur Rehman*

The Southeast Regional Ijtimā‘ for this blessed and historic Khilafat Centennial year was held on May 17 and 18 in the Indian Spring State Park, Flovilla, Georgia. This year the regional Ijtimā‘ of Anṣārullāh was held in conjunction with the regional Ijtimā‘ of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya of the Southeast region.

This beautiful park had two separate buildings which were used for Khuddam and Anṣār educational competitions. For accommodations, three dormitories, one for Anṣārullāh and two for Khuddam/Atfal were used. Three dormitories were used for accommodation, one for Anṣār and two for Khuddam/Atfal.

The Ijtimā‘ was attended by Anṣār from all six majalis [Georgia, Research Triangle Park, Charlotte, Orlando, Miami, Alabama/Tennessee] of the SE region. Dr.Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr Majlis Anṣārullāh USA, from the Orlando Majlis, also attended. The national Amla was represented by Qaid Ithar, Habeeb Shafeek.

After the opening session, educational competitions were conducted in which Anṣār from several Majalis participated. The educational competitions covered the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān, Ḥadīth, English poem, prepared speech, and impromptu speech. The standard and level of competitions was high due to special preparation on the topics related to the completion of first century of Ahmadiyya Khilafat.

After lunch and Salat, sports competitions for volleyball, arm wrestling, tug of war and musical chairs were held which were very competitive and interesting.

Talqeen-i-Amal program took place after dinner and Salat.

Sunday, May 18, started with the Salatut-Tahajjud. After breakfast, General Knowledge competition was held which was very interesting due to close competition between the teams.

The Ijtimā‘ concluded with prize distribution and concluding ceremony.

Officers during pledge (below left), Nifis Ur Rehman, Habeeb Shafeek and Wajeeh Bajwa. Participants in tug-of-war (below right).







Southeast regional Ijtima participants in a group photo.



A group photo from the Gulf States regional Ijtima.

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Central West Regional Ijtima was held on May 18, 2008 at Baitul-Baseer Mosque in San Jose CA (a view shown above). Below: Participants in the dining hall.





Top Right: A group photo with Imam Irshad Malhi.  
Bottom Right: A scene from the volleyball game.



# Northeast Regional Ijtimā' Anṣārullāh 2008

*M. Zafar Iqbal, Nazim Northeast Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA*

The Northeast Regional Ijtimā' (Albany, Boston, Buffalo, Fitchburg, Hartford, Rochester, and Syracuse) was held in Albany at Baitun-Noor Mosque, 941 River Road (Rte 5 South) Rotterdam Junction, NY 12306 on May 17-18, 2008.

On Saturday, May 17, the first session started on schedule at 12:30 PM presided over by National Representative Qa'id Tarbiyat Nau Mubaeen, Dr Zia H. Shah. The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Mubashir Majoka, pledge recitation by Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal and Urdu poem recited by Dr Munir Ahmad. Regional Nazim Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal welcomed the participants and Dr Zia H Shah Sahib gave the opening address. He reminded Anṣār about different aspects of their responsibilities. Then a hearty lunch was served followed by the Zuhr/Asr Prayers.

The second session, comprising educational competitions, started at 2:30 PM with each participant introducing himself to the audience. Competitions of Qir'atul-Qur'an, Ḥadīth, English poem, prepared and impromptu speeches were held until 5:00 PM. The sports competitions were then conducted in the large parking space and lawn of the mosque with events including 1-mile walk, 100-meter run, volleyball, tug-of-war and message relay. Musical chairs and arm wrestling competitions were held afterwards in the mosque. The Talqeen-i-Amal session was held between 7:45 PM–8:30 PM, chaired by respected Saleem Ahmad, a devotee, who graced the gathering with his advice. At 8:30 PM dinner was served, which followed by Maghrib/Isha prayers concluded by 9:30 PM.

On Sunday, May 18, those members who stayed overnight at the mosque offered Tahajjud and Fajr Prayers followed by Darsul

-Qur'an. Breakfast was ready and served at 7:00 A.M. The morning session started at 8:30 AM and the remaining educational competitions, religious and general knowledge quiz and observation and recall, took place between 8:30-10:45 AM.

The concluding session, presided by Saleem Ahmad, started at 11:00 A.M. with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an with translation by Mubashir A. Majoka. This was followed by a poem with translation by Dr Munir Ahmad, regional Na'ib Nazim, and then the Anṣār pledge led by Regional Nazim, Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal. Dr. Iqbal then addressed the attendees on the topic of "Anṣārullāh and our responsibilities." National representative, Dr Zia H Shah, addressed the audience and delivered the message of Sadr Anṣārullāh, Dr Wajeeh Bajwa. The prize distribution ceremony was held with special recognitions from M. Zafar Iqbal, Nazim Northeast Region, of those who helped make the Ijtimā a success. The session ended with Du'a (supplications) led by Saleem Ahmad at 1:00 PM. A group photo was taken, lunch was served and Zuhr/Asr Prayers held. The attendance was about 30, the event was a success overall, Fal-Hamdu Lillah.

## Educational Competitions

### Qir'atul-Qur'an

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mubashir A Majoka
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kusi Ahmad
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Badar M Ahmad

### Ḥadīth

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Badar M Ahmad
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Naeem Chaudari
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Azhar Awan

### English Poem

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Naveed A Malik
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mubashir Majoka
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kusi Ahmad



### Prepared Speech

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Badar M Ahmad  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Kusi Ahmad  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Naveed A Malik

### Impromptu Speech

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kusi Ahmad  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Azhar Awan  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Naeem Chaudari

### Observation and Recall

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Badar M Ahmad  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Naeem Ahmad  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Naveed A Malik  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Qudratullah Tariq

### General/Religious Knowledge

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Badar M Ahmad, Naeem Chaudari, Naveed A Malik  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Naeem Ahmad, Muzaffar Chaudari, Qudratullah Tariq  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Mumtaz Majoka, Mubashir Majoka, Khalid Abdur Rasheed

### Message Relay

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Zia H Shah, Badar M Ahmad, Naeem Chaudari, Naveed A Malik  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Dr Hafeezur Rahman, Muzaffar Chaudari, Naeem Ahmad, Kusi Ahmad  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Mumtaz Majoka, Mubashir Majoka, Khalid Abdur Rasheed, Qudratullah Tariq

### Sports Competitions

#### 100 Meter Race (40-54)

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kusi Ahmad  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Khalid Abdur Rasheed  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Azhar Awan

#### 100 Meter Race (>55)

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Aftab Ahmad Naz  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Naeem Chaudari  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Murad Ahmad (Syracuse)  
1/2-Mile Walk (40-54)

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Azhar Awan  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Naveed A Malik  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Mubashir Majoka  
1/2-Mile Walk (>55)

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Aftab A Naz  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Murad Ahmad  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Naeem Chaudari  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Abdul Hakim Nasir

### Musical Chairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Khalid Abdur Rasheed  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Raza Ahmad (Hartford)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Naeem Chaudari

### Arm Wrestling (40-54)

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Azhar Awan  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Muzaffar Chaudari  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Khalid Abdur Rasheed

### Arm Wrestling (>55)

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Aftab A Naz  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Naeem Chaudari  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Murad Ahmad  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Abdul Hakim Nasir

### Volleyball

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Azhar Awan, Muzaffar Chaudari, Aftab A Naz, Naeem Ahmad, Kusi Ahmad, Dr Munir Ahmad, Abdul Qayyum Shakir  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Dr Hafeezur Rahman, Naeem Chaudari, Qudratullah Tariq, Naveed A Malik, Badar M Ahmad, Khalid Abdur Rasheed, Mubashir Majoka

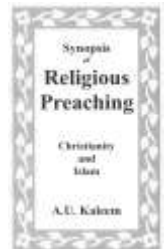
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Observe a supererogatory (optional, non-obligatory) fast in the last week of every month.

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Recite Sūrah al-Fātiḥah seven times a day.

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ  
الْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِیْنَ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ  
مَلِكِ یَوْمِ الدِّیْنِ اِیَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَاِیَّاكَ نَسْتَعِیْنُ  
اِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِیْمَ  
صِرَاطَ الَّذِیْنَ اَنْعَمْتَ عَلَیْهِمْ  
غَیْرِ الْمَغْضُوْبِ عَلَیْهِمْ وَ لَا الضَّالِّیْنَ

bis·mil·lā·hir·rah·mā·nir·ra·ḥīm  
al·ḥam·du lil·lā·hi rab·bil·‘ā·la·mīn  
ar·rah·mā·nir·ra·ḥīm  
mā·li·ki yau·mid·dīn  
iy·yā·ka na‘bu·du wa iy·yā·ka nas·ta·‘īn  
ih·di·naṣ·ṣi·rā·tal·mus·ta·qīm  
ṣi·rā·tal·la·ḏī·na an·‘am·ta ‘a·lā·him  
ghai·ril·magh·ḏū·bi ‘a·lā·him wa laḏ·ḏāl·līn

[1:1] In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

[1:2] All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds,

[1:3] The Gracious, the Merciful,

[1:4] Master of the Day of Judgment.

