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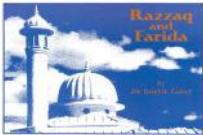
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And thy Lord has inspired the bee, *saying*, ‘Make thou houses in the hills and in the trees and in the trellises which they build, ‘Then eat of every *kind of* fruit, and then pursue submissively the paths prescribed by your Lord.’ There comes forth 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

TRUE LOVE OF GOD

The common aim of the advent of all the Prophets—peace be upon them—is that they should establish the sincere and true love of God; and they should create brotherhood of human beings and make them love one another; unless things take this shape, all is nothing but formality.

So far as the love of God is concerned, only God knows whether it is there or not. But things can be understood with some signs that they are expected to possess, for example, if there is fruit on the lower part of the tree, the fruit is expected to be there on the upper part also. But if there are no fruits on the lower part, how can one be certain that the upper part has any. Likewise, if a man loves his fellow beings and has a sense of oneness with them and also he is moderate as God wishes people to be, then it can be understood that he cherishes love for God.

Thus looking after the rights of the people and brotherly relation with them give the glad tiding that the man has a tinge of the love of God, as well.

(Malfūzāt, Vol. III, p. 95)

NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES

Our most important duty towards God is that we should worship Him and this worship should not be based on any personal desire of ours. Even if we are told that there are no paradise and hell, we should continue to worship Him; it should not detract anything from our love for God—the love of a creature for his Creator. The question of the paradise and the hell should not arise at all. So far as sympathy for human beings is concerned, I

believe that unless one prays for one's enemy, it cannot be said that one has a clean heart. God says in the Holy Qur'ān:

ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ^ط

ud 'ū nī as ta jib la kum [40:61]

Pray to Me and I will answer you. He does not say that if you pray for your enemy, I will not accept your prayer. I strongly believe that to pray for the enemy is the Practice of the Holy Prophet, ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam. The cause of Ḥaḍrat 'Umar joining Islam was the prayer of the Holy Prophet, ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam; he used to pray for him very often. One should not be niggardly towards one's enemies in case of prayers; one must not become a troublesome person. I thank God that I do not find any enemy of mine for whom I have not prayed more than once; there is none like that. And it is the same thing that I am telling you to do; I am teaching you how to do it.

(Malfūzāt, Vol. III, p. 96)

DO NOT BE NEGLIGENT

All of you should listen very attentively and ponder over it seriously, for, this is the matter of faith. To be negligent, or become slack or to be un-attentive can produce very bad results. Those who are negligent in the matter of faith, and when they are addressed they do not listen to it attentively, do not gain anything from what is said to them, even though what is said maybe a very good thing of high standard and very effective. It is this type of people about whom it is said that they have ears but do not hear, they have hearts but do not understand. You should listen

very attentively to whatever is said to you, for, he who does not do so; however long may be the period for which he stays with the beneficial person, he cannot gain anything whatsoever.

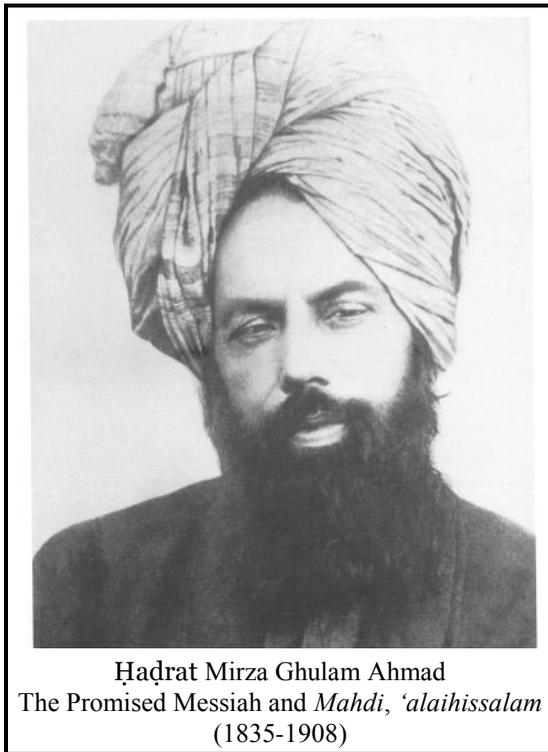
When God raises prophets in the world, they are met with by two types of people. One, those who listen to them attentively and these are the people who benefit from the person of the prophets and are the recipients of true virtue and its blessings and fruits. Two, those who not only do not listen to what the prophets say, they even go to the extent of mocking at them and are always scheming and trying to harm them.

(Malfūzāt, Vol. III, p. 142)

TRUE ATTRACTION

There is no doubt about it that the Holy Prophet, ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam, did not possess any wealth nor did he have any other means to attract the people (by satisfying their greed). Of course, he had two very important things which are real, true and effectively attractive. It is these things that he presented to the world and it is these very things that pulled the people towards him. These two things were: The Truth and a Power of Attraction. It is these very two things that are given to the prophets. Unless both of these things are there, nobody can be benefited by them nor can one help anyone benefit from them. If the Truth is there but the Attraction is not there, it won't do anything. If the Attraction is there but the Truth is not there, that also won't be of any use. There are a lot of people who have the Truth on their lips but their hearts are quite unaware of it. That being the case, they are not effective for the lack of attraction. Whatever anyone of these people says, is not said from the core of the heart and therefore it does not produce the required results.

True Attraction and effectiveness come into existence only when the person who



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

talks of the Truth, also sincerely believe in it and acts upon it with the consequence of emitting bright light and good characteristics. Unless a man really and truly believes and acts upon what he says, he cannot make his words effective. Such words as are devoid of faith and action, and they are uttered by stinking lips become mort stinking when they reach the ears of others. I should even like to say that this kind of unjust and evil-doers kill the truth, for, the truth they speak of, is without any blessings and sweet fruits. That being the case the listeners take such words to be imaginary stories and, therefore, they do not pay any heed to them; that is how they are left deprived.

In short, it should be kept in mind that he who claims to be a reformer and wishes to better the condition of the people, cannot be effective unless he has the Truth on his side

and he is also having a sort of pull. Of course, those who do not listen attentively cannot benefit even from those who have the Truth and the Attraction.

(Malfūzāt, Vol. III, p. 143)

LIVING RELIGION

It is not an empty claim that Islam, because of its pure teaching and living results, is distinctively spread all over the world; it has been proved conclusively by God through this servant of His. This servant of His has called upon the followers of all the religions and they have been told that in truth Islam is the only living religion in the whole world at this time. They have also been invited, in case of their being in doubt, to come and stay here and they have been assured that they would witness the proofs. The condition, of course, is that they should truly be seekers after truth; they should not hastily begin to criticize and raise objections.

The Holy Prophet, ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam, was raised; to revive the glory and grandeur of God which had been lost to the world at a time when the good natured people could easily know that he was direly needed. The condition of those times itself was a glaring proof of the fact that he was true in putting forward his claim. The wise people did not even need a miracle to prove the truthfulness of the Holy Prophet, ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam.

(Malfūzāt, Vol. III, p. 149)

PHILOSOPHY OF ‘STORIES’

This is not at all worth forgetting that the Holy Qur’ān which is the best of the scriptures (and the last law bearing Book) is not a collection of stories. Those who, because of misunderstanding or in an effort to cover the truth, have called this book a collection of stories are devoid of the sense, of the truth-realization. The fact is contrary

to what these people think, the Holy Qur’ān has given a philosophical touch to the incidents mentioned in it, and it must be admitted that by so doing it has laid the previous scriptures and the prophets under obligation. Had the Holy Qur’ān not dealt with them as it has, those things would have become a laughing stock in this age.

This, too, is the grace of God that in this Age which is the Age of the advancement of knowledge and various facts are being discovered, He has established this Dispensation to disclose the heavenly secrets. What was considered to be nothing more than ordinary stories and were being mocked at in this Age of science, has been presented to the world (by this Dispensation) in a philosophical manner.

(Malfūzāt, Vol. III; p. 153)

HOLY QUR’ĀN’S OBLIGATION

It must be kept in mind that the Holy Qur’ān has laid the scripture and the prophets under obligation introducing their teachings as something intellectual, though they were in the form of stories. I tell you the truth that nobody can attain to salvation through these stories unless he studies the Holy Qur’ān, for; it is no other Book except the Holy Qur’ān about which it is said

إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ فَصْلٍ
ط
وَمَا هُوَ بِأَهْزَلٍ

innahū la-qaulun faṣlun
wa ma huwa bil-hazl [86:14-15]

It is a Scale, Protector, a Light and Cure and Mercy. Those who study the Holy Qur’ān and take it as stories, do not really study the Holy Qur’ān (they do not understand it), rather they degrade it. Why are my opponents so strongly opposed to me? Simply because I want to show Holy Qur’ān

according to the command of God as a Light, Wisdom and a means of God-realization. On the other hand, they want to show it as no more than ordinary stories. I cannot tolerate this. God, through His Grace, has made it clear to me that the Holy Qur'ān is a living Book and full of Light. Why should I mind the opposition.

I am repeatedly advising those who are with me that this Dispensation has been started by God to reveal the fact and to make them conspicuous, for, without this, there can be no Light in the practical life. I should like the Beauty of Islam to be shown to the world through practical truth. It is for this that God has commissioned me. You should study the Holy Qur'ān much and do so as if you study a philosophy and not just as you study some stories.

(Malfūzāt, Vol. III, p. 155)

PUNISHMENT FOR MISCHIEF-MAKING

It should be remembered that the Meccans did not only disbelieve (the Holy Prophet, ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wa sallam)—mere denial of a Prophet on the basis of simple-mindedness does not bring down the wrath of God on the people in the world. It is only when the people who belie, cross all the bounds of gentility and humanity and become shameless and foul-mouthed and they do not limit themselves to raising objections but go to the extent of teasing and machinations, that jealousy of God is roused and He destroys these cruel and unjust people for the sake of him whom He has commissioned to reform the world. That is what happened in the days of Noah. That is what happened in the days of Lot.

This kind of punishments are always meted out to the people because of the mischief that is perpetrated against the prophets of God and their followers; otherwise so far as mere denial is concerned,

it is never punished in this world. God deals with these people in another world, that is, the next world.

The punishments descend on the people because of their acts of teasing and troubling those who are commissioned by God, and because of taking the denial to the extent of mocking at them. If somebody says in a gentle manner that he has not understood such and such points and that is why "I do not fall in line with you and do not believe," it would not make that person deserving of the punishment of God, for this is his simple mindedness and lack of knowledge.

I tell you the truth that if the people of Noah had objected to his prophethood in a gentle manner, they would not have been punished by God. The punishment of all the peoples is the result of their own deeds.

God has said even this much that those who come to listen to the Holy Qur'ān, should be taken to a place of security, even though they may be opponents and disbelievers. It is because there is no compulsion in Islam, as the Holy Qur'ān says:

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ

lā ikrāha fid-dīn [2:257]

(There is no compulsion in the matter of religion.)

(Malfūzāt, Vol. III, p. 162-163)

The Discourses, Naseem Saifi, Freetown, pp. 134-140.

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Baitul Fazl, London
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Dear Wajeeh Bajwa Sahib,

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

I have read your letter querying whether Chanda of Majlise Ansarullah is obligatory or not taking into account that members are already paying the Lazmi Chanda Jaats.

It is clearly stated in the directives of Hadhrat Musleh Ma'ood رحمته الله that it is mandatory for Ahmadis to join relevant auxiliary organisations. Besides it is essential to join those organisations which are directly under the Khalifa e Waqt. The Ansarullah Chanda though is not obligatory and is more of a membership contribution. Any member who is free from any financial constraints must pay this Chanda. However, any Ansar who does not pay the Chanda cannot hold an office in the Majlis. Likewise it is mandatory for the office bearers of the Jamaat to pay their contributions both towards the relevant organisations and also give the obligatory Jamaati Chandas. This is the basic rule of the Chanda Majlise Ansarullah.

Wassalam.

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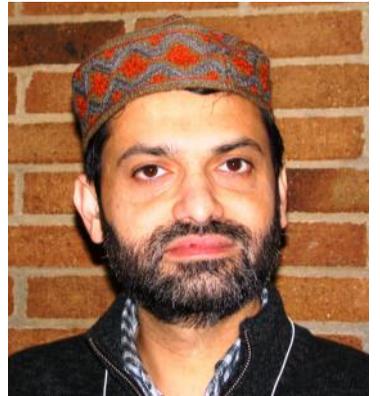
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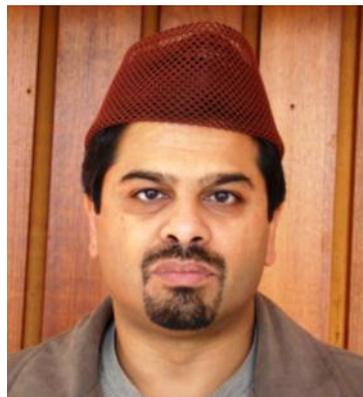
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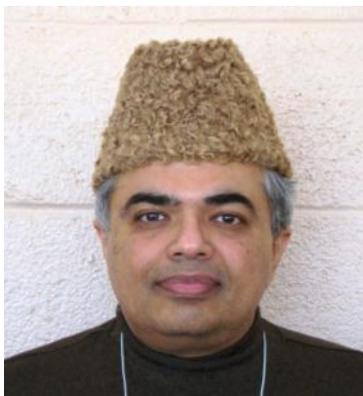
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Imran Hayee, Qa'id Umumi

By the Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allah, Majlis Ansarullah USA held Ansar Leadership Conference (ALC) 2009 at Baituz Zafar Mosque in Queens, New York, on the weekend of Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, 2009. This year ALC was attended by members of the national Amila, Nazimeen and Zo'ama or their representatives from 48 (out of 66) Majalis of Majlis Ansarullah, USA. A total of 86 delegates from all over the US attended the conference. Twenty Seven volunteers from New York Majlis made sure that the conference ran smoothly.

Program of conference started on Saturday morning and concluded on Sunday with Zuhr and Asr prayers. Most of the guests arrived on Friday evening, stayed in the beautiful new Mosque and enjoyed a nice exercise facility in the basement of the mosque. A few Ansar members played pool and table tennis, while others wrestled with a variety of exercise equipment. Saturday's program started with Tahajjud and Fajr prayers followed by breakfast. The formal program of the conference started with recitation of the Holy Qur'an on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 9:00 AM, followed by Ansar pledge and Dua (Silent Prayers) lead by Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa.

In his opening address, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah welcomed the delegates and highlighted the objectives and program of the ALC. He emphasized that ALC is designed to provide a discussion forum to understand challenges faced by Majlis Ansarullah in the coming year. He shared the following major goals to be achieved by Majlis Ansarullah in year 2009:

- Each Nasir to offer at least one daily

prayer in congregation.

- Increase member attendance in meetings by at least 10% where it is below 30%.
- Achieve 25% participation of Ansar in educational tests.
- Initiate and sustain at least one social service activity in each Majlis.
- Increase number of Ansar exercising regularly by 10% (increase from 20% to 30%).
- Collect 100% of income budget before the National Ijtema and increase number of dues paying Ansar by 10%.
- Increase Tahrik-e-Jadid and Waqf-e-Jadid Participation/Collection by at least 10%.
- Complete review of translation of Volumes I and II of Sabilur-Rashad.
- Collect email addresses of at least 50% of Ansar.
- Collect information (talent, available time, etc.) about retired Ansar.

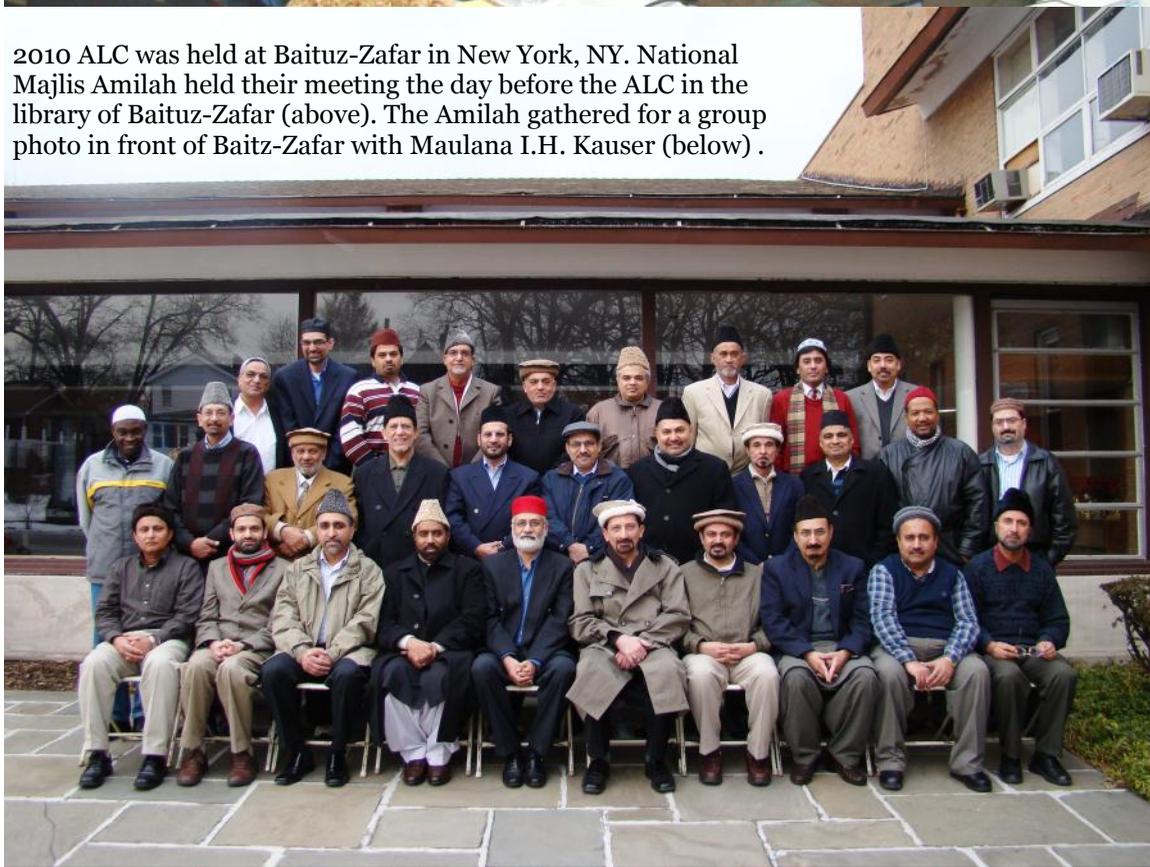
After the opening address, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah requested all delegates to introduce themselves and also requested all Zo'ama to give one-suggestion and ask one question. In addition to one-suggestion-one question other important features of this year's ALC included Qai'deen's presentations, addresses by Imam Inamul Haq Kauser on Ansar's role on training of children and in Tabligh, a presentation on newly acquired mosque, and a workshop on habits of highly successful Muslims.

One-Question One-Suggestion Session:

In this session, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah requested all Zo'ama to give one suggestion about how Majlis Ansarullah USA can function better than previous years and also ask one question about their most



2010 ALC was held at Baituz-Zafar in New York, NY. National Majlis Amilah held their meeting the day before the ALC in the library of Baituz-Zafar (above). The Amilah gathered for a group photo in front of Baitz-Zafar with Maulana I.H. Kauser (below) .



challenging problem they may face at local Majlis. This session was very interesting and lasted 4 hours. Many useful suggestions were made and many interesting questions were asked. These questions ranged from “how to activate an inactive Nasir member” to “what is the scientific evidence behind homeopathy”. These questions were summarized the same night and Sadr Majlis Ansarullah gave the answers to all the questions in his concluding address on Sunday morning. These questions and Sadr’s response will be available at Ansar website (www.ansarusa.org).

Qa’ideen’s Presentations:

As always, Qa’ideen worked very hard in preparing 5-minute presentations to all Zo’ama. Qa’ideen kept the presentations interactive and to the point. All presentations were geared towards how a Za’im or a Muntazim can achieve the objectives set forth by Qa’id of the relevant department. Although, some of the presentations took longer than assigned time because there were follow up questions for further clarification. Overall this session went smoothly and kept all Zo’ama fully engaged. These presentations will be available on Ansar website for everybody’s benefit and future reference.

Special Presentation:

Imam Inamul Haq Kauser attended the ALC not only on Saturday but also on Sunday. On Saturday afternoon he spoke about Ansar’s Role in Tabligh. He emphasized the importance of tabligh and encouraged Ansar to take this responsibility seriously as this is one of the duties of every Muslim that is given in the Holy Qu’ran. Imam Inamul Haq Kauser addressed the audience again on Sunday morning. He talked about “role of Ansar in upbringing of their children.” He emphasized that Ansar need to pay special attention to their children’s spiritual and moral training from

the very young age. Imam Inamul Haq Kauser also requested all Ansar to pay special attention to their own spiritual and moral training so that they can become role models for their children.

Presentation on Baituz Zafar Mosque:

ALC was held in new Mosque Baituz Zafar, in New York. This mosque has been recently purchased by New York Jama’at. ALC 2009 was the first national event to be held in this mosque. A special presentation was made by Ahmad Chaudhry (Regional Qa’id Majlis Kuddamul Ahmadiyya, USA) on how this mosque was acquired. He talked about how multiple hurdles were overcome merely by the Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allah and how this Synagogue has been turned into a beautiful mosque. This presentation ended the first day of the conference, i.e., Saturday. Nazir Ayaz took visitors on a tour of the mosque which comprises of a large multipurpose hall, a functional basement, five classrooms, a beautiful library/conference room, and a commercial grade kitchen.

Workshop on Habits of Successful Muslims:

This year, a special workshop entitled “Habits of Successful Muslim” was conducted. This workshop was conducted on Sunday morning before the concluding session of the conference. Objective of the workshop was introduced by Sadr Majlis Ansarullah. He also presented first habit of successful Muslims, that is, “Dua” (prayer). Four other presentations followed his presentation. Next presentation was on the topic of “Be Proactive” and was delivered by Dr. Khaled Ata, Na’ib Sadr I of Majlis Ansarullah USA. In his presentation, he quoted from the Holy Qu’ran that “*a man will have nothing but what he strives for*” (Chapter: 53, Verse: 40) to emphasize that individuals need to be constantly



A scene from the ALC at Baituz-Zafar in its multi-purpose great hall (top). ALC attendees gather for a group photo in the great hall (bottom).





struggling and keep on trying to be successful spiritually as well as at this work. After this presentation, Dr. Zia Shah spoke about “Win-Win.” He presented various scenarios to illustrate that we should be thinking about long term benefits instead of short term gains in our everyday dealings both at home and at work. The third presentation was on the topic of “Effective Communication” by Mua’win Sadr, Naseem Waseem. He emphasized that by listening carefully and evaluating a situation thoroughly enables us to speak effectively. He mentioned that by making wrong assumptions or not being able to understand somebody else’s point of view can lead to wrong conclusions. The last presentation of this workshop was by National Tarbiyat Secretary, Nasir M. Malik on “Hard Work – First Things First”. He pointed out that one should understand his priorities and plan his tasks accordingly. He introduced a simple tool which can be used by anyone to evaluate the importance and urgency of the tasks on one’s plate, and how to maximize one’s efficiency by eliminating less important tasks and maximizing more important tasks in everyday life.

After the workshop, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA addressed the audience with his concluding remarks. He answered all of the questions asked a day before and further elaborated on the following points:



- Importance of plans given in the Ansar handbook.
- Importance of having meetings well organized and distribution of meeting agenda ahead of time.
- Understanding members’ difficulties and how to accommodate their schedule.
- Importance of paying Ansar Chanda (dues).

