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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’ān, 16 [Al-Naḥl]:69-70)
Message from the Șadr Majlis

Dear Anșar:

Majlis Anșărullâh started publishing a special issue of Al-Naḥl as “The Year in Review” in 2004 and we have made every effort to publish “Year in Review” regularly since then. The intent of this publication is to record significant activities of the Majlis. It is impossible to count the blessings of Allâh; it is nevertheless our responsibility to share the blessings He has bestowed upon us as verification and as inspiration of what can be achieved through constant effort and prayer.

We are blessed to have the ability to keep records of memorable events in the blink of an eye or at the touch of a button. Majlis Anșărullâh is pleased to, once again, present “The Year in Review for 2011,” a humble representation of significant events and activities of Majlis Anșărullâh, USA. It is hoped that this visual and descriptive portrayal will offer an insight into the dedication and progress of Majlis Anșărullâh as well as encourage every member to work harder and do even more in the coming years. It is also our prayer that future generations will find some inspiration from the achievements of their elders and benefit from it.

Haḍrat Mîrzâ Ghulâm Ahmad Qâdiânî (peace be on him), the Messiah and Mahđî of this age says: “blessed is he who adopts righteousness on the occasion of success and delight” (Malfūẓât, Vol. 1, Page 99). He also says: “If you are truly thankful then adopt the ways of purity and righteousness and I give you glad tidings that you are standing on the frontier and none can defeat you” (Malfūẓât, Vol. 1, Page 49). May Almighty Allâh enable us to become truly thankful and sincerely adopt the ways that lead to righteousness, Āmîn.

I appreciate efforts of all those who helped in writing, photographing, typesetting, editing, proofreading, photographing, publishing, and distributing this issue. May Almighty Allâh forgive our shortcomings and accept our humble efforts, Āmîn.

Humbly,

Wajeeh Bajwa
Șadr
Majlis Anșărullâh, USA
March 2012
Anṣār Leadership Conference 2011

 Held at Baitul Naseer Mosque, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Imran Hayee, Qā’id Umūmī

By the Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allāh, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA held Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC) 2011 at Baitul Naseer Mosque in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on the weekend of January 22-23, 2011. ALC was attended by members of the national ‘Āmilah, Nāẓīmīn, and Zu’amā or their representatives from 58 (out of 66) Majālis. A total of more than 75 delegates from all over the U.S. attended the conference. More than Twenty-Five volunteers from the local Majlis made sure that the conference ran smoothly.

The program of the conference started on Saturday morning and concluded on Sunday with Zuhr and ‘Āshr prayers. Most of the delegates for ALC arrived on Friday evening and stayed in the beautiful Mosque providing a pleasant view of the surrounding palm trees and typical landscape of Florida. Saturday’s program started with Tahajjud and Fajr prayers followed by breakfast. The opening session of the formal program started with recitation of the Holy Qur’ān and its English translation by Munawar Malik, Za’īm, Cleveland Majlis, on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 9:00 AM. After the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān, the session continued with a poem recited by Kalim Rana, followed by Anṣār Pledge and Du’ā led by Ṣadr Majlis, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa.

Ṣadr’s Opening Address

The remainder of the opening session contained a brief but concise opening address by Ṣadr Majlis in which he welcomed the delegates and highlighted the ALC program overview and objectives. He also shared the challenges and opportunities ahead of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for the upcoming year. He emphasized that the purpose of ALC is to provide a forum in which we can discuss and understand the challenges which may face and find ways to implement instructions given by Khalifatul-Masīh (may Allāh be his support). He introduced the Officer’s Handbook which contains not only the key national goals from each department but also provides a detailed plan of action regarding how to achieve these goals in local Majālis. He emphasized that the following major goals are to be achieved by Majlis Anṣārullāh USA in the year 2011:

- Maintain 90% participation in online reporting by Zu’amā.
- Encourage Anṣār to offer prayers at Mosques. Increase number by 5% (where applicable).
- Distribute at least 200,000 Muslims for Peace flyers.
- Increase attendance in meetings by at least 10% where member’s attendance in meetings is below 30%.
- Achieve 30% participation of Anṣār in educational tests.
- Initiate and sustain at least one social service activity in each Majlis.
- Streamline financial processes and track the individual Anṣār budget and Chanda payments.
- Increase number of Majālis holding Ta’limul Qur’ān classes to 70%.
- Contact all Nau Mubā’ī’īn at least six times during the year.
- Increase number of participants in Ta’rīk-i-Jadīd and Waqf-i-Jadīd schemes by at least 5% than last year.
- To call 5-6 Zu’amā each month to ask them to update their Tajnīd.
- Complete the review of the translation of Sabīlur-Rashād, Vol. 2.
- To have at least 30% of the Anṣār to do
exercise regularly (at least 3 times a week).

- To train all Majāls to have proper book keeping.
- Visit each Majlis in the region by respective Nāẓimin.

After sharing the goals with Zu'amā, Şadr Majlis continued to emphasize the original purpose of creation of Majlis Anṣārullāh as an auxiliary of the Jamā'at. He explained that Majlis Anṣārullāh has been created to complement the work of the Jamā'at and not for creating dissention. He mentioned that Majlis Anṣārullāh, as an auxiliary, is an independent entity but should work in cooperation with other auxiliaries and the Jamā'at as a whole, at all levels—local, regional, and national. After the opening address, Şadr Majlis requested all delegates to introduce themselves.

**Panel Discussions**

The agenda of this year’s ALC consisted of four interactive panel discussions, a presentation on completing online reports, important upcoming election deadlines, address by Imām Khalid Saeed, and the award ceremony. Following are the brief highlights of all these events:

Panel Discussion 1: How to handle Tajnīd, Mal, and Audit related issues in a local Majlis

Moderator: Şadr Majlis Anṣārullāh
Panel: Qā'id Tajnīd, Qā'id Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd, Qā'id Waqf-i-Jadīd, and Qā'id Finance

Şadr moderated the panel discussion. He started the discussion by addressing the importance of Tajnīd and indicated that accurate number of Anṣār in each Majlis is very crucial and the evaluation of each department is based on these numbers. He specifically mentioned the link between Tajnīd department and Finance. He mentioned that preparation of each Majlis’ budget should be based on the total number of Anṣār. Şadr then introduced the panelists and asked each Qā'id to highlight his department’s 2011 goals. After the presentations the floor was opened for questions and feedback from the audience.

In his presentation, Qā'id Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd shared his personal account of how Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd scheme has helped improve lives of members living in different parts of the world. The scheme is based on leading a simple life and serving mankind. He said that Muntaẓīmin Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd should remind members to adhere to Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd guidelines and assist local Jamā'at’s Secretaries of Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd in collecting pledges and Chanda from Anṣār members.

Qā'id Waqf-i-Jadīd explained that Waqf-i-Jadīd scheme was launched primarily to propagate teachings of Islām in selected countries. The scheme now includes India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and several countries in Africa. He went on to explain that Waqf-i-Jadīd has enabled the Jamā'at to spread Islām’s peaceful message to millions of people.

Qā'id Tajnīd emphasized the importance of having accurate Tajnīd. He requested Zu'amā to update contact information of all members and send it to him by April 20th. Correct mailing address and email will ensure that communication from Center is reaching members.

Qā'id Finance highlighted the changes being implemented to streamline processes, improve accountability, and reduce expenditure of Majlis’ funds. He enumerated advantages of using a single bank account for deposits throughout the country and the need for all local expenses to be approved by local Āmilah. He also reminded Zu'amā to submit both income and expense budgets for 2012 in time for presentation to Majlis-i-Shūrā to be held in October 2011.

At the end, Şadr made concluding remarks highlighting the importance of maintaining correct Tajnīd, assisting Jamā'at secretaries in collection of Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd and Waqf-i-Jadīd pledges, and adhering to procedures...
Views of Baitul Naseer Mosque, Miami, FL
venue of 2011 Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC)
for Chanda collection and expense reimbursement.

Panel Discussion 2: Education Syllabus and its Significance in Monthly Meetings
Moderator: Dr. Khalid Ata
Panel: Nā‘īb Qā‘id Ta‘lim, Qā‘id Ta‘limul Qur‘ān, Qā‘id Tarbiyat, Qā‘id Dhahānat wa Şihat Jismānī, and Qā‘id Tarbiyat Nau Mubā‘īn (New Converts)

The session started with the moderator’s opening remarks explaining the purpose of the panel discussion and a brief introduction of panelists. Each panelist was then asked to present a summary of their departmental goals for the year 2011 and the methods to achieve them. All panelists shared their vision with the audience in a well-articulated manner. After the initial introductory round, the audience was invited to ask questions to seek further guidance in matters of particular interest.

A wide range of issues was brought up with an enthusiastic participation. Qā‘id Ta‘limul Qur‘ān enlightened the audience on the use of recently established ‘Al-Furqān’ website facilitating online learning of the Holy Qur‘ān. He stressed upon the need to take advantage of this invaluable facility which is available to all members 24/7, free of cost. Qā‘id Tarbiyat Nau Mubā‘īn answered questions on how to establish lasting contacts with new converts to impart basic knowledge of Jamā‘at’s system to them. Nā‘īb Qā‘id Ta‘lim answered questions about Ta‘lim syllabus especially the bi-annual Ta‘lim tests. He requested Zu‘amā and Nāzīmin to make special efforts to achieve the minimum participation target in these tests.

Qā‘id Dhahānat wa Şihat-i-Jismānī answered questions relating to supply of Homeopathic medicines and also pointed out the recent change in Majlis Anşārullāh’s policy for distributing the Homeopathic medicines voluntarily to members. Instead, if a member asks for Homeopathic kit, he can be referred to Imām Inam-ul-Haq Kauser. This change was made under the direction of Ḥuḍūr’s (may Allāh be his support) instructions that Majlis Anşārullāh’s name should not be used for distribution of medicines. He also reminded Anşār to pay special attention to general physical and intellectual wellbeing by observing healthy eating habits coupled with moderate physical exercise.

Qā‘id Tarbiyat responded to questions about establishing Şalāt Centers, listening to Ḥuḍūr’s (may Allāh be his support) Friday sermons, and increasing number of Anşār in congregational prayers in the mosques. He also urged all office holders of Majlis Anşārullāh to join the system of Wasiyyat and respond to the call of Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support ) in this regard. His comments were also reinforced by the moderator.

In summary, it was indeed a very useful and lively discussion, however, in view of constraint of time, audience were requested to contact respective panelists after the conclusion of the session for any remaining questions. In the end, the moderator thanked all panelists for their precious time and prudence.

Panel Discussion 3: Overcoming challenges in doing Tablīgh and Social Service at local level
Moderator: Naseem Waseem
Panel: Qā‘id Tablīgh, Qā‘id Social Service, and Qā‘id Publication

Moderator, gave few minutes to each of the Qā‘ideen to convey their messages to the Nāzīmin and the Zu‘amā. Qā‘id Publication discussed the Publication program and books published including the Homeopathic book. Qā‘id Social Services emphasized that each Majlis should carry out at least one activity per month, and report how many people participated. Qā‘id Tablīgh mentioned that seven reportable/measurable activities are part of the Tablīgh program for the
Opening session of the ALC

ALC participants gather for a group photo.

Anṣār Chanda Literature

The rate of Chanda Literature, for Anṣārullāh, has been set at $10.00 per year. Members are urged to pay their share of Chanda Literature as soon as possible. May Allāh enable us to fulfill our obligations in a timely manner. Āmīn.
Muntaẓimīn and are included in the handbook. He also emphasized that definition of one-to-one contact has been made easier and also that it is the responsibility of the Muntaẓīm to motivate members and plan activities. During this panel discussion, many important questions were asked and respective Qā’ideen answered the questions in light of the 2011 departmental plans and provided guidance to Zu‘amā.

An important question was asked to Qā’id Social Service, “Can Social Services help in the Tablīgh department?” In response, Qā’id answered, “By identifying yourself with social services and helping out those people, you could accomplish two things with one activity. For example, if we open our gym to other people once a month, we are not only helping the community but also doing Tablīgh at the same time. Another example is that if a car falls in a ditch, you stop by to help. When people see you do these things, they think about why you are doing these things and response should be that as Aḥmadi Muslims it is our obligation to help those who are in need. You could do meals on wheels and many other programs.”

Another question was asked if there has been any impact of the Lahore incident on Tablīgh. Qā’id Tablīgh answered that there had been a number of New Year Tablīgh activities done in many local chapters before and after this incidence. The peak in one-to-one Tablīgh activities was in March, and apparently there was no correlation from one -to-one Tablīgh activity’s perspective to the Lahore incident which happened in May. He continued to mention, that there were a large number of flyers distributed this year with Muslims of Peace campaign. Many times, during the flyer distribution, people talked to Anṣār members and that is reported as one-to-one contact. Our target is 200,000 flyers for 2011 and our Tajnīd is 2,300. That means that our individual target is 100 flyer/Nāṣir, we could surpass our target and distribute 230,000 flyers. Last year, we crossed the number of 50,000. So if a Majlis has a Tajnīd of 71, their target is distribution of 7,100 flyers.