[1:5] Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help.

[1:6] Guide us in the right path –

[1:7] The path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings, those who have not incurred Thy displeasure, and those who have not gone astray.

Recite eleven times a day the supplication:

رَبَّنَا اَفْرِغْ عَلَیْنَا صَبْرًا وَ ثَبِّتْ اَقْدَامَنَا  
وَ انصُرْنَا عَلٰی الْقَوْمِ الْكٰفِرِیْنَ

rab·ba·nā af·riḡ ‘a·lai·nā ṣab·rañw·wa  
ṭhab·bit aq·dā·ma·nā wan·ṣur·nā  
‘a·lal·qau·mil·kā·fi·rīn

[2:251] ‘O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us, and make our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving people.’

Recite 33 times a day the prayer:

رَبَّنَا لَا تُرِغْ قُلُوْبَنَا بَعْدَ اِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا  
وَ هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً اِنَّكَ اَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

rab·ba·nā lā tu·ziḡ qu·lū·ba·nā ba’·da idḡ  
ha·ḏā·ta·nā wa hab la nā mil·la·dun·ka  
rah·mah. in·na·ka an·tal·wah·hāb

[3:9] ‘Our Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after Thou hast guided us, and bestow on us mercy from Thyself; surely Thou art the Great Bestower.

Repeat 11 times a day the prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِي نُحُورِهِمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُورِهِمْ

al·lā·hum·ma in·nā naj·‘a·lu·ka fī nu·ḥ  
ū·ri·him wa na·‘ū·dhu bi·ka min  
shu·rū·ri·him

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

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

Repeat 33 times a day the prayer:

as·tagh·fī·rul·lā·ha rab·bī min kul·li dhan·bin  
wa u·tū·bu i·laih

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

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Repeat 33 times a day the prayer:

sub·ḥā·nal·lā·hi wa bi ḥam·di·hī  
sub·ḥā·nal·lā·hil·‘a·ẓīm. al·lā·hum·ma ṣal·li  
‘a·lā mu·ḥam·ma·din  
wa ā·li mu·ḥam·mad

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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

Repeat 33 times a day darūd:

al·lā·hum·ma ṣal·li ‘a·lā mu·ḥam·ma·din wa  
‘a·lā ā·li mu·ḥam·ma·din, ka·mā ṣal·lai·ta  
‘a·lā ibrā·hī·ma wa ‘a·lā ā·li ib·rā·hī·ma,  
in·na·ka ḥa·mī·dum·ma·jīd

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

Bless, O Allah, Muhammad and his people as Thou didst bless Abraham and his people. Thou art indeed Praiseworthy, the Exalted.

al·lā·hum·ma bā·rik ‘a·lā mu·ḥam·ma·din  
wa ‘a·lā ā·li

mu·ḥam·ma·din ka·mā bā·rak·ta ‘a·lā  
ib·rā·hī·ma wa ‘a·lā ā·li ib·rā·hī·ma in·na·ka  
ḥa·mī·dum·ma·jīd

Prosper, O Allah, Muhammad and his people



## Local Zu'ama

Pictures of the Zu'ama appear on the following pages.

In case of two pictures for the same Majlis, the first one is of the outgoing Za'im.



## US Amir Visits Philadelphia

The celebration of welcoming the advent of the new century of the Ahmadiyya Khilafat, by organizing Tahajjud and Fajr Prayer in congregation on January 1, 2008, was complemented by **the visit of the Dr Ahsanullah Zafar, the Amir of the US Jama'ats. The visit of the respected Amir** made this day extra special for the Philadelphia chapter.

The respected Amir arrived around 1 P.M. at the Philadelphia mosque and joined the members in Zuhr and Asr Prayers. The respected Amir graciously addressed the members for approximately half an hour. There were 29 members present; 16 of them were Ansar.

The meeting was followed by lunch in the mission house. The lunch was prepared in-house. It consisted of spaghetti and meat of two flavors – Sierra Leone flavor and the American. The respected Amir enjoyed the lunch and graced the members with his company for more than two hours. Members had informal discussion on various topics – the most interesting was polygamy and the law of the land. Members had a group photograph on the porch of the mission house with the respected Amir, saying goodbye to the respected Amir a little after 4 P.M.



Alabama/Tennessee, AL/TN  
Lutfur Rehman



Albany, NY  
Pervez Akhtar Butt



Austin, TX  
Malik Mohammad Altaf



Baltimore, MD  
Halim Chaudhry



Bay Point, CA  
Khadim H Shah



Boston, MA  
Rafiq Ahmad Lake



Bronx, NY  
Saleem A Cheema



Brooklyn, NY  
Danial Mahmood Debrosse



Brooklyn, NY  
Majeed Malik



Buffalo, NY  
Abdul Rahman Niazi



Central Jersey, NJ  
Jalaluddin Latif



Charlotte, NC  
Abdul-Haqq



Chicago-East, IL  
Shahid F. Bukhari/



Chicago-East, IL  
Muibi Adejumo Olaoye



Chicago-West, IL  
Nadeem Ahmad Khan



Cleveland, OH  
Munawar Ahmed Malik



Columbus, OH  
Waqar Pirzada



Cypress-Houston, TX  
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Qā'id Ishā'at

Basit Khan  
Nā'ib Qā'id Umūmī

Munawar Ahmed Malik  
Qā'id Tajnīd

Perwaiz Aslam Chaudhry  
Za'im A'lā

Qā'id



Dawood Munir  
Qā'id Ta'lim

Khalid Ata  
Nā'ib Şadr Şaf I

Hadrat Mirza Masrooq  
Khalifatul-Masih V, ayy

Kalīm Ahmad Rānā,  
Qā'id Māl

Mujahid Mahmood  
Mu'āwin Şadr

Wajeeh Bājwa  
Şadr

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Amir USA

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Qā'id Tarbiyat

Chairul Bahrī  
Qā'id Tahrīk-i-Jadīd

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Dayton, OH  
Muhammad Usman



Denver, CO  
Manzoor Akhtar



Detroit, MI  
Rizwan Qadir



Fitchburg, MA  
Muzaffar Chaudhry



Georgia-South Carolina, GA/SC  
Abdul Matin Khan



Hartford, CT  
Kusi Ahmad



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Shamsul Hadi Khan



Houston North, TX  
Mahmood Khan



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Laurel, MD  
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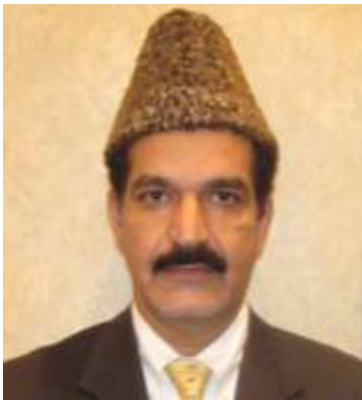
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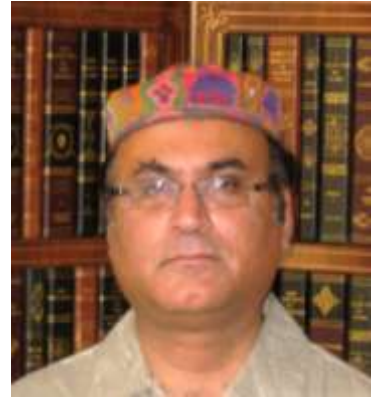
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Tulsa, OK  
Munawar Ahmad



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York, PA  
Zarar Bajwa



Zion, IL  
Arif Qureshi

# Departed Souls

A listing of US Ansar who departed this temporary abode in 2008 on their journey towards **eternal bliss in the next life. May their souls rest in peace. Āmin. The information given for deceased individuals is provided by the family, firends or local administration.** Information about each individual could not be obtained but will be included in the next issues if and when made available.

Name	Majlis	Date of Birth	Date of Demise
Dr. Mazhar Haque	Long Island NY		January 18, 2008
Nisar Ahmad Arain	Albany NY	June 1, 1956	February 10, 2008
Faizur Rehman Faizi	Charlotte NC	October 7, 1923	February 15, 2008
Chaudhry Abdul Qadir	North Jersey NJ		February 29, 2008
Zahid Saeed Malik	Potomac		August 30, 2008
Najeeb Rasheed Ware			October 27, 2008



Zahid Saeed Malik

## Ch. Abdul Qadir

He was a member of the North Jersey Majlis. He was the son of Hadrat Maulana Muhammad Ismael Halalpuri, and the younger brother of Maulana Muhammad Ahmad Jalil (*Mufti Silsilah*), and the father of **Abdul Nasir of Central Jersey Jama'at.**

## Najeeb Rasheed Ware

Najeeb rashieed ware was active in the **Jama'at and made it his habit to always be at Jumu'ah service. He was a longtime** Waukegan resident. He was a professional hair stylist and barber. He was known for the beauty of his contemporary hair styling. At the height of his profession, young men made appointments two days in advance for hair treatment by Bro. Najeeb.