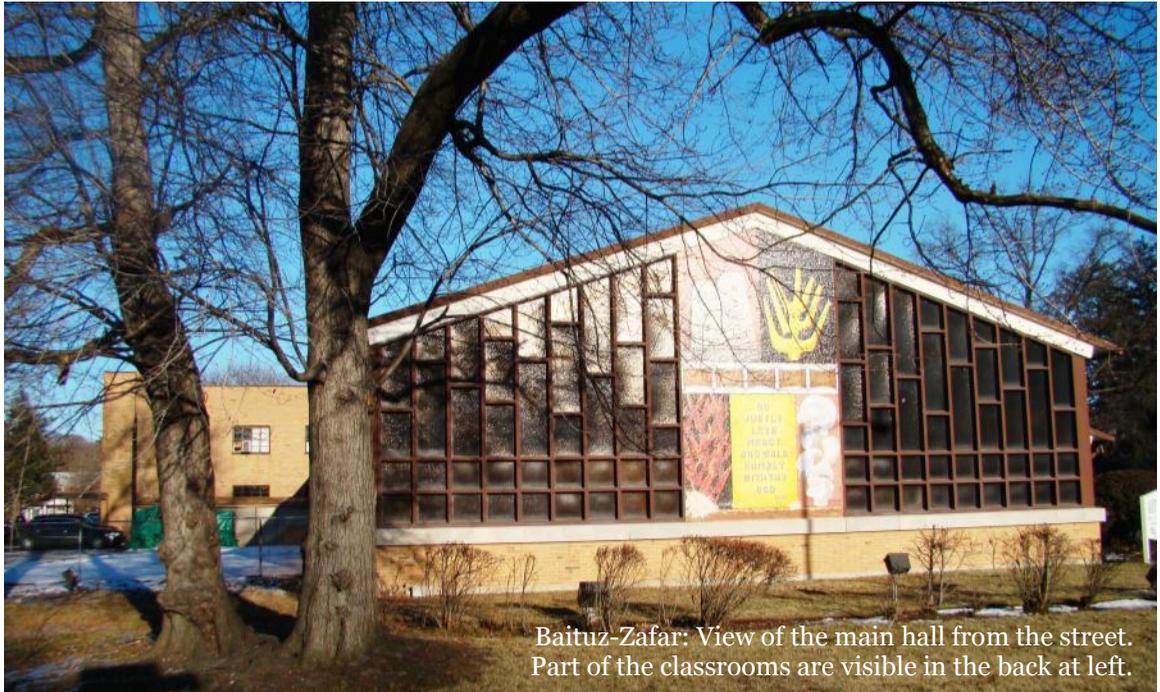
The conference concluded with Ansar pledge lead by the Sadr Majlis at 12:30 PM followed by silent prayer led by Zinda Mahmood Bajwa, Na’ib Ameer, USA. A group photo of all attendees with Sadr Majlis Ansarullah was taken on Saturday evening after Maghrib and Isha Prayers



Baituz-Zafar: On the left is the main entrance and main hall. To the right are classrooms and offices.



Baituz-Zafar: View of the classrooms from the children's playground in the back.



Baituz-Zafar: View of the main hall from the street. Part of the classrooms are visible in the back at left.



Baituz-Zafar: Inside view of the main hall.



Above left. Khalid Ata, Wajeeh Bajwa and Munawar Saqib at the ALC.

Above right: Maulana IH Kauser addressing the ALC.

Right. A clock at Baituz-Zafar.

Below. Sadr Majlis with the ALC local support team.



National Majlis Amilah in
Detroit on 7 March 2009.

Right: Amilah meeting. at
Masjid Mahmood.

Below: A group photo
outside the mosque.





Right: Sadr Majlis Wajeeh Bajwa with Great Lakes Regional Nazim Naseem Ahmed and Detroit Za'im Rizwan Qadir while talking to local members.

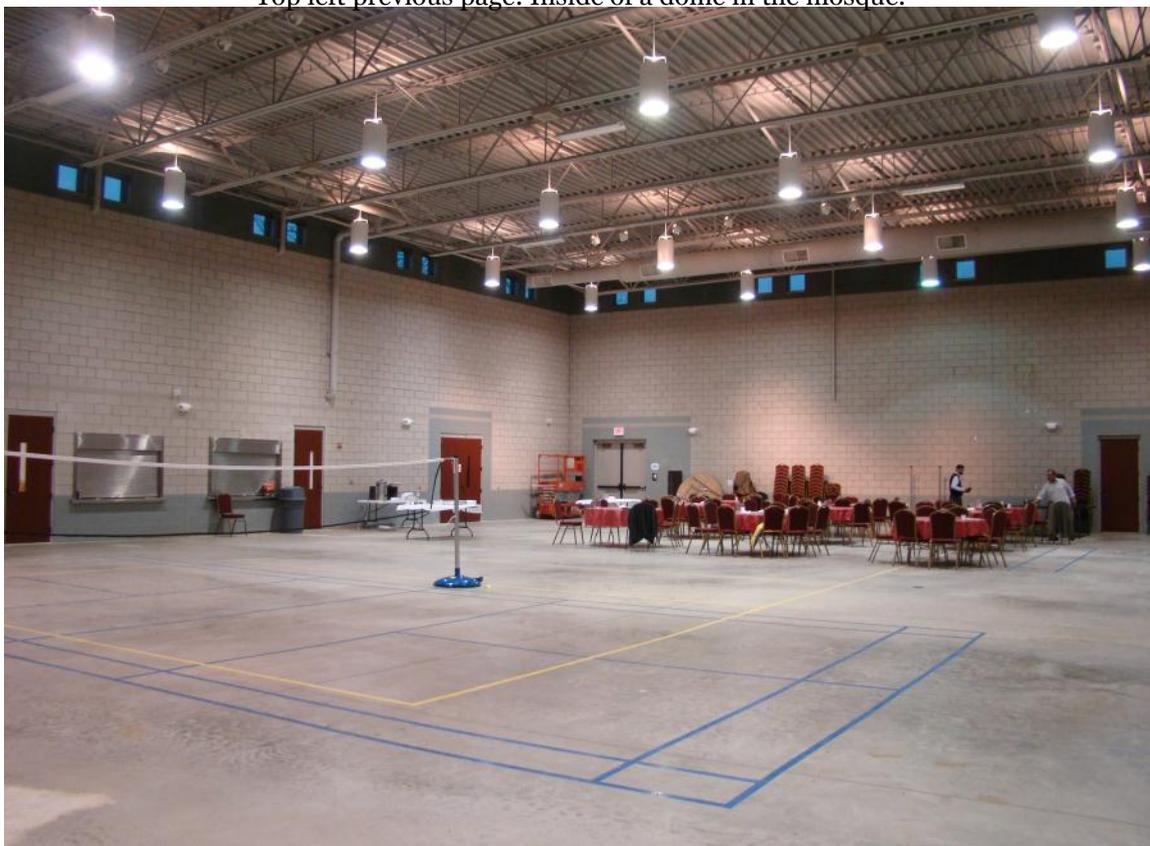


Below: National Amilah group photo with Detroit Majlis members.





The Detroit Mahmood Mosque is a multi-purpose complex. Top left: A glass walled room next to the men's prayer room. Top right: Exhibition room in the central hall. Below: A large multipurpose hall has high ceiling to allow table tennis, tennis, volleyball and basketball games. To the right is kitchen. The hall can be partitioned as necessary. Top left previous page: Inside of a dome in the mosque.



Various views of the mosque.
Top: Decorated door inside.
Middle: Outside view of the side facing Ka'bah.
Below: Back of mosque. The multipurpose hall rises above rest of the building.





Sadr Majlis conducting the National Majlis Amilah at St. Louis, MO May 9, 2009 at Baitul-Hafeez.

Sadr Majlis with St Louis pioneer Ahmadi Br Munir Ahmad and Maulana Azhar Hanif (4th, 5th and sixth, respectively, from left).





National Amilah meetin was held in the Ahmadiyya center in Baltimore on August 15-16, 2009. Here Amilah members are shown with local members in front of the center.

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ANSAR SECTION

25th December 2009

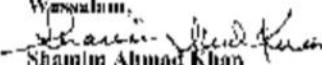
Mr. Wajeel Bajwa sahib,
Sadr, Majlis Ansarullah,
U.S.A.

Dear Bajwa Sahib,

Assalamo Alaikun wa Rahmatullahi wa Barukaatuhu

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V has instructed me to thank you for your letter in which you have informed him about the project "Bicycles for Africa".

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V has asked me to convey his blessings for this noble project and prayed that may Allah reward you and to all Ansar of USA for contributing for this project.

Wassalam,

Shamim Ahmad Khan
Asst. Private Secretary (Honorary),
Ansar Section.

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Majlis Ansārullāh, USA

Annual Report for 2009

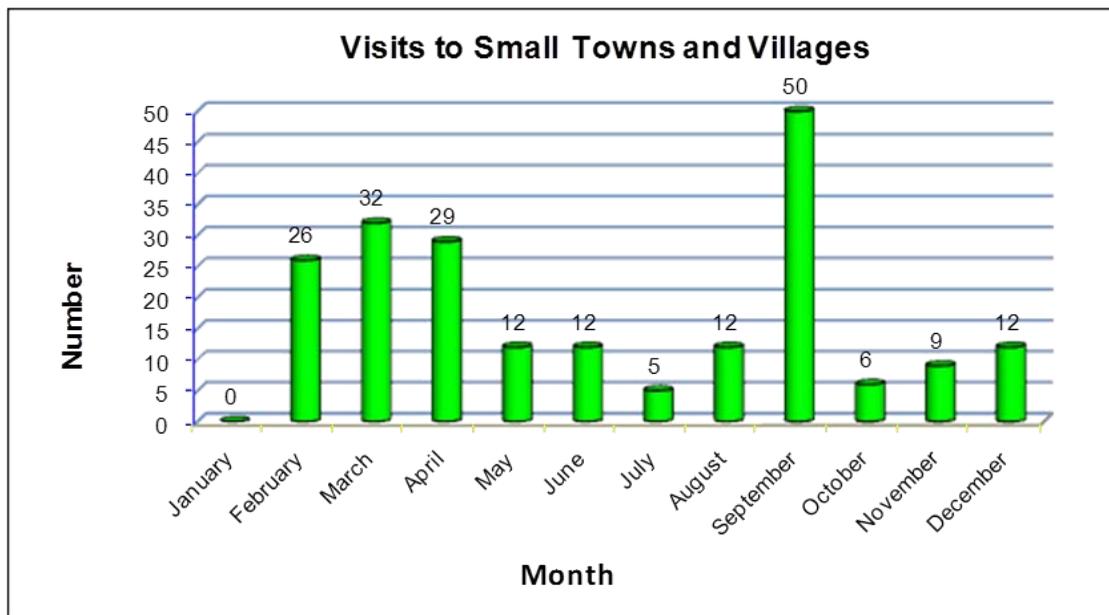
Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr Majlis Ansārullāh, USA

The Majlis Ansārullāh, USA was established in 1981. Since then, growth has been significant in terms of the number of Majālis as well as membership. In 2009, there were 66 established Majālis in 12 regions and the total membership was approximately 2033. The US Jamā'at currently has 69 chapters; three Jamā'ats did not have sufficient number of Ansār to establish a Majlis.

Through Almighty Allah's Mercy and Grace the Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, continues to move forward with members' cooperation, support, and prayers. The year 2009 ended with the following significant achievements, *Al-Ḥamdu Lillāh*:

Tabligh

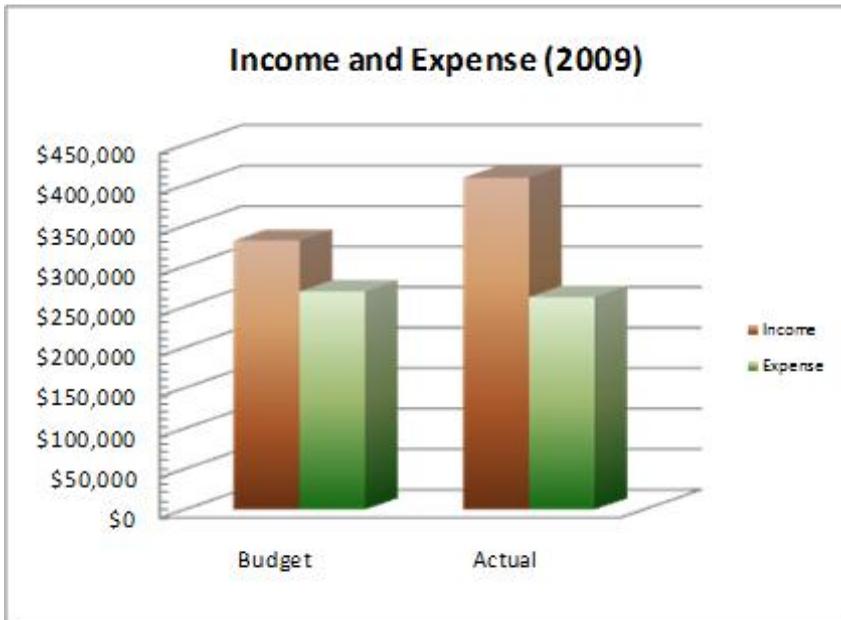
Following the directions of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V (ayyadahullahu ta'ala binasrihil-'aziz) visits to small towns was the focus for Tabligh during 2009. The following graph shows the number of small towns/villages visited each month:



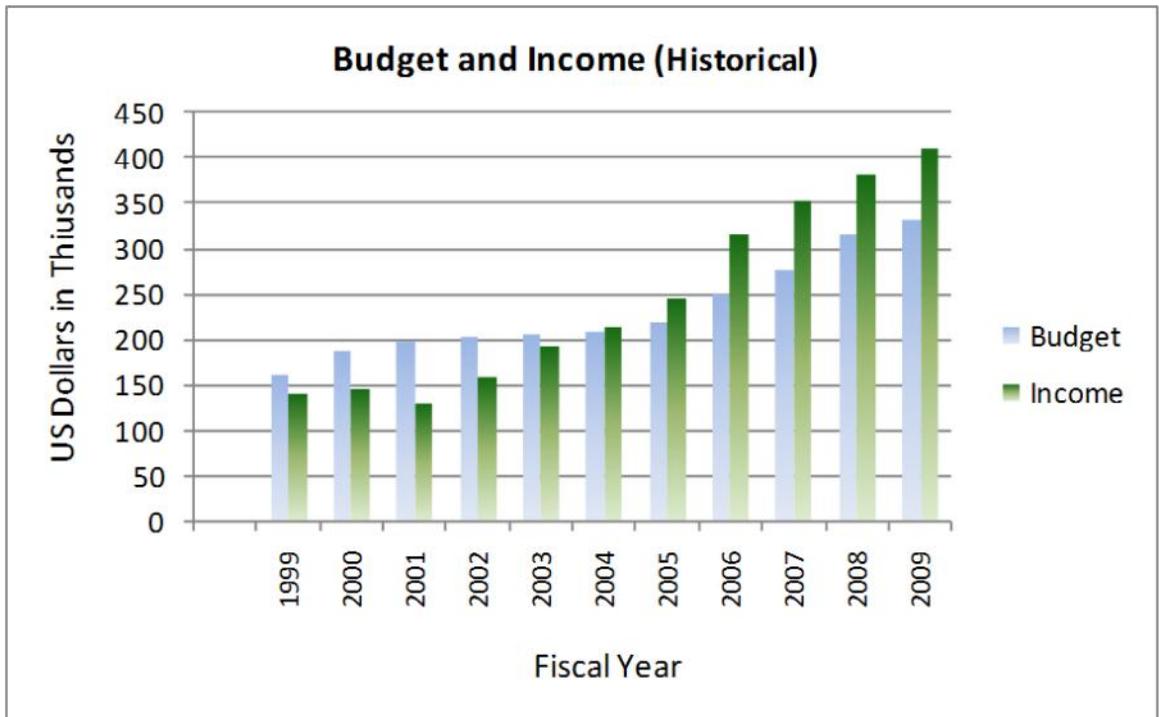
Mal (Finance):

Financial sacrifices of Ansār continue to be strong both for the Majlis itself and also in support of the Jama'at system. Ansār chanda collection increased by 6.84% over 2008 and collection (\$409,335.06) in 2009 was 18.96% more than the budget (\$331,741.00) for 2009, *Al-Ḥamdu Lillāh*.

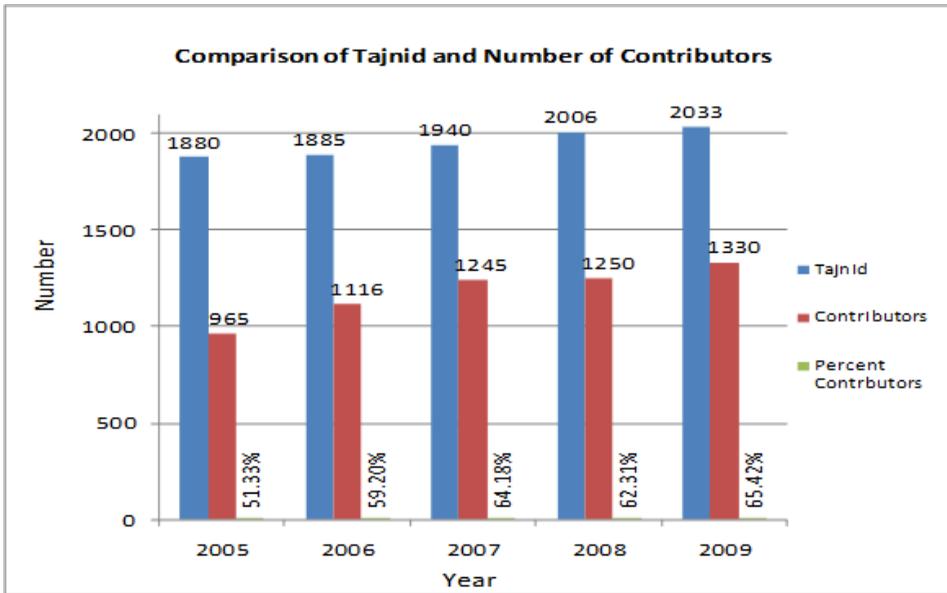
Income and expense budget and actual collection and expense for 2009 are given next:



Ansār Income Budget/Collection progression for 10 years is given below:

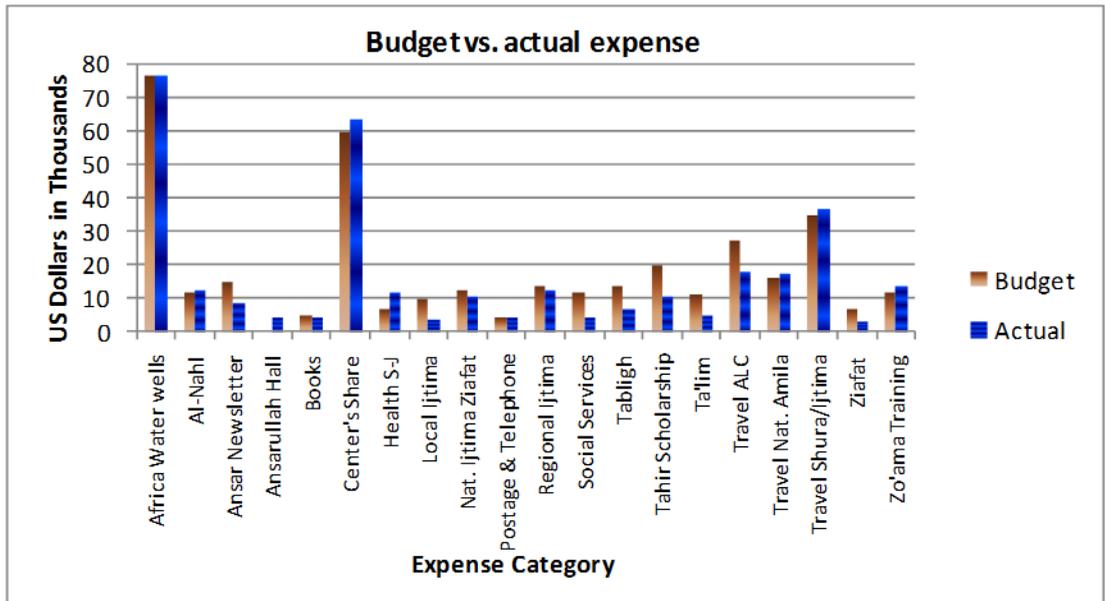


The following graph gives analysis of last five years showing total Ansār membership and how many Ansār paid their dues (also shown as percentage of total Tajnid who paid their Ansār dues):



Expenditure breakdown:

The following chart shows expenditure by various categories:



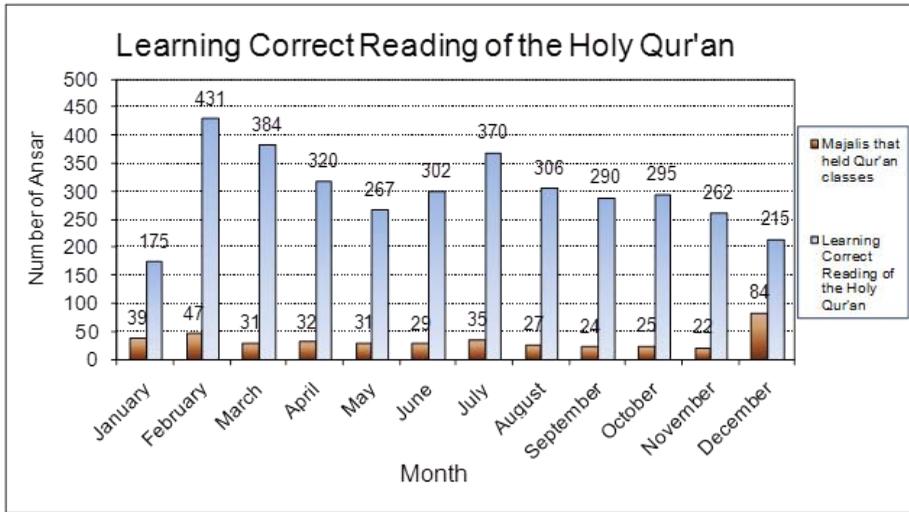
Ta'lim:

Participation in the Ta'lim (education) exams continues to be a challenge. Two exams were conducted during 2009. Participation by Majālis and member was as follows:

Description	Participation by Percent	
	Majālis	Ansār
Exam I of 2009 held in July 2009	?	?
Exam II of 2009 held in January 2009	Data not available at the time of publication of this report.	
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%

Ta'limul-Qur'an

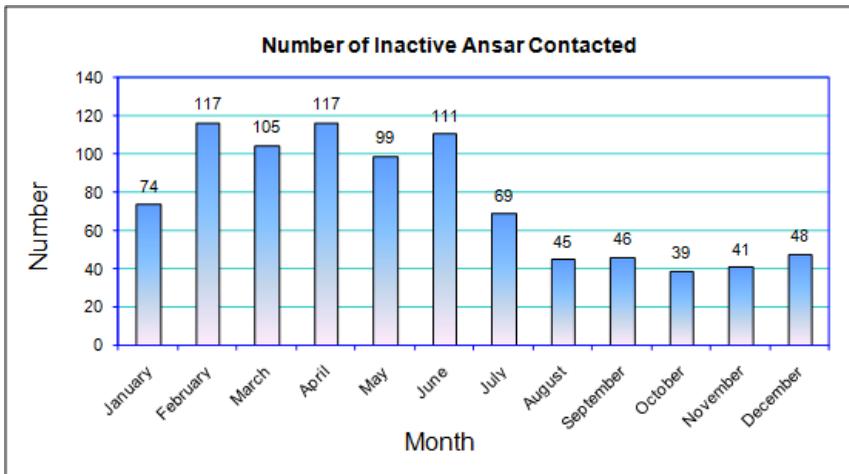
Majlis continues to make an effort in teaching correct reading of the Holy Qur'an. Number of Ansār who are learning correct reading of the Holy Qur'an and number of Majālis holding Ta'limul Qur'an classes was as follows:



Tarbiyat

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

One of the goals to be achieved in the Tarbiyat department was to contact inactive Ansār. The following graph shows number of inactive Ansār contacted during the year.