In this context, another question was asked regarding how the distribution of flyers be carried out? Qā’id Tablīgh responded that this should be done in collaboration with the Jamā‘at including Khuddām and sometimes Lajnah under the general guidelines of the Jamā‘at. At this point, Ṣadr shared an incidence in which his own son mentioned to him that they wanted to distribute peace flyers and had been asked by Lajnah if they could participate with them. Ṣadr told him to ask Imām Naseem Mahdī, Nā‘īb Amīr and Missionary In charge. Imām Naseem Mahdī said that Lajnah could participate, but they had to take care of their security, and also Lajnah and Khuddām should do it in such a manner that they are on different sides of the road and are not next to each other. But Khuddām should not be too far from Lajnah either in case they need help or if some security issue arises.

Zu‘ām of Dallas Majlis asked that Dallas Majlis cleans the neighborhood in Dallas once a year. They do it in conjunction with other organizations. They have been doing it for two years. However, some people say that we should not do it in collaboration with the other organizations. Qā’id Social Services responded that it was fine to do so, as it builds relationships and that Tablīgh is about building relationships. This is serving humanity. People who are hungry don’t care who you are; all they want is food.

At the end, Ṣadr stated that Zu‘amā should be very specific in their comments in monthly reports. It should not just say that Anṣār did Tablīgh. It should include number of Anṣār who participated, time spent in the activity, and what specific activity was done.

Panel Discussion 4: How to Lead My Majlis
Moderator: Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh
Panel: Zu‘amā from Dallas, Philadelphia,
National Majlis-i-‘Āmilah meeting—held a day before the ALC—was addressed by Imām Khalid Saeed.
In this panel discussion, the leading Zu'āmā were gathered to share their opinions and best practices on the top issues facing all Zu'āmā around the country. Șadr, the moderator, immediately put the panel on the ‘hot seat’ and raised the ‘stakes’ by telling the panel that he wanted to pose a question directly to them which would test their leadership! The question posed to the panel was ‘What was their personal challenge on taking over as Za’īm for their respective Majlis?’ A common answer was that they were fortunate that they were following in the footsteps of prior Zu'āmā who had been very successful running their Majlis. In addition, most commented that they were already part of their respective Ḩār’ Âmilah and as such the transition to Za’īm was not that difficult.

Next, Șadr asked for the list of the top issues facing by the leadership of a Majlis. Quickly the areas identified were attendance, Chanda collection, and participation in Ta’lim tests. On the area of attendance (and participation) there were a number of comments about the need to lead by example, and ensure that as Za’īm they participated fully with their Majlis’ activities and were personally active and engaged. One panel member grouped the inactive members into three categories: (a) those who never came, (b) those who are at work when auxiliary meeting is held, and (c) those who are sitting at home and just require an extra ‘push’ to attend. While email was used to encourage attendance, the common theme that arose was that Zu'amā had to take the time and personally contact members who needed the ‘push’ or never came. This was the means to most successfully increase attendance. One Za’īm spoke about the efforts made to align Anṣār meeting times to that of Lajnah and Khuddām. At this point Șadr introduced a ‘detour topic’ on opinion of Zu'amā on holding monthly Jamā’at general meetings in addition to the four established Jamā’at meetings (Siratun-Nabī, Masih Mau’ūd, Muṣlih Mau’ūd, and Khilāfat Days) as opposed to Auxiliary meetings. There were many opinions expressed and depending upon the Majlis’ size and geographical spread, the need for holding Auxiliary meetings of Lajnah, Khuddām, and Anṣār at the same time was endorsed as more beneficial than holding a combined Jamā’at general meeting in which only male members participate.

On the topic of collecting Chanda, the panel discussed the need to establish personal relationships to get members to participate. One panelist noted that a member commented that ‘you only contact me when you need Chanda!’ Zu'amā gave examples of contacting members if they heard that they were not well; another commented that they sent an email to all members after severe weather in their area to find out if everyone was okay, and this elicited a large number of responses from their members. Personal relationship and personal interaction were keys to drive engagement and increase in Chanda.

On the topic of getting members to participate in Ta’lim tests, one Za’īm explained how he had created a web page containing syllabus and content of Ta’lim material and he could send that link via email. With ‘one click’, his members could review the verses of the Holy Qur’ān or the Ḥadith that was to be reviewed. To help members participate in the test, the same Za’īm would give the page numbers where the answer could be found, thereby giving members an incentive to participate. Another Za’īm spoke about holding their Ta’lim test in a park and having snacks and refreshment available, which created greater opportunity for members to take the test and create a more inviting environment for socialization.

There were many more questions posed to the panel, and the session was a great success, going on for one and half hours
Various panel discussions were held at the ALC where Qā’ideen and Zu’amā offered their insights into Ta’līm, Tarbiyat, Tablīgh, and Finance related topics and answered questions from the ALC participants.

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Anṣār are urged to subscribe to Anṣār mailing list in order to receive direct communication from Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA that includes weekly summary of Ḥuḍūr’s (ayyadahullāh) Friday Sermon, monthly newsletter, and periodic announcements. The two-step process to subscribe is completely self-service and very simple as outlined below. You can unsubscribe at anytime at the URL given below.

2. Click the URL sent to you in an email to confirm subscription.
instead of the allocated one hour. The success can be largely attributed to the genuine enthusiasm showed by the panel members, their openness to share their personal stories, and personal commitments. There was a real passion in their voices and a dedication to discharge their duties as Za‘īm.

**Online Reporting Demo and Important Deadlines**

Department of Umūmī had started a new online reporting system for monthly reports from Zu‘ämā since last year which was a big success in terms of reporting activity. In this session, Qā‘īd Umūmī gave a brief tutorial about how to submit online reports and also explained some common misconceptions regarding answering some specific questions in the report. During and after the demonstration, Zu‘ämā were allowed to ask questions about online reporting system which were answered by Qā‘īd Umūmī. From time to time, Ṣadr—who was chairing the session—provided further clarification on important points. After the online report demonstration, Qā‘īd Umūmī shared the important deadlines and the procedure of the upcoming Ṣadr and Nā‘īb Ṣadr Ṣaf Dom elections. Ṣadr answered the questions posed regarding the clarification of the procedure.

**Address by Missionary**

Regional Missionary, Imām Khalid Saeed, addressed the ALC audience on the topic of “Obedience to Khilāfat.” He shared that obedience to Khilāfat is the key for our success both in this world and in the hereafter. We should all develop a personal relationship with the Khalīfah of the time by listening to his Friday Sermons and writing to him for prayers, regularly. He emphasized that it is our duty as mentioned in our pledge that we need to ensure that our children are attached to Khilāfat as well. We should inculcate this habit of writing to Huḍūr (may Allāh be his support) in our children. If the children are too young to write, we should write for them and ask them to read and write their names underneath so that they can learn the importance of this routine.

**Concluding Session**

The concluding session started with recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān and recitation of a poem of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) followed by the award ceremony in which the best performing Majālīs were recognized based upon their performance throughout the year in small, medium, and large Majālīs categories. ‘Alam-i-In‘āmī was also presented based upon the overall performance. The award winning Majālīs are listed below:

- **‘Alam-i-In‘āmī:** Dallas Majlis
  Za‘īm: Suhail Kausar

**Large Majālīs**

1st
Dallas (Za‘īm: Suhail Kausar)
2nd
Philadelphia (Za‘īm: Imtiaz Rajayki)
3rd
Central Jersey (Za‘īm: Jalaluddin Abdul Latif)

**Medium Majālīs**

1st
Cleveland (Za‘īm: Munawar A. Malik)
2nd
Austin (Za‘īm: Malik Mohammad Altaf)
3rd
LA-Inland Empire (Za‘īm: Muzaffar Chaudhry)

**Small Majālīs**

1st
Houston-Cypress (Za‘īm: Iftikhar Sheikh)
2nd
Indiana (Za‘īm: Waseem Ahmad)
3rd
Minnesota (Za‘īm: Nasim Ahmad)

**Most Improved Majālīs**

Kansas (Za‘īm: Sultan Ḥabeebu)
After the award ceremony, Şadr Majlis invited Za‘īm of Miami Majlis and President of Miami Jamā‘at to express their thoughts on being the host of this year’s ALC. Both of them expressed gratitude and shared that they were blessed with this opportunity and would love to do this again. Their remarks followed by the concluding address of Şadr Majlis in which he reiterated many important points regarding roles and responsibilities of Zu‘amā and Anṣār. He requested all Zu‘amā to follow the guidelines provided by Qā’ideen about their respective departments and to timely report any activities taking place in their Majālis. At the end of his concluding remarks, he thanked the volunteers and all delegates and requested Imām Khalid Saeed to lead the silent prayers.

At the end of this report, it will be only fair to mention that the host Majlis under the leadership of local Za‘īm, Abdul Basit, along with fully supported leadership role of local President, Munawar Chaudhary, did a wonderful job on all fronts including conference venue, arrangements, transportation, accommodation, refreshments, and taking care of needs of all the delegates. May Almighty Allāh give them and their teams reward for making the ALC 2011 a memorable experience for all the attendees.

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**The Review of Religion Subscription**

Haḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) has stressed the need to increase the subscription of the Review of Religions magazine. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) mentioned the low subscription of this very useful publication and advised to increase the number of subscribers.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) himself started this magazine in 1902 that has covered religion, history, philosophy, law, economics, latest scientific discoveries, and many more subjects for over 100 years. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) expressed the purpose of the magazine as follows:

“As the members of our Jamā‘at are already aware that the principle purpose of my advent is to remove all the fallacies and the misconception which have been caused by Christianity, and to invite people to the true Islām. This objective has also been described by the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace be upon him) in such words that the Messiah will “break the cross.” To fulfill this very mission this magazine (the Review of Religions) has been started.” (Al-Ḥakam, Sept 30th, 1903)

The cost of the annual subscription for this quarterly publication is $30. Anṣār are urged to say Labbaik to the call of our beloved Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) by subscribing to the Review of Religions. Anṣār can also subscribe to the publication for a neighbor, colleague, professor, student, family member, friend, workplace or local library.

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- On the Web, by visiting the Jamā‘at’s online book store at [http://store.alislam.org/revofrel.html](http://store.alislam.org/revofrel.html)
2011 National Ijtimāʿ

2011 Anṣār Annual Ijtimāʿ - concluding ceremony
The 30th National Ijtima‘ of Majlis Anşarullâh, USA was held at Baitur-Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD from October 7 to 9, 2011. As is customary, the 19th Majlis-i-Shūrā of Majlis Anşarullâh, USA was also held during this time. By the Grace of Almighty Allâh, both the Ijtima‘ and the Majlis-i-Shūrâ were very successful—with a combined total attendance of more than 450 Anşâr from all over the United States. All the sessions of the Ijtima‘ and Shūrâ were held in the Lajnah hall on the second floor while the Anşarullâh Hall was used as hospitality (Diâfat) area. The Mosque prayer areas were used for Prayers and accommodation. The indoor sports activities took place in the basement area of the Mosque and the outdoor sports activities were held at the outside grounds of the Mosque.

Among the salient features of the Ijtima‘ and Majlis-i-Shūrâ were opening and closing sessions; educational and sports competitions; Talqîn-i-‘Amal sessions related to Tablígh, Tarbiyat, and Ta‘limul Qur‘ân; an interactive workshop on health; Rishta Nâtâ and Waqf-i-Nau presentations; and “Son-to-Father” workshop with Sadr Majlis Khuddâmul-Ahmadiyya. Following are some of the highlights of the various Ijtima‘ events:

Opening Session

The opening session of the Ijtima‘ started right after Friday prayers with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ân. Sadr Majlis Anşarullâh, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, then led Anşâr in recitation of the Anşâr pledge which was followed by recitation of an Urdu poem from Durr-i-Thamîn. Sadr Majlis Anşarullâh welcomed all Anşâr members and set some ground rules for Ijtima‘. He then invited Missionary In charge and Nâ‘îb Amir, Imâm Naseem Mahdi, for the inaugural address.