Arif Qureshi, Zion

## Nisar Ahmad Arain

Chaudhry Nisar Ahmed Arain from Nawabshah, Pakistan. Left behind wife, Naheed Shreen, son Waqar Ahmed, two daughters, Mariam Noor and Nirmal Noor Arain. Brother of Ch. Mansoor Ahmed Arain, Ch. Nasr Ahmed Arain, Ch. Nadeem Ahmed Arain.

He came to the U.S.A. on July 18, 1991. He lived in Burgenfield, New Jersey for one year. He then moved to Teaneck, New Jersey and lived there for four years. He and his family participated in the building of the Clifton mosque. He was very involved in mosque duties. He did a lot of hospitality work and helped out a lot in general mosque duties. He and his family then moved to Albany, New York. He was a very active member **of the Albany Jama'at. He lived in Albany for twelve years.**

On the day of his death, his



immediate family and his close cousin, Aftab Ahmed Naz, were present with him. He passed away in his house. Allah gave him the strength to read the whole Darud-Sharif. He was a very caring, loving, and patient person. He was very helpful to others and was always thankful to Allah. He will always be remembered in the hearts by loved ones. We all pray that Allah grant him a place in Jannatul-Firdaus.

Aftab A Naz

### Post Script

#### *Post-Note*

A Nasir of Syracuse, NY majlis, Rashid Ahmad Malik passed away on June 11, 2006.

He was residing at Corning, NY.

He was originally from village Dulmial, Chakwal, Pakistan.

He was born on July 11, 1927. He was 78 years old at the time of his demise.

He was the father of Naveed Malik, **Za'im, Syracuse, NY Majlis.**

The deceased left behind his wife, 2 sons and 3 daughters.

Naveed Malik



# Malik Faiz-ur Rahman Faizi

He was born in Gujrat, India (now in Pakistan), on October 7, 1921. His Father Malik Barkat Ali accepted Ahmadiyyat at the hands of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). Faizi Sahib was the brother of Malik Abdur-Rahman Khadim, who wrote the Ahmadiyya Pocket Book. Faizi Sahib married Begum Wasima Shah, daughter of Syed Zainul Abedin Waliullah Shah Sahib of Rabwah, Pakistan, elder brother to Ummi Tahir (may Allah be pleased with her) (Ummi Tahir = mother of Tahir [Hadrat Khalifatul **Masih IV** [may Allah's mercy be on him]]).

Faizi Sahib obtained his Masters degree in Economics from the Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan. He began his teaching career as a professor at Ta'limul-Islam College, Lahore, Pakistan, in 1947. After two years, he moved to Forman Christian College (FC College) where he taught economics until 1973. Faizi sahib first came to the US in 1969 upon invitation from Davidson College, in Davidson, North Carolina, to commence their Southeast Asian Studies Program as a Fulbright Scholar. He went back to FC College in 1970 only to return to the US in 1973. He accepted a position as an associate professor of economics at High Point



University and remained there up till his retirement in 1993.

In the summer of 1995, Faizi sahib accompanied Nasir Malik (then National Secretary Tabligh) to Jamaica as part of the delegation of five who went there to establish Ahmadiyyat. Faizi sahib also helped establish the North Carolina Pakistan Islamic Foundation.

He is succeeded by his wife, three children, and 11 grandchildren.



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## Humanitarian Day, Dallas

The 3rd Annual Humanitarian Day, was organized by Masjid Al-Islam, an African-American Muslim group in South Dallas. **This year's event was held on May 17, 2008.** The purpose of this event was to distribute new and used clothes, t-shirts, socks, undergarments, hygiene kits, diapers, diaper wipes, books, and non-perishable food items, as well as provide a mini-health fair for children, women and men who are economically less fortunate. Masjid Al-Islam requested donations from numerous organizations, including us. For this, Majlis Ansarullah Dallas organized a clothes and non-perishable food drive, and asked for monetary help during May, 2008. Fifteen Ansar participated in donating clothes, water bottles, and made monetary contributions to buy the requested items.

On May 10th, 2008, four Ansar, including regional missionary Mohammed Zafarullah Hanjra along with a Khadim, Sultan Malik,

arrived at Masjid Al-Islam and delivered our donations from the Ansar and Khuddam. These donations included clothes and over \$300 worth of other items such as non-perishable food, water bottles, baby wipes, **men's undergarments, and toiletry items.**

On May 17th, 2008, Humanitarian Day, three Ansar and four Khuddam volunteered from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. Ansar participated in loading the donated items on a truck at Majlis Al-Islam, unloading the items from the truck at the event, setting up the items on tables, and distributing the items to homeless and other economically less fortunate people. It was an enormous job to unload, organize, and eventually distribute the items to a line of approximately 2,000 homeless and less fortunate people. However, with the grace of Allah, everyone worked hard and completed the job by 1:30 pm. There were over 100 volunteers from different groups at the site to make the event successful and efficient.



St Paul Ansar in a group photo with other members of the Community at their rented center.



Detroit Tabligh stall. Detroit Majlis has prepared some flyers just for such occasions.



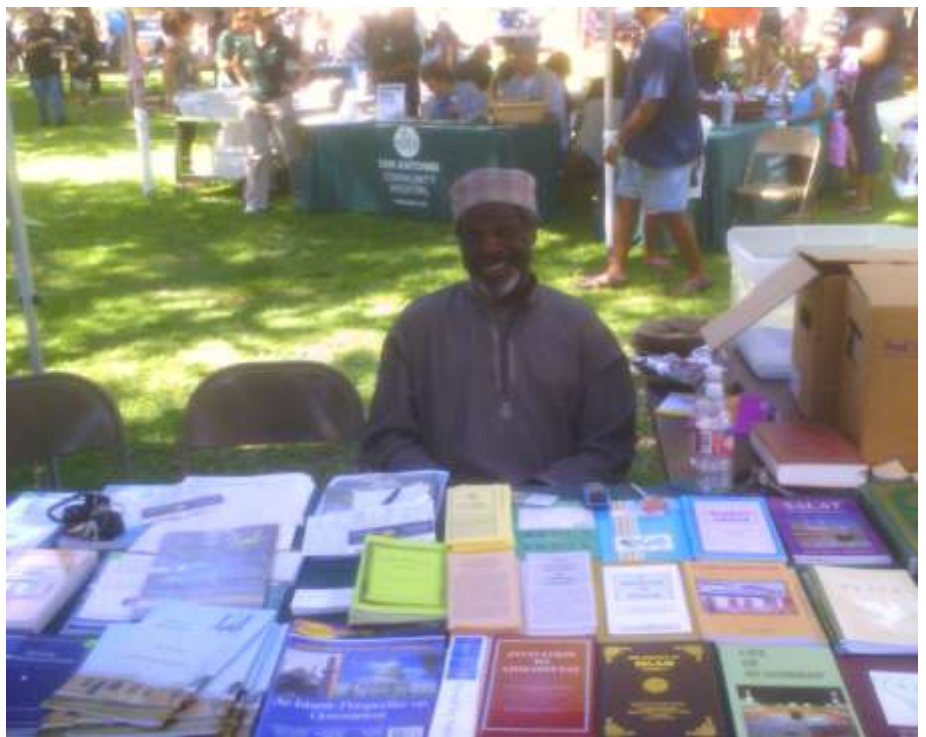


A group photo taken at the Los Angeles East and Inland Empire local Ijtima held March 3, 2008.



Los Angeles East on August 29, 2008.

LA Inland Empire/LA-E bookstall at book fair.





By the grace of the Almighty, Majlis Ansarullah South Virginia held its first ijtima on Sunday, **March 30, 2008**. **Za'im-i-A'la, Nazim Region, Na'ib Nazim Region and Na'ib Qa'id Isha'at** were pleased to join and present to encourage the program of local Majlis. The Ijtima was organized in a local park. Due to sudden change in weather, it became very cold outside but the members still took part enthusiastically. (Munawar Ahmad, Za'im Ansarullah South Virginia)

### *Words of Wisdom*

A collection of sayings and traditions of the Holy Prophet, Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, dealing with daily life. Arabic text with English transliteration and Urdu and English translations. Includes a **discussion of types of aḥadīth**, books of aḥadīth, and their compilers. Important dates and events in the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, have also been included. Two colors inside, size 7 in. x 8.5 in. on fine paper, softcover, 320 pages. \$5.





Majlis Amilah, Dallas on the occasion of local Ijtima on April 13, 2008 in Baitul-Ikram Mosque. Sitting from the left: Hameed Ahmad Malik, Sohail Kausar, Wasim Shaikh, Regional Missionary Mohammad Zafarullah Hanjra, Local Jama'at President Akram Shahid Chaudhry, local Za'im Mujahid Mahmood, Malik Mansur Ahmad, Waseem Ahmad Nadeem, and Syed Waqar Ahmad Shah. Standing from left: Ashfaq Minhas, Abdul Waheed Khalid, Abdul Latif Nasir, Tahir Rehman Waraich, Mubashir Ahmad, Mohammad Antwi, Aftab Ahmad Lubis, and Munawar Ahmad Piracha.



North Jersey Amilah group photo.