Tarbiyat department managed discipline duty at the annual convention of US Jama'at.

Publication:

Ansār newsletter was published every month and sent to members via postal service as well as electronically.

Translation of “Sabīlur-Rashād” is complete and is under review.

Following flyers/posters were published during 2009:

EL ISLAM UNA RELIGION DE PAZ Y AMOR (Quantity: 20,000)

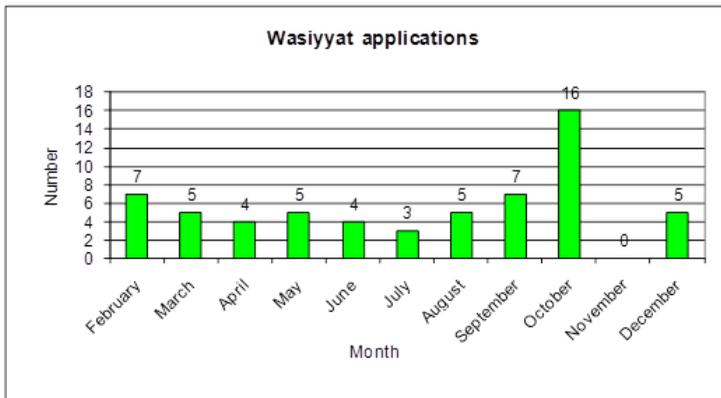
¿JESUCRISTO MURIÓ EN LA CRUZ? (Quantity: 20,000)

Jesus son of Mary (Quantity: 20,000)

Salāt Chart (Quantity: 5,000)

Wasiyyat:

Sixty eight members applied for scheme of Wasiyyat in 2009. May Almighty Allah accept their sacrifices, Amīn.



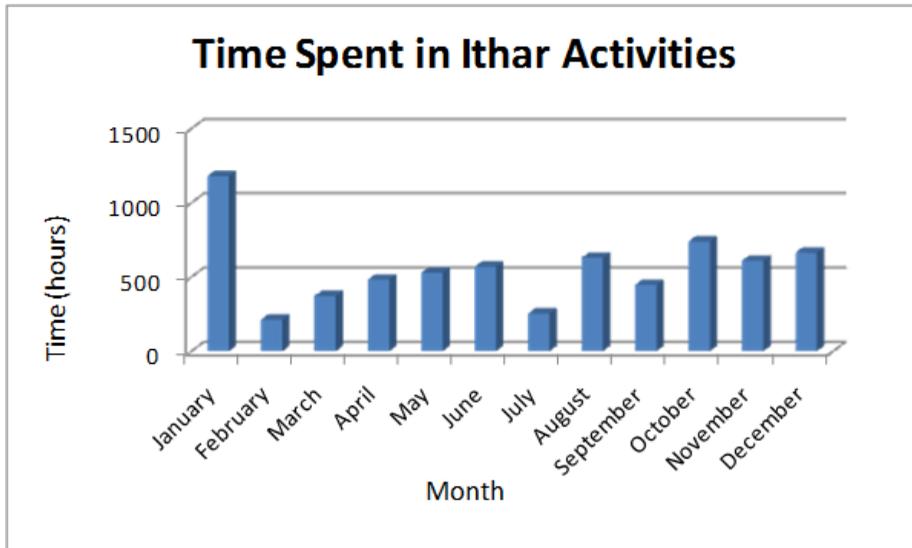
Ithar (Social services):

Water well project: Hadrat Khalīfatul-Masih V (may Allah be his support) advised Majlis Ansārullāh USA to install 5 water wells in 2008 in African countries. Saying “Labbaik” to Hudur’s (aba) directive, Majlis Ansārullāh USA partnered with Humanity First to install these wells. Ansār 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. Collection for this scheme in 2009 was \$48,160.60. Total collection for this scheme in two years was \$71,510.60. In 2009 Majlis Ansārullāh humbly submitted a check for \$56,000 to Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (may Allah be his support) for water wells in Africa thus spending total of \$76,000 towards this scheme, *Al-Hamdu Lillah*.

Majlis continued to provide MTA System (Muslim Television Ahamdiyya Satellite dish system) to those Ansār who could not purchase one. Three MTA systems were provided to members during 2009.

1713 Members from 59 Majālis spent 6,692 hours in Waqar-i-Amal (dignity in work). Waqar-i-Amal was devoted to various maintenance and cleanup projects in and around mosques and mission houses.

Following graph shows hours spent in social service activities by various Majālis:



Dhahanat wa Sehhat-i-Jismani (Intellect and Physical Health):

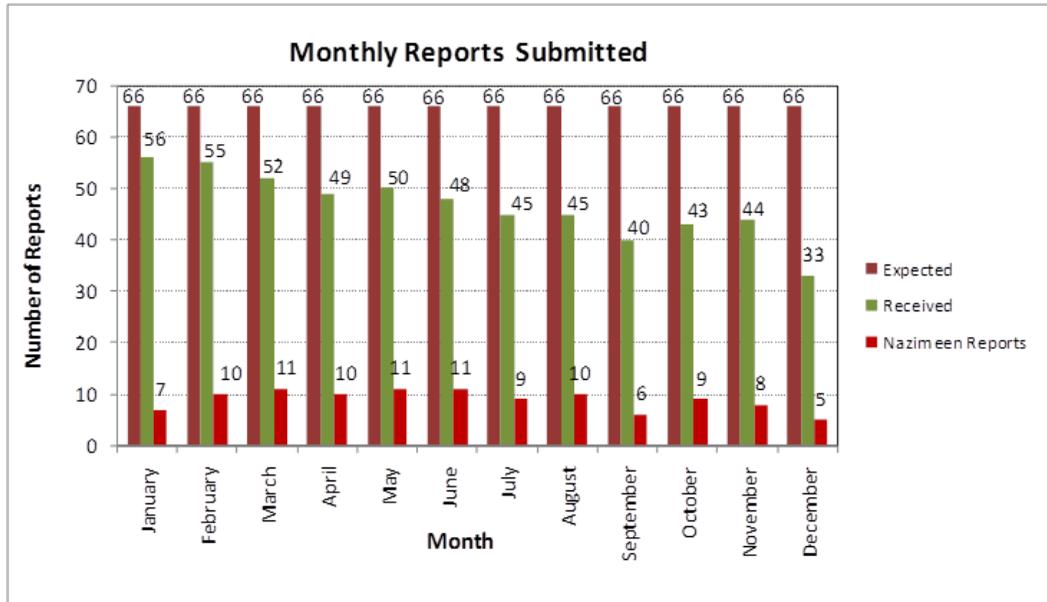
Thirty Nine (39) homeopathy kits over last 3 years to various Majālis.
23% of Ansār were actively involved in daily or weekly exercise routine.

Ansār Tahir Scholarship:

Three scholarship were awarded in 2009 with total scholarship amount of \$10,700.

Monthly Activity Reports:

A total of 560 monthly activity reports were received (out of a possible 792 – which makes the total reports received 70%). The number of Majālis increased from 64 to 66 in 2009.



Ijtimā'at

National Ijtimā':

The 28th National Ijtimā' of Majlis Ansārullāh USA was held in the newly expanded Baitur-Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, from October 16 to 18, 2009. As is customary, to the National Ijtimā', the 17th Majlis Shūrā of Majlis Ansārullāh was also held during this time. Both the Ijtimā' and the Majlis Shūrā were very successful, with a combined attendance of more than 500 Ansār from all over the USA, a new record for Majlis Ansārullāh since the inception of its National Ijtimā' in USA. This record can be attributed in part to the new expansion of Baitur-Rahman Mosque which most of the Ansār saw for the first time since its completion just a few days before the Ijtimā'. The most noteworthy features of the expansion of the Baitur Rahman Mosque are an Ansārullāh Hall and a Lajna Hall located on the basement and the 2nd floor, respectively. Both halls being equally spacious easily accommodated all activities of Ijtimā' and Shūrā with Lajna hall serving as the Ijtimā' Gah, and Ansārullāh Hall was used as hospitality (Ziafat) area. The Mosque area was used for Prayers and accommodation. The effectiveness of the new construction of the Baitur-Rahman Mosque can be measured by the fact that it rained throughout the Ijtimā', however, members stayed inside and were able to take part in alternate activities without getting bored. Sports competitions which were scheduled to be held outside had to be cancelled. The Mosque easily accommodated 500 Ansār taking part in various Ijtimā' and Shūrā activities—nutritiously rich for both their souls and bodies.

Among the prominent features of the Ijtimā' and Majlis Shūrā were opening and closing sessions, educational, and sports competitions, interactive workshops on the topics related to Tabligh, Tarbiyat, economics and health, and a special session with the Amīr of USA Jamā'at on Saturday afternoon. A complete report of Ijtimā' 2009 is published separately.

Regional Ijtimā'at

Successful Regional Ijtimā'at were held in all 12 regions with National 'Āmila members participating in each Ijtimā'. The following table gives details of the these Ijtimā'at (which 'Āmila member attended these Ijtimā'at):

Region Name	Nazim	National Representative
Central East	Farooq Azam Malik	Munawar Saqib
Central West	Naseer M. Siddique	M. Dawood Munir
Great Lakes	Naseem Ahmed	Khaled Ata
Gulf States	Bashiruddin Shams	Imran Hayee
Headquarter	Perwaiz Aslam Chaudhry	Perwaiz Aslam Chaudhry
Mid West	Nazir Ahmad	Rafiuddin Malik
New York	Arshad Janjua	Naseem Ahmed Waseem
North East	Muhammad Zafar Iqbal	Muhammad Owusu, Waseem Ahmad
North West	Abid Haq	Syed Sajid Ahmad
South East	Nafis Ur Rehman	Habeeb Shafeek Jr., Shamim Malik
South West	Anis M. Shaikh	Monas Chaudry
Virginia	Basharat Ahmad Wadan	Khaled Ata, Bashir Malik

Ansār Leadership Conference (ALC)

By the Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allah, Majlis Ansārullāh USA held 9th Ansār Leadership Conference (ALC) 2009 at Baituz-Zafar Mosque in Queens, New York, on the weekend of Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, 2009. This year ALC was attended by members of the national 'Āmila, Nazimeen and Zu'ama or their representatives from 48 (out of 66) Majālis. A total of 86 delegates from all over the US attended the conference. Twenty Seven volunteers from New York Majlis made sure that the conference ran smoothly.

Conclusion

I wish to thank all members of the National 'Āmila, Na'ib Qa'ideen, Nazimīn, Zu'ama, Muntazimīn 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, *Āmīn*.

May Almighty Allah enable each and every member of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA to fulfill not only their spiritual and Majlis (Jama'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, *Āmīn*.

2009 Regions

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

2009
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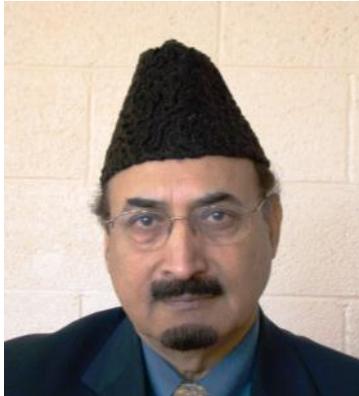
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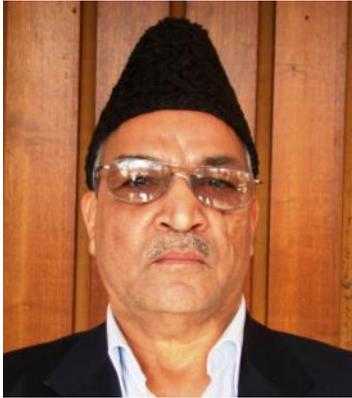
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Midwest
Nazir Ahmad



New York Metro
Arshad Janjua



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Northwest
Abid Haq



Southeast
Nafis Ur Rehman



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Anis M. Shaikh



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Central West Regional Ijtima
8 August 2009

A session in progress (below). Audience (opposite top left). Maulana Irshad Malhi addressing the Ijtima (opposite top right). A group photo (opposite bottom).

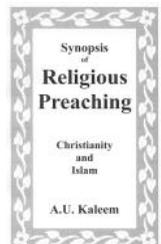


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18th Annual Gulf States Regional Ijtima 2009.

Dr. Irshad Ali, Houston

The 18th Regional Ijtima was held on 30-31 May 2009 at Baitus-Samee Mosque Houston. About 65 Ansar from Houston North, Houston Cypress, Houston South, Dallas, Austin, New Orleans, and Tulsa participated.

The first session was presided over by Imran Hayee, Qā'id Umumi Ansarullah, USA. Bashir Shams, Nazim Gulf States Region, welcomed the participants. Imam M Zafrullah Hanjra gave the opening address followed by address by Qā'id Umumi, Imran Hayee.

The second session was mainly for educational competitions. Competitions for recitation from the Holy Qur'ān, Commentary of Hadith, Urdu poem and English poem were held.

In the sports session, the contestants displayed their talents in Table Tennis, Horse Shoe, Basketball Shooting, Volleyball and Cricket. The Volleyball match was won by outstation team and cricket match by Houston team.

The final session for the day was a joint session with Regional Khuddam and Atfal

who were also holding their Ijtima at the same time. This session was on the Infrastructure For Family Values. It was a very interesting and fruitful discussion during which both sides took part actively and enthusiastically.

The second day's activities started with Tahajjud Prayers, Fajr Prayers and Dars followed one mile walk.

The second session carried a very informative talk on Your Health and Diet. After that a detailed presentation was made on Ansar Handbook.

Prepared speech, impromptu speech and religious and general knowledge competitions were held in the second educational competition session.

The concluding session was a joint session of Ansar, Khuddam and Atfal which was presided over by Munum Naim, Na'ib Amir USA. In this session, prize distribution for Atfal, Khuddam and Ansar was held jointly. After the concluding address by the president, Imam Zafrulla Hanjra lead the Du'a.





Gulf States 2009 Ijtima



Prize distribution at the Gulf States 2009 Ijtima



Northwest Ijtima

Abid Haq, Za'im Seattle.

The Northwest regional Ansar Ijtima, was held at the Rizwan Mosque, Portland on Sunday June 14, 2009.

Eight Ansar from Seattle and seven from Portland attended. Also attending was the Portland Jama'at president, Rasheed Reno. There was a non-Ahmadi Muslim guest from Somalia present as well. Syed Sajid Ahmad (National Ansar representative) presided over the function. After the recitation from

the Holy Qur'an, and the Ansar Pledge, the proceedings started. In the morning session, the educational competitions took place according to the format in the Ansar Handbook. During lunch, Dr. Aftab Ahmad (retired cardiac surgeon) gave a talk and a slide show about his visit to the Tahir Heart Institute. He led a team of cardiac surgeons and nurses from India to Rabwah for two weeks, where they performed many surgeries.



A group photo at the Northwest Ijtima 2009. Masjid Rizwan is in the background.



He mentioned that the Tahir Heart Institute is just like an American hospital and he was very impressed with it.

After Zuhr and Asr Prayers, the afternoon session continued with the sports competitions. Seattle beat Portland in the tug-of-war competition.

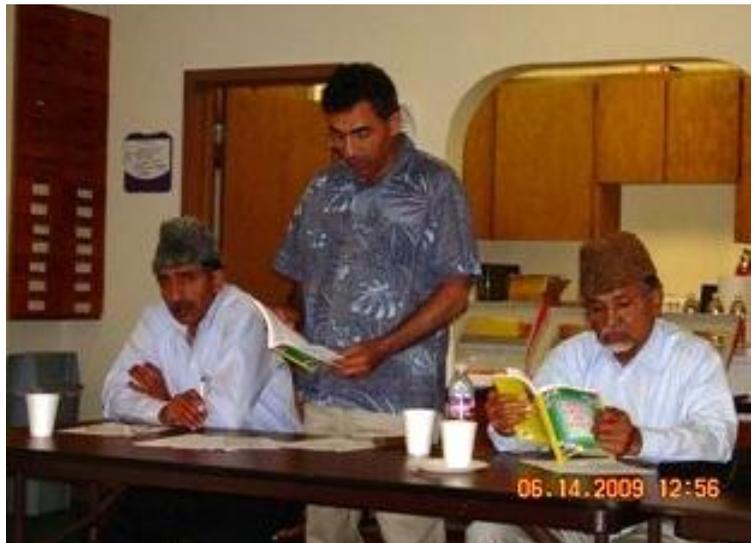
Dr. Aftab Ahmad also read out a five page article on the subject of "Scientific Indications in the Holy Qur'ān". He mentioned that this scholarly article had been written and sent to him in 1996 by the late Dr. M. A. Haq of Nairobi, the father of the Seattle Za'im.

Syed Sajid Ahmad read out some of the habits of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, regarding the manner he performed his Salat.

Wasim Asfar of Seattle got a perfect score of 20/20 for the observation and recall

competition.

The prizes and certificates were distributed by Dr. Aftab Ahmad, and the Ijtima came to an end with Du'a and dinner. It was a very entertaining Ijtima and a chance to bond with Ansar brothers.



Great Lakes Regional Ijtima Ansarullah 2009

Naseem Ahmed, Nazim Great Lakes Region, Majlis Ansarullah, USA

The Great Lakes Regional Ijtima (Detroit, Dayton, Columbus, Cleveland, Indiana and Pittsburg) was held in Masjid Mahmood, Rochester Hills, Michigan on September 26 and 27 2009. The first session started on schedule at 5:30 PM presided over by Na'ib Sadr, Khalid Ata, with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Laeeq Butt, translation by Shahzad Butt, pledge recitation by Khalid Ata and Urdu poem recited by Nasir Bukhari. Regional Nazim, Naseem Ahmed, welcomed the participants and Khalid Ata gave the opening address. He conveyed the message of Sadr Ansarullah and reminded Ansar about their responsibilities. The session ended with silent prayers led by Missionary Imam Ghulam Sarwar.

The second session, of educational competitions, started with competitions of Qir'atul-Qur'an and Hadith. After Maghrab and Isha Prayers, Maulana Ghulam Sarwar

held Talqin Amal session and encouraged members to take part in Tabligh activities and become more active to spread Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

After dinner, a friendly volleyball match was held between Khuddam and Ansar which was followed by volleyball competition between two Ansar teams.

After volleyball competition, one and half hour special Q&A session with Khalid Ata was held on Nizam-i-Wasiyyat. There were large numbers of Khuddam and Ansar who participated and asked many question. The session concluded around 11:15 PM. Many members requested to hold another session next day but we were not able to hold another session due to time constraints.

Next day, Sunday, program started with Tahajjud and Fajr Prayers followed by Darsul -Qur'an by Maulana Ghulam Sarwar. He encouraged members to learn and teach the





Holy Qur'an with proper pronunciation and also offer Salat regularly on time.

After Breakfast, sports competitions of Table Tennis, Basketball hoops, darts, horse shoe, and one mile walk were held from 8:00 -11:30 AM. From 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, observation and recall and impromptu speech competitions were held.

The concluding session started at 1:00 PM and was presided by Khalid Ata with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and translation by Munwar Malik (Cleveland). Nasir Bukhari recited Urdu poem with English translation. Then the prize distribution ceremony was held with special recognitions from Naseem Ahmed, Nazim Great lakes Region, of those who made the function a success. This was followed by concluding address and pledge by Dr. Khalid Atta. The session ended with Du'a led by Missionary Zafar Sarwar at 1:50 PM. After Zuhr/Asr Prayers, group photo was taken and lunch was served. The attendance was about 45-50 including Khuddam. The event was very successful overall.

Educational Competitions

Tilawat

- 1st – Munwar Ahmed Malik
- 2nd – Bashir Rohela
- 3rd – B.K Ahmed

Hadith

- 1st – B.K. Ahmed
- 2nd –S.B Qaderi
- 3rd – Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)

Impromptu Speech

- 1st –1. Dr. BK Ahmad (Detroit)

2nd - Syed Burhan Qaderi (Detroit)

3rd - Pervaiz Khan (Detroit)

Observation & Recall

1st –B.K Ahmed (Detroit)

2nd - Muxaffar mahmood (Detroit)

3rd – Saleem Tahir (Detroit)

Sports Competitions

1 -Mile Walk (40-54)

1st – Anwar Lone (Detroit)

2nd – Pervaiz Khan (Detroit)

Special Prize 1-Mile Walk (>55) – S.B. Qaderi (Detroit)

Dart

1st - Sharjeel Malik (Detroit)

2nd – Anwar Lone (Detroit)

3rd - Munawar Malik (Cleveland)

Table Tennis

1st – Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)

2nd – Naseem Ahmed (Detroit)

3rd – Muzaffar Mahmood (Detroit)

Basket Ball Hoop

1st – Shahzad Butt (Detroit)

2nd – Missionary Zafar Sarwar

3rd – Muzaffar Mahmood (Detroit)

Horse Shoe

1st – Khalid Ata (Naib Sadr Ansarullah)

2nd – Waqas Malik (Cleveland)

3rd – Choudhry Mohummad Arshad (Dayton)

Volleyball

1st – Zahid Munir Captain

Tariq Ahmed Chaudary

Munawar Malik

Khalid Ata

Dr. S.S Ahmed

Dr. Rizwan Qadir

Dr. Saleem Tahir
2nd – A. Rehman Ghani Captin
Pervaiz Khan
Muzaffar Mahmood
Naseem Ahmed
Ch M. Arshad
Sharjeel Malik
Anwar Lone

Special Recognition

Choudry Tariq Ahmed (Za'im Dayton) for making Dayton Majlis active and bringing

members to Ijtima.

Munawar Malik (Za'im Cleveland) for active Za'im and bringing members to Ijtima.

Dr Rizwan Qadir (Za'im Detroit) for General arrangement, Anwar Lone for accommodation, A. Rehman Ghani for Ziafat and Sharjeel Malik and Muzzafar Mahmood for transportation, Khalid Ata (Na'ib Sadr), Missionary Imam Zafar Sarwar, Choudhry Arshad (President Dayton Jama'at) for being the Judges for various competitions.



From left to right: Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA, Muhammad Abdus Sattar Miyan, Dr. Mahmood Qureshi, President, Hartford, and Maulana Mirza Yahya Luqman at the Meriden, Mosque.

Ninth Annual Southwest Regional Ijtima

Abdul Ahad Khan Chowdhury

Al-Hamdu Lillah, the 9th Annual Regional Ijtima of the Southwest Region of the Majlis Ansarullah, U.S.A., took place over the course of a single, event-packed day on Saturday, the 6th of June, 2009. The venue was Baitus-Salam Mosque, in Hawthorne, California.

The Ijtima formalities began shortly after 8 a.m. June 6, 2009 with eager participants registering themselves at a desk set up under a small marquee on the premises. A hearty breakfast was served to all.

In the opening session, beginning at 9 a.m. and presided over by Br. Monas Chaudhry – who was representing the Sadr Ansarullah, U.S.A. – Br. Mohammed Ahmed Shabooti eloquently recited Verses 11-15 of Sura As-Saff, and also provided the translation. Br. Chaudhry then led the participants in the Ansar Pledge. A poem recital and translation followed, with Br. Mazharul Haq impressing listeners, as always, with his mellifluous delivery. Following the recital, Br. Anis Shaikh, Nazim Ansarullah, Southwest Region, delivered the Ijtima's Welcome Address. Wrapping up the session, Br. Monas Chaudhry, in his valuable remarks, reminded all Ansar of the wealth of information and guidance available in the Ansar Handbook, a labor of love that was already available to most Ansar, and then led all in silent prayer.

Around 9:45 began a series of competitions that lasted till lunchtime. They were: Tilawatul-Qur'an (Ch. 88: vv. 18-25); Hadith (Hadith #6 in Forty Gems of Beauty); Urdu Poem Recital (two particular couplets from Durre Sameen – "Khuda ke pak logon ko ..."); English Poetry (self-composed); Prepared Speech (topic: "The Islamic Financial System"); Impromptu Speech (with only three minutes' preparation

allowed); General Knowledge; Observation and Recall; and Message Relay (a team effort).