Imâm Naseem Mahdi, in his address, discussed the “Muslims for Life” campaign. He said that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allâh be on him) came to give life and that the Holy Qur‘ân promotes life, not terrorism. This Divine teaching was earlier given to the Jews but they forgot it. Now this torch has been given to the followers of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He mentioned that as regards the blood drive campaign to collect 10,000 units of blood, with the grace of Allâh, to date 11,628 units had been collected and that this blessing comes through the special prayers of Haḍrat Khalifatul Masîh Al-Khâmis (may Allâh be his support). He mentioned that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allâh be on him) was commanded to convey the following message. “Say, My Prayer and my sacrifice and my life and my death are all for Allâh, the Lord of the worlds.” (The Holy Qur‘ân, 6 [Al-An‘âm]:163). He stressed that in light of this, each one of us should also be able to convey the same message, supported by our actions. In the Holy Qur‘ân there is a mention of Haḍrat Ibrâhîm (may peace be on him) asking his Lord, “My Lord, show me how Thou givest life to the dead.” The Holy Qur‘ân, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:261) In response, Almighty Allâh said, “Take four birds and make them attached to thyself. Then put each of them on a hill; then call them; they will come to thee in haste...” (The Holy Qur‘ân, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:261). The above verse was also revealed to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and on several occasions he was addressed as “Ibrâhîm.” In this modern age of technology the word “bird” is also being used for the various television satellites orbiting our earth. The Aḥmadiyya Jamâ‘at, with the grace of Allâh, has already started using these “birds” in the form of MTA to
convey the message of Islām and Ahmadiyyat in all corners of the earth. Many Arabs have since joined the fold of Ahmadiyyat, and Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Maṣḥīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) is receiving Bai‘ats from the Middle East on a daily basis. Recently we have started witnessing waves of revolution in the Middle East and the USA. But the foundations of real revolution, meant to give life to humanity at large, were laid by the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) according to the prophecies of the Holy Qur‘ān and of The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him). Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) has spoken very high of the system of Wasiyyat and has admonished not to underestimate the value of this Divine scheme. Time is approaching when this blessed system will Inshā‘allāh meet basic needs of all the poor and the needy on this earth, and will also save spiritual life. He stressed that while delivering the message of life to others, we should not forget our own children. This is a word of warning to keep our future generation involved in the service of Faith. That is an effective source of their moral and spiritual training.

**Shūrā Proceedings**

Majlis-i-Shūrā proceedings took place on Friday immediately after the opening session of the Ijtimā‘ and then continued on Saturday evening. In the Friday session, last year’s approved proposals and implementation reports were presented by Qā‘īd Umūmī, Dr. Imran Hayee. New proposals that were not selected for discussion and those selected for discussion were presented to the Shūrā body. Five subcommittees were formed for deliberations on proposals that were accepted for discussion. The five subcommittees were General, Tablīgh, Tarbiyat, Ta‘līm, and Finance. Ṣadr Majlis also appointed a Chairman and a Secretary for each of the subcommittees. The subcommittees met and deliberated on their respective proposals until late on Friday night; all committees prepared comprehensive reports with recommendations.

The final session of Shūrā was held on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Missionary In charge and Nā‘īb Amīr, Imām Naseem Mahdi, conducted the elections of Ṣadr and Nā‘īb Ṣadr Ṣaf Dom of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. Afterwards, the chairman of each of the five aforementioned subcommittees presented their reports. The recommendations were deliberated by the Shūrā body. The recommendations will be sent to Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Maṣḥīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) for approval. The final Shūrā session ended at 10 p.m.

**Educational Competitions**

Many educational competitions including Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān, Darsul-Ḥadīth, Impromptu Speech, General Knowledge, and Observation & Recall took place during the Ijtimā‘. The first educational competition was Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān (verse 111 of Sūrah Al-Kahf). Most of the regions were represented and as usual the quality of recitation was high. Next, came the Darsul-Ḥadīth competition with the competitors reviewing Ḥadīth Number 27 “If the Heart is Good All the other Limbs Get Well” from “Forty Gems of Beauty.” This Ḥadīth presented the competitors some challenge to provide additional color and commentary as the meaning is very straightforward and comprehensively covered in the commentary in the book. Next up was the Impromptu Speech competition; keeping with the theme of this year’s U.S. Jamā‘at’s activities, many of the topics presented to the contestants were based upon the importance and benefits of the Muslims for Peace/Life campaigns. Competitors really had to think on their feet this year to come out ahead. The organizers really went out on a limb to manage the next competition—Religious and General Knowledge. As in past
years this was a team competition with 4 or more participants from each region. The twist came in that all teams needed to have a computer or smart phone with access to the Internet. The Internet site was specially designed for multiple teams to receive the questions and in a timed session, answer their response in a multiple choice format. First challenge was ensuring each team had a computer or smart phone/device and, unfortunately, due to this requisite, 3-4 teams were not able to participate. Cash awards ($300, $200, and $100 for the first, second, and third best essays respectively) were also awarded for Essay competition for essays submitted prior to the Ijtimā'. The cash awards are a real incentive for members to get their pen and pads—or perhaps their iPads—ready for next year!

**Sports Competitions**

Many sports competitions including Darts, Horse Shoe Toss, Basketball Hoops, Tug of War, Table Tennis, and Volleyball were held. The weather remained pleasant and sunny on all three days of the Ijtimā' which allowed successful organization of the outdoor events. The contestants enthusiastically participated in the various sports competitions and vied with fellow Anṣār brothers in a most congenial atmosphere. Cheering crowds provided much encouragement to individual and team participants.

**Talqīn-i-‘Amal Session on Tarbiyat**

Tarbiyat Talqīn-i-‘Amal session was held on Sunday morning. The topic discussed was “Safeguarding our Youth from Social Media Risks.” The session was presided over by National Secretary Tarbiyat, Nasir Mahmood Malik. Respected Missionaries Imām Mubasher Ahmad and Imām Shamshad A. Nasir offered their advice on the subject. Imām Mubasher Ahmad offered insight into the challenges and risks of social media and Imām Shamshad A. Nasir offered his advice on how to safeguard our youth from the risks of social media. It was pointed out that in today’s age the use of social media cannot be totally avoided and it does offer some benefits but it is imperative to be aware of the risks it poses and to take measures to try to safeguard our youth from these risks. Towards the end of the session a few questions were entertained from the audience that were answered by the panel. The audience also made some comments and suggestions on the risks and challenges posed by social media and offered first-hand experiences on the subject.

**Talqīn-i-‘Amal Session on Tablīgh**

Tablīgh Talqīn-i-‘Amal session was held on Saturday at 1:35 p.m. and was presided over by Nā‘īb Sadr, Dr. Khaled Ahmad Ata. The session started with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Al-Haj Ousman Seck of Miami Majlis. After the recitation, Qā‘īd Tablīgh introduced the following three new members of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community to the attendees:

1. Al-Haj Ousman Seck (Miami Majlis)
2. Abdul Shahid Mumin (Dallas Majlis)
3. Jesus Tores (Bay Point Majlis)

Each of the new members introduced themselves and expressed gratitude to Almighty Allāh for enabling them to accept Aḥmadiyyat.

A brief report of achievements of the Majlis in the area of Tablīgh was presented by Monas Ahmad Chaudry, Qā‘īd Tablīgh. It was stated that this year Majlis Anṣārullāh participated in Muslims for Peace, Muslims for Loyalty, and Muslims for Life campaigns. Dr. Waseem Sayed gave a faith inspiring speech detailing the efforts made for these campaigns and he challenged Anṣār to do more than Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya. Imām Inam-ul-Haq Kauser spoke on the topic of why it is important for Anṣār to stay active in the area of Tablīgh. He
also pointed out how great inroads have been made in introducing the Jamā’at in USA this year. He emphasized that increasing knowledge of Tabligh-related topics is essential for Anšār. Dr. Khaled Ata gave his concluding remarks and reemphasized the motivational points of the speakers.

**Health Workshop**

The Health Talk was presented by Dr. Syed Tanvir Ahmed, Nā’īb Qā’id Dhaḥānāt wa Șiḥat Jismānī, on the topic of “Alcohol & Drug Abuse” on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. In response to the previous year’s demand, the time for the Health Talk was extended from half an hour to full one hour. The session was presided over by Nasir Mahmood Malik, National Secretary Tarbiyat, and coordinated by Shamim Malik, Qā’id Dhaḥānāt wa Șiḥat-i-Jismānī.

This topic was chosen to provide guidance to Anšār to help themselves and their family members so as to become aware of the dangers of various intoxicants that are freely available in this society. There is a growing need to be familiar with these issues and address them on a timely basis within our communities. Dr. Tanvir Ahmed’s PowerPoint presentation lasted for almost half an hour. The following are the key points of the presentation:

- Drug Abuse & Addiction
- Causes & Risk Factors
- Commonly Abused Drugs
- Stages of Drug Abuse & Addiction
- Behavioral Changes
- Screening Tests
- Treatment

Relevant quotations from the Holy Qur’ān, Ahadith, and writings of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) were presented to emphasize the prohibition and dangers of all kinds of intoxicants including smoking that often leads to the use of drugs.

The presentation was followed by approximately half an hour of interactive question and answer session. The audience offered useful comments and asked questions. Dr. Tanvir Ahmed answered the questions and mentioned that he would be available for future contact for any help in this area. The PowerPoint/Health Talk presentation is available on ansarusa.org for the benefit of Anšār.

**Son-to-Father Workshop**

As in previous years, an inspiring presentation “Son-to-Father” was made by Rizwan Alladin, Ṣadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya (MKA), in the afternoon session on Saturday. Ṣadr MKA started his presentation with a Ḥadith of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) that narrates that Allāh the Almighty accepts father’s prayers for his children. He explained that there were deep meanings and special message behind this specific Ḥadith of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him). In Islamic society, a father is generally busy in many activities as head of the household and when he prays for his children, Allāh out of His infinite Grace and Mercy accepts his prayers. Ṣadr MKA shared with Anšār Ijtimā’ audience that he, being a father of a young son, does realize what it takes to raise a son. He pointed out that, first and foremost, an Aḥmādī Khādim as a son needs prayers form his father as opposed to having any other expectation. He said that along with our sons, our daughters are also part of the scope of this discussion. He emphasized that as fathers we ought to know more about our sons and daughters. He stressed that we should spend quality time with them, be their friends, and try to understand the experience of life that our children are going through. He said that to accomplish this goal, we should keep close
contact with Qā’id Majlis MKA, their teachers, their friends, and their friends’ parents. Many Anṣār shared their experiences on this topic during Q&A session that was part of the workshop.

The Muslim Times Presentation

Dr. Zia H. Shah presented this session by providing the background and history of “The Muslim Times”–a blog to foster universal brotherhood. He explained the objectives of this blog and told the audience that this blog has been operating under alislam.org for the last one year. The blog operates globally and represents all walks of life. The website link for this blog is www.themuslimtimes.org. The presenter further explained that currently more than 40 editors are engaged and contributing towards the contents of the blog from all over the world. He further explained that this blog is serving as a Tarbiyat (moral training) function, presents a productive avenue for our young generation, and also as a Tablīgh tool. The presenter further shared that themuslimtimes.org also publishes daily eDigest that Anṣār can subscribe to. He appealed to Anṣār participants to join the editorial team of themuslimtimes.org.

Ijtima‘ Closing Session

The concluding session was presided over by Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, Amīr Jamā’at USA. Session started with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān followed by recitation of a Persian poem of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). Prize distribution ceremony was followed by a comprehensive annual report presented by Ṣadr Majlis in which he highlighted activities of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA throughout the year. Ṣadr mentioned the goals and objectives of year 2011 and outlined all activities and efforts done by Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA to achieve those objectives. Salient efforts include active participation in "Muslims for peace," "Muslims for Loyalty," and "Muslims for Life" campaigns, distribution of 350 bicycles and 20 tricycles in Burkina Faso in April 2011, and awarding Anṣār Tahir Scholarship among other initiatives. He discussed new projects that include purchasing of a used drilling truck for Burkina Faso to restore water wells, supporting building a model village in Africa, and supporting building a Mosque in South America. He pointed out that the Anṣār National Ijtima‘ will be held on the 2nd weekend of October each year for the foreseeable future, Inshā’allāh.

After the annual report, Amīr Jamā’at USA addressed the audience. He said that there was a lot of good magic in the word “Anṣārullāh,” a name given to the organization by Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau’ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him). He explained the history of the word Anṣār as it is mentioned in the Holy Qur’ān and with reference of Ḥmadiyyat. He pointed out that, however, when we ponder on the verse of the Holy Qur’ān mentioning “Anṣārullāh,” the disbelief (Kufr) came first. So, as we go along as Anṣār there is bound to be Kufr around us in some fashion, and if we do not respond to it with our efforts and prayers then we are going to fall short, in an ideological fashion, of what we are supposed to be and that Kufr in this day and age is manifold. He mentioned how the events subsequent to the 9/11 tragedy have contributed to define the state of affairs that we find today and that the recent successes that we have had, with the grace of Almighty Allāh, are the result of various campaigns that we started about a year ago under the guidance of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support). He encouraged Anṣār to make their contribution, including writing, to respond to the need of the hour. He also stressed the need to fulfill Taḥrīk-i-Jādīd pledges as well as build new mosques in the USA. He thanked Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for their efforts on Tarbiyat, Tablīgh, and social work activities. He reminded Anṣār about the importance of five daily Prayers and mentioned that followers of the Promised
Messiah (peace be on him) have been given a unique distinction as a whole so we should really try to follow that target as individual. He further brought the attention of all Anṣār to the national Mosque fund which needed to be replenished after seven million dollars in expenses on projects acquiring or renovating various mosques throughout the USA. The Īʿtimāʿ concluded with collective Duʿā led by Amīr Jamāʿat USA.

At the end of the Īʿtimāʿ report, it is important to recognize selfless efforts of the Īʿtimāʿ team. Nāẓīm Īʿtimāʿ, Muḥammad Owusu, and all of his team members started their work much before the Īʿtimāʿ and continued their hard work well after the Īʿtimāʿ ended.