## Philadelphia Local Ijtima



The local Ijtima of Philadelphia Majlis was held on April 12-13, 2008. The program started from Isha prayer on Saturday April 12 followed by a brief program presided by the **Sadr Jama'at, Imam Bilal Abdus Salaam** presented a Tarbiyat talk on topics from the Ansar Tarbiyat plan. Then we had a sumptuous dinner. This was attended by 16 Ansar, a few Khuddam and Atfal. A few of the brothers then slept overnight at the mosque. We then had congregational Tahajjud Prayer, Fajr Prayer and Darsul-**Qur'an**.

On Sunday, April 13, the regular program started at 9 am with Farooq Malik, Nazim East Region, presiding. The program constituted the traditional education and sports competitions.

After the opening session, we had a Talqeen-i-Amal workshop on the topics of Tabligh and Tarbiyat. We had four questions, and the workshop was arranged with the objective to get a plan of action for these questions. The questions were as follows:

How to communicate with our children?

How to inculcate regularity in Salat in congregation?

How to establish contact and introduce our

neighbors to Islam?

What is the process of Tabligh in a small town?

The Ansar who had some expertise in the respective area were requested in advance to moderate and lead the workshop. Each group of 5-6 Ansar, after deliberating for 35 minutes, made their presentation on their findings and conclusions.

This was a very fruitful exercise, as everybody had the opportunity to voice their opinion and present suggestions. The maximum attendance was 32 Ansar, which is 65% of our known members.

The second very important item of our Ijtima was the volleyball game between the Ansar and the Khuddam. This was a very spectacular competition, and the Khuddam pu-up a tough fight. But they probably fell prey to their over confidence losing the game 2 to 0 and thus Ansar were the champions of our Majlis.

The Ijtima concluded as planned, at 5 PM, **with Du'a and commitment to continue all** our efforts along with earnest prayers to strive and inculcate piety into our lives to the best of our abilities, Ameen

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Ijtema Dallas Majlis

*Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13, 2008*

By the grace of Allah, the 11<sup>th</sup> local Ijtima of Dallas Majlis was successfully held on Saturday April 12 and Sunday, April, 13, 2008 at Baitul-Ikram Mosque in Allen, Texas. All sports competitions were held after Asr prayer on Saturday while all educational competitions were held on Sunday April 13, 2008. A total of 31 Ansar attended the Ijtima on Sunday and 11 Ansar participated in sports competitions on Saturday.

## Sports Competitions

The sports competitions started with a one mile walk followed by a game of horseshoes and then indoor basketball shooting.

## Educational Competitions:

The first educational session started at 11:00 A.M. This session, presided by regional missionary Mohammad Zafarullah Hanjra, was opened with the recitation of the **Holy Qur'an and its Urdu translation** by Mubarak Ahmad Malik, English translation by Suhail Kausar. A Hadith was narrated by Aftab Lubis. The Ansar pledge was led by the **local Za'im Ansarullah. Then Abdul Waheed** Khalid recited a poem of Promised Messiah (peace be on him), followed by the opening **address given by the local Za'im. He** applauded everyone and encouraged Ansar for their participation in the competitions. In this session, the Correct Recitation of the **Holy Qur'an, commentary of Hadith, English Poem Recitation, Prepared speech, and Impromptu Speech** competitions were conducted. This session ended at 1:30 p.m.

The second session, presided by Local **Jama'at President, Akram Chaudhry**, commenced at 2:30 PM and was opened by **the recitation of Holy Qur'an and its** translation by Tahir Abdullah. This was followed by a Tarbiyat session on the topic

**“Allah is the Friend of Believers”** using Friday sermon delivered by Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his support) on August 17, 2007. This Tarbiyat session was facilitated by Suhail Kausar. After the Tarbiyat session, the Observation and Recall competition was held followed by Religious and General Knowledge competition, in which all Ansar took part and were divided into 5 teams. After this last competition, health session was held. This health session was conducted **by Dr. Jeri Ullah Khan, Qa'id Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Dallas.** After the health session, Regional Missionary Imam Mohammad Zafarullah Hanjra gave an impressive and persuasive speech on Al-Wasiyyat. After this speech, prize distribution ceremony was **held. Local Za'im, Mujahid Mahmood,** announced the names of winners while Local President Akram Chaudhry and Regional Missionary Imam Mohammad Zafarullah Hanjra handed over the certificates to the winners. At the end of this successful Ijtima, the Ansar pledge was repeated, followed by the photo session and light refreshments.

## Results:

### Sport Competitions

#### One Mile Walk

1. Mujahid Mahmood
2. Ashfaq Ahmad Minhas
3. Waseem Ahmad Nadeem

#### Horse Shoe

1. Ashfaq Ahmad Minhas
2. Waseem Ahmad Nadeem
3. Mujahid Mahmood

#### Indoor Basketball Shooting

1. Abdul Latif
  2. Mujahid Mahmood
  3. Tahir Rehman Waraich
- Special: Malik Mansur Ahmad

## Educational Competitions



### **Recitation of Holy Qur'ān**

1. Abdul Waheed Khalid
2. Tahir Abdullah
3. Nasir Ahmad Butt
3. Abdul Latif Nasir

#### **Commentary on Hadith**

1. Munawar Ahmad Malik
2. Mubashir Ahmad
3. Suhail Kausar

#### **English Poem Recitation**

1. Mohammad Antwi
2. Hameed Ahmad Malik
3. Mubashir Ahmad

#### **Prepared Speech**

1. Mohammad Antwi
2. Munawar Ahmad Malik
3. Aftab Ahmad Lubis

#### **Impromptu Speech**

1. Munawar Ahmad Malik
2. Mubashir Ahmad
3. Muhammad Antwi

Special: Hameed Ahmad Malik

#### **Observation and Recall:**

1. Wasim ur Rahman Shaikh
2. Mubashir Ahmad
3. Abdul Latif
3. Waseem Ahmad Nadeem

#### **Religious & General Knowledge**

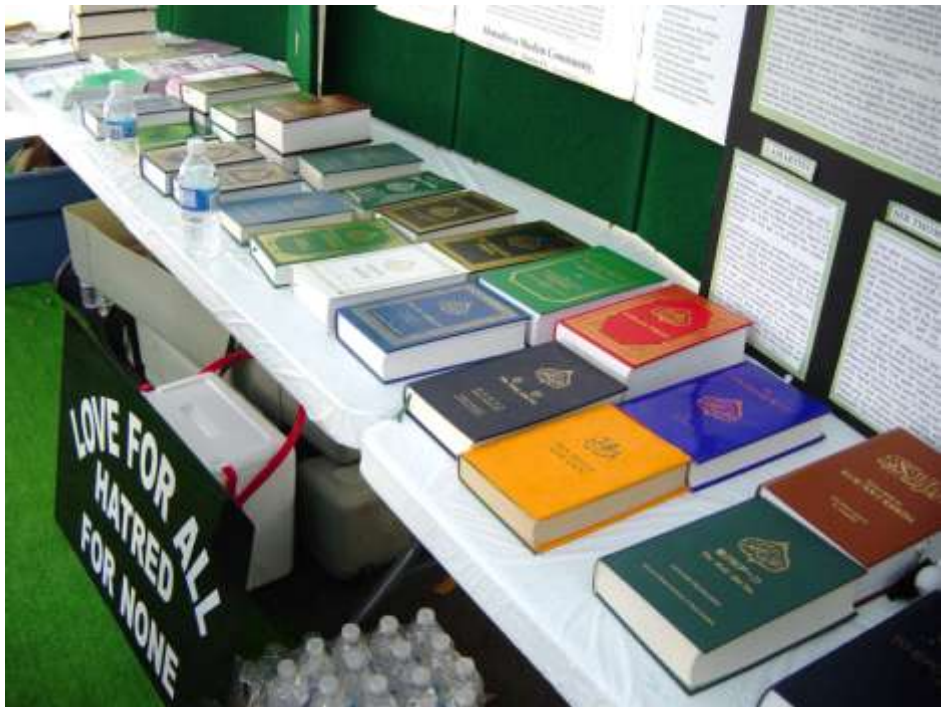
1. Munawar Ahmad Piracha, Ashfaq Ahmad Minhas, Tahir Ahmad Malik, Dr Jeri Ullah Khan
2. Mubashir Ahmad, Hameed Ahmad Malik, Mohammad Antwi, Waseem Ahmad Nadeem
3. Abdul Latif Nasir, Ahmad Asad, Hafeez Rana, Nasir Ahmad Butt
3. Munawar Ahmad Malik, Malik Mansur Ahmad, Wasim ur Rahman Shaikh, Zulfiqar Ahmad, Abdul Waheed Khalid

A group photo from the local Ijtima of the Houston (Cypress and South) Majalis held on April 13, 2008 (top), musical chairs (bottom left) and table tennis (bottom right).