Amidst good-natured ribbing and banter, three sports competitions were held after Zuhr/Asr devotions were performed: Quarter-Mile Walk; Volleyball; and Basketball. These comprised the Second Session.

After a break for refreshments shortly after 4:30, the Third Session began, presided over by Br. Chaudhry Jalaluddin Ahmed, President of the Los Angeles West chapter. Following Tilawatul-Qur'an, Nazm recital, and a brief set of remarks by Br. Jalal, Imam Shamshad Ahmed Nasir delivered an impassioned speech on Talqin-i-Amal. Imam Shamshad Nasir focused his message on the importance of congregational prayer and its myriad of benefits.

As events turned out, it became possible to include all subsequent activities within an extension of the same Third Session. There was an interesting but brief Q/A session, with Imam Shamshad Nasir leading a panel comprising Br. Anwer Khan, Br. Monas Chaudhry, Br. Waseem Sayed, Br. A. Waheed Khan, Br. Malik M. Ahmed, and himself. Zu'ama reports were shared by Br. Zafar Basith (L. A. West), Br. Rashid Syed (L. A. East), Br. Imran Jattala (L. A. Inland Empire), Dr. Tahir Ijaz (San Diego), Br. Abdul Waheed Khan (Phoenix), Br. Anees Ahmed (Tucson), and Br. Masood Ahmed (Las Vegas). The esteemed President of the Los Angeles East chapter, Br. Hamidur-Rahman (also serving as Na'ib Amir, U.S.A.) spoke to the audience and reminded all of their responsibilities as individuals who would invariably be looked up to by the upcoming generations. A moving poem was recited by Br. Mahmud Chaudhry. The Nazim Ijtima, Br. Asim Ansari, shared his Ijtima



report and thanked all for their active participation. He reported a total number of sixty participants, including a few non-Ansar individuals.

The prize distribution ceremony took place with Br. Rashid M. Syed as Coordinator. Mohtaram Naib Amir, U.S.A., graciously passed out the awards.

The awardees were as follows:

Tilawatul-Qur'ān

1. Br. Waseem Ahmad (L. A. E.)
2. Br. Zafar Basith (L. A. W.)
3. Br. Sami Khan (L. A. E.)

Hadith

1. Br. Waseem Sayed (L. A. E.)
2. Br. A. Waheed Khan (Phx.)
3. Br. A. Ghaffar (L. A. E.)

Urdu Poem

1. Br. Asim Ansari (L. A. I. E.)
2. Br. Mahmud A. Chaudhry (L. A. I. E.)
3. Br. Modood Khan (L. A. W.)

English Poem

1. Br. Anwer Khan (L. A. E.)
2. Br. Sami Khan (L. A. E.)
3. Br. Ibrahim Naeem (L. A. W.)

Prepared Speech

1. Br. Anwer Khan (L. A. E.)
2. Br. Anis Shaikh (Phx.)
3. Br. A. Waheed Khan (Phx.)

Impromptu Speech

1. Br. Anis Shaikh (Phx.)
2. Br. Anwer Khan (L. A. E.)
3. Br. A. Ghaffar (L. A. E.)

General Knowledge:

1. San Diego Team: leader: Br. Tahir Ijaz; members: Br. M. Serajee and Br. A. Ghaffar

2. Tie between Phx. Team (leader: Br. Malik Muneer) and L. A. E. Team (leader: Br. Anwer Khan)

3. Las Vegas Team (leader: Br. Ahmed Masood)

Observation and Recall

1. Br. Lateef Ahmad
2. Br. Zafar Basith
3. Br. M. A. Shabooti

Message Relay

No winners were chosen, because the messages transmitted turned out to be much too garbled to qualify.

Basketball

1. Br. Lateef Malik
2. Br. Tahir Ijaz
3. Br. Mansoor Malik

Volleyball

Winning Team: Br. Ejaz Mohammad, Br. Ismail Dar, Br. Majid Khan, Br. Mansoor Malik, Br. Lateef Malik

Quarter-Mile Walk

1. Br. A. Waheed
2. Br. Mansoor Malik
3. Br. Majid Khan

The A/V team and kitchen workers were also shown sincere appreciation for their effort.

In his concluding remarks, Br. Monas Chaudhry, representing Sadr Ansarullah, spoke about the critical part that Ansar play in the propagation and consolidation of the faith. He likened the role of the Ansar to that of the Hawariyyin (disciples) mentioned in the Qur'ān, and expressed the hope that all Ansar would shoulder their share of the immense task ahead. All participants joined together in heartfelt silent prayers at the conclusion of the Ijtima.

Regional Ijtima, Southeast Region

Held on 4-5 April 2009 in Magnolia Park, GA.

Nafis Ur Rehman, Regional Nazim Southeast Region

Al-Humdu Lillah, the Ijtima was very successful from a variety of aspects. Twenty six Ansar participated from 5 majalis, Miami, Orlando, Georgia-SC, Charlotte and RTP out of the six majalis in the region.

The opening session was presided by Qā'id Intellect & Health, Shamim Malik.

The Ijtima included very absorbing Educational and Sports competitions throughout both days of Ijtima, with all Majalis sharing the prizes in different events.

The events in the educational competitions included; Qiratul-Qur'ān, Hadith, Poem (Urdu and English), Prepared Speeches, Impromptu Speeches and observation & Recall. While the Educational team competitions consisted of General Knowledge Trivia. Sports competitions included; One Mile Walk, Tug of War, Volleyball.

Ijtima ended with the concluding ceremony and Prize distribution, presided by





Ansar at the Southeast Regional Ijtima 2009

Qā'id Ithar Habib Shafeek.

One of the new item in this years Ijtima was Bon-Fire, Ansar sat around the bon-fire shared their experiences about Khulufa of Ahamidiyyat.

A large number of Ansar also participated in the Blood Drive. This year the Ansar Ijtima was also held with the regional Ijtima'at of Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya and Aftalul-Ahmadiyya.

Northeast Regional Ijtima Ansarullah 2009

M. Zafar Iqbal, Nazim Northeast Region, Majlis Ansarullah, USA

The Northeast Regional Ijtima (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 16-17, 2009.

On Saturday, May 16, the first session started on schedule at 12:30 PM presided over by National Representative, Muhammad Owusu, with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān by Mubashir Majoka, pledge recitation by Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal and Urdu poem recited by Naeem Ahmad of Fitchburg. Regional Nazim, Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, welcomed the participants. Muhammad Owusu gave the opening address. He conveyed the message of Sadr Ansarullah and reminded Ansar about the importance of financial sacrifice. Then a hearty lunch was served followed by the Zuhr/Asr Prayers.

The second session, educational competitions, started at 2:30 PM. Second National representative Waseem Ahmad, Qā'id Tarbiyat Nau Muba'in also arrived. Then the competitions of Qir'atul-Qur'ān, Hadith, Urdu Poem, English Poem, Prepared and Impromptu speeches were held until 4.30 PM.

The sports competitions followed in the large parking space and lawn of the mosque with events including 1-mile walk, volleyball and message relay. Musical chairs and arm wrestling competitions were held afterwards in the mosque. Then Talqin-i-Amal session was held 7:30 PM – 9:15 PM. Regional missionary, Imam Yahya Luqman, addressed the audience followed by question and answer session. At 9:15 PM dinner was served followed by Maghrib/Isha Prayers concluded by 10:00 PM.

On Sunday, May 17, the members who stayed overnight at the mosque offered Tahajjud and Fajr Prayers followed by Darsul -Qur'ān. Breakfast was ready and served at 7:30 A.M.

The morning session started at 8:45 AM and remaining educational competitions of religious and general knowledge quiz and observation and recall, took place between 8:45-11:00 AM.

The concluding session was presided by Waseem Ahmad. Muhammad Owusu was also present. Session started at 11:15 A.M. with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān with translation by Naeem Ahmad of Fitchburg. This was followed by a poem by Abdul-Hakeem Nasir (Masih). Then prize distribution ceremony was held with special recognitions from M. Zafar Iqbal, Nazim Northeast Region, of those who made the function a success. This was followed by Ansar pledge led by Regional Nazim, Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, who then addressed the attendees on the topic of "Ansarullah and our responsibilities." Then National Representative, Waseem Ahmad, addressed the audience and stressed on the importance of joining Nizam-i-Wasiyyat. The session ended with Du'a led by Waseem Ahmad at 1:00 PM. Group photo was taken. Thereafter lunch was served and Zuhr/Asr Prayers held by those present. The attendance was about 23/89 Ansar. The event was a success overall.

Educational Competitions

Tilawat

- 1st – Mubashir A Majoka
- 2nd – Naeem Ahmad (Fitchburg)
- 3rd – Dr Hafeezur Rahman



Hadith

- 1st – Dr Hafeezur Rahman
2nd –Nafees Awan
3rd – Mirza Naseer Ahmad

Urdu Poem

- 1st – Mubashir A Majoka
2nd – Naeem Ahmad (Fitchburg)
3rd – Naeem Chaudari

English Poem

- 1st –Mubashir Majoka
2nd –Sarjo Trawally
3rd –Mirza Naseer Ahmad

Prepared Speech

- 1st – Dr Hafeezur Rahman
2nd –Naeem Chaudari
3rd – Badar M Ahmad

Impromptu Speech

- 1st –Dr Hafeezur Rahman
2nd –Badar M Ahmad
3rd –Abdul Hakeem Nasir (Masih)

Observation & Recall

- 1st –Badar M Ahmad
2nd –Waseem Ahmad (Nat. Rep.)
3rd –Naeem Ahmad (Fitchburg)

General/Religious Knowledge

- 1st – Badar M Ahmad, Naeem Chaudari,
Mirza Naseer Ahmad
2nd –Naeem Ahmad (Fitchburg), Muzaffar
Chaudari (Fitchburg), Mian Ghulam
Ahmad (Fitchburg)
3rd –Waseem Ahmad (Nat. Rep.), Abdul
Qayum Shakir, Aftab Naz

Message Relay

- 1st – Nafees Awan (Fitchburg), Sarjo Trawally
(Boston), Naeem Ahmad (Fitchburg),
Muzaffar Chaudari (Fitchburg)
2nd –Mirza Naseer Ahmad, Badar M Ahmad,
Naeem Chaudari, Mubashir Majoka
3rd – Waseem Ahmad (Nat. Rep.),

Qudratullah Tariq(Boston), Majid Ahmad
(Hartford), Raza ahmad (Hartford)

Sports Competitions

1/2-Mile Walk (40-54)

- 1st –Sarjo Trawally
2nd –Mubashir Majoka
3rd –Muzaffar Chaudari

1/2-Mile Walk (>55)

- 1st –Aftab A Naz
2nd –Majid Ahmad
2nd–Naeem Chaudari
3rd – Abdul Hakim Nasir (Masih)

Musical Chairs

- 1st –Mirza Naseer Ahmad
2nd –Abdul Qayum Shakir
3rd –Nafees Awan

Arm Wrestling (40-54)

- 1st –Naeem ahmad (Fitchburg)
2nd – Dr Hafeezur Rahman
3rd –Nafees Awan

Arm Wrestling (>55)

- 1st –Muhammad Zafar Iqbal
2nd – Aftab Naz
3rd – Badar M Ahmad

Volleyball

- 1st – Dr Hafeezur Rahman
Muzaffar Chaudari
Aftab A Naz
Naeem Ahmad (Fitchburg)
Nafees Awan
Sarjo Trawally
Abdul Qayyum Shakir
Danial Rehman (Albany Tifl)
2nd –Mubashir Majoka
Naeem Chaudari
Qudratullah Tariq (Boston)
Mirza Naseer Ahmad
Badar M Ahmad



Raza Ahmad (Hartford)
Majid Ahmad
Ibraheem Rehman

Tug of War

Tug of war competition could not be held.

Special Recognition

Dr Hafeezur Rahman, President Albany,
and Pervez A Butt, Za'im Albany , with his
Ziafat team for excellent food and other

arrangements (Total 5 individuals recognized
and given trophies)

Rafi Ahmad (Brooklyn) for prize delivery
and arrangements.

Mian Ghulam Ahmad (a senior guest
member of Fitchburg Majlis (Father of
Naeem Ahmad) for special effort to
participate in the Ijtima (given trophy).

Waseem Ahmad, Muhammad Owusu and
Imam Yahya Luqman for being the Judges for
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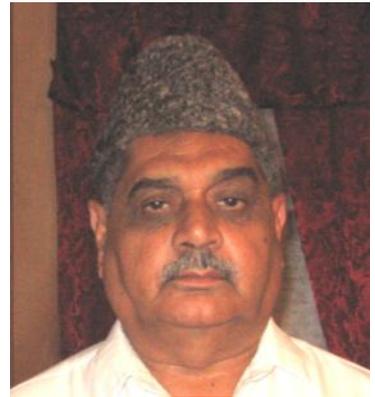
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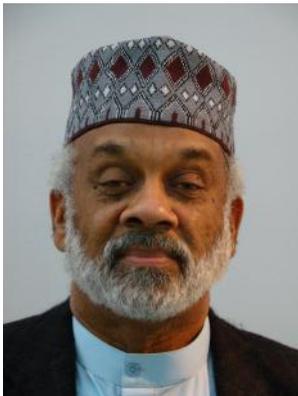
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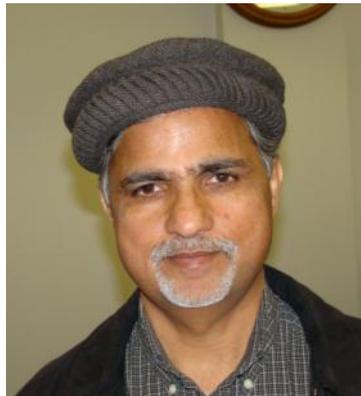
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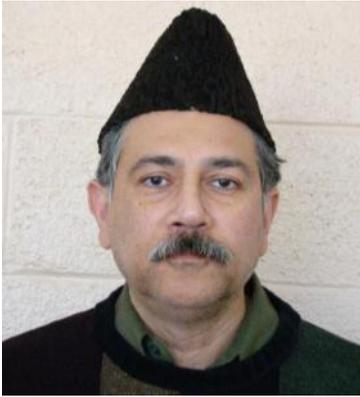
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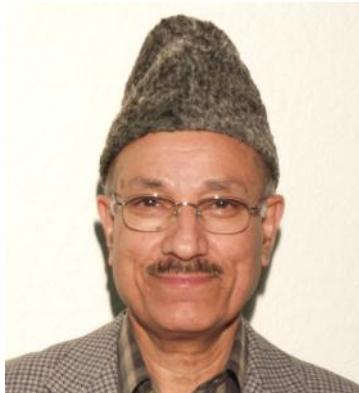
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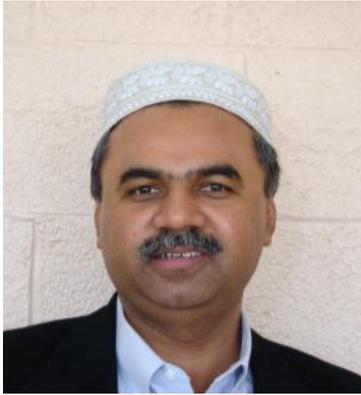
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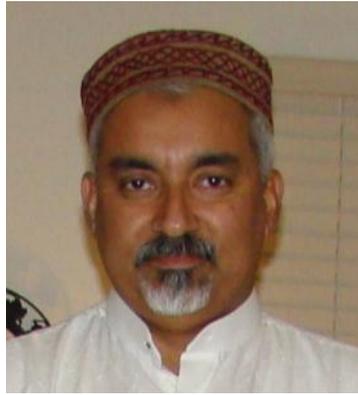
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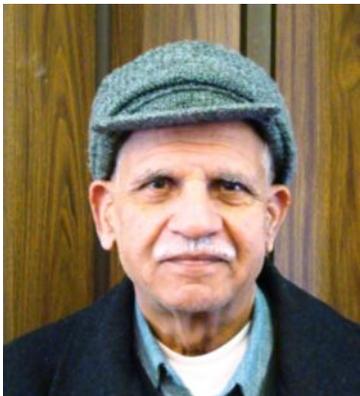
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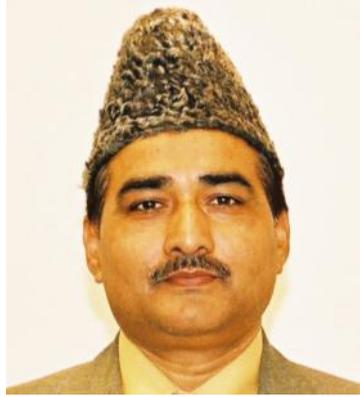
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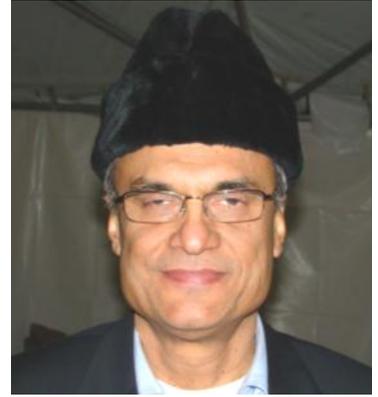
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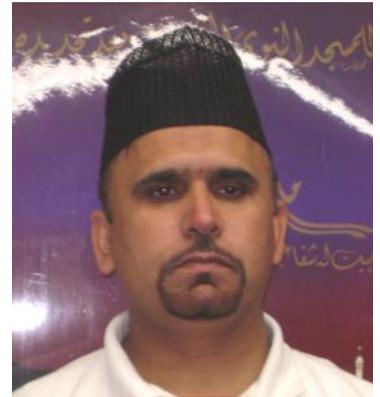
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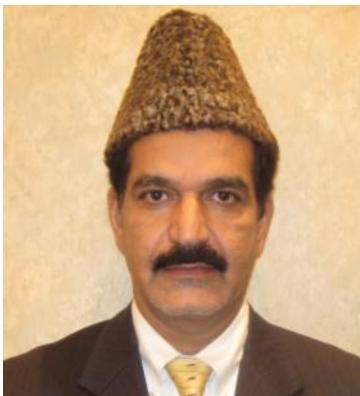
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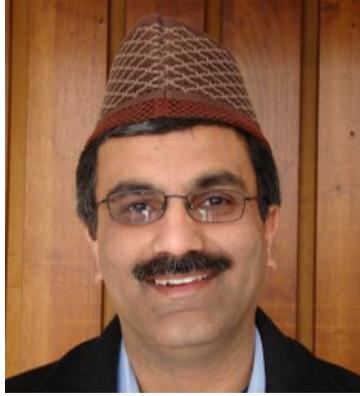
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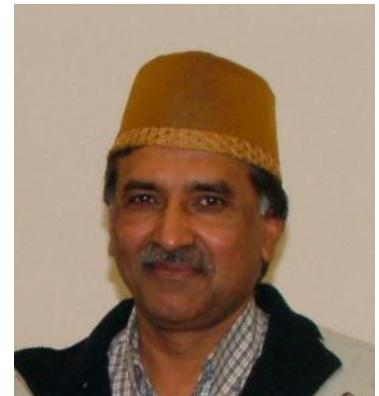
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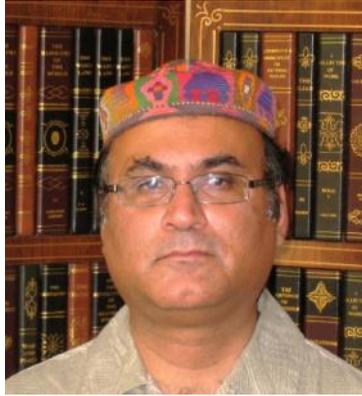
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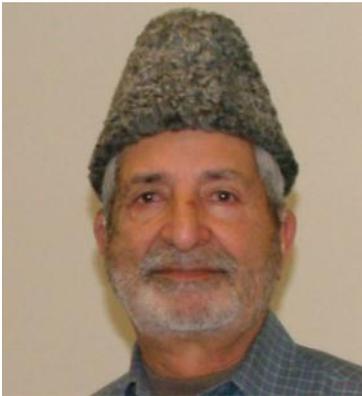
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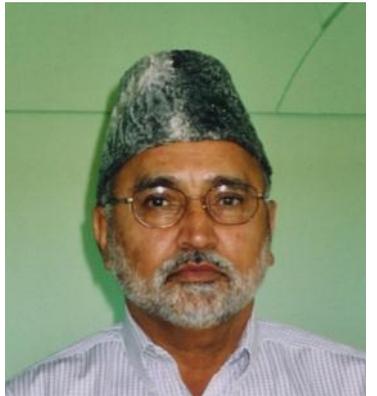
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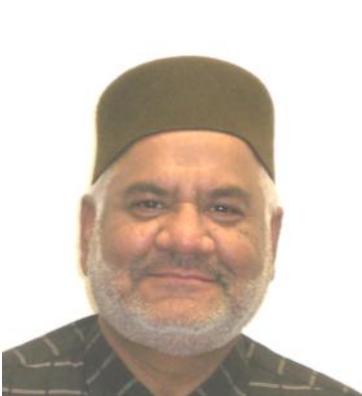
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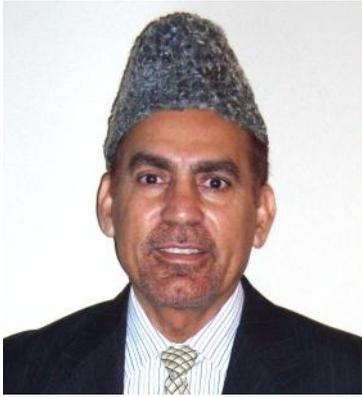
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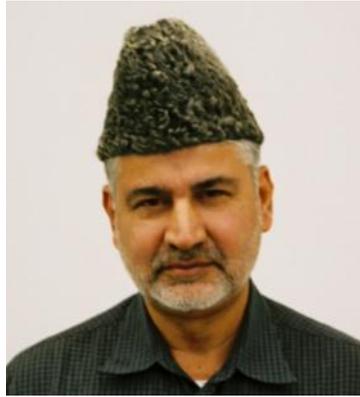
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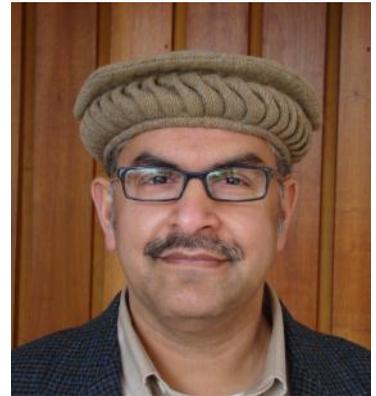
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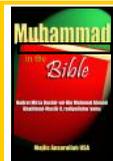
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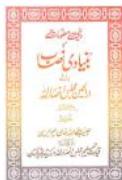
Muhammad in the Bible

(peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

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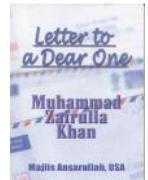
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Letter to a Dear One Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan

English translation by Shermeen Butt.



Departed Souls

A listing of US Ansar who departed this temporary abode in 2009 on their journey towards eternal bliss in the next life. May their souls rest in peace. Amīn. The information given for deceased individuals is provided by the family, friends 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	Age
Abdur-Rahman	Baltimore MD	22 December 1909	3 February 2009	99
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Haji Muhammad Ramzan lived a very pious and humble life. Ever since I have known him, I have always seen him being dedicated to the teachings of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. If there was a misunderstanding, he often tried to remain calm and submit—even though it was not his fault—just for the sake of making peace. Upon apprehending a lapse, he always apologized, no matter if the person to whom he was apologizing was younger or older than him.

He was a very loving grandfather as well. He had a habit of buying sweets and distributing them among his grandchildren. He was indeed a very loving grandfather. He always told me stories from his childhood and told me about only the good in others.