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

Education Test Awards 2010

Maximum Participation in Taʿlīm Test II of 2010 (Region)
1st Gulf States and Virginia (32%)
2nd New York (26%)
3rd Central East (24%)

Maximum Participation in Taʿlīm Test II of 2010 (Small Majlis)
1st Kentucky (100%)
2nd Richmond (89%)
3rd Fitchburg and Research Triangle (50%)

Maximum Participation in Taʿlīm Test II of 2010 (Medium Majlis)
1st Bay Point (55%)
2nd Austin (52%)
3rd Cypress-Houston (43%)

Maximum Participation in Taʿlīm Test II of 2010 (Large Majlis)
1st North Virginia (55%)
2nd New York (48%)
3rd Houston North and Philadelphia (47%)

Education Test Awards 2011

Maximum Participation in Taʿlīm Test I of 2011 (Region)
1st Central East (56%)
2nd South West (52%)
3rd North West and Virginia (50%)

Maximum Participation in Taʿlīm Test I of 2011 (Small Majlis)
1st Research Triangle (100%)
2nd Fitchburg (64%)
3rd Lehigh Valley (50%)

Maximum Participation in Taʿlīm Test I of 2011 (Medium Majlis)
1st Austin (88%)
2nd Seattle (74%)
3rd Orlando (63%)

Maximum Participation in Taʿlīm Test I of 2011 (Large Majlis)
1st North Virginia (94%)
2nd LA East (87%)
3rd Willingboro (75%)

Educational Competition Awards

Recitation of the Holy Qurʾān
1st Abdul Rauf Rafique (Phoenix)
2nd Naeemullah (Philadelphia)
3rd Khalil Ahmad (Richmond)
4th Mahmood Bhutta (New York)

Darsul-Ḥadīth
1st Mahmood Ahmad (Georgia-SC)
2nd Anwer M. Khan (LA East)
3rd Gulzar Ahmad (South Virginia)
**Impromptu Speech**

1st: Khurram Ahmad (Oshkosh)
2nd: B. K. Ahmad (Detroit)
3rd: Anwer M. Khan (LA East)

**Religious and General Knowledge**

1st: Central East: Mir Sharif Ahmad, Wadood Chaudhary, Sultan Akbar, Asif Omer
1st: Great Lakes 1: Naseem Ahmad, Abdus Salam Malik, B. K. Ahmad, Nasir Bukhari
2nd: Great Lakes 2: Captain: Pervaiz Khan
2nd: Northeast: Captain: Mahmood Qureshi
2nd: Virginia: Captain: Zamir Mirza
2nd: Central East: Captain: Khalil M. Malik
3rd: South East: Captain: Naseer A. Syed
3rd: South West: Captain: Anwer M. Khan
3rd: Gulf States: Captain: Suhail Kausar

**Essay Writing**

1st: Suhail Kausar (Dallas)
2nd: Munawar Ahmad Saqib (Willingboro)
3rd: Rashid M. Syed (LA East)

**Majlis Sultānul Qalam Awards**

*Publication Award*
Book (Jesus & Moses in India): Asad Farooq (LA East)
News Paper/Magazine Articles: Imran Hayee (Minnesota)
Online Articles: Zia Shah (Binghamton)

*Sports Competitions Awards*

**Darts**
1st: Waheed Malik (Chicago East)
2nd: Naseem Khan (Detroit)

**Horse Shoe Toss**
1st: Abdul Waheed (Baltimore)
2nd: Arif Qureshi (Zion)

**Basketball Hoops**
1st: Nafeesur Rehman (Georgia-SC)
2nd: Farooq Bukhari (Chicago East)

**Tug of War (Teams of 11 members)**

1st: Headquarters Region: Captain: Perwaiz Aslam Chaudehry
2nd: New York Region: Captain: Mohammed Ahmad Chaudhary

**Table Tennis Singles Şaf Awwal**
1st: Rafi Ahmed (Brooklyn)
2nd: Hameed Naseem (Tulsa)

**Table Tennis Singels Şaf Dom**
1st: Baba Trawalley (Research Triangle)
2nd: Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)

**Table Tennis Doubles**
1st: Rafi Ahmed (Brooklyn) and Majeed Malik (Brooklyn)
2nd: Imran Hayee (Minnesota) and Naseem Khan (Detroit)

**Volleyball (Teams of 7 members)**

1st: Great Lakes: Captain: Naseem Khan
2nd: Gulf States: Captain: Iftikhar Sheikh

**Special Sports Award**
Jesus Torres (Bay Point)

**Sports Competitions Helpers**

Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)
Saleem Lutfullah (York)
Basharat Wadan (Central Virginia)
Haleem Chaudhary (Baltimore)
Fazal Qureshi (Orlando)
Rafi Ahmad (Brooklyn)
Perwaiz Aslam Chaudehry (Silver Spring)
Naseem Khan (Detroit)
Majeed Malik (Brooklyn)

**Finance Awards**

**Service to Local Majlis in Finance**

North East Region
- Muzaffar Chaudhry (Fitchburg)
Central East Region
- Amin ur Rahman Shaikh (Central Jersey)
- Naseem Mahmood Bajwa (Lehigh Valley)
- Arif Mehmood (North Jersey)
- Ihtesham Janjua (Philadelphia)

Great Lakes Region
- Javed Yamin Malik (Columbus)

Midwest Region
- Tanveer Ashraf (Minnesota)
- Yasser Malik (Chicago West)

New York Region
- Muhammad Afzal Shah (Long Island)

Gulf States Region
- Malik Mohammad Altaf (Austin)
- Munawar Piracha (Dallas)

Headquarter Region
- Abdul Rashid Fouzi (Baltimore)
- Mushtaq Chaudhry (Laurel)
- Syed Nafees Bukhari (Potomac)

Central West Region
- Mirza Muhammad Yunus (Bay Point)
- Idrees Munir (Silicon Valley)

Virginia Region
- Shoaib Basit (Central Virginia)
- Iftikhar Khan (North Virginia)
- Gulzar Ahmad (South Virginia)

South East Region
- Mubashar A. Zahid (Alabama-Tennessee)
- Fazalur Rehman Qureshi (Orlando)
- Zia Azam (Research Triangle)

South West Region
- Ahmed Masood (Las Vegas)
- Munir Malik (Phoenix)

Meritorious Service in Finance
- Abdul Latif Mahmud (Cypress Houston)
- Mazharul Haque (LA East)

Administrative Awards
Service to Local Majlis Award
Aftab Lubis (Dallas)

Best Da’i Ilallah Award
Bilal Abdus Slaam (Philadelphia)

Life Long Service Award
Mubarak Ahmad Malik (Dallas)
Mushtaq Ahmad Chaudhry (Laurel)

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2011 Annual Report

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

The Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA was established in 1981. Since then, growth has been significant in terms of the number of Majālis as well as membership. In 2011, there were 67 established Majālis in 12 regions and the total membership was approximately 2,500. The U.S. Jamāʿat currently has 71 chapters; four Jamāʿats did not have sufficient number of Anṣār to establish a Majlis.

Through Almighty Allāh’s Mercy and Grace the Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA continues to move forward with members’ cooperation, support, and prayers. The year 2011 ended with the following significant achievements, Alḥamdu'lillāh.

Special Projects

In 2008 a large number of Āḥmādī Muslim men from Burkina Faso rode more than 600 miles on bicycles to attend the annual Jalsa Salāna in Ghana which was being graced by the presence of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support). It was heartwarming to see the dedication and devotion of these Āḥmādī Muslims to Khilāfat.

In 2009 it was proposed that Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA collect bicycles from members, especially from those who own a bicycle but do not use it. In early 2010, the Naẓim of Gulf States Region, Bashiruddin Shams, was appointed to manage this project. After looking into the effort that would be required to collect bicycles from various Majālis in the U.S. and the logistics of collecting, storing, and transporting these bicycles to Burkina Faso, it was decided that collecting funds for bicycles would be more efficient. These funds could be used to purchase new bicycles, either from India or China, on condition that the bicycles be delivered to Burkina Faso. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) granted permission to go ahead with this project on December 25, 2009:

Bashiruddin Shams evaluated various models and styles of bicycles and held discussions with numerous vendors to accomplish this task. Vendor selection was completed in September of
2010 and an order was placed with a Chinese manufacturer for 352 bicycles in October 2010. Amīr of Burkina Faso mentioned that there is need for some tricycles also so Majlis Anṣārullāh purchased 20 tricycles in Burkina Faso for donation. The 352 bicycles were shipped from China in the middle of December 2010 and arrived at the port of Tema, Ghana, on March 1, 2011.

The bicycle distribution ceremony was held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM. Bicycles were given to the heads of each auxiliary (heads of Lajnah, Anṣārullāh, and Khuddām) for distribution to their membership. Department of Social Services of Burkina Faso government also received 50 bicycles and 20 tri-cycles. A complete report was published in Al-Naḥl (Issue Q1, Vol. 22 No. 1) and is also available at Anṣār website (www.ansarusa.org) at http://ansarusa.org/content/visit-burkina-faso.

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Tablígh

Following the directions of Ḥadrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) visits to small towns was the focus for Tablígh during 2011. The following graph shows the number of small towns/villages visited each month:

In the area of Tablígh most Majālis held bookstalls, book fairs, one-on-one meetings, and numerous lectures were given at churches, schools, and universities:

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Another prominent feature of Tablígh effort was distribution and broadcast of DVDs on Ahmadiyya viewpoint of Islām. More than 1,300 DVDs with 72 titles/programs were provided for broadcast on local TV Channels. Broadcasts are happening in 17 communities (cities and counties).

Basic Religious Knowledge Course

In Urdu, for the members of Majlis Anṣārullāh. $3.00
New Converts

a. The Majlis Continued to establish and strengthen personal contacts with the Nau Mubā’ī’īn at the local as well as national level.

b. Three Nau Mubā’ī’īn were shortlisted for travel to the 2011 UK Jalsa. However, due to last minute personal constraints only one of them was able to attend the Jalsa. He had the opportunity to have audience with Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) during this trip. According to him this was “the most awakening event” of his life that has brought him closer to the Khilāfat and the Jamā’at.

c. Financial and logistical assistance was provided to deserving Nau Mubā’ī’īn to help them attend the 2011 Annual Convention of the USA Jamā’at as well as the 2011 national Ijtimā’ of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. Three Nau Mubā’ī’īn shared their journey to true Islām, Aḥmadiyyat, at the 2011 national Ijtimā’.

d. A special lunch meeting of the Nau Mubā’ī’īn was conducted at the 2011 national Ijtimā’ of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. The Nau Mubā’ī’īn had the opportunity to meet each other and also were able to ask questions and share their experiences with Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.

e. Jadoo TV box was provided to three Nau Mubā’ī’īn for easy access to MTA programs at home with their family.

Māl (Finance)

Financial sacrifices of Anṣār continue to be strong both for the Majlis itself and also in support of the Jamā’at system. In 2011 total collection was $428,344 which is 19% more than the budget of $358,690.48. Total collection for 2011 is 11% more than collection in 2010, Alḥamdulillāh.

Income and expense budget and actual collection and expense for 2011 are given in graph shown in “Budget vs. Actual for 2011.”

Anṣār Income Budget/Collection progression for last 10 years is given on the next page:
The following graph gives analysis of last 6 years showing total Anṣār membership and how many Anṣār paid their dues (also shown as percentage of total Tajnīd who paid their Anṣār dues):
Expenditure breakdown:
The following chart shows expenditure in various categories:

Majlis Anṣārullāh contributed $78,915 towards “Model Village Project” in December 2011 which is shown under special projects. See details under New Projects.

**Ta’lim**
Annual essay writing competition was held in June 2011. Topics were:

a. Influence of Islām on America
b. Contributions of Muslims to Science
c. Was Islām Spread by Sword?

Following table gives result of this essay writing competition:

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Two Ta’lim tests were conducted during 2011. Total participation by Anṣār was around 32% (with 73% of Majālis participating) which is the highest participation in Ta’lim tests.

In 2011 Majlis Anṣārullāh also recognized three Anṣār for publishing in below categories:
   a. Asad Farooq (LA East) - Book (Jesus and Moses in India)
   b. Imran Hayee (Minnesota) - News Paper/Magazine Articles
   c. Zia Shah (Binghamton) - Online Articles

**Ta’limul-Qur’ān**

The Majlis continues to make efforts to teach correct reading of the Holy Qur’ān. Number of Majālis holding Ta’limul Qur’ān classes and number of Anṣār who participated in them were as follows:

![Learning Correct Reading of the Holy Qur’ān](chart)

**Tarbiyat**

a. Held a Tarbiyat week from Monday, March 21 - Sunday, March 28 with a focus on individual Tarbiyat of Anṣār.
b. Provided guidelines to Zu’āmā for activating inactive Anṣār.
c. Provided guidelines to Zu’āmā for addressing social issues in their Majālis.
d. Distributed English summary of Ḥuḍūr’s (may Allāh be his support) Friday sermon on a weekly basis.
e. Arranged and performed discipline duties at the U.S. Annual Convention (Rizwan Qadir).