*Scenes from  
the  
Ahmadiyya  
bookstall at  
the  
International-  
Festival in  
Houston,  
April 19-20,  
2008.*



## A Tabligh Trip to Puerto Rico

A team of three Ansar headed by Al Hajj Rashid Ahmad, Muntazim Tabligh Milwaukee Majlis, made a special Tabligh trip to Puerto Rico from April 25 to May 2, 2008. The trip was arranged by Mr. Miguel Caliz, a new Ahmadi convert from Puerto Rico. The other two members of the team were Al Hajj A. Jalal Nuruddin, Milwaukee **Jama'at Tabligh Secretary, and an instructor** at MATC, a local community college, and Al Hajj Abdur-Rahman Malik, a local Nasir and a teacher in the Milwaukee Public school system.

Br Rashid Ahmad wanted to go to that country to start a Tabligh program, but to do that, a strong connection was needed. Mr. Miguel Caliz, a student from Puerto Rico, who was at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, had recently accepted Ahmadiyyat, and went back to his homeland, was very instrumental in arranging this trip. The plan was to go to the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez where Mr. Miguel is a Teaching Assistant while being a student of graduate school. His mother is a professor of Mathematics there.

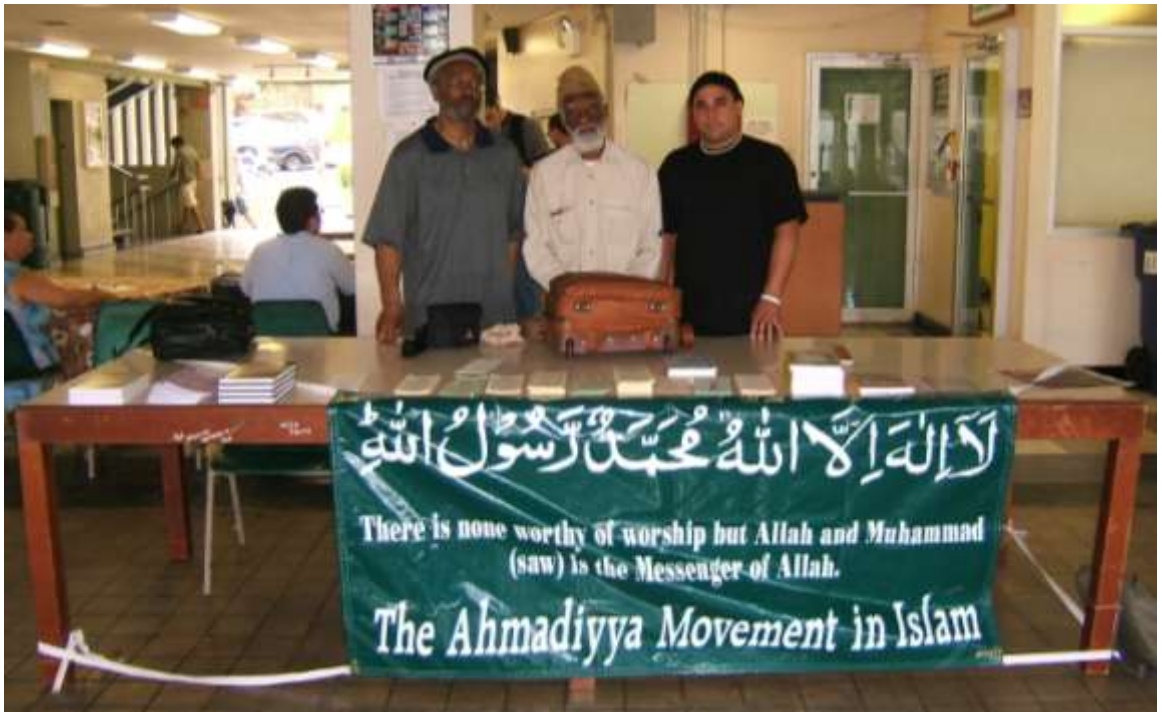
The plan was to arrange a meeting of some professional teachers from Milwaukee area to interact with some professional teachers from Puerto Rico. The other two members of the group were teachers from Milwaukee who agreed to go along. They met with deans of various departments and explained to them

that the Puerto Rico school system has much to offer the American school system in terms of classroom control (for example, no shooting in classrooms and assault on teachers). This way they were able to make contacts to start some Tabligh program and were able to setup a Tabligh stand to talk to the students and display literature and books. They were able to set up the stand for two days and were able to get contact information from 12 people. Local people were introduced to Islam and Ahmadiyyat and were given some books and literature. Mr. Miguel will In-Sha-Allah continue to work on the project locally while Br. Rashid Ahmad is planning to go on a second trip to continue on this mission. Besides the university, they also propagated to local people in public places like hotels, restaurants, etc.

Our new convert, Br Miguel, came to US Jalsa and met Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih, may Allah be his support. Br Rashid Ahmad introduced him to the Khalifatul-Masih, and the Khalifatul-Masih said, **“He is our new Missionary to Puerto Rico.”**

We hope and pray to Allah that this trip and contacts will produce fruit for us. May Allah, the Almighty, make our humble efforts a step towards bringing this country to Islam **and Ahmadiyyat, Āmīn.**

Maudood Ahmad,  
Za'im Milwaukee Majlis.



On mission in Puerto Rico, from left to right, Abdur Rahman Malik, Br. Al-Hajj Rashid Ahmad, Miguel Caliz, a new convert from Puerto Rico.

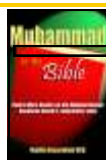


Phoenix AZ Ansar with their regional missionary, Maulana Shamshad A. Nasir



Some members of South Virginia Majlis with their regional Nazim after a meeting on November 9, 2008 in the South Virginia mosque.

**From the right in front: Ijaz Qamar, Anwar Ahmad, Munawar Malik (Za'im), Basharat Wadan** (Regional Nazim), Mian Ijaz Ahmad, Sheikh Mohammed Arshad, Choudhry Zulfiqar Ali.  
**From the right back: Mansoor Usman Pir, Mubarak Ahmad.**



### ***Muhammad in the Bible***

(peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

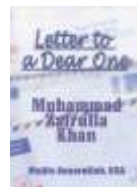
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Sir Muhammad Zafrulla  
Khan  
English translation by  
Shermeen Butt.



### **Color Salat Poster**

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# Philadelphia Tarbiyat Week Report—2008

The moral training week was organized from March 24 to 30, 2008. Following is a synopsis of our objective, approach, and achievements:

## Our Objective:

All Ansar to create a blessed home by adapting to pure Islamic and Ahmadiyya values per the directives of Khalifatul-Masih and the Ansar guidelines.

## Our Approach:

Members were informed via email from March 15, 2008 so that they know what was expected of them during this week and thereafter. Also, announcement were made at **the Jum'ah Prayers about the plan and guidelines of expectation** were read out. An announcement on the similar pattern was

**made on March 23 at the Masih Mau'ood** function. Telephone calls were made by the **Muntazim Tarbiyat and Za'eem to Ansar** to get their attention.

## Our achievements:

By the sheer grace and mercy of Allah, we were able to call upon people, talk about and discuss the issues and primarily achieve the objectives that every house should have a separate place for regular congregational prayer, and inculcate the habit to listen to MTA with all family members for at least half an hour to one hour on a daily basis.

In-Sha-Allah, we shall be trying to follow up on these and maintain what has been achieved, and take this to the next level.



LA West Majlis Ansar with Regional Missionary Imam Shamshad A Nasir



# Khilafat Centenary Ijtimā' 2008

## Majlis Ansarullah USA

*Report by*

*Munawar Ahmad Saqib (Qa'id Umumi)*

*Syed Fazal Ahmad (Za'im Philadelphia)*



Members of Dallas Majlis at the annual Ijtimā with 'Alam-i-In'ami (Victory Flag) awarded to the best performing Majlis every year.

**The 27th National Annual Ijtimā' (Khalifat Centenary Ijtimā') of Majlis Ansarullah USA** was held at Baitur-Rahman Mosque in Silver Spring, MD, from Friday, October 17th to Sunday, October 19th, 2008. Approximately 400 Ansar from 55 Majalis attended. Three guests from abroad also participated in the **Ijtimā'**.

Volunteers and guests started arriving on the afternoon of Thursday. Those who traveled by air came to BWI Airport which is about 20-25 minutes from Baitur-Rahman. Members of transportation team at the airport received guests. Basharat Wadan and Muhammad Nasrullah, who worked tirelessly around the clock to bring every guest safely and efficiently to the mosque, led this team.

**The most senior volunteer of this Ijtimā'**, Mushtaq Ahmad Chaudhary (77), in spite of his ailing health, made sure that every guest had a comfortable place to stay. Most of the guests preferred to sleep in the mosque, but the elderly and infirm were accommodated in nearby homes. Perwaiz Aslam Chaudhry arranged transportation so that guests could be taken to residences at the end of each day and brought back to the mosque the following morning. He also coordinated other logistic arrangements along with Shahid Malik.