His father, Muhammad Abdullah, was a very pious individual as well. Despite the opposition from his family, Muhammad Abdullah decided to walk from Kharian (Pakistan) to Qadian (India) to make the pledge of bai'at and enter into the fold of Ahmadiyyat.

The mosque in Kharian, at the time, was shared by Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis. Muhammad Abdullah always used to be the first one in the mosque to call the Adhan. Not only that he was the first one there, but he always had time to knock at the doors of the people in the neighborhood so that they come to pray as well. (Ansar Iqbal, Grandson of Muhammad Ramzan)

Brigadier Raja Mansoor Ahmad was father of Dr. Taha Ahmad (LA-West) and father-in-law of Dr. Abid Haq (Za'im of Seattle Majlis).

Choudhri Mohammad Anwar Kahlon was first cousin of Anwar Ahmad Kahlon, ex-Amir Jamā'at UK. (Kalim Rana)

Br. Munir Hamid



Munir Hamid, national Vice President of USA Jamā'at, passed away on February 21, 2009 in Philadelphia at the age of 70.

Munir Hamid was not only an iconic figure within the Jamā'at but also a selfless leader within the greater Philadelphia community. His loss will be felt by Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Munir Hamid was a Mūsī.

Born on June 1, 1938 as Maurice, Munir Hamid grew up in Pennsylvania as the only one of 10 children to embrace Islam at the age of 15. All his life, he committed himself to the cause of spreading the Islamic message of love, peace, tolerance, and spirituality.

After serving in the United States Air Force, Munir Hamid returned to Philadelphia. For 25 years, he worked as a supervisor at a facility owned by Temple University, where he was dedicated to helping at-risk children. In this role, he provided valuable guidance and counseling to the youth who needed it most.

In 1969, he was appointed the first National Qa'id of Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya, USA, where he was instrumental

in establishing the first ever leadership committee.

He served as the President of the Philadelphia Jamā'at for 24 years. In 1997, he was appointed national Vice President of USA Jamā'at and served in this capacity till his demise.

During his life, he toured several countries such as India, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom. Renowned for his ability to inspire people, he was a frequent speaker at Jamā'at conventions where he talked about love, spirituality, and equality and brought people to tears.

He once remarked: "The only way that you can remove that kind of racism that is based on the color of a person's skin, or their ethnicity, or their physical looks is through spirituality."

Munir Hamid is survived by his wife, a son, and two daughters.

Usman Khalid— Pioneer Ahmadi

Aziza Ahmad, Milwaukee WI

Jameela Hamid, Philadelphia PA

Usman Khalid passed away on September 8, 2009. He was 96 years old. He was one of seven children. His father died when he was eight years old. When he became older, he had to work to help his mother take care of his siblings. He came from a devout Baptist background yet he lived a mundane life. After he accepted Islam, the change was so positive in his life that Ameena Khalid (his wife), seeing the great positive change and the beauty of Islam that she accepted as well. Our father had a strong conviction. When he decided to do something, he did it decidedly. He said that he was going to stop smoking and he did. He had very strong will power.

Islam became his religion in 1947. His mother and siblings did not accept his new religion, but our father became stronger in his faith. Seeing his dedication, resolve and positive change in him, they ceased saying anything about his faith.

Usman Khalid always had a thirst for knowledge. He studied Ahmadiyyat, learned how to read the Holy Qur'ān in Arabic as well as his Prayers. He memorized Suras from the Holy Qur'ān and helped teach others what he learned. He became the educational secretary, and later the president of the St Louis Jamā'at. He was the president for a number of years.

He was an advocate for Islam, always preaching about Ahmadiyyat. On Sundays, he would go out with the other brothers wearing sandwich signs, saying "JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS, HE IS BURIED IN SHRINAGAR, KASHMIR" "THE PROMISED MESSIAH HAS COME, ACCEPT HIM." The



signs were heavy, yet he wore them and passed out literature on the streets of St Louis, Missouri, a very prejudiced state. We remember hearing our father say, "People would spit on us, curse us, and throw away the literature." Usman loved preaching so much.

His faith in Allah was immense. He worked for the Mount Santo Chemical Company. My uncle, by marriage, also worked there. He was against Islam and always spoke ill about Ahmadiyyat whenever he could. Well, Usman Khalid was fired from his job. And my uncle said, "You were fired from that job because you preached your religion on the job." Usman replied, "Allah gave me that job and he will give me another." It was not long before he was blessed with a job at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company where he worked until he retired. Our father said, "Al-Hamdu Lillah, this is from Allah."

He was very dutiful in giving money to Allah. Whatever a scheme needed, he contributed to it. He told us, "Subscription is like one of your bills. You pay it every paycheck. Allah gives us the money and we must give a portion back to Allah." Also,

“Never make a pledge that you cannot fulfill. Allah says why do you say what you do not, therefore, pledge whatever you feel you can pay, because it is a promise to Allah. You can always pay more later.”

When missionaries or guests came to St Louis, usually they came to our house. Our father would drive them to the radio stations, newspapers companies, or any place they wanted to go. He would sit outside in the car while they went inside. He was very dutiful to Ahmadiyyat.

In his later years, he could not prostrate for Ṣalāt, yet he was always praying. We remember hearing him saying Sura Al-Fatiha in his 96th year. He often thanked Allah for letting him live long enough to spend time with his daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was always thankful to Allah.



After our mother, Ameena Khalid, also a devout pioneer Ahmadi, passed away, our father went to live with his daughter Jameela Hamid, wife of Munir Hamid (Nā'ib Amīr, may Allah have mercy on him), Usman Khalid went to Philadelphia in 1995. In 2009 he breathed his last breath.

We acknowledged the most valuable thing he has given us in life, it was not diamonds and it was not gold, it is Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam, which showed us how to develop closeness with our Creator. We thanked our father for this. We are very grateful to Allah for allowing us the years that we had with our father, Usman Khalid.

Note from Maudood Ahmad, Milwaukee

Usman Khalid was father-in-law of two of our senior members, late Nā'ib Amīr Munir Hamid and Br Rashid Ahmad of Milwaukee. Please remember both of his daughters, Sister Aziza Ahmad wife of Br. Rashid Ahmad and Sister Jameela Hamid wife of Late Munir Hamid, in your prayers along with the other relatives.



Br. Abdur-Rahman— A Legend— Passes Away!

Our dear Brother Abdur Rahman, a pioneer member of Baltimore Jamā'at, passed away on 3 February 2009. He was 99 years old.

Mr. Abdul Rahman was born in North Carolina on December 22, 1909 and moved to Baltimore at the age of 20 when he joined the Army. He accepted Ahmadiyyat around 1937 and ever since had been a devout member of the Jamā'at with an unshakeable bond to the Ahmadiyya Khilafat and the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at.

He served as the first President of Baltimore Jamā'at and remained in that role for many years. He was the brain and force behind organizing the Baltimore Jamā'at in its infancy when the newly converted members first purchased a store-front on Freemont Ave. as a place of worship. Brother Rahman then purchased a house on 4406 Garrison Blvd. that has been serving as our place of worship and mission house till this day.

He dearly loved Jamā'at members in general and Baltimore Jamā'at in particular. He was loved and respected by hundreds of



Ahmadi and Non-Ahmadi Muslims. Over the years, he had served as an ambassador of Baltimore Jamā'at in the local community.

Despite his old-age, he lived a very active and exemplary life that was full of passion and zeal for Tabligh and social work. He had earned the respect of all his neighbors where he lived.

At 2008 national Ijtimā of Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya, USA, Brother Rahman was presented the Mufti Muhammad Sadiq Award for his long service to Islam in the U.S.

He is survived by a son, five daughters and many grand- and great-grand children. His youngest daughter, Mrs. Haleema Aina, is a very active and devout member of Lajna Ima'illah Baltimore. In addition, he raised four children as his own.

Jamaluddin A. Malik of the Washington D.C. Jamā'at

Jalal Malik

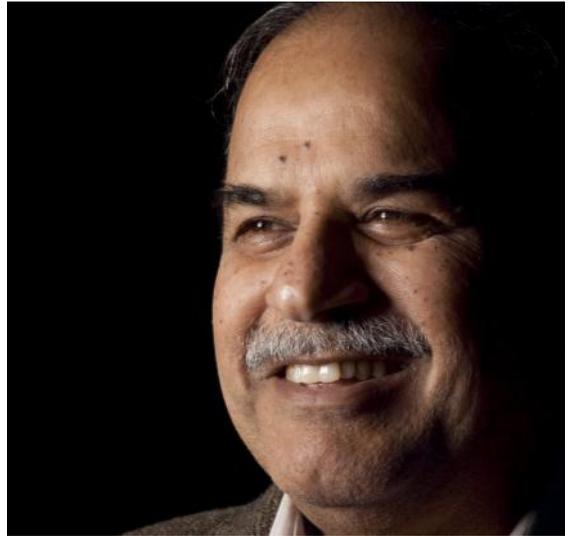
On May 5, 2009, we lost Jamaluddin A. Malik, one of the oldest members of the Washington D.C. Jamā'at (when the entire metro area was one Jamā'at).

He was the son of Malik Merajuddin, a Kashmiri by ancestry and one of the pioneers of Ahmadiyyat in the Middle East. Few pictures exist of the younger Malik Merajuddin, but some were found in the old D.C. Fazl Mosque (that we all grew up in) that show some of the early pioneers of Ahmadiyyat, among which is our Dada Abba (paternal grandfather), Malik Merajuddin.

Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, our former Amir and Missionary In-Charge to the U.S., used to tell us about our Dada Abba as he knew him. Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad was also posted to the Middle East by the Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him).

Abu (my father) and some of his siblings were born in Habbaniya in Iraq where the British had a presence and where Dada Abba was stationed with the British Air Force as a civil engineer. Most of the kids spent two years at a time in Iraq, and then went back to Lahore, as their mother traveled back and forth between Iraq and Pakistan. In Pakistan, they received better education. This is where Abu primarily grew up and formed his personality.

He grew up with his siblings, and they were raised in part by their Nana (maternal grandfather), Babu Shamsuddin Butt (a Kashmiri as well) because Dada Abba was the only person in his family that entered the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at. As a result, Dada Abba was shunned by his father. His father even hired someone to try to kill him. Therefore, my father and his siblings were



raised with their mother's side of the family.

Abu was well known, and had many, many friends. He went to the Government College of Lahore and graduated with a degree in Political Science.

He married my mother (in Rabwah at the time), who is the daughter of Sufi Mutiur-Rahman Bengalee, a very well known missionary of the Jamā'at to the U.S. Nana Abba was one of the earliest pioneers of Ahmadiyyat to the U.S., being stationed as a missionary of the Jamā'at here from the 20s to the 40s. While stationed in the U.S., he earned his M.A. in English, and wrote "The Tomb of Jesus" and the "Life of Muhammad."

After marriage, one of the defining points in the life of my parents was their move in January 1969 to the U.S. They moved to the Washington D.C. area, and have lived here ever since. Abu eventually started working with TWA (Trans World Airlines) until it merged with American Airlines (after 9/11) and he retired from American Airlines in 2007, with over 35 years of service. He suffered from atherosclerosis and had many heart difficulties, until he finally passed away on 5 May 2009.

My father was not a very religious person

but he had a keen sense of his faith and its impact on him and his personality. I remember many stories he told me about his father and others (including the one about his Dada hiring someone to kill his father because he became an Ahmadi, and hence a heretic).

Abu's Nana Abba (maternal grandfather) was Babu Shamsuddin Butt. He was a Sahabi (companion) of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and a very good friend of the Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him). Abu told how, as a child, he had opportunities to sit for a long time with *Hadrat* Khalifatul-Masih II. His Nana used to take him with him to visit the Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be pleased with him). The Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be pleased with him) insisted that he sit down with him and they talked for a while, my father feeling very lucky to be sitting with them as many people passed by.

Abu's Mamun (maternal uncle) was known as Mamun Doctor who had a significant impact on my father and his siblings, and was one of only three doctors in all of Lahore. Because of such a status, he enjoyed a lot of favors, and developed into a very outgoing person.

Abu was well known for his very outgoing and friendly personality. We can all remember from childhood that Abu had many, many friends, and was very cheerful and jolly with all of them. He also was known for having a knack for keeping good relations with a large multitude of people. We continue to hear from people, both from his work and from his past as friends or family, about his happy, friendly personality.

It's funny how he passed away on 5 May, Cinco de Mayo, as he was often the life of many parties.

He always tried to help people whenever possible. He loved his family very much, and everyone knew they could count on him whenever needed.

I was planning to move back to live with him so that we could help keep an eye on him, while he would help keep an eye on our girls, who he could speak to for hours on the phone, practicing phrases and singing songs like itsy bitsy spider, twinkle twinkle little star, laa ilaa..., and others. Our plan was just a few weeks too late.

Though he was not as devoted as many others, he did serve the Jamā'at in many capacities over the years, most notably here in D.C. as Ziafat Secretary, which when you saw him, you knew was the right duty for him.

He was known for helping people in many ways. He told me how he, as one of the few people in the D.C. Jamā'at, had received people over the years. He told me how he received Miañ M.M. Ahmad (former Amīr Jamā'at USA) when he and Khala Jan (wife of *Sahibzadah* M. M. Ahmad) first came to the U.S. He also told me of some private tasks that he was entrusted with by Miañ Sahib in the service of *Hadrat* Amīrul-Mu'minīn (the Khalifatul-Masih) years earlier. Miañ Sahib was such a kind heart. He and Khala Jan always showed great concern for others, and I felt they were special in their Du'as for us because of their concerns for Abu and Ami. Abu always kept a close relation with the Jamā'at, and we all grew up with a keen sense of our belonging to the Jamā'at.

He was an avid sportsman and hunter. He took great pride in his sports accomplishments from college, and was even in the Pakistan Olympics for rifle shooting. Because of his accomplishments in school and college, he was able to be very outspoken about being an Ahmadi, and he used to be quite proud that everyone knew he was an Ahmadi and did not mess with other Ahmadi he knew. I learned hunting from him. We used to go every year to West Virginia to hunt deer, as well as Pakistan, to hunt any number of game. He was well

known for his love of hunting, even Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (rahimahullah) spoke with him at length about hunting. Our present Khalifa, Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih V, ayyadahullah, knew him as “Jamal Shikari” or Jamal the Hunter, as his family is very fond of hunting also. Abu was a very good old friend of Mian Idrees, older brother of our present Khalifa. I remember visiting his home in Pakistan as a child once while on a hunting trip.

He was very handy, able to fix cars and almost anything in the home. I remember him even dropping an engine into his old Datsun B210 in our driveway! I learned how to fix cars and do any number of repairs to things from him. The greatest gift was perhaps learning how to do and fix almost anything as nothing is too difficult once you start to pick away at it. I remember he used to quietly work away for hours fixing things around the house, or working on the car, something that I still get tired of after a little while. But, he would pick away at it. He seemed so happy to just be working away, feeling great pride once he was done. He would get repair manuals for all our cars and many other types of repair projects or things he wanted to do around the house. He engineered the building of our deck in 1990 which we built from scratch. I even remember him saying how he crawled underneath our old house on Pimmit Hills Drive in Falls Church, VA, having to change out the studs underneath the house to strengthen its foundation. I cannot believe that he fit down there!

He enjoyed cooking, and from his girth, you could tell he was good at it. I have never really liked cooking but learned his most famous dish, Haleem, primarily because Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (rahimahullah) told me to learn how to make it after Abu made some for him on one of his visits to the U.S. He was very open with his knowledge, and shared it with anyone. He did not ask for

a reward back. He shared his Haleem recipe with friends in the restaurant business as well as all our relatives. But I still think that he made it the best when it was chicken. I do not like the beef one as much.

He was jovial and was always looking to share a good time. He loved visiting friends and relatives, but he would always call and try to get things for people so that he would be of some use to the people he visited. He hated seeming like a burden to anyone.

He was a good father, very cheerful and always trying to teach us to treat people well. He tried hard to keep good relations with everyone, and this can be attested to by the great number of people of all various backgrounds who came to know and love him. The loss was sudden and he owed my girls more time—time which was taken from us prematurely.

I had planned to write some of the stories he knew about our ancestors, and many interesting stories he had, but I suppose I still have not learned the wisdom of the verse that says, “And say not of anything, ‘I am going to do it tomorrow’” (18:24). I regret not doing this with my Nani (maternal grandmother) as well, Amatur-Rahim Sufi, or “Mama” as everyone in the Jamā‘at knew her, who had so many wonderful stories of her own. She was the daughter of a doctor/missionary (Shaikh Badruddin), born in Borneo where the Second Khalifa (may Allah be pleased with him) posted him, then moved to and grew up in Africa somewhere near Lake Victoria. In Borneo, he preached too much and people stopped seeing him when opposition to the Jamā‘at flared up, so the Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) sent him to Africa. Mama was then married to our Nana, Sufi Mutiur-Rahman Bengalee (who was an early missionary to the U.S.), moved to America and bore four children here, and lived a fascinating life. She was a saint. What stories our elders could tell us...

Abu knew so many people, and could

always find people's relationships within minutes. I can only think of two people I have met that have that uncanny skill, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rahimahullah), and Miañ Waseem, former Amīr Jamā'at Qadian, who told me stories of my great-great-grandfather (Faqeer Muhammad) who was a Sahabi and who he remembered from about fifty years ago, as well as many relations of mine that I did not even know I had! I have always been jealous of the rare individuals that can do this.

It's true what *Hadrat* Khalifatul-Masih IV (rahimahullah) said about the "death of a world" when one passes away, as you lose so many of the stories and knowledge when one passes away, the loss being so much more acute when you have not been careful to extract the stories and pass on that knowledge... But, we must be resigned to the will of Allah. Everyone makes mistakes and has negative characteristics, as long as they are just not of a horrid nature, we should try to concentrate on the positive.

We will miss Abu greatly. I just hope we take his positive attributes and learn from them. I believe most of the positive attributes he possessed came from his ancestors, who sacrificed a great deal for Ahmadiyyat. We experience problems in life, but we tend to forget that even our ancestors had many of the "real world" problems we have (making a

living, family problems, issues with relatives, friends, and neighbors, etc.), but despite the normal problems in life (that we all have to deal with), they were very devoted to the Jamā'at and sacrificed so much for it. And even though we have to deal with the unfortunate realities of problems and wrongs done to us by others, even wrongs done to us by others in the Jamā'at, they did not let any issue interfere with the devotion they owed to Allah and His Jamā'at, and those sacrifices always left a lasting impact (sometimes in very subtle ways) on my father, his siblings and all our families. Our ancestors sacrificed so much, and we often forget how they set up the conditions for many of us to be where we are today. Did they not have rivalries, or personal issues with each other at times? These are natural, human issues that any community deals with. Yet, despite it all, they came together and stood as one as a Jamā'at, and that was due to their lasting convictions and strength of belief. It's sad for the worldly to not see this, if only they would wonder what was it that kept them so devoted despite all the hardships? I only hope that we can all learn from our ancestors, and realize that the good they had can be re-lived if we remember where it came from. 'Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return' (2:157).

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Dr. Khalid Ahmad

Dr. Khalid Ahmad of Rochester Majlis was born in Rabwah, Pakistan on March 17, 1965. He passed away on December 22, 2008 at the age of 43 in Oswego, NY. He was the son of Dawood Ahmad, retired station master of Rabwah, and elder brother of Tahir Rameez of Springfield, Virginia. He is survived by his wife and five children.

He was born to Razia Begum and Mohammad Daood, train station master. He was raised in Rabwah where he received his education at T.I. School and College.

During his pre-medical studies, he received second position at his college and was admitted to the Punjab Medical College in Faisalabad, Pakistan where he earned his medical degree.

He arrived in the United States in 1993 and completed his residency in 2002 at SUNY Stony Brook. Later that year he joined Oswego Hospital. He received his Board Certification as an Anesthesiologist in 2008.

Dr. Khalid gave back to the community by

donating to the needy. On his visit to Pakistan, he spent time at his hometown hospital, Fazl-i-Omar, working with the doctors and introducing new pain management techniques. Their gratitude

is reflected in a letter written to him:

“Thanking you very much for doing some charity work at Fazl-i-Omar hospital and introducing us to some new techniques like epidural steroid injections for sciatica and low back pain. We were not familiar with these techniques. It’s going to be great help for this community. We hope and request that you will visit here some time again.”

He left behind his wife, Uzma and five children.



Professor Dr. Mazharul-Haque, M.S., M.D.

On January 16 2008, in Long Island, New York, Professor Dr. Mazharul-Haque passed away at the age of 94 years. From 1949 to 1969, he was Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the Dow Medical College in Karachi Pakistan. He was also Honorary Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the Jinnah Post-Graduate Medical Centre in Karachi.

Professor Haque was born in Lahore in 1913 to devout Ahmadi parents, Fazlul-Haque and Rahima Bibi. Lahore was also the city of his upbringing and education. In 1936, he obtained the Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree with distinction from King Edward Medical

College. During the next thirteen years, he held a number of posts in medical teaching and public health, both at King Edward and the affiliated Mayo Hospital. In 1947, he was awarded the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree from the Punjab university. Two years later, he moved to Karachi to take up the Dow appointment. His students, particularly his Ahmadi students, were his great pride and joy. Over the two decades at Dow, he taught many, and it gave him pleasure and satisfaction to learn of their ongoing professional successes.

After leaving Dow Medical College in 1969, Professor Haque was appointed Medical Director at Pakistan Pharmaceutical Products in Karachi. Then in 1972, he went

on to establish a successful consultancy in dermatology, which occupied him till his emigration to the US in 1991. Up to the time of his demise, he lived a retired life in Long Island, New York, surrounded by his extended family and friends.

Throughout his long life, Professor Haque maintained close ties with Ahmadiyyat. He regularly attended Jum'ā Prayer and other religious events at the Ahmadiyya Hall in Karachi.

On arrival in Long Island, he was closely

associated with the Queens and Long Island Jamā'ats. Professor Haque's wife, Begum Nasira Haque, passed away on June 2, 2004. The couple leaves behind four children: Furqan Haque, Chartered Accountant (Montreal), Dr. Rizwan Haque (Boston), Dr. Sabiha Haque Soriano (Long Island), and Wazila A, Khan (Melbourne), and their respective families. He and his wife both were laid to rest at the Washington Memorial Park Cemetery in Long Island, New York.

Brother Munir Hamid

Ramadan Ali Mahmud. Philadelphia PA

Brother Munir, he was a beloved brother, a friend

Now, he is with the One, whose love will never end.

We used to walk the streets, back in the days,
That was before Islam, in Philadelphia, had any say

He used to tell stories about Islam, and other stories too,
We used to pray on my roof top, other things together we used to do.

He taught us how to make turbans, and such you see
The love we had—and will always be.

He got married, and completed his *deen*

He never rebuked, nor was he mean

We grew up in the same neighborhood, you see
And for brother Munir it was, not all for me.

One day it was cold and he gave me the coat
off his back
And I knew he will help me, if I was attacked

He went to the market, shared his food with us all,
I didn't realize his spiritual sate, to months before the angel of death came to call

He always used tact in stories and Du'a you see,
These are a few things Munir meant to me

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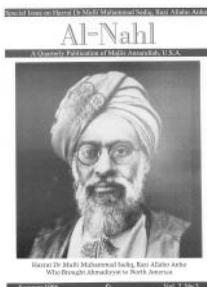
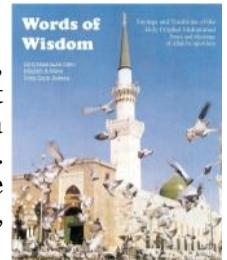
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Dr Basharat Munir Mirza

First Ahmadi Mayor of a U.S. Town

On March 9, 2009, Dr. Basharat Munir Mirza of Athens Majlis became the Mayor of Chauncey, Ohio. Chauncey is a small municipality, next to Athens, Ohio. Dr. Mirza was elected to the town council in November, 2007 for a four-year term. In January 2008, he was elected as the president of the town council for a one-year term. In January 2009, he was re-elected as the president of the town council. The council president acts as mayor when the mayor is absent. If the mayor is removed or resigns, then the president of the council becomes the mayor. When the sitting mayor of Chauncey resigned, Dr. Mirza, being the president of the town council, became the mayor of Chauncey, Ohio.