Contacting members that do not regularly come to the Mosque and meetings is always a high priority for all Anṣār. During 2011 total of 1,843 contacts were made. Following graph provides breakdown of this number on monthly basis:
Publication

a. Anṣār Newsletter was published every month and sent to members via postal service as well as electronically.
b. Translation of book “Points to Ponder” was printed (Qty: 2,000).
c. Translation of book “Homeopathy Remedies” was printed (Qty: 1,000)
d. Al-Naḥl – Year in Review 2009 and Year in Review 2010 were published. Both issues were mailed to every Nāṣir in the U.S. without any cost to members.
e. Two regular issues of Al-Naḥl were also printed and mailed to every Nāṣir without any cost to members. One issue contained the stories documenting “Bicycles for Africa” project. The second issue completed the publication of Discourses, sayings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).
f. Sabilur Rashād – Translation was completed and submitted to the Center for review and approval.
g. A bookstall was arranged at the U.S. Jalsa Sālāna.
h. An exhibition of more than 100 pictures taken by Habeeb Shafeek (Orlando Majlis) was held at the U.S. Annual Convention and at the National Ijtimā‘. Habeeb Shafeek has been taking pictures of Aḥmadiyya events in the U.S. since 1970s.

Wasiyyat

a. Total number of Anṣār Mūṣiyyān in the U.S.: 587
b. Total number of Anṣār applicants since 2004: 290
c. Total number of Anṣār applicants approved since 2004: 235
d. Number of Anṣār applications in 2011: 18

Note: of the total number of Anṣār applicants since 2004 (above), 51 are still in the “Applied For” (Prospective Mūṣi) status. Four (4) applications were rejected by Majlis Kārpardāz.

İthār [Eesaar] (Social services)

a. The Majlis continued to provide MTA System (Muslim Television Aḥmadiyya Satellite dish system or Jadoo TV) to those Anṣār who could not purchase one. Three MTA systems were
provided during this reporting period.

b. Majlis Anşarullâh, USA provided financial assistance to members who needed help either for paying rent, taking care of utility bills, or other essential needs.

c. Following graph shows time (hours) spent in social service activities by members:

![Social Services: Time spent and potential savings](image)

**Dhahânat wa Şihat-i-Jismânî (Intellect and Physical Health)**

1. Articles on monthly scheduled health topics were distributed to all Majâlis for discussion during the monthly Anşâr meetings.
2. 35% Majâlis regularly report physical activities.
3. The most common activities are:
   a. Walking, jogging
   b. Treadmill, weights etc.
   c. Table tennis

**Anşâr Tahir Scholarship**

Four scholarships were awarded in 2011 with total scholarship amount of $3,593.70.

**Monthly Activity Reports**

A total of 744 monthly activity reports were received (out of a possible 799 – which makes the total reports received 93.12%). This is the highest number of reports submitted during a fiscal year. Higher number of reports is attributed to constant reminders as well as creation of an online report submission process that was implemented in 2010. The following graph show status of reports submitted during 2011:
National Ijtima‘āt:

The 30th National Ijtima‘āt of Majlis Anşarullāh, USA was held in the Baitur Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD from October 7 to 9, 2011. The 19th Majlis-i-Shūrā of Majlis Anşarullāh, USA was also held during this time. By the Grace of Almighty Allāh, both the Ijtima‘āt and the Majlis-i-Shūrā were very successful, with a combined total attendance of more than 540 Anşār from all over the U.S. The record attendance in three years in a row can be attributed in part to the new expansion of Baitur Rahman Mosque featuring a spacious Anşarullāh Hall in the basement and an equally spacious Hall located on the 2nd floor of the Baitur Rahman Mosque. Both halls easily accommodated all activities of Ijtima‘āt and Shūrā with hall on the second floor serving as the Ijtima‘āt Gāh, and Anşarullāh Hall serving as the hospitality (Ḍiāfāt) area. The original Mosque Prayer areas were used for Prayers and accommodation. The indoor sports activities took place in the basement area of the Mosque and outdoor sports activities were held in the outside grounds in beautiful sunny weather.

Among the prominent features of the Ijtima‘āt and Majlis-i-Shūrā were opening and closing sessions, educational, and sports competitions, Talqīn-i-‘Amal sessions related to Tablīgh and Tarbiyāt, an interactive workshop on health, and “Father to Son” workshop with Ṣadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya. A complete report of Ijtima‘ā 2011 is published separately.

Regional Ijtima‘āt:

Successful Regional Ijtima‘āt were held in 10 regions with National ‘Āmilah members participating in each Ijtima‘āt. The following table gives details of the these Ijtima‘āt (which ‘Āmilah member attended these Ijtima‘āt):
By the Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allāh, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA held Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC) 2011 at Baitul Naseer Mosque in Fort Lauderdale (Miami Majlis), Florida on the weekend of January 22-23, 2011. ALC was attended by members of the national ‘Āmilah, Nāżīmīn, and Zu'amā or their representatives from 58 (out of 66) Majālis. A total of more than 75 delegates from all over the U.S. attended the conference. More than Twenty Five volunteers from the local Majlis made sure that the conference ran smoothly. A detailed report of ALC activities was published separately.

**New Projects**

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih (may Allāh be his support) has graciously approved following three projects for Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA:

a. **Purchasing a used drilling truck for Burkina Faso to restore water wells:**
   We are working with The International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (IAAAE) to purchase used truck. Estimated Cost: $60,000

b. **Support building model village(s) in Africa:**
   Project: Supply solar power to six (6) villages in Africa.
   Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is working with IAAAE on this project. Volunteers are needed for this project. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) has assigned Sierra Leone to Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. Estimated Cost of this project is $75,000. Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA contributed $78,915.00 towards this project in December 2011 which is shown under special projects in the graph for major expenditure.

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### Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC)

**Region** | **Nāżīm** | **National Representative**
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Central East | Farooq Azam Malik | Naseem Ahmed Waseem
Central West | Naseer M. Siddique | M. Dawood Munir
Great Lakes | Naseem Ahmed | AbuBakar Bin Saeed
Gulf States | Bashiruddin Shams | Habeeb Shafeek Jr.
Headquarter | Saleem Muhaimin | Ijtimā‘ was not held.
Mid West | Abu Bakar Bin Saeed | Imran Hayee
New York | Arshad Janjua | Khaled Ata
North East | Muhammad Zafar Iqbal | Syed Sajid Ahmad
North West | Abid Haq | Monas Chaudry
South East | Nafis Ur Rehman | Muhammed K. Owusu
South West | Anis M. Shaikh | Munawar Saqib
Virginia | Basharat Ahmad Wadan | Ijtimā‘ was not held.
c. Support building a Mosque in South America (French Assigned Countries):
Initial information is being collected and data will be submitted to Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) for selection of location. Estimated Cost: $400,000 to $700,000

Conclusion
I wish to thank all members of the National ‘Āmilah, Nā‘ib Qā’ideen, Nāẓimīn, Zu‘amā, Muntaẓimīn, 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 Allāh reward them abundantly, Āmīn.

May Almighty Allāh enable each and every member of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA to fulfill not only their spiritual and Majlis (Jamā‘at) obligations but also their obligations to their families in these difficult financial times. Remember, Almighty Allāh 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 Almighty Allāh accept our humble efforts and forgive our mistakes, and guide us to further success through His Grace and Mercy, Āmīn.

Listening to the Friday Sermon
The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: “When it is a Friday, the angels stand at the gate of the mosque and keep on writing the names of the persons coming to the mosque in succession according to their arrivals. The example of the one who enters the mosque in the earliest hour is that of one offering a camel (in sacrifice). The one coming next is like one offering a cow and then a ram and then a chicken and then an egg respectively. When the Imām comes out (for Friday prayer) they (that is angels) fold their papers and listen to the sermon.” (Bukhārī)

Offering Supererogatory Prayer for Suffering Aḥmadiīs
Addressing Aḥmadiīs of all the Jamā‘ats around the world in his Friday sermon of December 3, 2011, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) drew attention to the Aḥmadi brothers who are enduring hardship and persecution. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) said that a true believer is the one who feels the suffering of his believer brother as his own, like the whole body feels the pain if a part of the body is in pain. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) said that each Aḥmadi should offer two Nafl (supererogatory Prayer) daily, solely for those Aḥmadiīs who are going through any torment due to their belief in Aḥmadiyyat and are deprived of their civic and religious rights through vicious laws. Anṣār are encouraged to say Labbaik to the call of our beloved Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) and offer two Nafl daily and pray to Almighty Allāh that the atrocities against Aḥmadiīs may be removed, Āmīn.
L’amour pour tous, la haine pour personne.
In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

We praise Him and invoke blessings on His Holy Prophet;
and His servant the Promised Messiah
With the Grace and Mercy of Allah, the Exalted

Respected Dear Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa Sahib
Sadr, Majlis Ansharullah, USA, and
Members of Majlis 'Amla, and Members of Majlis Ansharullah, USA

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu:

We pray to Almighty Allah for your wellbeing. May Almighty Allah always grant you strength to render most pleasing services for faith, and may revered people like you always prove to be our beacons, Amin.

On behalf of the entire Jama'at in Burkina Faso as well as on my own behalf, I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your eminence especially came to Burkina Faso, and further strengthened the strong bonds of the Ahmadiyya family.

Your visit here to present the gift of bicycles to the Burkina Faso Jama'at on behalf of Majlis Ansharullah, USA shall always be a source of great honor for us; and its memory will dwell in our hearts forever, Jazakomullahu' An'aman Jaza.

Respectfully, you are requested to pray for this humble self, all Muballigen, Missionaries, and the entire Jama'at of Burkina Faso; may Almighty Allah grant us vigor to fulfill all wishes of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih (may Allah strengthen his hands) as well as the strength to always maintain a strong living bond with Khilafat, Amin.

Wassalam,
Humbly,

-Khalid Mahmood Shahid
Amin & Missionary In Charge
Jama'at Ahmadiyya, Burkina Faso

26 April 2011
To: Zu’ama
Nāzimeen
Members of National ‘Āmila

Re: Hudur’s (ayyadahullahu ta’ala binasrihil-’aziz) instructions about the status of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

Dear Zu’ma, Nāzimeen and members of the National ‘Āmila,

أَسْلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَاتُ اللَّهِ مُعْتَمَدَهُ وِ بَارِكَةَ

In a circular issued on May 21, 2011 Hadrd Khalifatul Masih Al-Khamis (ayyadahullahu ta’ala binasrihil-’aziz) writes:

“In light of my Friday sermon of May 13 [2011] tell your Ansar that there is no need to hide Prophethood of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him. When talking with others, be straightforward and declare that the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, has been appointed as a Prophet due to his complete submission and obedience to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, and he [the Promised Messiah, peace be on him] is a ‘Prophet of Allah’.”

Please convey Hudur’s (ayyadahullahu ta’ala binasrihil-’aziz) instructions to each and every member of your Majlis.

May Almighty Allah grant every Nasir strength and wisdom to follow instructions given by Hudur (ayyadahullahu ta’ala binasrihil-’aziz) without any hesitation, Amin.

والسلام

Sincerely,

Wajeeh Bajwa
Sadr, Majlis Ansārūllāh, USA

C: Respected Munir Javid Sahib, Private Secretary to Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih Al-Khamis
Presidents of Jamat Ahmadiyya USA.
All Members of National Amila.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.

As we keep our message of Peace, Loyalty, Life it is necessary to expand it in ways as to convey the Teachings of the Promised Messiah as in the process. If we do not enhance these positions, the relevance could die down with time.

The beliefs and pillars of Islam are fundamental to our faith. Issue remains why an average American should even listen to us about those. The material that we can convey is vast. The issue is to select one liners to tag onto Peace, Loyalty or the like that would flow with them.

Our ability to make our voice heard in the campaigns held and still continuing is because it rings with the concern of the vast majority in America. Whatever else we add or substitute would have to be the same way.

What are the ideas which in one line or less, resonate with our audience in line with what we have been conveying over the past year. (These would have to be universal and not parochial to our restricted needs).

I am asking for such from the Teachings of Hazrat Masih Mo'oud as, and how we can say that in less than a line. Kindly convey this to Jamat members and among your circles, and send proposals. May Allah be your Guide and Helper. Ameen.

و السلام و خاكسار

Ahsanullah Zafar
Copy to Private Secretary Sahib for Hazur’s favor.

May 31, 2011
May 31, 2011

Presidents of Jamat Ahmadiyya USA.
All Members of National Amila.

السلام عليكم و رحمة الله و بركاتكم

There have been discussions at national forum, and the idea of highlighting problems related to Drug abuse, smoking to Jamat members has been generally endorsed. Issues have moved beyond alcohol to drugs, and we can ignore it only at our own peril.
Please remember, if not warned about such problems, impressionable members might assume they can be totally guided by their own ideas. Potentially, they can think that it is acceptable to follow a path, since Jamat is not taking a stand over it.