#### Opening Session

**Imam Daud Ahmad Hanif (Na'ib Ameer and Missionary in Charge USA)** presided over the opening session which was held shortly after Friday Prayer. The session **started with recitation from the Holy Qur'an** by M. Dawood Munir. Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa (Sadr Majlis Ansarullah USA) led the participants in reciting the Ansar pledge. **Dr. Khaled Ata (Na'ib Sadr I) presented an overview of the Ijtimā' program highlighting differences from previous years, and introduced some of the volunteers who helped bring the program to fruition.**

Sadr Majlis thanked attendees for coming **together and participating in the Ijtimā'. He**

asked everyone to be punctual and help keep all areas clean. He also advised members to spend time in remembrance of Almighty **Allah and pray for the success of the Ijtimā'.**

Imam Daud Ahmad Hanif spoke about Ansar as role model for the rest of the **Jamā'at. He said that desired progress is possible with hard work, love, and compassion for others. Tabligh should be our main focus, and ultimately the Jamā'at shall achieve its objective. The session ended with silent prayer.**

#### The 16th Majlis-i-Shura of Majlis Ansarullah, USA

Delegates of the Majlis-i-Shura met for a total of about 8 hours to review **implementation of last year's recommendations** and to deliberate on four new proposals. One hundred and thirty-five delegates participated. The first Shura session was presided over by Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr Majlis. It began with recitation **from the Holy Qur'an by Syed Sajid Ahmad.** The Sadr reminded members of their unique responsibility as Shura delegates. He said **that the Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allah be his support), in his Friday Sermon of March 24, 2006, quoted Ḥaḍrat Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) who said that "counsel should be sought from those who are sensible and those who worship God." The Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allah be his support) said that representatives for the Shura are appointed on the basis of compliance to the Nizam-i-Jamā'at (system of Jamā'at), financial sacrifices and worship of God. This puts a great responsibility on the members of the Community to appoint representative for Shura on the basis of taqwa (righteousness) rather than personal friendship or relations.**

**"The Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allah be his support) said that during the Shura discussions, one should not be swayed by anyone's oratory, etc., but should reflect over all its aspects before giving suggestions. Once the decision of the Khalifa of the time is**





Imam Daud Ahmad Hanif (Missionary-In-Charge) addressing Ansar with Wajeeh Bajwa (Sadr Majlis) and Khalid Ata (Na'ib Sadr) on the stage.



A section of the Ijtima/Shura audience.

made on a Shura proposal, whether in its original form or with changes, its implementation should be pursued.

**“Huzur (may Allah be his support) reminded members that “When a Shura proposal is approved by the Khalifa of the time and is introduced in the Community then it is the duty of the representatives to see if it is being properly implemented or not. If they fail to keep an eye on this, they are not fulfilling their obligation, and even if they get away with it in this world by making excuses, Allah shall definitely hold them to be accountable.”**

The Sadr asked delegates to remember the **Khalifatul-Masīh V's (may Allah be his support) instructions** and **“come up with simple, useful and practical recommendations which may benefit Ansar of USA for all times to come.”** He then invited **Qa'id Umumi, Munawar Saqib, to present the implementation report of last year's recommendations. Following this, Qa'id Umumi presented new proposals received from Majalis this year along with reasons why some proposals were not selected for discussion at Shura. The Khalifatul-Masīh V (may Allah be his support) had approved four proposals for deliberation. Qa'id Finance, Kalim Ahmad Rana, presented income and expense budgets for 2009.**

Three subcommittees deliberated on four proposals related to

1. Establishing a mobile tabligh trailer,
2. Survey to measure implementation of the **Khalifatul-Masīh V's instructions,**
3. **Improving Ijtimā' Program, and**
4. Budget for 2009.

Recommendations of sub-committees were presented to the full Shura body on Saturday, and accepted with minor changes. These recommendations have been approved by **Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīh V (may Allah be his support) and sent to Qa'ideen for implementation.**

## Sports Competitions

In previous years, sports competitions were held in the field behind Baitur-Rahman Mosque. This year, due to ongoing construction of the Ansarullah Hall (part of mosque expansion and Khilafat Centenary Celebration) this field was not available. All sports competitions, therefore, took place in the area between the parking lot and the Ansar trailer. Bashiruddin Khalil Ahmad, and Shafquat Wahla conducted Arm Wrestling and Hot Potato competitions on Friday evening.

## Scholastic Competitions

**During the Ijtimā', regional winners** competed in six scholastic competitions.

A fierce competition in General Knowledge was held between nineteen four-member teams.

Over 200 participants competed in the **“Observation and Recall”** competition. Using a projector, pictures of 30 objects were displayed for 9 seconds each. Afterwards competitors were asked to write a list of these objects from memory.

## Presentations

As usual, interactive presentations called **Talqīn-i-'Amal (exhortation to act)** were very popular this year. They inspired members to **learn from others' experience and get answers to specific questions.** This year, there were four such presentations:

Habeeb M. Shafeek Jr. spoke about **“Integration of New Converts.”** **The central theme of his talk was the Khalifatul-Masīh V's (may Allah be his support) expectations from Ansar. He exhorted members to develop Taqwa (righteousness), suppress one's ego, have righteous intention, and act consistently.**

Several success stories in tabligh were **presented in a workshop entitled “Motivation Through Inspiration.”** These were brief presentations on methods used by different Majalis for tabligh. Monas Chaudhry moderated this **Talqīn-i-'Amal Session. It**



Sahibzadah Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad addressing the Anasar concerning marital issues. To his right are Dr Ahsan Zafar, Amir US, Dr Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr Majlis Anasar, and Dr Faheem Yunus, Sadr Khuddam.



Daniel Brock from Austin Majlis telling the story of his journey in search of truth.

addressed five methods of initiating tabligh activity:

Tabligh Trailer - Tahir Abdullah / Syed Fazal Ahmad (Philadelphia)

Bookstall - Imran Jattala (LA East)

Radio Program - Mohammad Dawood Munir (Cyprus-Houston)

Visits to Small Towns - Suhail Kausar (Dallas)

Book Fairs - Bashir Rohella (Detroit)

**Dr. Rizwan Dar's presentation on "Hypertension" enlightened Ansar about high blood pressure, its causes, and how to prevent this disease through diet and exercise.**

**Dr. Zia Shah's presentation compared the concept of God and our origin with reference to scientific theory, Biblical quotes, Christian beliefs, and verses from the Holy Qur'an.**

Rafiuddin Malik and Nasir Mahmood **Malik led the workshop on "Importance of following instructions of the Khalifa of the time" and answered questions.**

Special Sessions

During a special session on Saturday evening, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, Ameer **Jamā'at USA, spoke to members about the importance of marital harmony and encouraged parents of marriage-age children to use all resources at their disposal to help find righteous matches for their children. He also announced the appointment of Dr. Farooq Padder (of Willingboro) as Assistant National Secretary Rishta Nata (Matrimony). Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad spoke briefly about the Jamā'at Qaza (Judicial) department.**

From Father to Son: At the Khuddam **Ijtimā' in August this year, Nasir M. Malik, representing Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr Majlis, had presented how some parents felt about their children's generation in a workshop titled "From Father to Son" in which he addressed three things from children that hurt parents. These were:**

- o **Attitude of 'know it all' as if parents' advice does not matter.**

- o **Lack of appreciation for parents' effort to fulfill material and emotional needs.**
- o More interest in electronic gadgets as compared to family members.

**At Ansar Ijtimā', Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya USA, Dr. Faheem Younus Qureshi, was invited to share Atfal and Khuddam's perspective of those actions by parents that hurt children's feelings. His presentation was titled "From Son to Father," and was based on input from Atfal and Khuddam. These included:**

- o **When I come to the mosque, my father's generation ignores us.** (from 7-15 year old)
- o We do not have a relationship where I can discuss issues such as marriage, choice of spouse, pornography. (from 15-30 year old)
- o **You blame more ... and appreciate less** (all ages)
- o **You control more ... and explain less** (all ages)
- o You come across as not open to negotiation regarding issues such as attending parties, wearing a bracelet, listening to music, or choosing a certain career (all ages).

Program

On Saturday and Sunday mornings, congregational Tahajjud prayer was followed by Fajr prayer and Darsul-Hadith. The 6:30-8:00 AM time slot was reserved for sports competitions, followed by breakfast, with the first session of the day starting at 9 AM. Morning sessions included scholastic competitions and various presentations. Zuhr and Asr prayers were offered at 1:30 PM. Sports competitions continued in late afternoons, and Shura committees met after Isha and deliberated late into the night.

Hospitality

One of the most important responsibilities **of the Ijtimā' was to feed more than 400 participants three times a day. Iqbal Khan and his team of Silver Spring and Laurel Ansar handled this responsibility very well.**



Above: The most senior participant of the Ijtimā', Abdul Ghaffar Dar, aged 92 years, read a Persian poem of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) from the book *Al-Wasiyyat*. Sitting to his right are Dr Wajeeh Bajwa (Sadr Majlis), Dr Ahsan Zafar (Amir US) and Imam Daud Hanif (Missionary In-Charge US). Below left, Abid Haneef and Khaled Ata leading a session. Below right: Nasir Mahmood (Ex-Sadr) addressing a session conducted by Rafi Malik, Qa'id Tarbiyat.