Dr. Mirza has been actively involved in community service in Chauncey area for a long time. In 1990, Dr. Mirza started a food pantry for the town. In 1991, he helped the Athens County Adult Education program that was about to be eliminated and managed to keep it running. At that time he received a letter of commendation from the Ohio House of Representatives commending him as a “remarkable individual, combining civic concern and commitment with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader.” Noting his services in terms of giving of his time, energy, and resources, the letter said, “we commend you for your dedicated service to the community and salute you as one of Ohio’s finest citizens.” In the publication of March 4, 2009 of The Athens Messenger, a citizen recognized Dr. Mirza’s services for the town and referred to him as one of the “Champions of Chauncey.” In his letter to the paper’s Editor he writes: “Dr. Mirza, the president of Village Council has donated his



time as well as his money many times over the years to help out the village. Even before his elected position he bought spreaders for the village dump truck to help keep the streets and roads cleaned and safe. He has paid for blacktop out of his own pocket to fill and repair potholes in the village. He has run a food bank and helped with the homeless, among other things, all with very little if no thanks or recognition.”

Dr. Mirza has also been serving the Jamā‘at in the area of publication by printing monthly gazettes, books, magazines etc. for the U.S. and Canada Jamā‘ats for many decades. Upon hearing from Dr. Mirza about his appointment, Huzur (May Allah support him with His Mighty Help) congratulated him and said “Al-Hamdu Lillah” and prayed that may Allah empower him to discharge his duties efficiently and that may He be his Protector and Helper. May Allah enable Dr. Mirza to continue to offer his services to the Jamā‘at and humanity. Āmīn.

Ansar from Cypress Houston and Houston South Majalis gathered for picnic on 19 April 2009.



Ten hours of Historical Tabligh Mission in Chicago

Hameed Malik

I took my visiting cousin from Pakistan to Cook County Hospital in Chicago for a check-up on 20 October 2009. I had to wait with him from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the waiting lobby with at least 120 people.

I was charged by the Ansar Ijtima which ended on 18 October and was motivated to spread the word of Islam. I also had won essay award from Jamā'at with two hundred dollars and was very astonished at how wonderfully Jamā'at Ahmadiyya encourages members by recognizing them for making some effort for Islam.

My cousin, Tariq Bukhari of Islamabad, decided to immediately relay the message of Islam to the people in the lobby and utilize the time at our hands beneficially while waiting. Surprisingly, when I started talking about Islam and Christianity, a great scene was created. Eight people got involved immediately with great enthusiasm and five of them pulled out their Bibles. Time to time, many other people also joined the discussion. I spoke for almost seven hours non-stop. I had Biblical References booklet with me. One Ghanaian Muslim coveted my book. I gave him phone number of Abdul-Karim and Brother Mohammad Aziz so that he could get any book he wanted and let them bill me for the books. I could not give my book because I have many notations in my copy.

Couple of Muslims were also there. One Ghanaian raised issues but unfortunately Muslims had no defense against Christianity so the job to answer him fell upon Ahmadiyyat to protect all Muslims. The Muslims heard me and were very thankful to me for defending Islam. I always love to protect my innocent Muslim brothers who do not know true Islam taught by Mahdi and learn dangerous and Jihadi Mulla Islam which has nothing to with true Islam. This

way the Mullas can keep their greatest greed for money and full control and power over naive Muslims.

Muslim Maulawis do not have any defense against Christianity because of their false beliefs that Jesus is in the sky and that he is the only prophet alive while Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has passed away. Their original Islam has almost disappeared among them except for a few rituals otherwise they would be leading the whole world in science and be leaders of civilization.

After the advent of the Promised Messiah and the appearance of the Mahdi for Muslims, the renaissance has started and it has produced two shining stars for Muslim world, one is the Ahmadi great physicist Nobel laureate Dr, Abdus Salam and one of the greatest Muslim brains of modern era, Sir Choudhri Zafrullah Khan, who had the honor to be both the president of United Nation's 16th assembly and later the president of the International Court of Justice located in the Hague, Holland. Most importantly, they both claimed and attributed their success to the teachings of Prophet Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the Holy Qur'ān.

One Hyderabad Muslim, Sa'īd Bha'i, talked to me for four hours and bought snacks for us and then insisted to drive us home instead of someone from our family picking us up from the hospital. One other Muslim wanted me to have dinner with him in the evening which I declined graciously as I was exhausted. However, it is very encouraging that we got three good contacts and all conversations ended in a friendly manner. Everyone enjoyed the discussions otherwise they would have sat idle and bored. This place proved to be a great place for preaching and

distributing pamphlets and starting any conversation just like sitting in an airplane next to a passenger.

There were discussions and arguments flying all over like kites in Lahore's Kites Festival and spilled out to other rows and started spreading like a wildfire. The whole place got bit noisy. Surprisingly, Christians started arguing with each other and differed with each other on various interpretations. Sometimes arguments got heated but stayed under control. So, I decided to walk around and tried to light candles in some other rows. They never noticed my strolling out of the arena. That amused me a lot that I was the one who started the fire and it was still burning with fireworks.

Christians were very shocked with Ahmadiyya arguments specially when I pointed out things from Bible in the verse Deuteronomy 24-16 that says, "Father shall not be put to death for the children, neither the children put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin," and that Jesus did not die on the cross, and the proof of his grave in India; also the verse indicating Jesus' prediction that he would not die on the cross, Mathew 12:40, "For as Jesus was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of earth."

The place started looking like stock market floor and their fingers were turning pages after pages with lightening speed and hands were flying in the air in all directions with loud arguments. Believe me or not, it was the greatest and most entertaining scene which I ever watched. It was mentally recorded by my cousin.

I was extremely busy and involved in answering and questioning the people in front of me and in the row behind my back

so my neck started developing pain and the tongue and the cheek started feeling some stress.

There is a saying to never to get involved in religious and political arguments but every soul was very enthusiastic to jump in. And, why not? Every one was very bored sitting there. There were Polish people, a Ghanaian fellow, and many Afro-Americans were involved. One Hyderabad Indian person was the greatest listener. He eventually started siding with the Ahmadiyya viewpoint against Mulla's Islam wholeheartedly and started joking about their mischievousness. I provided Ahmadiyya sites to three individuals and phone numbers and got also three contacts. I could have many more but my cousin did not speak English well and was almost inactive. Thou shalt always learn Spanish and English in America, as we say in Pakistan.

We may need to go to Parkland-type free hospital lobbies and waiting rooms where people sit all day for free medical advice and bring their Bibles to pass their boring time. Most of them are on Government help and many are very religious and pious type. It was a great discovery. I was very happy that I discovered a new land like Columbus did the new world. This is another secret land I found out to develop your language and fluency so people can enjoy and learn from you how to deliver.

Many people work and struggle all their life to be able to communicate. When you talk with them smoothly, they enjoy to listen and learn from you. That was another great find, people's quest for intellectual conversation and how they love to talk to people who have full command on their thoughts and delivery. I believe that every one should be like our Fourth Khalifa, Hadrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, rahimahullah.

Muhammad Abdus Sattar Miyan with Honorable Mark Benigni, The Mayor of the Meriden City, Connecticut.



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Muhammad Abdus Sattar Miyan
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Children from the Long island Jamā'at who participated in the Tahrir Jadid Scheme.

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San Diego Ansar gather for a group picture (above). Brochures from the Miami Bookfair (below).

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Islam 101: Dispelling Misconceptions

Sajid A. Khan, a Plainsboro resident for nine years, presents "Islam 101," featuring overview of the major tenets of Islam, the ritual practices, and the diversity of the religion at Plainsboro Library on Sunday, November 22, at 2:30 p.m. "The purpose of this session is to provide an educational opportunity for our fellow residents about the true Islam," he says. "I intend to give an overview of the major tenets of Islam, discuss the ritual practices of Islam, and explain the rich diversity of this great religion to remove misconceptions."

Born and raised in Pakistan, Khan has lived in the United States for more than 22 years. "I came to the United States in the mid-1980s with the hope of a better future with education being a top priority," he says. "After I arrived, my passion for learning increased and continues to this very day." A graduate of City University of New York with a degree in management of information systems, he received an MBA in finance and information systems from the Stern School of Business. He is also a Wharton fellow at Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

"Islam is the fastest growing yet most misunderstood religion in the U.S. and around the world," says Khan. "Because of the acts of few ignorant and misguided Muslims who have used religion to commit violence, cou-

pled with media coverage of it, the beautiful image of Islam which promotes tolerance and peace, categorically rejecting any form of violence against innocent people has been tarnished."

Kahn, who has held senior consulting positions with Merrill Lynch, J.P. Morgan, Deloitte & Touche Consulting group, is president of MicroAgility, a family-owned IT and management consulting firm. He is responsible for the company's strategy and vision, major client relationships, and leading key engagements. He chairs the entrepreneurship committee at Stern School of Business Alumni, and is the director of education and principal of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Saturday School.

His wife, Aisha Khan, who was born in Punjab, India, has been in the United States since she was seven. "She accepted Islam in 1990 and has been a true partner and a friend," he says. She is also the CEO of their family-owned business.

"My wife and I chose to live in Plainsboro because of its peaceful neighborhood, the diversity of its residents, and the excellent school district," he says. Their children include Dâbir, 14, a student at High School North; Shan-zay, 13, and Yasmine, 11, both students at Community Middle School; and Danial, 10, a student at Millstone River School.

"It is my hope that the session will lead to a thought provoking



Tolerance and Peace:
Sajid Khan says 'Islam is the fastest growing yet most misunderstood religion' in the U.S. and around the world.'

discussion that not only informs but dispels some of the myths associated with Islam," says Khan. "I am also hoping that the Islam 101 session will provide a platform for many healthy discussions in the future."

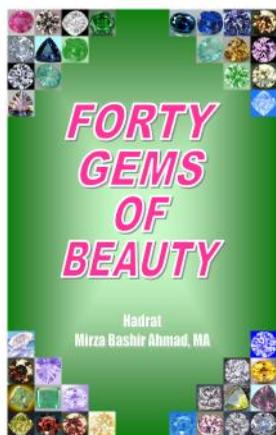
— Lynn Miller

Islam 101, Plainsboro Public Library, 641 Plainsboro Road. Sunday, November 22, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. 609-275-2897. www.lmxac.org/plainsboro. Register by E-mail at skhan212@gmail.com. Free.



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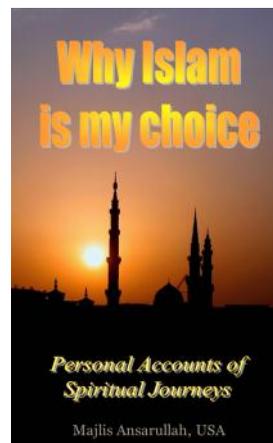
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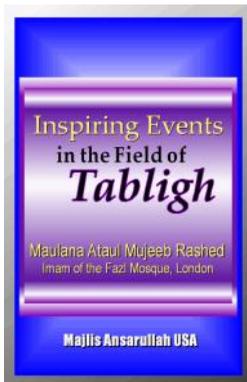
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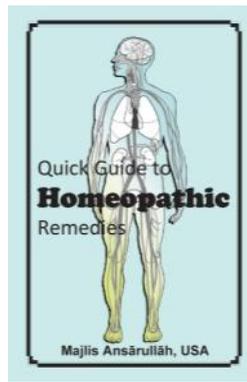


North Jersey Ansar at their local Ijtima on 19 April 2009



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Some pictures from a Tabligh activity in Los Angeles East on April 18, 2009.



Los Angeles East
Ansar at their
walk in March
2009.



Members gather in front of the Langar Khana (Hospitality Center) on 26 December 2009 at the Baitul-Hameed Mosque in Los Angeles CA during the West Coast Jalsa Salana.



LA East and LA Inland Empire Annual Ijtima

Rashid Syed, Za'im Ansarullah, LA East

The 14th annual joint local Ijtima of Majlis Ansarullah, Los Angeles East and Los Angeles Inland Empire was held on Sunday, May 10, 2009, at the English Spring Park, Chino Hills, CA. Approximately 42 Ansars attended the Ijtima.

Opening session of the Ijtimā started on Sunday May 10, 2009 at 9:15 AM. Za'im LA Inland Empire presided the session. The session started with the recitation of Holy Qur'an with translation by Mr. Saeed Saud followed by pledge by Za'im LA East, Mr. Rashid Syed. Following the pledge, a poem and translation was presented by Mr. Mahmood Chaudhry followed by a welcome address by Za'im LA East Mr. Rashid Syed.

First session Educational Competitions started at 9:30 AM. Mr. Mohammad Munir, Mr. Mahmood Chaudhry, and Mr. Saeed Saud, conducted the Educational Competitions. Results are as follows:

Tilawatul-Qur'an

*	Mr. Mahmood Chaudhry	1st.
*	Mr. Asim Ansari	2nd
*	Mr. Qadeer Malik	3rd.

Hadith

*	Mr. Qadeer Malik	Ist
*	Mr. Imran Jattala	2nd.
*	Mr. Saeed Saus	3rd.
*	Mr. Asim Ansari	3rd.

Prepared Speech

*	Mr. Arshad Rashedi	Ist
*	Mr. Saeed Saud	2nd
*	Mr. Imran Jattala	3rd

Impromptu Speech

*	Mr. Abdul Ahad Ch.	Ist
*	Mr. Saeed Saud	2nd
*	Mr. Qadeer Malik	3rd

Urdu Poem

*	Mr. Mazhar-ul-Haq	1st
*	Mr. Muzaffar Siddiqui	Ist
*	Mr. Mahmood Chaudhry	2nd

*	Mr. Mr. Asim Ansari	3rd.
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English Poem

*	Mr. Sami Khan	Ist
*	Mr. Naeem Ahmad	2nd
*	Mr. Fareed Ahmad	3rd

General Knowledge

*	Mr. Imran Jattala	Ist
*	Mr. Rashid Syed	2nd
*	Mr. Mr. Sami Khan	3rd

Observation and Recall

*	Mr. Imran Jattala/Saeed Saud	Ist
*	Mr. Arshad Rashedi	2nd
*	Mr. Tahir Minhas/Ameerudin	3rd

After Educational Competitions, a delicious lunch was served by Masood Elahi Khan/Hameed Munawar and their team, followed by Zuhr and Asr Prayers.

Second session, presided by Mr. Anwer Khan, started at 2:00 PM. Session started with Tilawat and Translation by Mr. Zia-ul-Haq, followed by Talqin-i-Amal, a speech by Mr. Anwer Khan. Sports Competitions were held during this session.

¼ mile walk (60 plus)

*	Rashid Syed	Ist
*	Qadeer Malik	2nd
*	Anwer Khan	3rd

¼ mile walk (55 plus)

*	Majid Khan	Ist
*	Rashid Rashedi	2nd
*	Ismile Dar	3rd

Basketball Hoops

*	Arshad Rashedi	Ist
*	Rashid Syed	2nd
*	Ismile Dar	3rd

Tug of War

LA Inland Empire Team won 1st Place:

Mr. Hameed Munawar, Mr. Majid Khan, Mr. Mazharul Haq, Mr. Mahmood Chaudhry, Mr. Tahir Khan, Mr. Ismail Dar.

Final Session, presided by Mr. Asim Ansari, started at 5:00 PM. Session started

with Tilawat and Translation by Mr. Mahmood Chaudhry followed by poem by Mazhar-ul-Haq. A speech, "Zikr-i-Habib," was delivered by Mr. Asim Ansari followed by

Ijtimā Report and Prize Distribution by Mr. Rashid Syed. Ijtimā concluded by Pledge, led by Za'im LA East, Mr. Rashid Syed, followed by Du'a led by Mr. Asim Ansari.

Amilah Majlis Ansarullah, Dallas TX



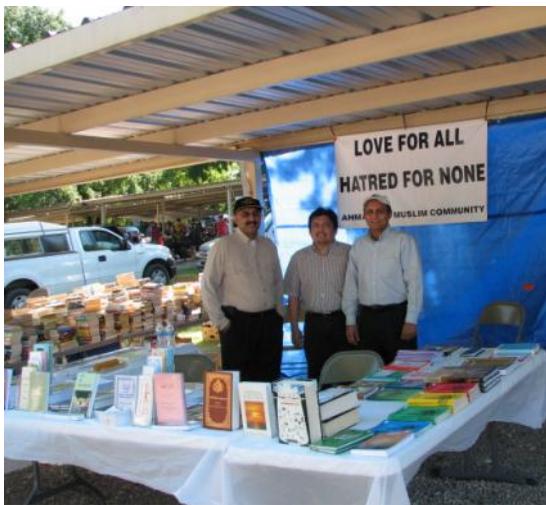
Tabligh Bookstall / Exhibition at TMTD Flea Market by Majlis Dallas

With the grace of Allah, Majlis Ansarullah Dallas has been holding Tabligh bookstall/books exhibition since March 2009 at a flea Market called “Third Mondays Trade Days”. This flea Market is located 12 miles north of our mosque in the city of McKinney. We rent approximately 12 x 24 feet covered space in this open-air flea market for Saturday and Sunday on every third Monday’s weekend of each month. Majlis Ansarullah Dallas is also taking help from Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Dallas, to open the stall on Saturdays while Ansar opens it on Sundays. All setup and windup of the stall is being done by Majlis Ansarullah Dallas. Our operation is from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Our services consist of selling of various Jamā’at books in English, free distribution of literature. We also get involved in friendly discussion on Islam.

We use tables to display literature along with free gifts like plastic 12” rulers, book marks which says “Love for All Hatred for None.” This is a busy flea market. Many

people pass by and look at the stall. Some stop by, look at the books, and ask questions. Among visitors we meet people from widely diversified backgrounds, young and old, male and female, people of different color, races, and religion. Among visitors there was a group of high school students, host of a local radio station, and representatives of various Christian churches. Moreover among the people who paid friendly visit to us were owners of miscellaneous stalls in this flea market. On our first day there was a lady who belonged to Baha’i religion. She purchased a copy of “Jesus in India.” Moreover other non-Ahmadis also purchased from us the Holy Qur’ān, Ṣalāt, and Selected verses of Holy Qur’ān, etc.

In short, we all are well pleased with this wonderful, rewarding and fruitful experience. We truly feel in our hearts that one day our actions will bring good results in the future, In Sha Allah. We are always thankful to Allah that He provides us this opportunity to serve Islam.



Majlis Ansarullah Dallas arranged a picnic on 22 November 2009 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Russell Creek Park. 29 Ansar and a good number of children came for the picnic and enjoyed the BBQ and fruits. Zuhr and Asar Prayers were offered at the park. Majlis Ansarullah Dallas also hold its Amila meeting during the picnic at Russell Creek Park.



Dallas TX
20 December 2009

Pictures of outgoing Za'im, Mr. Mujahid Mahmood at his farewell meeting.

Right :
Mr. Mujahid Mahmood with Mr. Mubarik A. Malik and Mr. Suhail Kausar

Below :
Mr. Mujahid Mahmood with members of Ansarullah Dallas



12th Annual Local Ijtimā Dallas

Saturday & Sunday, April 11 & 12, 2009

By the grace of Allah, the 12th local Ijtimā of Majlis Ansarullah Dallas was successfully held on Saturday April 11 & Sunday, April, 12, 2009 at Baitul-Ikram Mosque in Allen, Texas. All sports competitions were conducted after Asr Prayers on Saturday April 11 while all educational competitions were held on Sunday April 12, 2009. A total of 18 Ansar and 4 Khuddam participated in the sport competitions on Saturday while 34 Ansar and two Khuddam attended Ijtimā on Sunday.

Sport Competitions -- First session

All sport competitions were held on Saturday April 11, 2009 in the evening after Asr Prayer at 5:00 pm and concluded around 10:00 pm with the end of table tennis competition.

The first session of the Ijtimā was started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān and its translation by Tahir Abdullah and followed by Ansar pledge led by local Za'īm. After Ansar pledge, sports competition were started with basketball shooting competition followed by horseshoe competition followed by volleyball competition. After volleyball competition, a cricket match was played between two teams, mixture of Ansar and Khuddam. Each team played six overs. Mughrib Prayer was offered at 8:00 pm followed by dinner. After dinner, table tennis competition was started. At 9:15 pm, Isha Prayer was offered. Table tennis competition was resumed after Isha Prayers and ended around 10:00. pm. A total of 18 Ansar and 4 Khuddam participated in these sport competitions.

Educational Competitions -- Second session:

The second session of the Ijtimā was started at 10:30 A.M. This session, presided by the local Jamā'at President Akram

Chaudhry, was opened with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān and its Urdu translation by Mubarak Ahmad Malik and English translation by Mohammad Antwi. After recitation, Hadith was narrated by Syed Waqar Ahmad Shah. The Ansar pledge was lead by local Za'īm. Then Munir Ahmad Aftab recited a poem of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) followed by the welcome address given by Local Za'īm of Majlis Ansarullah. He welcomed everyone and encouraged Ansar for their participation in the competitions. After welcome address, local Jamā'at President, Akram Chaudhry, gave the opening address. After opening address, educational competitions were started. Local Jamā'at President Akram Chaudhry, Mubarik Ahmad Piracha, and Abdur Rehman Chaudhry were the judges. Before the lunch, the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān, commentary on Hadith, English poem recitation, Urdu poem recitation, and prepared speech competitions were conducted. Lunch was served at 1:15 pm. The lunch was prepared by the local Ansar in the Mosque. After lunch, Zuhr and Asr Prayers were offered at 2:00 pm. After Prayers, group photos were taken. The educational competitions resumed at 2:30 pm with Impromptu Speech competition. The last competition of the Ijtimā was the Religious & General Knowledge competition in which all Ansar took part and they were divided into six teams. After this last competition, health session was held. This health session was facilitated by Dr. Jeri Ullah Khan. He gave a detailed presentation on Diabetes. After health session, prize distribution ceremony was held. Local Za'īm Mujahid Mahmood announced the names of winners while local President Akram Chaudhry handed over the certificates to the winners. In the concluding



speech, local President Akram Chaudhry gave speech using Friday Sermons of Hadrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his support) on the topic of “Practicing the beautiful teaching of the Holy Qur’ān” dated 7 March 2008. At the end of this successful Ijtimā, the Ansar pledge was repeated by the local Za’im followed by light refreshments. This Ijtimā was concluded around 4:30 pm.

34 Ansar and 2 Khuddam attended the Ijtimā on Sunday. A total of 35 Ansar and 6 Khuddam attended both day of the Ijtimā.

Results:

Sport Competitions: Saturday, April 11, 2009

Basketball Shooting:

1. Suhail Kausar
2. Waseem Ahmad Nadeem
3. Tahir Rehman Waraich

Horseshoe:

1. Waseem Ahmad Nadeem
2. Mujahid Mahmood
3. Tarique H. Malik

Volleyball:

1. Muzaffar Quraishi, Tahir Rehman Waraich, Munawar Ahmad Malik, Mujahid Mahmood, Abdur Rehman Chaudhry, Suhail Kausar, and Waseem Ahmad Nadeem
2. Mubashir Ahmad, Malik Mansur, Tahir Abdullah, Anwar Rafiq, Atiq Chaudhry, Dr. Jeriullah Khan, and Umair Malik

Cricket:

1. Anwar Rafiq, Atiq Chaudhry, Mansur Malik, Tahir Abdullah, Ashfaq Ahmad Minhas, Dr. Jeriullah Khan, Tahir Malik, and Waseem Ahmad Nadeem.
2. Munawar Malik, Tahir Rehman Waraich, Mubashir Ahmad, Mujahid Mahmood, Anjum Ahmad, Suhail Chaudhry, Muzaffar Quraishi, and Umair Malik.