As part of our discussions we have been teaching our members the prohibition against the use of alcohol. In the same vein, it is prudent to inform our members about drug abuse, smoking. There are definite health issues. There is an effect upon one’s personality. There can be, over time, inability to perform in a competitive society and even life in general. It creates and increases isolation from community. It interferes greatly with proper worship (salat, fasting, reading of the Quran, discussion of issues of moral conduct).

I urge all to come together to setup local discussions. There may be some parents who might prohibit their children from such discussion forums - that would be their prerogative, and should be respected for them.

May Allah be your Guide and Helper. Ameen.

ر السلام و خاکسار

Ahsanullah Zafar

Copy to Private Secretary Sahib for Hazur’s favor.
Dear Sadr Sahib Majlise Ansarullah USA,

Jazakallah for your letter of condolences and comforting words on the passing away of my dear mother, Hadhrat Sahibzadi Syeda Nasira Begum Sahiba.

My mother, eldest daughter of Hadhrat Musleh Maw’oodra was a figure of immense piety and Taqwa that was exemplary and she endeavoured to instil this quality in everyone who came in contact with her. The warmth of her personality made all, young or old, family or stranger at ease and they all felt her attention centred on them. Her life was richly imbued with love for Allah and she was always endeavouring to gain His pleasure. Her life will forever remain like a beacon for us and I pray that Allah grants us the ability to follow her footsteps in the blessed qualities that made her a special mother.

The month of Ramadhan offers us a special opportunity to remember my dear mother in our humble prayers as we pray for the victory of Islam, spread of Ahmadiyyat and restoration of peace and harmony in the world. جزاكم الله Wassalam.

Yours sincerely,

MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD
Khalifatul Masih V
2011 National ‘Āmilah

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Orlando, FL. Șadr Majlis

Dr. Khalid Ata, Potomac, MD. Nāʿib Șadr Saf Awwal

Naseem A. Waseem, Lehigh Valley, PA. Nāʿib Șadr Saf Dom

Imran Hayee, Minnesota. Qāʿid Umūmī

M. Dawood Munir, Cypress-Houston, TX. Qāʿid Taʿlim

Monas Ahmad Chaudry, Los Angeles, CA. Qāʿid Tablīgh
National Majlis-i-‘Āmilah meeting in Boston on May 14, 2011

Right: Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Center in Boston

Middle left: National Majlis-i-‘Āmilah meeting in session

Middle right: A photo of ‘Āmilah members with Anṣār

Bottom: A group photo with Anṣār of Boston and Fitchburg Majālis
National Majlis-i-‘Āmilah meeting in Austin, Texas on July 30, 2011

Left: Bait-ul-Muqeeet Mosque in Austin

Middle left: National Majlis-i-‘Āmilah meeting in session

Middle right: Malik Mohammad Altaf, Za‘īm Austin; Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Ṣadr Majlis; and Iftikhar A. Naghmi, President of Austin Jamā‘at at a meeting with local Anṣār

Bottom: A group photo with members of Austin Jamā‘at
## 2011 Regions

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North East Regional Ijtima‘
Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Nāẓīm Northeast Region

The regional Ijtima‘ of Northeast region (Majālis: Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Buffalo, Fitchburg, Hartford, Rochester, and Syracuse) was held in Albany at Baitun Noor Mosque, 941 River Road, Rotterdam, NY on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The first session, presided over by the national representative, Syed Sajid Ahmad, Qā’id Publication, started at 9:45 AM with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān by Mubashir Majoka, Anṣār pledge led by Syed Sajid Ahmad, and Urdu poem by Tahir Khokhar of Rochester Majlis. Regional Missionary, Imām Zafar Ahamd Sarwar was also present. Regional Nāẓīm, Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, welcomed the participants and Syed Sajid Ahmad gave the opening address. He gave a historical perspective about how the Holy Qur‘ān was preserved. He also urged Anṣār to continue doing Tablīgh work and distributed related CDs. This was followed by educational competitions session consisting of competitions of Qir‘āt-i-Qur‘ān, Hadith, Impromptu Speech, Observation & Recall, and Religious & General Knowledge Quiz. At 1:30 PM Zuhr and ‘Asr Prayers were offered followed by a hearty lunch.

The second session, sports competitions, started at 2:15 PM in the large parking space and lawn of the mosque with events including 1/2 Mile Walk, Volleyball, and Tug of War. A group photo session ensued, followed by indoor Musical Chair competition.

The concluding session, presided by Syed Sajid Ahmad, started at 3:30 PM with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān and translation by Kusi Ahmad of Hartford. Imām Zafar Ahmad Sarwar addressed the audience with the theme of righteousness with references from the Holy Qur‘ān and the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). This was followed by prize distribution ceremony with special recognitions from M. Zafar Iqbal, Nāẓīm Northeast Region, of those who made the event a success. The session was concluded with Anṣār pledge and silent prayer led by Syed Sajid Ahmad at 4:30 PM. The event was a success with an attendance of 89 Anṣār.
### Educational Competitions

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                            | 2nd: Mubashir A. Majoka  
                            | 3rd: Naeem Ahmad          |
| Hadith                    | 1st: Badar Munir Ahmad  
                            | 2nd: Dr. Naseer Ahmad Tahir  
                            | 3rd: Kusi Ahmad           |
| Impromptu Speech          | 1st: Kusi Ahmad  
                            | 2nd: Sarjo Trawally  
                            | 3rd: Dr. Hafeezur Rehman |
| Observation & Recall      | 1st: Badar Munir Ahmad  
                            | 1st: Dr. Hafeezur Rehman  
                            | 2nd: Naeem Ahmad (Fitchburg)  
                            | 3rd: Mubashir A. Majoka  
                            | 3rd: Dr. Nasir M. Khan |
| Religious/General Knowledge | 1st: Basheeruddin Mahmood  
                            | 1st: Zafar Ahmd  
                            | 1st: Hameed Khan  
                            | 1st: Zaheer A. Kahlool |
                            | 2nd: Badar Munir Ahmd  
                            | 2nd: Tahir Ahmd Khokhar  
                            | 2nd: Mubashir A. Majoka  
                            | 2nd: Abdul Haleem |
                            | 2nd: Mahmood Ahmad Qureshi  
                            | 2nd: Kusi Ahmad  
                            | 2nd: Shakeel Ahmad  
                            | 2nd: Dr. Munir Ahmad |
                            | 3rd: Zafar Ahmad Malik  
                            | 3rd: Dr. Naseer A Tahir  
                            | 3rd: Dr. Nasir M. Khan  
                            | 3rd: Dr. Hafeezur Rehman |

### Sports Competitions

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| 1/2 Mile Walk (40-54 years) | 1st: Abdul Haseeb  
                            | 2nd: Naeem Ahmad  
                            | 3rd: Sarjo Trawally |
| 1/2 Mile Walk (>55 years) | 1st: Mubashir A. Majoka  
                            | 1st: Abdul Haleem  
                            | 2nd: Dr. Munir Ahmad  
                            | 3rd: Tahir Ahmad Khokhar |
| Musical Chairs            | 1st: Nafees Awan  
                            | 2nd: Hameed Ali Khan  
                            | 3rd: Tahir Ahmd Khokhar |
| Volleyball                | 1st: Dr. Hafeezur Rehman  
                            | 1st: Aftab A. Naz  
                            | 2nd: Badar Munir Ahmad  
                            | 2nd: Abdul Qayyum Shakir  
                            | 2nd: Abdul Haseeb  
                            | 2nd: Mubashir A. Majoka  
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                            | 3rd: Shakeel Ahmad  
                            | 3rd: Sarjo Trawally  
                            | 3rd: Qudratulla Tariq  
                            | 2nd: Dr. Munir Ahmad  
                            | 3rd: Naeem Ahmad  
                            | 3rd: Kusi Ahmad  
                            | 3rd: Maqbool Babar  
                            | 3rd: Javed Ashraf |
| Tug of War                | 1st: Dr. Hafeezur Rahman  
                            | 1st: Aftab A. Naz  
                            | 2nd: Badar Munir Ahmad  
                            | 2nd: Abdul Qayyum Shakir  
                            | 2nd: Abdul Haseeb  
                            | 2nd: Mubashir A. Majoka |
Abdul Hakeim Nasir (Masih)  
Tahir Ahmad  
Zafar Ahmad Malik  

2nd  
Muzaffar Ahmad Chaudary  
Shakeel Ahmad  
Sarjo Trawally  
Qudratulla Tariq  
Dr. Munir Ahmad  
Naeem Ahmad  
Kusi Ahmad  
Maqbool Babar  
Javed Ashraf  

Special Recognitions  
- Dr. Hafeezur Rahman, Ṣadr Albany Jamāʿat  
- Pervez Akhtar Butt, Zaʾim Albany  

Dīāfat team:  
- Aftab Naz  
- Tahir Ahmad  
- Abdul Qayyum Shakir  
and others for excellent food and other arrangements (four individuals were recognized and given certificates)  

Certificate preparation:  
- Dr. Naseer A. Tahir  
- Dr. Nasir M. Khan  
- Tahir A. Khokhar  

Special Aṭfāl participation and help  
- Ibraheem  
- Danial  

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The Central East regional Ijtima’ was held on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Al-Nasr Mosque, Willingboro, NJ. 75 Ansar from five Majalis (Central Jersey, Lehigh valley, North Jersey, Philadelphia, and Willingboro) attended the Ijtima’.

The Ijtima’ started at 9:00 AM with breakfast. The opening session began at 9:30 AM with the recitation of the Holy Qur’an followed by Ansar pledge. The national representative, Naseem Ahmed Waseem, Naib Sadr Saf Dom; Farooq Azam Malik, Regional Nazim; Zu’am of all Majalis of the region; and local Jam’ats’ presidents were present in this session. Farooq Azam Malik along with Naseem Ahmed Waseem presided the session. Farooq Azam Malik welcomed the participants and Naseem Ahmad Waseem expressed his gratitude.

After the opening session, educational competitions were held. Ansar participated in educational competitions including recitation of the Holy Qur’an, Commentary on Hadith, Impromptu Speech, and Observation & Recall.

After the Zuhr Prayer, in a Tarbiyat session, Dr. Farooq Padder, Sadr Willingboro Jamat, made a presentation on secular and spiritual morality.

Afterwards, sports competitions were held. Ansar took part in Volleyball and Table Tennis competitions. The Ijtima’ concluded at 5:30 PM with a prize distribution session followed by a thank you note by Regional Nazim, Farooq Azam Malik.

The Ijtima’ was very successful in terms of participation, program’s content, adherence to the schedule, and Diyafat and other arrangements. In addition to being a source of spiritual gains, the Ijtima’ offered a great opportunity to create camaraderie among Ansar.
Educational Competitions

Tilāwat

1st Essam Ahmad Arshad (Lehigh Valley)
2nd Nooruddin Noori (Willingboro)
3rd Nasim M. Bajwa (Lehigh Valley)
Naeemullah [Special Prize] (Philadelphia)

Hadīth

1st Mir Sharif Ahmad (Central Jersey)
2nd Khalil M. Malik (Philadelphia)
3rd Farooq Padder (Willingboro)

Impromptu Speech

1st Khalil M. Malik (Philadelphia)
2nd Mir Sharif Ahmad (Central Jersey)
3rd Arif Umar (Central Jersey)

Observation & Recall

1st Wadood Chaudhry (Central Jersey)

Sports Competitions

Volleyball

1st Willingboro
2nd Philadelphia

Table Tennis

1st Willingboro
2nd Philadelphia
South East Regional Ijtima‘
Nafis Ur Rehman, Nâzîm Southeast Region

The Southeast regional Ijtima‘ was held on Friday-Sunday, April 1-3, 2011 in Indian Springs State Park, Georgia. This year the Ijtima‘ was held together with Khuddâmul-Aâmadiyya and Aṭfâl-Aâmadiyya. 36 Anṣār from all six Majâlis (Alabama/TN, Charlotte, Georgia-Carolina, Miami, Orlando, and Research Triangle) attended the Ijtima‘. Mohammad Owusu, Auditor, Majlis Anṣārullâh, USA, attended the Ijtima‘ as the national representative.

Majority of the participants arrived at the Ijtima‘ site on Friday, April 1st. Ijtima‘ included educational and sports competitions as well as other lively spiritual discussions. A few programs were held in conjunction with Khuddâmul-Aâmadiyya.

Educational competitions included Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān, Commentary on Ḥadîth, Impromptu Speech, Observation & Recall, and Religious General Knowledge. All presentations in these competitions were of high quality; especially the Commentary on Ḥadîth, Impromptu Speech, and Religious & General Knowledge competitions generated a lot of interest and had complete participation from all Anṣār. Sports competitions included, Volleyball, Dart, Message Relay, and One-Mile Walk.