Regional ziafat teams helped with cooking on Friday and Saturday. These teams were led by Saadat Abdullah (Philadelphia), Rizwan Qadir (Detroit), Tahir Chaudhary (North Virginia), Abdul Salam Jamil (Houston), M. Ahmad Chaudhry (New York), and Fazalur Rehman Qureshi (Orlando).

#### Prize Distribution

One hundred and seventy-eight awards consisting of certificates, plaques, medals, trophies, and prizes were awarded. As it would have taken too long in one session, four mini award ceremonies were conducted which were spread over two days. Naseem Waseem worked tirelessly to coordinate the distribution of all prizes. Names of all prize winners appear at the end of this report.

#### Special Tabligh Session

Just before the start of the concluding session, Daniel Brock, a new convert from Austin Majlis, described how he became Ahmadi. He mentioned that he used to be a practicing Christian but the untimely demise of his beloved wife (at age 43) on June 12, 1999, caused him to search other religions for answers to questions he could not find in Christianity. His search led him to Islam and ultimately he accepted Ahmadiyyat in November of 2006.

#### Concluding Session

The concluding session of the Ijtimā' was presided over by respected Ameer Jamā'at USA, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar. The session started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Athar Alam Farooqi.

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Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr, presented the following achievement awards:

Service to local Majlis: Imtiaz Rajeyki (Philadelphia),

Service to local Majlis: Maqbool Ahmad (Austin),

Best Nasir (Saf I): Abu Bakr Ladd (St. Louis)

Best Nasir (Saf II): Kusi Ahmad (Hartford) Fitchburg, Cypress-Houston, Austin, LA Inland Empire, LA East Majalis were recognized for their outstanding performance, with Alam-i-In'ami going to Dallas Majlis.

Sadr Majlis, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, presented the annual report of Majlis Ansarullah USA. Highlights of accomplishments during 2008 include:

- o Held Ansar Leadership Conference (ALC) in Miami in January.
- o Provided annual plan (Ansar Handbook **2008**) to each Za'im.
- o **Held regional Ijtimā's in all 10 regions.**
- o Made 763 social contacts with inactive Ansar.
- o Co-ordinated Discipline and Hazri Nigrani (Organization of Volunteers) duties at the US Annual Convention.
- o 231 Ansar have applied for Wasiyyat since **The Khalifatul-Masīh V's (may Allah be his support) historic appeal in 2004.**
- o Ansar held 1439 one-on-one tabligh meetings.
- o Ansar made 110 visits to small towns for tabligh.
- o Awarded 2 Ansar Tahir Scholarships.
- o **Zu'ama and Nazimeen submitted 536 monthly reports (466 by Zo'ama, 70 by Nazimeen.**
- o 836 Ansar participated in Social Service spending 2,427 man-hours.
- o Published Ansar Newsletter every month.
- o Published Annual Double-issue of "Al-Nahl."
- o **Published a book, "Approaching the West,"** by Imam Mubasher Ahmad.
- o Published 50,000 fliers in English and Spanish for tabligh.
- o **Initiated translation of "Sabīlur-Rishād" by a team led by Syed Sajid Ahmad.**
- o 32 Majalis reported participation in physical activities (with 21% of Ansar



Some glimpses of speakers, judges and the prize distribution



- exercising regularly)
- o Members contributed \$277,000 in 2008 **towards Chanda Ansar, Ansar Ijtimā' and Publication** (88% of budget).
  - o Majlis Ansarullah contributed \$500,000 for the construction of Ansarullah Hall which is being built as part of Baitur-Rahman Mosque extension.
  - o 14 members contributed \$3,500 each for installation of water wells in Africa.

The Sadr mentioned that in 2009 there will be extra efforts to reach out to all Ansar; **facilitate Rishta Nata; establish Ta'lim ul Qur'an classes and salat (Prayer) center in each Majlis;** and increase chanda participation and collection. He ended with request for prayers for the five members (and their families) who passed away during 2008:

Dr. Mazhar Haque (Long Island)  
 Nisar Ahmad Arain (Albany)  
 Faizur Rehman Faizi (Charlotte)  
 Chaudhry Abdul Qadir (North New Jersey)  
 Zahid Saeed Malik (Potomac)

In his concluding address Dr. Ahsanullah **Zafar, Ameer Jamā'at USA, recognized the increase in attendance and well-coordinated program with emphasis on Khilafat.** He urged attendees to increase their contribution for the Ansarullah Hall. Quoting **the Qur'anic verse about the first Ansarullah** (disciples of Prophet Jesus(as)), he urged members to continue to gain knowledge of **the Holy Qur'an and strive in the path of Allah** and seek His pleasure.

**The Ijtimā' concluded with Ansarullah** pledge led by Sadr Majlis at 1:30PM followed by silent prayer led by Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, Ameer USA.

Volunteers: By the Grace and Mercy of **Almighty Allah success of Ijtimā' was made possible by dedicated work performed by numerous volunteers:**

Audio: Waqar Bhatti (Laural)  
 Decoration Muhammed K Owusu (South Virginia)

Projection: Imran Jattala (LA Inland Empire)  
 Network: Basit Khan (Baltimore)  
 Program: Rafiuddin Malik (Columbus)  
 Salat: Mujahid Mahmood (Dallas)  
 Discipline: Habeeb Shafeek Jr. (Orlando)  
 Ziafat: Iqbal Khan, Amjad Chaudhary (Silver Spring)  
 Photography: Jalal Nooruddin, Kalim Bhatti and Haroon Rashid  
 Bookstall: Chaudhary Mushtaq Ahmad (Laurel)  
 Tajnid: Munawar Malik (Dallas)  
 Minutes: Syed Fazal Ahmad (Philadelphia)  
 Finance: alim A. Rana (Houston North)

#### Performance Awards and Results of competitions

Outstanding Majlis (Large Majalis)  
 1st: **Dallas (Za'im: Mujahid Mahmood) - 'Alam-i-In'ami**  
 2nd: **LA East (Za'im: Rashid Mian Syed)**  
 3rd: **LA Inland Empire (Za'im: Imran Jattala)**

Outstanding Majlis (small Majalis)  
 1st: **Austin (Za'im: Malik Mohammad Altaf)**  
 2nd: **Cypress-Houston (Za'im: M. Dawood Munir)**  
 3rd: **Fitchburg (Za'im: Muzaffar Chaudhry)**  
 Maximum Participation in Talim Exam (Large Majalis)

1st Dallas Majlis  
 2nd South Virginia Majlis  
 3rd Laurel Majlis  
 3rd Chicago East Majlis

#### Maximum Participation in Ta'lim Exam (Small Majalis)

1st Research Triangle Majlis  
 1st Charlotte Majlis  
 2nd Cleveland Majlis  
 2nd Austin Majlis  
 3rd Baltimore  
 Special Recognition: Indiana Majlis  
 Best Nasir  
 Saf I Abu Bakr Ladd (St. Louis)



Ansar from different Majalis gathered for random group photos to remember the gathering.



Saf II Kusi Ahmad (Hartford)  
Service to Local Majlis  
Imtiyaz Rajeyki (Philadelphia)  
Maqbool Ahmad (Austin)

### Scholastic Competitions

#### **Qir'atul-Qur'an**

- 1st Athar Alam Farooqi (Cypress-Houston)  
2nd Munawar Malik (Cleveland)  
3rd Hafizullah Khan (Silver Spring)

#### Prepared Speech

- 1st Mohammad Antawi (Dallas)  
2nd Dr. Mansoor Qureshi (Detroit)  
3rd Maudood Ahmad (Milwaukee)

#### Darsul-Hadith

- 1st Mahmood Ahmad (Atlanta)  
2nd Mubashar Ahmad (LA Inland Empire)  
3rd Burhan Qaderi (Detroit)

#### English Poem

- 1st Bilal Abdus Salam (Philadelphia)  
2nd Chaudhary Mubashir Ahmed (Brooklyn)  
3rd Anis Shaikh (Phoenix)

#### Urdu Poem

- 1st Tasweer-u-Rehman (Cypress-Houston)  
2nd Mazhar-ul-Haq (LA Inland Empire)  
3rd Jamil Choudhry (Central Jersey)

#### General Knowledge (Team Competition)

- 1st Anis Shaikh, Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, Asim Ansari, Mubarik Ahmad  
2nd Abdus Shakoor Malik, Mubashir Ahmad Chaudhry, Chirs Komari, Atif Chaudhry  
3rd Imtiyaz Rajeyki, Abid Buttar, Salimullah, Khalil Malik

#### Observation & Recall

- 1st Naveed Malik (Syracuse)  
1st Mansoor Qureshi (Detroit)  
2nd Naeem Ahmad (Fitchburg)  
2nd Khalil Malik (Philadelphia)

#### Impromptu Speech

- 1st Anwar Mahmood Khan (LA East)  
2nd Kusi Ahmad (Hartford)  
3rd Abdul Shakoor Malik (Silicon Valley)  
Consolation Prize: (Nasir Bukhari (Detroit))

### Sports Competition

#### Morning Walk (Saf I, 56 & Over)

- 1st Halim Chaudhry (Baltimore)  
2nd Mahmood Ahmed (Georgia-SC)  
3rd Imtiyaz Rajeyki (Philadelphia)