Table Tennis:

1. Tahir Rehman Waraich
2. Suhail Kausar
3. Anwar Rafiq

Educational Competitions: Sunday April 12, 2009

Recitation of Holy Qur’ān

1. Abdul Waheed Khalid
2. Mubashir Ahmad
3. Anwar Ahmad Piracha

Commentary on Hadith

1. Mubashir Ahmad
2. Suhail Kausar
3. Mohammad Antwi

Urdu Poem Recitation

1. Suhail Kausar
2. Abdul Waheed Khalid
3. Nasir Ahmad Piracha

English Poem Recitation

1. Mohammad Antwi
2. Nasir Ahmad Piracha
3. Aftab Ahmad Lubis

Prepared Speech

1. Mubashir Ahmad
2. Munawar Ahmad Malik
3. Nasir Ahmad Piracha

Impromptu Speech

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

Religious & General Knowledge

1. Mubashir Ahmad, Ahmad Kamal Asad, Tahir Malik, Anwar Piracha, Tahir Waraich
2. Abdul Manan, Zufiqar Ahmad, Wasim Shaikh, Waseem A. Nadeem, Najm-us-Saqib
3. Tarique H. Malik, Nasir Ahmed Butt, Malik Mansur, Munawar Piracha

History of Majlis Ansarullah Dallas

Hameed Malik, Dallas TX

Dallas is the second largest city in Texas. It is located 241 miles north of Houston and approximately 1000 miles south of Chicago, 1600 miles west of New York, 1450 miles East of Los Angeles. According to latest population ranking, Dallas ranks 9th most populated city in USA.

In the past, population of Ahmadis in Dallas was very little in proportion to the population of Ahmadis in the other major cities of the country. For that reason, prior to 1986, there were only a couple of known Ahmadis in Dallas. At that time, local Ahmadis did not even have any designated place to offer their Friday Prayers.

In 1987, Dallas became an independent Jamā'at, then we started offering our Friday Prayers at an office building owned by an Ahmadi in Irving, Texas. Once that office building was sold, Jamā'at started to pray in a rental property owned by an Ahmadi in Richardson, TX. Due to parking problems, and due to the steady population increase of Ahmadis in Dallas; we needed a bigger place. Jamā'at rented a portion of a banquet hall in a restaurant for Friday Prayers. It appeared to us that we were like modern day Nomads and were moving place to place. People started getting somewhat frustrated.

Obviously we needed a place where we could hold Jamā'at's meetings in peaceful manner so we rented a large suite in an office park on Keller Springs Road in Addison, Texas. We stayed at this place for a year or two and used it as a springboard for planning to build a mosque. Now time was ripe for all good Ahmadis to step forward and to build a house of Allah in Dallas.

In 1996, President Jamā'at Dallas, Chaudhry Akram, formed a mosque committee that included Mr. Abdul Latif, Mr. Munawar Piracha and Mr. Abdul Shakoor

Azhar. Thanks to Allah, soon Jamā'at was able to purchase a five-acre land in Allen, Texas, a rich and posh northern suburb of Dallas. It has very good school district. University of Texas in Dallas (UTD) may not be ten miles from the mosque. Moreover, just seven miles south of the mosque, the old suburb of Richardson is situated. It is in the heart of the telecom corridor close to major office buildings and corporate campuses. Major nearby corporations include Perot Systems, Alcatel, Nortel, AT&T, Alliance Data Systems, Hewlett Packard and the University of Texas-Dallas. Many large chain hotels, world class restaurants, numerous shopping centers are a short drive and the location is convenient to DART rail system. The Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Richardson Texas hotel is also adjacent to Richardson's Prairie Creek Park. Plenty of major corporations employ people of all background. In other words, our mosque is located in a wonderful location.

For the time being, I will skip all the details, difficulties and hindrances that we had to face to accomplish the task of procuring the land, so I could deliver you a very good news now that will give your soul some joy. The men of faith Ma Sha Allah completed the mosque in the year of 2002.

Our Bait-ul-Ikram mosque is located in the city of Allen on five acres. It is located approximately 25 miles north of Downtown Dallas. The main roads near our mosque are Hwy 75 and Legacy Drive. Within 7 years of establishing the mosque, believe it or not, Ma Sha Aallah, we have more than 55 members in our Ansar Majlis alone. Overall count of total Jamā'at members is above 300 and still Jamā'at is growing. Many people have moved from East and West coasts to Dallas. We, the members of Dallas Jamā'at, have great pleasure to welcome the newcomers with

open arms: Love and respect for all, hatred and disrespect for none.

As far as the Majlis Ansar of 2009 is concerned, we have so far total 3 Za'ims and Mujahid Mahmood is our current Za'im Ansarullah. Prior to him, Mr. Mubarik Piracha was second Za'im. Our first Za'im was Abdul Latif.

Now let us journey back in time to see what Majlis Ansar accomplished under each Za'im.

First Za'im

Distinguished achievements of Majlis Ansarullah Dallas under first Za'im Abdul Latif (1993-1998)

Majlis Ansarullah was established in Dallas, Texas in 1993, when Mr. Karimullah Zirvi, National Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, nominated Mr. Abdul-Latif son of Maulawi Abdul-Majeed of Karachi, Pakistan as Za'im for Dallas Chapter.

The Ahmadiyya Jamā'at in Dallas was established in the year 1986/1987, when Dallas was a sub-sector of Houston Jamā'at. Br. Abdul Shakoor Azhar was the first Nasir living in Dallas, Texas.

At the time when Mr. Abdul Latif was nominated as Za'im Majlis Ansarullah in 1993; there were a total of 9 Ansar living in Dallas. here is that historical list:

- 1) Br. Abdul Shakoor Azhar
- 2) Br .Akram Chaudhary,
- 3) Br. Hafeez A Malik,
- 4) Br. Malik Aziz Ahmed,
- 5) Br Hameed A Malik,
- 6) Br. Naseer A Bajwa,
- 7) Br. Khaleel Umar,
- 8) Br. Munir A Bajwa and
- 9) Br. Abdul Latif.

Following were the members of first Majlis -Amila:

- 1 - Abdul Latif, Za'im
- 2- Abdul Shakoor Azhar, Gen. Secretary
- 3- Hameed A Malik, Nazim Tabligh
- 4- Munir A Bajwa, Nazim Ta'lim-o-

Tarbiyat

5- Abdul Latif, Nazim Māl

Right from the beginning, Majlis Ansarullah Dallas has been an active Majlis in USA and still is one of the best and active Majlis in the whole USA. During the tenure of Abdul Latif as Za'im Majlis Ansarullah Dallas TX (1993-1998), Dallas Majlis achieved the following noteworthy achievements.

1- Year 1995/1996-Dallas Majlis was awarded second position in Chanda collection in all USA Majalis.

2- Year 1996/1997-Dallas Majlis won 2nd position in all Majalis of USA for overall performance and awarded Shield of performance. (Chanda Collection. It was 112% collection (13 members out of 16 paid in full).

3- Year 1997/1998 Dallas Majlis stood first place in all USA Majalis for best performance and won Alam-i-In'ami of the year

4- Under the Za'amat of Mr. Abdul Latif, Dallas Majlis started its local Ijtimā. Our first local Ijtimā was held in 1998 in local center at Carrollton, TX on Saturday, March 14, 1998. Mr. Dawood Munir, than the Regional Nazim, was kind enough to inaugurate our Ijtimā. Maulana Zafar A Sarwar, regional missionary, also attended the Ijtimā. A total of 21 members attended this Ijtimā. Participants were 12 Ansar from Dallas Majlis, 5 guests (Ansar) from Houston Majlis, and 4 local Khadims.

5- Two articles were also published in local newspapers written by Mr. Abdul Latif.

A) First article was "*Muslim Community Grows in Strength (Islam)*" published in Plano Star Courier Plano TX on March 20, 1996.

B) Second article "*Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, An introduction and achievements*" was published in the Asian News, Richardson, TX on September 16, 1996.

C) Jamā'at books including the Holy Qur'ān and its commentary were put into two Plano Libraries in 1996.

Second Za'im
Distinguished achievements of Majlis
Ansarullah Dallas under the second
Za'im, Mubarik Piracha
1998-2003:

1). Majlis Ansarullah, Dallas, USA received 1st Place, Maximum Chanda Collection in 1998-1999, Medium size Majlis (11-30 Members).

2). Majlis Ansarullah, USA, Performance Award, II Best Majlis 2000, Dallas TX. given to Za'im Mr. Mubarik A. Piracha by Miañ M.M. Ahmad, Amīr Jamā'at, USA.

3). Meritorious Service Award 3rd position – 2001, given to Za'im Dallas, Mubarik A. Piracha, for one of the best Za'im of USA, at 20th National Ijtimā USA at Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque, October 19-21, 2001.

4). Majlis Ansarullah, USA, Performance Award 2001. Dallas TX. Second best Majlis Za'im, Mubarik A. Piracha, at National Annual Ijtimā, Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque on October 19-21, 2001.

5). Majlis Ansarullah, USA. Majlis Performance Award, Small Majlis- 1st Position, Dallas. Za'im Mubarik A. Piracha. 21st National Annual Ijtimā. Bait-ur- Rahman Mosque, October 18-20, 2002

6). Mr. Mubarik Piracha and his team participated in Massage relay competition in National Ijtimā 2003 and won the second prize.

7). Mr. Abdul Latif won the 3rd prize in 2003 Ta'lim Test II.

8). Mr. Mujahid Mahmood was one of the Outstanding Muntazim-i- Māl in 2003.

9) Mr Mubarik Piracha and Mujahid Mahmood with their team won 3rd prize in Religious and General knowledge in 2003.

10). Mr. Mujahid Mahmood won the 3rd prize in Observation and Recall competition in 2003.

11). Horseshoe competition, Mr. Mujahid Mahmood won the third prize in 2003.

Following is the list of Amila Members Majlis Ansarullah Dallas in 2003.

- 1 Za'im Mubarik Ahmad Piracha
- 2 Muntazim Umumi Mujahid Mahmood
- 3 Muntazim Tabligh Shaikh Wasim-ur-Rehman
- 4 Muntazim Finance Piracha, Munawar Ahmed
- 5 Muntazim Education Khalid, Abdul Waheed
- 6 Muntazim Moral Training Munir Bajwa
- 7 Muntazim Health Tahir Malik
- 8 Muntazim Membership Records Malik Mansur Ahmad

Third Za'im
Outstanding achievements of Majlis
Ansarullah Dallas under third Za'im
Mujahid Mahmood (2004-2009)

2004, Malik Mubarik Ahmad won the 2nd position in Ta'lim test II (education) 2004 obtaining 94 marks out of 100. Moreover Abdul Latif, Mujahid Mahmood and Abdul Waheed Khalid also won positions 5th, 7th and 8th respectively

2004, Mujahid Mahmood one of the outstanding Muntazim Māl.

In 2004 Majlis Dallas Ansar won the most prestigious award of Alam-i-In'ami.

2004, Mujahid Mahmood won the 2nd prize of Musical chairs for under 55 years old.

2005, Mujahid Mahmood shared 3rd price with Wajeeh Bajwa for Ta'lim exam I for 2005.

2005, Mujahid Mahmood was recognized as one of the outstanding Muntazim Māl.

2005, Majlis Dallas Ansar won the most prestigious award of Alam-i-In'ami . It was 2nd year in a row that Ansar Dallas as a team won this highly coveted award. Ansar Dallas determined to discharge their duty so they could be blessed with Alam-i-In'ami for next year also so they can win the flag permanently.

2005, Dallas Majlis was given 3rd prize for Maximum Participation in Ta'lim Exam II.

2005, Hameed Malik won First prize in the horseshoe competition over age 55. It was his

first attempt. It was no surprise as he came from Dallas.

2005, Mujahid Mahmood secured well-fought 2nd position in the horseshoe competition under age 55.

2005 National Ansar Amila and ALC (Ansar Leadership Conference) was held in Dallas Baitul-Ikram Mosque.

Walk-a-Thon 2005

Under Humanity First, a Walk-a-Thon was arranged for November 6, 2005 in Dallas to raise funds for victims of the Pakistani earthquake. The theme for the Walk-a-Thon was Walk-for-Pakistan and the location was Celebration Park in Allen, Texas. Ansar members were encouraged to participate and raise funds through self-donation and get sponsors out of fellow employees, friends, acquaintances, and family members. The Dallas Jamā'at raised a total of \$14,000 for Pakistani earthquake fund. Out of this, \$7,200 was raised by Ansar, including \$3,800 from corporate sponsorships. A total 22 Ansar members participated in raising money and walking in the Walk-a-Thon.

2006 Regional Ijtimā of South Region was held in Dallas. It was a resounding success.

2006, Dallas Majlis secured the First Position in Outstanding Majalis and won prestigious award of Alam-i-In'ami. As Majlis Ansarullah Dallas won prestigious award of Alam-i-In'ami three time in a row, that is why Majlis Ansarullah USA gave Alam-i-In'ami flag permanently to Dallas Majlis.

Walk-a-Thon 2006

The Dallas chapter of Humanity First organized a Walk-a-Thon on Sunday, November 5th, 2006 at Sun creek Park in Allen, TX. This year's theme for the Walk-a-Thon was Walk for Humanity. Majlis Ansarullah Dallas encouraged the local Ansar to participate in the Walk-a-Thon and raise funds by getting sponsors and/or donating money themselves. About \$8500 were raised

through this Walk-a-Thon. Out of this, the local Ansar raised \$5342.10, including \$2642.10 through corporate sponsorship. A total of 21 Ansar participated in raising funds and walking in the Walk-a-Thon.

In 2007, Majlis Ansarullah Dallas recognized as outstanding Majlis in large Majalis and secured first position in large Majalis.

2008 It was incredible amazing Majlis Ansarullah Dallas once again won the most prestigious award of Alam-i-In'ami. With true blessing of Allah, Dallas won Alam-i-In'ami the 4th time in five years

2006 Maximum participation in Ta'lim Test Exam II Large Majlis Dallas stood 2nd and Za'im Mujahid Mahmood was recognized for his team's effort.

2006, Mujahid Mahmood acquired top position in individual Ta'lim test I by securing maximum 102 marks along with other eleven members with same 102 marks.

2006, Mujahid Mahmood acquired 2nd position in individual Ta'lim test II .

2006, Mubarik Piracha scored 100% in Ta'lim (Education) Exam II, therefore secured top position along with 4 more Ansar from other cities.

2006 Munawar Malik played very serious game and won the first prize in Table Tennis competition for under 55-age group.

2006 Jamā'at Dallas bow our heads Allah who enabled us to win the Alam-i-In'ami 3rd year in a row. It was very emotional moment and historical day when Alam-i-In'ami was awarded to Majlis Ansarullah Dallas to recognize the fruits combined efforts of Majlis Dallas.

2006 Religious/General Knowledge 3rd prize was given to Munawar Malik and Abdul Waheed Khalid of Dallas. (Additionally their team consist also our regional members Chairul Bahri and Athar Alam Farooqi).

2007 It was a great pleasure for our Majlis to see that Mubashir Ahmad and Wasim Sheikh both were recognized for acquiring

100% marks in Ta'lim Test I.

2007 was the year when Dallas Majlis and Za'im Mujahid Mahmood were recognized for the maximum participation and Dallas secured 3rd position in large Majalis competition.

2007 was a year when our Majlis has discovered a surprise talent Muzaffar M. Qureshi who attained 3rd position in essay writing competition.

2007 Majlis Dallas was declared outstanding Large Majlis of USA, secured first position and therefore, Za'im Dallas Mujahid Mahmood and Majlis Dallas was recognized for their service.

2007 Munawar Piracha received recognition award in finance along with 13 more people from other Majalis.

2007 Munawar Piracha again received recognition award for his valuable service to Majlis in finance along with 35 other Secretary finance.

2007 Abdul Latif and Mujahid Mahmood received Certificate of Achievement in Ta'lim (Education) Exam II

2007 National Ansar Amila and ALC (Ansar Leadership Conference) was held in Dallas Baitul-Ikram Mosque 2007.

2007, June Dallas Majlis extended their help to Baptist Church in Garland Texas for Meal and Wheal service delivering food at home of elderly and disabled. This is our third year service. We serve first three Thursdays of each month.

2007: Received Certificate of achievement in Ta'lim Exam II Muntazim Abdul Waheed Khalid.

Walk-a-Thon 2007

Humanity first Dallas chapter organized a Walk-a-Thon on October 21, 2007 in Dallas. The theme of the Walk-a-Thon was Walk for Humanity. Total of 18 Ansar including Amila members participated in the Walk-a-Thon and raised money. Dallas Ansar raised about \$2,200 for the Walk-a-Thon.

Feed the Neighbors

2008, October till now we have join hand with an Islamic mosque in downtown Dallas to provide food for homeless and needy. We serve on fourth Saturday of each month only.

2008, we strengthened our commitment for Tabligh (Propagation of Islam) focusing small towns. It was mutually fruitful experience for our Christian brothers and us.

2008 Alam-i-Inami: Majlis Ansarullah Dallas won the coveted prize. A Za'im Dallas was Mujahid Mahmood.

2008 Munawar Piracha received Meritorious service award in Finance.

2008 Majlis Dallas secured first position in maximum participation in Ta'lim exam. Muntazim Abdul Waheed Khalid.

2008: Prepared Speech Competition Mohammad Antwi won the First Position.

2008: Horseshoe Toss under 55. It was amazing and very entertaining that Dallas Ansar (no relation with Dallas Cowboys) won all three positions in this event:

1st Mujahid Mahmood

2nd Mubashir Ahmad

3rd Munawar Ahmad Malik

2008: Talqin-i-'Amal: Tabligh: Qa'id Tabligh Majlis Ansarullah USA assigned a presentation to Dallas Majlis on Visit to Small Towns. At National Ijtimā: Suhail Kausar gave this presentation during Talqin-i-'Amal session on Tabligh.

2009 since March this year Dallas Majlis rented a stall in northern suburbs flea Market called 3rd Monday. We display, every Saturday we sell and distribute Ahmadiyya books and literature while we get involve in Tabligh with visitors of diversified background and ages "Love for all, hatred for none."

Feed the Neighbors

In 2009, Majlis Ansarullah Dallas started serving meals to homeless and other needy people in South Dallas on 4th Sunday of each month in addition of 4th Saturday of each

month.

Majlis Ansarullah Dallas got the first position in maximum participation in Ta'lim Exam II of 2008 in large Majalis and received award from Sadr Ansarullah at national Ijtimā 2009.

Majlis Ansarullah Dallas got the first position in maximum participation in Ta'lim Exam I of 2009 in large Majalis and received award from Sadr Ansarullah USA at national Ijtimā 2009.

Abdul Waheed Khalid got first position in recitation of the Holy Qur'an at local Ijtimā, regional Ijtimā and at the national Ijtimā in 2009.

Hameed Malik got second position in essay writing competition and won \$200 cash along with certificate at the national Ijtimā 2009.

Following is the list of Ansarullah Dallas Amila 2009.

- 1 Za'im Mahmood, Mujahid
- 2 Nā'ib Za'im I Kausar, Suhail
- 3 Nā'ib Za'im II Lubis, Aftab Ahmed
- 4 Muntazim Umumi Ahmed, Malik Mansur
- 5 Additional Muntazim Umumi Abdullah, Tahir
- 6 Muntazim Tabligh Shaikh Wasim-ur-Rehman
- 7 Additional Muntazim Tabligh Malik, Hameed Ahamd
- 8 Muntazim Finance Piracha, Munawar Ahmed
- 9 Muntazim Education Khalid, Abdul Waheed
- 10 Muntazim Education of Qur'an Ahmed, Mubashir
- 11 Additional Muntazim Education of Qur'an Abdullah, Tahir
- 12 Muntazim Moral Training Kausar, Suhail
- 13 Additional Muntazim Moral Training Ch. Abdur Rahman
- 14 Muntazim Training New Members Ch, Abdur Rahman

- 15 Muntazim Tahrik Jadid Nadeem, Waseem Ahmad
- 16 Muntazim Waqf Jadid Nadeem Waseem Ahmad
- 17 Muntazim Publication Malik, Hameed Ahamd
- 18 Muntazim Health Waraich, Tahir Rehman
- 19 Additional Muntazim Health Antwi, Mohammad
- 20 Muntazim Social Services Antwi, Mohammad
- 21 Additional Muntazim Social Services Lubis, Aftab Ahmed
- 22 Muntazim Ziafat Minhas, Ashfaq Ahmed
- 23 Muntazim Membership Records Malik, Tarique Hafeez
- 24 Auditor Shah, Syed Waqar Ahmed

Current Dallas Ansar members those holding positions in National Amila 2008-2009

There are two members of Majlis Dallas holding positions currently in National Amila of 2009

Mujahid Mahmood Muawin Sadr USA
Munawar Ahmed Malik, Qa'id Tajnid USA

Missionaries

During 1993- 2009, our Ansarullah Dallas was blessed to work with following missionaries, all of them were actually lived in Houston (241 Miles from Dallas). They regularly visited Dallas

1. Mirza Mahmood Ahmad
2. Syed Shamshad Ahmad
3. Zafar A. Sarwar
4. Zafrullah Hanjra

Details about how we are taking care of Community Road cleaning

Ansar Dallas regularly participated with Jamā'at's other auxiliaries to clean the sidewalks and grassy areas from debris and junk in front of mosque and those leading to

mosque. The roads maintained under this contract were Hedgecox and Alma roads. The stretch cleaned by Jamā'at is almost 2-3 miles long. This program is called "adopt a highway" plan and was organized under city of Allen TX. This action has very good impression of Jamā'at on the surrounding neighbors as it has clearly improved the neighborhood.

Meal on Wheel

Participation in this program was initiated by Mr. Mujahid Mahmood more than a year ago. Dallas Ansar have been delivering lunch sandwiches to old and sick people's homes within 3-5 miles radius from a Baptist Church located in Garland TX. Church prepares the food but Ansar give them hand in distribution.

Feed the Neighbors

Majlis Ansarullah Dallas is participating in "Feed the Neighbors" program by joining hands with Masjid Islam in downtown Dallas of feeding the Homeless and other need people on every 4th Saturday and Sunday. Majlis Ansarullah purchase, cook and serve about 100-160 homeless people in downtown Dallas.

New Activity Tabligh Bookstall/Exhibition at Dallas Flea Market

With the grace of Allah, On March 14th and 15th 2009, under the Za'amat of Mr Mujahid Mahmood, Ansarullah Dallas, we rented a space in a flea market called TMTD "Third Mondays Trade Days." Early in the cold morning Mujahid Mahmood loaded Ahmadiyya books and literature and set out towards the flea market. Soon Mr Suhail Kausar Secretary Tarbiyat joined Mujahid. Ahmadiyya literature was displayed very neatly along with large attractive banner "Love for All Hatred for None." Sometime

later this humble servant Hameed Malik (In-charge Publication and Additional Muntazim Tabligh) also arrived at that location. I was pleasantly surprised; what a wonderful job of displaying books was done by the Za'im and Suhail Kausar. I could feel their true spirit that they are really ready for Tabligh Ma Sha Allah.

First they approached the owner of the adjacent stall of Pest control. He became very good friend with us. We also shared our snacks with him and gave him hand in his pest control business. There were not too many people in the flea market due to cold wind. As temperature started to raise, the crowd started to increase in the Flea Market.