The Ijtima‘ was very successful; for the first time all six Zu‘amâ of the Southeast region attended the regional Ijtima‘. The atmosphere at the Ijtima‘ together with the lively discussions provided very interesting and spiritually uplifting event for members. Anṣār enjoyed being there with their sons also attending the simultaneously held Khuddâm and Aṭfâl programs.
Gulf States Regional Ijtima’

Sheikh Iftikhar Ahmed
Photos by Athar Alam Farooqi

The 20th annual regional Ijtima’ of Gulf States region (Majālis: Austin, Cypress-Houston, Dallas, Houston North, Houston South, and New Orleans) was held in Houston at Masjid Baitus Samee on Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12, 2011. The Ijtima’ started with registration. The opening session, presided over by the national representative, Habeeb Shafeek Jr., Qā‘id Īthār [Eesaa] (Social Services), started at noon with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān by Mirza Irshad Ali followed by a beautiful poem by Tasweer ur Rehman. Bashiruddin Shams, Nāẓim Gulf States region, welcomed the attendees. In his address, Habeeb Shafeek Jr. urged Anṣār to fully participate in all the religious and physical activities and partake the blessings of such events that are organized with great efforts for the sole benefits to Anṣār. The first session ended with silent prayer, followed by lunch and Zuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers.

The second session started at 2:15 PM in which various educational competitions were held including the Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān and Commentary on Hadith. Anṣār from all Majālis took part in the competitions with vigor and enthusiasm.

The next session started at 4:00 PM and was presided over by Habeeb Shafeek Jr. In this session, a regional workshop was conducted with a focus on Ta’līm, Tarbiyat, Īthār [Eesaa], and Ta’līmul Qur‘ān. A presentation on each of these subjects was given to explain the national Anṣār programs, their significance, and the benefits Anṣār can derive by following these programs. The presentations were followed by a Q&A session in which many questions were answered.

After a tea break, sports competitions started at 5:45 PM. Anṣār took keen interest in the competitions especially in the Horseshoe Toss. Maghrib and ‘Ishā Prayers were offered at 8:45 PM and dinner was served at 9:00 PM.

The second day of the Ijtima’ started with Tahajjud Prayer; Fajr Prayer was led by Imām Zafarullah Hanjra. After some physical...
competitions, breakfast was served at 8:00 AM. Educational competitions resumed at 9:00 AM. After Impromptu Speech and Observation & Recall competitions came the most interesting part of the session—the General and Religious Knowledge competition. Four teams were formed out of the participating Anṣār; each team showed great enthusiasm in answering the questions.

The concluding session, presided over by Munum Naeem, Nā’ib Amīr, started at 11:30 AM with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Mirza Irshad Ali. Imām Zafarullah Hanjra talked about the foundation of Jalsa Sālāna and emphasized the importance of listening to the Friday sermons of Ḥuḍūr (may Allah be his support), regularly watching MTA, offering Prayers in congregation, and writing to Ḥuḍūr (may Allah be his support). He also urged Anṣār to designate some area at home for the purpose of Ṣalāt in light of the practice of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

In the concluding address, Munum Naeem thanked Anṣār for attending this important event that is a source of Allah’s blessings. This followed by the prize distribution and a photo session. Lunch was served at 12:30 PM followed by Zuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers.

During the Ijtimā’ Anṣār were urged to be committed to do the following:

- Inculcate passion to serve humanity at large.
- Regularly recite the Holy Qur’ān with translation in the morning.
- Register children for the Ta’limul Qur’an class on Internet at www.alfurqan.us.
- Learn Qur’ān at different levels with Qur’ān-on-line.
- Coordinate to develop a website for Food-on-Wheels.
- Strive for all family members having dinner together and discuss any and every matter on children’s mind.
- Say at least one Ṣalāt in congregation daily and one Tahajjud weekly.
- Arrange for congregational Ṣalāt at dinner parties.
The Great Lakes regional Ijtima‘ was held on Saturday-Sunday, September 10-11, 2011 at Masjid Mahmood in Detroit. 35 Anṣār from Cleveland, Dayton, and Detroit Majālis attended the Ijtima‘. The event provided an opportunity to enjoy a memorable couple of days to pray, learn, compete, and relax with Anṣār brothers from the region. The gathering proved to be a great source to reinvigorate spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. AbuBakar Bin Saeed, Qā’īd Tāḥrīk Jadīd, attended the Ijtima‘ as the national representative.

The opening session, presided over by AbuBakar Bin Saeed, started on Saturday evening with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān. Regional Nāẓīm, Naseem Ahmed, welcomed the participants and talked about the purpose behind such events. In his opening address AbuBakar Bin Saeed stressed the importance of utilizing these events in attaining the pleasure of Allāh.

Various educational competitions were held in the evening. After Maghrib and ‘Ishā Prayers, dinner was served followed by a friendly volleyball game between local Khuddām and Anṣār from the region.

The second day of the Ijtima‘ started with collective Tahajjud Prayer followed by Fajr Prayer and Darsul-Ḥadīth. Breakfast was served at 7:00 AM followed by sports competitions.

The final session started at noon with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Munawar Malik of Cleveland Majlis followed by a poem recited by Pervaiz Khan of Detroit Majlis. In his concluding remarks AbuBakar Bin Saeed stressed upon the roles and responsibilities of a Nāṣīr in achieving the pleasure of Allāh. The session ended with silent prayers. Afterwards, Zuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers were offered followed by lunch.
Educational Competitions

**Tilāwat**

1st
Munawar Malik (Cleveland)
2nd
Mansoor Qureshi (Detroit)
3rd
Pervaiz Khan (Detroit)

**Ḥadith**

1st
Mansoor Qureshi (Detroit)
2nd
B.K. Ahmed (Detroit)
3rd
Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)

**Impromtu Speech**

1st
Mansoor Qureshi (Detroit)
2nd
B.K. Ahmed (Detroit)
3rd
Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)

**Observation & Recall**

1st
Mansoor Qureshi (Detroit)
2nd
Rizwan Qadir (Detroit)
3rd
Ali Iqtidar Ahmed (Detroit)

Sports Competitions

**Basketball Hoops**

1st
Saeed Bhatti (Cleveland)
2nd
Nasir Bukhari (Detroit)
3rd
Abdul Ghani (Detroit)

**100m Run**

1st
Rizwan Qadir (Detroit)
2nd
Saeed Bhatti (Cleveland)
3rd
Khalid Ahmad (Toledo)

**Horseshoe**

1st
Saeed Bhatti (Cleveland)
2nd
Khalid Ahmad (Toledo)
3rd
Rizwan Qadir (Detroit)

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**Anṣār Tahir Scholarship**

Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is offering Anṣār Tahir Scholarship to Anṣār for up to $4,000 per year per applicant for a maximum of two year training (maximum amount is $8,000 per applicant). The scholarship is for vocational training of Anṣār to improve their employability and cannot be used as seed money to start a new business. The scholarship will be granted on “first come, first serve” basis. There is no deadline for the application. In most cases payments will be made directly to the training institution. Applications should be submitted through the local Za’īm Anṣārullāh. Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- The applicant is a bona fide member of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA in good standing.
- The applicant has exhausted all avenues for employment or wishes to get additional training/education to enhance his employability.
- The applicant has identified a new or alternate career path and is capable and willing to undertake successful completion of the proposed training.
- The applicant has exhausted all available state and federal funding for unemployed and/or displaced workers.

For more information, please contact Qā’id Finance, Munawar Saqūb, at qaid.mal@ansarusa.org or 856-495-6421.
Midwest Regional Ijtima‘
Held on June 5, 2011 at Baitul Jaamay Mosque, Chicago
Northwest Regional Ijtima‘
Abid Haq, Naizim NW region

The Northwest annual regional Ijtima‘ was held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Lynwood Mosque, Seattle, WA. 21 Anšar—including three Anšar from Portland Majlis—attended the Ijtima‘. The national representative, Monas Chaudry, Qā’id Tablīgh, presided over the proceedings. All attendees enjoyed the Ijtima‘ activities. Lunch provided by the Diāfat team was much appreciated by all participants.
Southwest Regional Ijtima’
Held on June 11, 2011 at Bait ul Hameed Mosque, Chino, CA
Oakland, CA  
Feroz Khan

Orlando, FL  
Fazalur Rehman Qureshi

Philadelphia, PA  
Imtiaz Rajayki

Phoenix, AZ  
Abdul-Waheed Khan

Pittsburgh, PA  
Ahmad Shareef

Portland, OR  
Mubarik Ahmad

Potomac, MD  
Khaled A. Ata

Research Triangle, NC  
Shamim Malik

Richmond VA  
Khalil Ahmad
Muḥammad in the Bible
(peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him)

From Introduction to the Study of the Holy Qurʾān, by Ḥaḍrat Mīrzā Bashūrduḍīn Maḥmūd Aḥmad, Khalifatul-Masīḥ II, (may Allāh be pleased with him).

$1 each.
Central Jersey Local Ijtimā‘
Haji Jalaluddin Abdul-Latif, Za‘īm

The local Ijtimā‘ of Central Jersey Majlis was held at Baitul Hadi Mosque, Old Bridge, NJ on Sunday, April 10, 2011. 30 Anṣār attended the Ijtimā‘; this is the largest number of Anṣār that attended a local Ijtimā‘ of Central Jersey Majlis and represents almost fifty-percent of the Majlis’ Tajnīd. Farooq Azam Malik, Regional Nāẓīm of Central East region, and Dr. Mir Sharif Ahmad, Ṣadr of Central New Jersey Jamā‘at, also attended the Ijtimā‘.

The Ijtimā‘ started with breakfast and registration at 9:00 AM. The opening session began at 10:00 AM with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Mubashir Syed, Nā‘īb Za‘īm Ṣaf Awwal, followed by Anṣār pledge led by Jamil Chaudhry, Muntaẓīm Umūmī, and Urdu poem by Abdul Nasir, Nā‘īb Za‘īm Ṣaf Dom.

Various educational competitions were held including the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān, Ḥadīth Commentary, and a very interesting General Knowledge Competition. The topics from the Ta’lim workbook were incorporated in the educational competitions. The content of the General Knowledge Competition was prepared by Mahmood Hanif and was conducted with the help of displays on a video screen.

Sheikh Muhammed Sultan Akbar, a retired professor of Arabic language, gave a talk about a book that the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) wrote in Arabic in which he addressed Queen Victoria of British Empire.

Due to the shortage of time no sports competitions could be held. Breakfast, lunch, and a Tea break were of excellent quality and were greatly enjoyed by all. Diāfat arrangements were mainly handled by Mubarik Butt who along with Farooq Azam Malik, Regional Nāẓīm of Central East Region, and Abdul Nasir, Nā‘īb Za‘īm of Central Jersey Majlis, worked efficiently in the kitchen from morning to the end of the Ijtimā‘.

Anṣār remained at the mosque till the end of the Ijtimā‘. Increased attendance, participation, and excellent arrangements made the Ijtimā‘ very successful.
Willingboro Local Ijtima’
Tahir A Tasneem, Na’ib Za’im

The local Ijtima’ of Willingboro Majlis was held at Al-Nasr Mosque, Willingboro, NJ on Saturday-Sunday, April 16-17, 2011. As a result of efforts put forth by the information team who spent considerable time in contacting members, the average attendance during the Ijtima’ was 32.

The Ijtima’ started on Saturday after Maghrib and ‘Ishā Prayers with the opening address by Farooq Azam Malik, Regional Na’izim of Central East region. Next, various educational competitions were held including the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān and Ḥadīth Commentary. The first day of the Ijtima’ ended with Du’ā.

The second day of the Ijtima’ started with Tahajjud and Fajr Prayers led by Dr. Safi Ullah followed by Darsul-Ḥadīth by Lutful Mannan. After the breakfast, Anṣār took part in sports competitions including Table Tennis and Pool Table. Unfortunately, outdoor games could not be held due to heavy rain.

At 10:00 AM more educational competitions were held that included Observation & Recall and Impromptu Speech. This session was very exciting and majority of the members participated in these competitions.

Certificates of recognition were presented to the winners of various competitions. The Ijtima’ concluded at 12:00 PM with the closing remarks by Muhammad Aminuddin, Za’im of Willingboro Majlis, and Du’ā.

The Ijtima’ program was set according to the guidelines provided by the Center and was well publicized.

Ḍiāfat team served one breakfast and two meals. The quality and taste of food was well appreciated by the members.
Northern Virginia Local Ījtima‘

The local Ījtima‘ of Northern Virginia Majlis was held on July 31, 2011 at Loudoun Senior Center in Sterling, VA. 16 Anṣār attended the Ījtima‘. Basharat Ahmad Wadan, Regional Nāẓīm of Virginia region, presided over the Ījtima‘ program. The program started with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān, followed by Anṣār pledge led by Chaudhry Fazal Ahmad, Za‘īm Northern Virginia. In his opening address, Basharat Ahmad Wadan reminded members about the purpose of establishing the organization of Majlis Anṣārullāh and why it is the duty of each Nāṣir to participate in the programs and activities of the Majlis.

Next, various educational competitions were held including the Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān (Sūrah Al-Kahf [Ch. 18, Verses 1-3]), Poem Recitation, and Speech (Topic: Importance of Friday). 6 members participated in the Recitation of Holy Qur‘ān, 2 in Poem, and 3 in Speech.