#### Morning Walk (Saf II, 40-55 Years)

- 1st Baba Trawalley (Research Triangle)  
2nd Ahmad Kusi (Hartford)  
3rd Chair-ul-Bahri (Hartford)

#### **Musical Chair "Hot Potato"**

- 1st Tariq Wahla (Laurel)  
2nd Muhammad Zafar Iqbal (Syracuse)  
3rd Awais Sultan (Cleveland)

#### Horseshoe Toss (Saf I, 55+ Years)

- 1st Zafar Iqbal (Syracuse)  
2nd Iqbal Ahmed (New York)  
3rd Ubaidullah Chaudhry (North Jersey)

#### Horseshoe Toss (Saf II, 40-55 Years)

- 1st Mujahid Mahmood (Dallas)  
2nd Mubashir Ahmed (Dallas)  
3rd Munawar Malik (Dallas)

#### Arm Wrestling (Saf I, 55+ Years)

- 1st Abdul Hameed Mirza (Laurel)  
2nd Jamil Chaudhry (Central New Jersey)  
3rd Imtiyaz Rajeyki (Philadelphia)

#### Arm Wrestling (Saf II, 40-55 Years)

- 1st Abdul Rahman Minhas (Willingboro)  
1st Naseer ul Haque (New York)  
2nd Mohammad A Chaudhry (New York)  
3rd Sadaqat Mahmood (Milwaukee)  
Volleyball (Team Competition)

- 1st Headquarters Region  
2nd Southwest Region  
3rd Philadelphia Majlis

#### Tug-O-War (Team Competition)

- 1st Headquarters Region  
2nd Northeast Region

#### Table Tennis (Saf I, 55+ Years)

- 1st Rafi Ahmed (Brooklyn)  
2nd Majeed Malik (Brooklyn)  
3rd Imtiyaz Chaudhary (Central Jersey)

#### Table Tennis (Saf II, 40-55 Years)

- 1st Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)  
2nd Lutafullah Salim (York)

A snapshot of audience.



Snapshots from the sports competitions.



# تخريج النصاب

## 3rd Fazal Qureshi (Orlando) Meritorious Service to Local Majlis in Finance

Mazhar ul Haque (LA Inland Empire)  
Ch. Fazal Ahmad (North Virginia)  
Masood A. Khurshid (GA/SC)  
Mirza Basharat Munir (Athens)  
Malik Muhammad Altaf (Austin)  
Wadood Tariq (Milwaukee)  
Muzaffar A. Chaudhry (Fitchburg)  
Fazalur Rahman Qureshi (Orlando)  
Tahir Ijaz (San Diego)  
Munir A Malik (Phoenix)  
Naveed Ashraf (St Paul)  
Mahmud A Surahman (LA West)  
Arif Mehmood (North New Jersey)  
Monawar A Siddiqui (Philadelphia)  
Syed Hameed U Rahman (Cleveland)  
Abul M. Haniff (Oakland/SF)  
A. R. Fauzi (Baltimore)  
Nisar Ahmad Khan (Houston North)  
Munawar A. Piracha (Dallas)  
Ch. Muhammad Ikram (Silver Spring)  
Abdul Latif Mahmud (Cypress -Houston)  
Munawar A Malik (Virginia South)  
M Idris Munir (Silicon Valley)  
Ch. Mushtaq Ahmad (Laurel)  
Certificate of Appreciation in Finance  
Naseer U Din (Merced)  
Zia Azam (Research Triangle)

## Lutf ur Rahman (Alabama/TN) Syed Nafees Bukhari (Potomac) A.R. Qureshi (Long Island) Amin Shaikh (Central New Jersey) Syed Mubarak Ahmad (Las Vegas) Certificate of Achievement in Taleem Exam

Z. A. Malik (Austin)  
Chaudhry Naseer Ahmad (Charlotte)  
Iftikhar A. Sheikh (Cypress-Houston)  
Abdul Latif (Dallas)  
Mujahid Mahmood (Dallas)  
Bashir Shad (Detroit)  
Nisar Ahmad (Houston North)  
Mirza Irshad Ali (Houston South)  
Mahmood Ahmad Bhatti (Laurel)  
Chaudhry Mushtaq Ahmad (Laurel)  
Sardar Hifazat Ahmad (Laurel)  
Abdul Shakur Malik (Silicon Valley)  
Mohammad Tahir Bhatti (Silver Spring)  
Latif Ahmad Bhatti (Silver Spring)  
Iqbal Khan (Silver Spring)  
Mokarram A. Khan (Silver Spring)  
Perwaiz Aslam Chaudhry (Silver Spring)  
Masood A. Malik (Silver Spring)  
Nasir A. Raja (Silver Spring)  
Mohammad Zafar Iqbal (Syracuse)  
Tahir Ahmad (Syracuse)  
Basharat Ahmad Wadan (Washington)  
Khalid Mahmood (Washington)

Snapshots from the sports  
competitions, next page.



## Awards for Service to the Local Majlis

Two ansar were recognized at 2008 Ijtima for their service to local Majlis and awarded plaques. Text of the nomination is reproduced below.

From Philadelphia Zaeem:

Imtiyaz Rajayki Sahib is a very devoted **Ahmadi, and a Feda'ee of Khilafat. He will do** whatever it takes to adhere to the directives of the Khalifah and he has demonstrated this trait time and again. He is a very committed Nasir taking part in all and every activity of **Ansar and Jama'at .He is a devoted office** bearer, has held a responsible post in the **Jama'at and in Ansar always. Currently he is** Secretary Wasaya and Tarbiyat in the **Jama'at.**

He is so committed to the call of Wasiyyat by Huzur that he lives that example day in **day out. Because of him alone our Jama'at is** approx 75% moosi today. He carries a printer, a weighing scale for weighing the ornaments for Lajna Wasiyyat always in his car. In addition he is Asst. National Talimul-**Qur'an Secretary serving the Jama'at** regularly. Plus he is devising some easy way to understand Quran Tajweed. He never ever talks negative about anybody at all.

From Austin Zaeem:

Maqbool Ahmad Sahib lead a team of 5 Ansar and 15 to 20 Khuddam for 10 days continuously for converting former church building into a beautiful mosque saving **Jama'at tens of thousands of dollars. They** demolished a 40 ft long and 20 ft high wall loading debris in to a loader which made several trips to dump it. He and a Khadim Mohammad Zakria Ajmal worked tirelessly on renovating the rest rooms which were in very bad shape to look like brand new. They removed the entire fittings and fixtures including doors and commodes and installed new ones. They also installed new tiles.

**He is secretary of Jama'at and Ansarullah.** Every week, he travels 60 miles to offer **Jum'ah Prayer at the mosque. He also looks** after the property of the Jama'at in a befitting manner. In fact, he is a great asset not only **for our local Jama'at but if occasion arose** shall also be very helpful for thr Jama'at. Please remember him in your prayers.



A partial view of the audience at the 2008 Ijtima.

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The Arabic expression anṣarullāh literally means *helpers of God*, and is taken from the Holy Qurʾān (61[Al-Ṣaff]:15, 3[Al ʿImrān]:53).

## Anṣār Pledge

Ash-hadu allā ilāha illallāhu waḥdahū lā sharīka lahū wa ash-hadu anna muḥammadan ʿabduhū wa rasūluh  
(I bear witness that there is no god except Allah, He is One, without partner, and Muḥammad is His servant and His Messenger.)

I solemnly promise that I shall endeavor, till the end of my life, for the consolidation and propagation of Islām and Aḥmadiyyat, and for upholding the institution of Khilāfat. I shall also be prepared to offer the greatest sacrifice for this cause. Moreover, I shall urge all my children to remain true to Khilāfat-i-Aḥmadiyya. In-Shāʾ-Allāh.

## Periodicals

**Al-Naḥl:** Published quarterly. See inside for subscription information.

**Anṣār** (Anṣarullāh News): Monthly newsletter.

## Publications

**Wonderful Prayers from the Holy Qurʾān, Pocket**  
-Size Edition: Free

**Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)** in the Bible: Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh II (raḍiyallāhu ʿanhu). \$1, Free for Tabligh purposes.

Forty Gems of Beauty: Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Bashīr Aḥmad (raḍiyallāhu ʿanhu). \$2.

**Khilāfat Centenary Prayers:** Free.

**Ṣalāt Poster:** 18x24" Color, Arabic with English transliteration and English translation. \$2.

Words of Wisdom: Dr. Karīmullāh Zirvī, Majeed A. Miān, Syed Sājid Aḥmad. Collection of Aḥādīth. \$5.

**Conditions of Baiʿat, Pocket**-Size Edition: Free.

Letter to a Dear One: Sir Muḥammad Zafrullāh Khān. \$2.

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At the conclusion of the Ijtimā‘ a group of Ansar recited poem “La Ilaha Illalahu.”

Seated from Left to right: Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA; Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, Ameer USA Jamā‘at; Imam Daud A. Hanif, Na’ib Ameer and Missionary in Charge USA Jamā‘at.

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