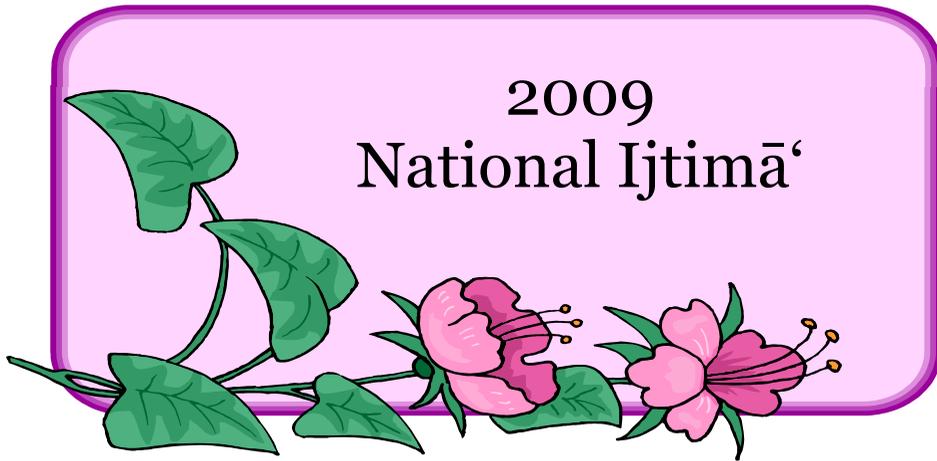
Many people from diversified backgrounds paid visit to our stall, young and old, male and female and people of different color and races. It was such a good friendly atmosphere that we could easily initiate conversation with anyone at our will. Those who visited our stall were also not reluctant to ask questions. It was a win-win situation for everyone.

We did exchange dialogues and distributed free literature. A Baha'i lady bought the book Jesus in India. There were several high school student and some representatives of other churches who paid a friendly visit. People who owned other stalls in the flea market also paid a friendly visit.

At this time ,on my closing remarks, I would admit that it was rewarding and fruitful experience. We feel it will bring good results in the future.

I would like to end this report with a small prayer that May Allah grant all of us sincerity to serve His religion to the best of our abilities. We are very thankful to Allah for providing us the means and resources and helping us to achieve all these. May Allah continue to shower his blessings and mercy upon all of us. May Allah also let us retain the position as the best Majlis in coming years too and win Alam-i-In'ami. Amin.

2009 National Ijtimā‘



Members enjoying treats after the opening of the Ansar Hall at the Baitur-Rahman Mosque.





MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD
HEAD OF THE AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY
IN ISLAM

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ
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وَعَلٰی عِبْدِهٖ الْمَسْبُوْمِ
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شوالناصر



14th October 2009

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Message for Ansar Brothers of U S A

Dear Ansar Brothers,

Assalamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakatohu

I am pleased to know that you have assembled at the auspicious occasion of Ijtema to thank Allah T'a'la for guiding us to lead our life according to the Quranic Commandments and the examples set by Prophet Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The followers of these Divine guidance have been promised by Allah in (sura Al-noor, 24:56)

'Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will, surely, make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will, surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will, surely, give them in exchange security and peace after their fear. They will worship me. Then whoso disbelieves after that, they will be the rebellious'.

The fulfillment of the above promise of Allah will depend on the Muslims observing the Prayer and giving Zakat and on their obeying the Messenger of God in all religious and temporal matters concerning nation. When they will have, then the boon of Khilafat will be bestowed upon them. Allah has clearly promised the establishment of Khilafat. As the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is now humanity's sole guide for all time, his Khalifa must continue to exist in one form or another in the world till the end of time, all other Khilafat having ceased to exist. This is among many others the Holy Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) distinct superiority over all other Prophets and Messengers of God. Our Age has witnessed his greatest spiritual Khulafa in the person of Ahmad, the Promised Messiah.

We , the Ahmadi Muslim, are very lucky to have accepted the Imam of the age the Promised Messaih and Imam Mahdi whose advent was prophesied by Prophet Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) whose task would be to revive Islam, the glorious Islam of Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Approximately one hundred years ago, with Divine inspiration, The Promised Messiah declared that

‘ within the next three hundred years the world would see a great change. Not only Muslims, but Christians as well, would totally condemn and reject the false doctrine that Jesus Christ is still alive and will descend from the heavens. Then the world would believe in only one Prophet i.e., Mohammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and Islam would be the only religion to flourish’.

If Promised Messiah’s advent was for the revival of true Islam then it is the responsibility of all members of Ahmadiyya Jama’at to spread his message to complete his mission.

Majlis Ansarullah being an organisation of wise and mature members has solemn and major responsibilities of devising schemes and methods to help complete mission started by Promised Messiah. For this you will have to bring your own house in order by being steadfast, righteous and truthful. You cannot succeed in this task without God’s help. You cannot get help from Him without creating strong bond with Him. Observe five daily obligatory prayers, regularly and read Quran and understand God’s commandment and follow them. Be kind to all i.e., to your neighbor, to your community members including your family and relatives. One of the main duties of Ansar is to learn and teach Quran. Uthman ibn Affan relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

‘the best of you are those who learn the Quran and teach it’ (Bukhari)

During Ijtema you will meet many new Ansar brothers. Strengthen the bond of brotherhood and greet each other with open arm for everlasting friendship. Recite DAROOD abundantly. Greet by ASSALAM O ALAIKUM and not by HI. Practice and spread the message of ‘LOVE FOR ALL HATRED FOR NONE’

May Allah bless this auspicious occasion and may He enable you to understand and learn more about the meaning of being an Ansar and your responsibilities within the Ahmadiyya community.

I pray that may this Ijtema enable you to elevate your spiritual level, and become worthy of the commitments you make during the recitation of the pledge of Majlis Ansarullah.

Wassalam,



MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD
Khalifatul Masih V



Dr Wajeeh Bajwa, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah USA (left) on stage with Dr Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir USA, at the 2009 Ansar Ijtima.



From left, Maulana Daud Hanif, Missionary In Charge USA, Sadr Majlis and Dr Khalid Ata, Na'ib Sadr I, at the Ijtima.

28th National Ijtimā' 2009 And 17th Majlis Shura

Imran Hayee, Qā'id Umumi

The 28th National Ijtimā' of Majlis Ansārullāh USA was held in the newly expanded Baitur-Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, from October 16 to 18, 2009. As is customary, to the National Ijtimā', the 17th Majlis Shūrā of Majlis Ansārullāh was also held during this time. Both the Ijtimā' and the Majlis Shūrā were very successful, with a combined attendance of more than 500 Ansār from all over the USA, a new record for Majlis Ansārullāh since the inception of its National Ijtimā' in USA. This record can be attributed in part to the new expansion of Baitur-Rahman Mosque which most of the Ansār saw for the first time since its completion just a few days before the Ijtimā'. The most noteworthy features of the expansion of the Baitur-Rahman Mosque are an Ansārullāh Hall and a Lajna Hall located on the basement and the 2nd floor, respectively. Both halls being equally spacious easily accommodated all activities of Ijtimā' and Shūrā with Lajna hall serving as the Ijtimā' Gah, and Ansārullāh Hall was used as hospitality (Ziafat) area. The Mosque area was used for Prayers and accommodation. The effectiveness of the new construction of the Baitur-Rahman Mosque can be measured by the fact that it rained throughout the Ijtimā', however, members stayed inside and were able to take part in alternate activities without getting bored. Sports competitions which were scheduled to be held outside had to be cancelled. Indeed, local Ansār members, almost half of the 500 attendees, went to their homes for the night but during the day time, the Mosque easily accommodated 500 Ansār taking part in various Ijtimā' and Shūrā activities—nutritiously rich for both their souls and bodies.

Among the prominent features of the Ijtimā' and Majlis Shūrā were opening and closing sessions, educational, and sports competitions, interactive workshops on the topics related to Tabligh, Tarbiyat, economics and health, and a special session with the Amīr of USA Jamā'at on Saturday afternoon. Following are some of the highlights of the various Ijtimā' events:

Opening Session and Ansār Hall Inauguration

The opening session of the Ijtimā' started right after Friday prayers with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān. Sadr Majlis Ansārullāh, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, welcomed all Ansār members and shared with them the good news that the Ansārullāh Hall had been completed by the Grace of Almighty Allah. Sadr Majlis also said *Jazakumullah* to all Ansār members for their financial sacrifices and generous contributions towards the Ansārullāh Hall fund. However, Sadr Majlis did mention that the task of collection of funds was not complete yet and that Amīr Jamā'at has asked Majlis Ansārullāh to contribute another half a million dollars towards the KCC fund. Sadr Majlis requested all members to continue to contribute towards this fund until the target is achieved. After that Sadr Majlis read a message sent by Huzur (may Allah be his support) to all the Ansār at the occasion of this Ijtimā'. In his message Huzur (may Allah be his support), referring to Verse 56 of Chapter Al-Nur, mentioned that Almighty Allah has chosen Ahmadi Muslims for fulfillment of His promise of establishing the Khilāfat. We ought to be thankful to Almighty Allah for this blessing and continue to convey the message of the Promised Messiah (peace be



Plaque outside the Ansarullah Hall opened at the 2009 Ijtima (left). Treats served at the opening of the Ansar Hall. A scene from the 2009 Ijtima in the Lajna Hall at Baitur-Rahman.



on him) to others so that we can be the recipients of many more blessings. He referred to the prophecy of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) that Islam will be the only religion on this earth in three hundred years from his time. At the end of the message, Huzur (may Allah be his support) mentioned that Ansār should pay special attention to learn and teach the Holy Qur'ān quoting the Hadith: "The best among you is the one who learns and teaches the Holy Qur'ān."

After reading the message from Huzur (may Allah be his support), Sadr Majlis invited Nā'ib Amīr, Imam Daud Hanif, to deliver the opening address. Nā'ib Amīr also welcomed all Ansār members and prayed for the success of the Ijtimā'. Nā'ib Amīr then accompanied Sadr Majlis and National 'Āmila members to the Ansārullāh Hall where a large Ansārullāh Hall plaque saying "*Nahnu Ansārullāh*" welcomed them at the entrance. In front of the plaque, a formal but brief ceremony of inauguration took place. After the ceremony, all Ansār members proceeded to the Ansārullāh Hall going through the narrow pathway decorated with photos of former Sadran and the current Sadr of Majlis Ansārullāh USA. Traditional sweet snacks (mithā'ee) and tea were served to all members in the Ansārullāh Hall in celebration of the inauguration..

Educational and Sports Competitions

Many educational competitions including recitation of the Holy Qur'ān, Darsul-Hadith, impromptu speech, general knowledge, and observation and recall took place during the Ijtimā'. The first three competitions on the list were individual competitions and only one Nasir from each of the twelve regions was allowed to participate. The participants delivered their best performances and judges had a hard time deciding winners. The judges offered comments as they announced the ranking positions which were very

educational and beneficial for the audience. The general knowledge competition was a team-based competition and there were a total of 12 teams, one from each region. Although only 4 members of each team were formally participating in this competition, practically, all of the audience took part in this competition by guessing the answers and evaluating themselves. The most beneficial outcome was that every Nasir learned something new during this session. Finally, in the competition of observation and recall every Nasir participated because the format of this competition was such that everyone sitting in the Ijtimā' Gah was given a card and a pencil and was asked not to write anything on the card until asked to do so. Slides of various items and personalities were shown to the audience for about half a minute each. At the end of this slide show members were asked to write down as many as they could recall seeing. At least six members were able to write all the items shown (29 items) proving that short term memory does not always decay with age. The following day these six individuals were again asked to write down the items they had seen a day before. This time, however, only two were able to identify all 29 items.

Many of the outdoor sports competitions including basketball, shot-putt and horseshoe had to be cancelled due to rain. However, table tennis and dart competitions still took place in the basement of Baitur-Rahman Mosque where a lot of enthusiasm was seen among Ansār of both Saf Awwal and Saf Dom. Quite a few Ansār members took part in those competitions engaging themselves in at least some exercise which was, by no means, enough to shed all the calories consumed with delicious food throughout the Ijtimā'.

Interactive Workshops and Presentations

Throughout the Ijtimā', several speakers



A Talqin-i-'Amal session at the Ijtima with audience listening attentively.



presented prepared material on a variety of subjects via workshops followed by question and answer session, which was very beneficial for the audience. Some of the interactive workshops are listed below:

Talqeen-i-‘Amal Presentations

Two Tabligh-oriented presentations were offered—one by Bashir Shams (Regional Nazim, Gulf Region) and the other by Syed Sajid Ahmad (Qā'id Ishā'at). Bashir Shams's topic was "How to contact a college professor to volunteer to speak in his class" in which he gave a simple step-by-step procedure outlining how to contact a college professor to volunteer and speak at his class to convey the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. He even shared the actual presentation which can be used in the classroom after slight modification. Syed Sajid Ahmed's topic was "How to use public access cable television (PACT)" for conveying the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat to potentially large number of US residents. He provided step-by-step instructions on how to relay our own recorded MTA shows on cable channel, totally free of charge. He had few sets of 12 DVDs which he distributed for those who wanted to take advantage of PACT facility in their respective Majlis.

Humanity First – Feed the Hungry

Nuruddin Al-Hadith who is the newly-appointed director of Humanity First's project, 'Feed the hungry', gave a comprehensive overview of the project and shared how each and every Nasir can take part in this important project. He volunteered to be at the Humanity First stall during the Ijtimā' to answer any questions by interested Ansār members.

Finance Workshop:

The finance workshop, moderated by Muhammed Owusu (Auditor, Majlis Ansārullāh USA) was an interesting forum

focusing on the current economic downturn and how to deal with economically tough time at an individual level. The panelists gave very useful tips on strategies to look for another job, in the case of being laid off, and also on how to deal with house mortgage issues in case of loss of income. A lot of questions were asked which were answered by assigned panelists, stimulating a very useful discussion. A few Ansār members from the audience volunteered to help other members in need of looking for jobs. This platform helped make new contacts extending the professional network of Ansār members.

Stress Management Workshop

Shamim Malik (Qā'id Health Majlis Ansārullāh USA) arranged a very interesting and useful workshop in which two physicians spoke about various heart related diseases and stress management techniques. The stress management talk by Dr. Abdul Hameed was especially invigorating and prompted many audience questions. A good night's sleep (of at least 7 hours) was emphasized as a prominent stress management strategy. A question was asked regarding what to do when there is not enough time to sleep for 7 hours between Isha and Fajr Prayers when nights are shorter. The answer of the two medical experts was to take a nap after Fajr Prayer to complete the 7 hour sleep time. Furthermore, the panelists suggested that getting a mid-afternoon nap of only a few minutes could also be a big help to compensate a relatively larger deficiency of sleep time.

Son to Father:

This inspiring presentation of Sadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya, Dr. Faheem Younus Qureshi, was a sequel to his Ijtimā' presentation from last year. Dr. Qureshi shared the results of a survey done on youth—both Atfal and Khuddām—seeking



Scenes from the 2009
Ansar National Ijtima held
at the Baitur-Rahman
Mosque in
Silver Spring, MD.



their opinions about what they like and what they do not like about their fathers' behavior or actions. By sharing the likes and dislikes of children, Dr. Qureshi invoked a lot of healthy and constructive comments from the audience about *dos* and *don'ts* of being a father. Dr. Qureshi concluded his presentation with his own summary of the survey that children don't do what we ask them to do rather they do what we show them to do.

Tarbiyat Challenges in 21st Century

In this presentation, National Tarbiyat Secretary, Nasir Malik shed light on the unique challenges of Tarbiyat in 21st Century faced by Ahmadi Muslims living in the USA. A variety of Tarbiyat matters were covered, including living a balanced life, family harmony, parenting, grand-parenting, brotherhood and diversity, and communal harmony. However, one common aspect of Tarbiyat in all these scenarios of life was to try to transform ourselves. Refereeing to various verses of the Holy Qur'an, Nasir Malik suggested that we need to avoid Satanic tendencies because we follow these tendencies by our own choice. We need to be our own *Murabbi* (teacher) and need to recognize what our values are in matters of faith, family, work, and relationship to others. He mentioned that it is easier to stick to these values once we recognize them, as an example, honesty, integrity, truthfulness, etc. He also talked about differentiating between urgent and important matters and prioritizing our behaviors and inclinations towards everyday matters based upon their importance and urgency, and our recognition of underlying values.

Special Session with Respected Amir USA

A special session with Amīr Jamā'at USA was a blessing of the rain during the Ijtimā'. Sadr Majlis took advantage of this

opportunity and requested Amir Jamā'at to spend some time with Ansār. Amir Jamā'at graciously accepted the invitation and spent a good hour and a half with Ansār, first conveying to them the new Tabligh directive from Huzur (may Allah be his support) and then answering questions posed by Ansār. Amir Jamā'at shared Huzur's (may Allah be his support) directive that message of Ahmadiyyat is to be communicated to at least 2% of the USA population, that is, to six million people. For that purpose, Huzur (may Allah be his support) has directed that 5,000 Ahmadi members of USA Jamā'at are needed. Each of these 5,000 members should convey the message to 1,200 USA residents. Amir Jamā'at further explained that conveying the message does not mean that pamphlets are simply distributed in a large crowd of people, rather conveying the message means that each of the new contacts is engaged in conversation by stimulating some sort of mutual interest. The message needs to be simple, as an example, we believe in God and also believe that the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has come. He mentioned that we do not have to worry about how people will react to that message. We may have to take rejection or humiliation at some point but we need to communicate the message. We do not have to focus on the number of Bai'ats but on conveying the message. The target is 6 million new contacts. Amir Jamā'at mentioned that Huzur (may Allah be his support) knows that the target is difficult and we live busy lives but we need to do something and need to do it consistently. Huzur (may Allah be his support) is asking us to expedite our efforts. He also mentioned that Huzur (may Allah be his support) knows that we should expect some negativity and resistance on our way from those to whom we are communicating the message, and unless that happens, we are not doing our job properly. Answering a question about radio shows and talk shows, Amir Jamā'at

mentioned that these shows do not come under the category of new contacts, although we should continue to do those but he mentioned that for 6 million new contacts we need to have a good 15 to 20 minutes of conversation—soul to soul. Amir Jamā'at requested all Ansār members to be aware that not only Ansār but also their families need to be engaged in this task—only then we can fulfill Huzur's (may Allah be his support) expectations.

Photo of participants with respected Amīr Jamā'at USA and Sadr Majlis were taken in two groups as it was not possible to take one photo with all attendees in it.

Shūrā Proceedings

Majlis Shūrā proceedings took place on Friday and Saturday evenings. In the opening session on Friday, last year's approved proposals and implementation report were presented. New proposals that were not selected for discussion and those selected for discussion were presented to the Shūrā body. Four subcommittees were formed for deliberations on proposals that were accepted for discussion. The four subcommittees were Tabligh, Tarbiyat, General, and Finance. Sadr Majlis also appointed a Chairman and a Secretary for each of the subcommittees. The subcommittees met and deliberated on their respective proposals until very late on Friday night, and all committees prepared comprehensive reports summarizing the deliberations. These reports were presented in the final session of the Shūrā on Saturday evening. Election of Sadr and Nā'ib Sadr Saf Dom was held in the final session of the Shūrā. The Majlis Shūrā session concluded with collective Du'a led by Sadr Majlis.

Ijtimā' Closing Session

Ijtimā' closing session was scheduled to start at noon on Sunday but was delayed a little due an inspiring and motivational event. A Nasir, Mohammed Fytahi, who recently

accepted Ahmadiyyat, traveled from Indiana with Qā'id Nau Muba'ī'in, Waseem Ahmed. Sadr Majlis requested Mohammed Fytahi to address the audience for a few minutes just before the closing session. Mohammed Fytahi's brief narrative about how he accepted Ahmadiyyat left a long lasting impression on the audience. Mohammed Fytahi mentioned how he came across MTA Al-Arabiya while searching for new channels on his free-channel dish. He mentioned that people on this channel were talking about Islam in a strange way. They were saying that Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was not the last prophet and that Jesus (peace be on him) did not die on the cross. Mohammed Fytahi mentioned these facts to Imām of his mosque who was not able to provide a satisfactory response. He continued self-education by searching material on the anti-Ahmadiyya websites. This TV channel did not last for more than a month on his dish but seeded a plant in his heart. It took him almost seven months to be fully convinced about the truth of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

Concluding session was presided by Dr Ahasanullah Zafar, Amir Jamā'at. Prize distribution ceremony took place followed by a comprehensive annual report presented by Sadr Majlis in which he highlighted activities of Majlis Ansārullāh USA throughout the year. Sadr Majlis mentioned goals and objectives of year 2009 and outlined all activities and efforts done by Majlis Ansārullāh USA to achieve those objectives. Sadr Majlis mentioned that this year focus has been on Tarbiyat, Tabligh and social work activities throughout the USA. He mentioned that details of these activities will be published in the annual report at the end of 2009, *In Sha'Allah*. After the annual report, Amir Jamā'at, in his concluding comments, thanked Majlis Ansārullāh USA for their efforts on Tarbiyat, Tabligh and social work activities. He also reminded Ansār to become

role models for their families and requested members to listen and follow directives given by Huzur (may Allah be his support). Sadr Majlis then led all Ansār in recitation of Ansār pledge. Ijtimā' concluded with collective silent prayer (du'a) led by Amīr Jamā'at USA.

At the end of Ijtimā' report, it is important to recognize selfless efforts of Ijtimā' team. Nazim Ijtimā', Munawar Saqib, and all of his team members started their work much before the Ijtimā' and continued their hard work well after the Ijtimā' ended. In a sense, the Ijtimā' team consisted of every Nasir attending the Ijtimā' as all Ansār members were either directly part of the Ijtimā' team or at least showed full cooperation with the Ijtimā' team. At the end of Ijtimā', everybody truly demonstrated that this was "our Ijtimā'" as opposed to "their Ijtimā'" or "your Ijtimā'" as Sadr Majlis Ansarullah USA had asked for, showing true spirit of love and brotherhood.

Prizes and Awards

At this point, it will not be fair if all of those who participated in various competitions held at Ijtimā', are not recognized. Although, all of them deserve recognition and prayers, a list of ranked positions is given below.

Educational Competitions

1) Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

- 1st: Abdul Waheed Khan (Dallas)
- 2nd: Hameed Nasim (Tulsa)
- 3rd: Mohammad Fytahi (Indiana)

2) Darsul-Hadith

- 1st: Mahmood Ahmed (GA/SC)
- 2nd: Karim Sharif (New York)
- 3rd: Abdul Waheed Khan (Dallas)

3) Impromptu Speech

- 1st: Mir Sharif Ahmad (Central Jersey)

- 2nd: Khurram Fuaad Ahmad (Oshkosh)
- 3rd: Munir Malik (Phoenix)

4) Religious and General Knowledge

- 1st: Northeast Region
- 2nd: Central West Region
- 3rd: Northwest Region

5) Observation and Recall

- 1st: Waseem Ahmad (Indiana)
- 2nd: Karim Sharif (New York) and Badar Munir Ahmed (Syracuse)
- 3rd: Syed Imran Mudassar (Denver)

6) Essay Writing

- 1st: Iftikhar Ahmed Sheikh (Houston Cypress)
- 2nd: Hameed Malik (Dallas)
- 3rd: Anwar Mahmood Khan (LA East)

Sports Competitions

1) Darts

- 1st: Majeed Malik (Brooklyn)
- 2nd: Zareef Ahmed (New York)
- 3rd: Baba Trawalley (Research Triangle)

2) Table Tennis Saf Awwal

- 1st: Rafi Ahmed (Brooklyn)
- 2nd: Abdul Waheed (Phoenix)
- 3rd: Muzaffar Mirza (Houston)

3) Table Tennis Saf Dom

- 1st: Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)
- 2nd: Naveed Malik (Syracuse)
- 3rd: Amir Malik (Houston South)

3) Table Tennis Doubles

- 1st: Shamim Malik (Research Triangle) and Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)
- 2nd: Naveed Malik (Syracuse) and Naem Chaudhri (Rochester)
- 3rd: Baba Trawalley (Research Triangle) and Khalid Asad (Potomac)

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Anṣār Pledge

Ash-hadu allā ilāha illallāhu waḥdahū lā sharīka lahū wa ash-hadu anna muḥammadan ʾabduhū 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-Ahmadiyya. In-Shāʾ-Allāh.

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