A Health Talk session was also held in which Dr. Nadeem Khan and Dr. Abdul Hamid answered members’ questions on weight loss and suggested easy-to-follow ways of losing weight. The session concluded with Du‘ā led by Fida Malik.

After the prize distribution and lunch Žuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers were offered in congregation.
The combined local Ijtima‘ of the Headquarters area Majalis (Baltimore, Laurel, Potomac, and Silver Spring) was held at Baitur Rahnān Mosque in Silver Spring, MD on Sunday, April 17, 2011. 63 Ansār from these four Majālis attended the Ijtima‘. Khaled Ahmad Ata, Nā‘ib Ṣadr Awwal, also attended the Ijtima‘.

In his opening address, Khaled Ahmad Ata, elaborated the basic objectives of establishment of Majlis Ansārullāh with references from the speeches of Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd (may Allah be pleased with him). He brought to attention the main responsibilities of all Ansār in regards to their roles as models for the younger generation. He also exhorted Ansār to excel in both material and spiritual sacrifices.

Various educational competitions were held including the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān, Ḥadīth Commentary, Poem Recitation, and Impromptu Speech. Sports competitions including Basketball Shooting, Table Tennis, and 100-meter Walk, were held.

A Waqār-i-‘Aml was also performed in which all Ansār attending the Ijtima‘ participated. During the Waqār-i-‘Aml, trash was collected from the mosque premises.

In the concluding session, prizes in the form of certificates were distributed. Ijtima‘ ended with the concluding address by Imām Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi.

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Anṣār at Local Ijtimā‘ of North Jersey Majlis held at Bait-ul-Wahid Mosque, Clifton, NJ on April 22, 2011

Members at local Ijtimā‘ of Philadelphia Majlis held at Nasir Mosque in Philadelphia on April 17, 2011
The 14th local Ijtima‘ of Dallas Majlis was held at Bait-ul-Ikram Mosque, Dallas, TX on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Preparation for the Ijtima‘ started almost a month prior to the Ijtima‘. All Anşâr were notified in advance via email and phone calls. An Āmilah meeting was held to finalize the Ijtima‘ program.

The Ijtima‘ started at 10:00 AM with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān and Du‘ā followed by a Table Tennis tournament. Around 25 members participated in this tournament that was played on a knock out basis. Anwar Rafique won this competition.

The opening session of the Ijtima‘ started at 11:15 AM with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān followed by Anşâr pledge. Suhail Kausar, Za‘im Majlis, welcomed the attendees. He also read out a portion of the speech delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalîfatul Masîh Al-Khâmis (may Allâh be his support) at the national Ijtima‘ of Majlis Anşârullah, UK as well as a letter he had received from Ḥuḍūr (may Allâh be his support). He also encouraged Anşâr to participate in the competitions.

Next, the educational competitions were held. The first competition held was the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān (Sūrah Al-Kahf [Ch. 18, Verses 111]). Large number of Anşâr participated in this competition. Abdul Waheed Khalid received the first position in this competition. Mubashir Ahmad received the first position in the Hadîth Commentary competition (Hadîth # 27 from Forty Gems of Beauty) with 3-minute time limit was held. Mubashir Ahmad received the first position in this competition. This was followed by Impromptu Speech competition. Each participant was given three minutes to prepare using references from the Holy Qur‘ān, Hadîth, the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), and other books. Mubashir Ahmad received the first position in this competition.

For the next competition of Religious & General Knowledge, Anşâr were divided into five groups with six Anşâr in each group. Questions were prepared in advance and were shown to all on a projector screen.
Teams were to write the answers on the index cards provided to them. 15 Questions were asked in the first round. Further questions were asked from the top three teams to decide the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions. The team consisting of Chaudhry Abdur Rehman, Hameed Malik, Naseer Tahir, Arshad Omer, Mubashir Ahmad, and Mahfooz Sheikh won this competition.

Ẓuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers were offered at 2:00 PM followed by lunch. During the lunch break, health screening was provided by Dr. Mohammad Antwi, Muntaẓīm Dhahānat wa Șihat Jismānī. Weight, blood pressure, blood glucose, and BMI were checked during the screening.

Afterwards, sports competitions were resumed that included Horseshoe, Basketball Hoops, Brisk Walk (for Anṣār 55 & above) and Running (for Anṣār under 55). Chaudhry Abdur Rehman won the first position in Horseshoe and Brisk Walk competitions. Aftab Ahmad Munir won the Running competition. Basketball competition was won by Waseem Ahmad Nadeem.

Next, Son-to-Father workshop was conducted that was moderated by Zaʾīm Ṣāhib. He presented the survey results that were provided by Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA. An interactive discussion ensued on various issues. Anṣār very actively participated in the discussion and expressed their views and proposed various actions on how the issues can be handled and relationships can be improved. The workshop lasted for over an hour and Anṣār expressed the desire to have more such workshops during the year as opposed to having just one at the Ijtīmā’.

At the start of the final session of the Ijtīmā’, prizes were given to the winners of the various competitions. Akram Chaudhry, Șadr of Dallas Jamā’at, distributed the prizes. This year certificates were given to all winners. Zaʾīm Ṣāhib thanked all participants for attending the Ijtīmā’. Akram Chaudhry, in his remarks, talked about the Father-to-Son workshop. He also congratulated Dallas Majlis to once again winning the ‘Alam-i-Ināmī for the year 2010. The Ijtīmā’ concluded with silent prayer. Afterwards, a group photo was taken with all the participants of the Ijtīmā’.

The Ijtīmā’ was very successful in every respect. All the programs started on time; punctuality was on of the top priorities during the Ijtīmā’. 44 Anṣār, 8 Aṭfāl, and 2 Khuddām attended the Ijtīmā’. Participation in the education as well as sports competitions was great. 30 Anṣār participated in individual educational competitions; 36 Anṣār participated in Religious & General knowledge competition; and about 40 Anṣār participated in the Observation & Recall competition. About 60% Anṣār participated in sports activities.
Anṣār at local ʿIjtimāʿ of Central Virginia Majlis held on May 22, 2011

Members with Farooq Azam Malik, Regional Nāẓīm of Central East region, during his visit to LeHigh Valley Majlis on May 29, 2011

Members at combined local ʿIjtimāʿ of Boston and Fitchburg Majālīs held on April 17, 2011
Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis at Anṣār general meeting held on March 6, 2011

Āmilah members of L.A. East Majlis for 2011
Ämilah members of Willingboro Majlis for 2011

A group photo of Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis

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Members of Dallas Majlis, having received ‘Alam-i-In’āmī, with Amīr Jamā’at USA and Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh at the U.S. Jalsa Sālāna 2011

Anşār of Willingboro Majlis serving at a cookout held on July 24, 2011 at Al-Nasr Mosque, Willingboro, NJ
Jalaluddin Latif, Za‘īm of Central Jersey Majlis, and members of Bay Point Majlis at a Tablīgh Stall during his Waqf-i-Ārḍī.

Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis after completing their I‘tikāf at Al-Naṣr Mosque

Amīr Ṣāhib with a news reporter from Burlington County Times at Al-Naṣr Mosque.
Members of Columbus Jamāʿat with the Mayor of Columbus, Michael B. Coleman, after a meeting with the mayor

Members of Research Triangle Jamāʿat with Congressman David Price after a meeting with the Congressman in his office in Raleigh, NC
Members meeting with various government officials for an Interfaith event held in Houston, TX
Anṣār of Dallas Majlis with Mayor Eric Hogue during their visit to the City of Wylie, TX extending him an invitation to visit their mosque on 9/11 as part of the Muslims for Life campaign

Anṣār of Dallas Majlis with Mayor Opie Walter during their visit to the Town of St. Paul, TX extending him an invitation to visit their mosque on 9/11 as part of the Muslims for Life campaign

Congressman Charlie Dent with members in Lehigh Valley at their Muslims for Life Campaign event

Seattle Majlis received the Special Achievement Award in Finance department for the first time.

**Synopsis of Religious Preaching: Christianity and İslām**

Maulānā A. U. Kaleem


İslām: Ethics and Observances, Natural Death of Jesus. The Truthfulness of the Promised Messiah and Mahdī. Is There a Substitute for Religion?

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Prayer in Congregation

Abu Hurairah has related that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: “Prayer in congregation is more than twenty-five times greater in merit than Prayer at home or in the shop, etc. Therefore, when a person makes his ablutions carefully and proceeds to the mosque with the sole purpose of joining in the service, his station rises in grade at every step and one of his sins is wiped out. From the moment he enters the mosque he is accounted as a participant in the service while waiting for the service to begin, and, so long as he causes no inconvenience to anyone and his state of purity is maintained, the angels continue to pray for him: Allāh, have mercy upon him; Allāh, forgive him; Allāh, turn to him with compassion.” (Bukhārī and Muslim)
Members at Anṣār general meeting of Willingboro Majlis held on September 25, 2011

Members at a picnic held in Dallas, TX on October 30, 2011
A group photo of Anšār of Chicago East Majlis

‘Āmilah members of Majlis Anšārullāh, Dallas
Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis at Tahajjud Prayer held on March 26, 2011 as part of Moral Training Week

U.S. Anṣār with local members at Guatemala Annual Jalsa held on December 2, 2011
Small Town Visits
*M. Dawood Munir, Cypress-Houston*

Anṣār of Cypress-Houston Majlis, along with Imām Zafarullah Hanjra, visited three small towns, as advised by Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support). These visits were made in the span of two months—December 2010 and January 2011. They met with Mayor Don Elder Jr. of Katy, Texas; Mayor Jason Bienski of Bryan, Texas; and Mayor Nancy Berry of College Station, Texas. The mayors of the three towns were told about the Jamāʿat and were given an introduction about Islām and Aḥmadiyyat.

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Forty Gems of Beauty

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (may Allāh be pleased with him)
A collection of forty traditions of the Holy prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him), with introduction to the knowledge of Ḥadīth.
Published by Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
Soft cover, 182 pages. $2
Guidelines for Group Photos
Syed Sajid Ahmad

It has been noticed that in some of the group photos taken at the local and regional Ijtimā‘at the chief guest is not in the middle. The following protocol should be followed when taking group photos.

For local Ijtimā‘: Front row should have odd number of chairs—5, 7, 9, 11 etc. (if no chairs are being used then odd number of standing people). Nāẓim (if attending) otherwise Za‘īm should be seated/standing in the middle; local President, if present, on the right, then right to the local President should be Nā‘ib Za‘īm Ṣaf Dom; Nā‘ib Za‘īm Ṣaf Awwal on the left to the Za‘īm, then Muntazim ‘Umūmi. After that other ‘Āmilah members or elders can be seated.

For regional Ijtimā‘: Front row should have odd number of chairs—5, 7, 9, 11 etc. (if no chairs are being used then odd number of standing people). Representative of National ‘Āmilah should be seated/standing in the middle; regional Nāẓim on the right, host Majlis’ Za‘īm on the left. Zu'amā of other Majālis should then be on either side to fill the chairs and then elders.

If a missionary is present, he should be seated right to the person sitting in the center (Za‘īm, regional Nāẓim, or National Representative).

The protocol should also be followed for group photos taken at Majlis’ other programs—such as general meetings.

Sultānul-Qalam Awards

Department of Publication offers the following awards for promoting and defending Islām in print and online media. Awards are for the members of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA in good standing. The material must be published outside the Jamā‘at.

1. Up to $500 for a book publication by an independent renowned non-Aḥmadī publisher. To seek the award, the writer will send one copy of the publication to the Ṣadr and one to Qā‘id Publication. The award will depend upon the content and quality of the publication.

2. Top three writers will be awarded $300, $200, and $100 awards for publishing in newspapers and periodicals. The circulation of the newspapers and periodicals will be a factor in the determination of the awards. To enter the competition, please send the original publications to Qā‘id Publication or submit their scans (150 dpi minimum) at http://ansarusa.org/content/submission-msq-award.

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Guidelines provided for Group photos must be followed at Majlis’ events. Any photo submitted which does not conform to these guidelines will not be published in Anṣār publications.
Distinction of a Nāṣir

Waseem Ahmad, Qā’id Tarbiyat Nau Mubā’ī‘īn, participated in the 2011 U.S. Open Karate Tournament held in Las Vegas on April 23, 2011. Participants from 57 countries competed in the tournament. He won the first position and received a Gold Medal in the beginners category for the age group of 45 to 54 years.

Waseem Ahmad also participated in the 2011 USA National Karate Championship held on July 14-17, 2011 in Arlington, TX. He won the second position and received a Silver Medal in the beginners category for the age group of 45 years and over. Bārakallāhu Lakum.

This is an excellent example for Anṣār to follow. Anṣār are encouraged to engage in sports activities that help towards achieving and maintaining physical fitness.

Journalism Award for a Nāṣir

Aḥmadiyya Times and its Founder and Managing Editor, Imran Jattala, was honored with one first-place award and two finalist nominations at the Los Angeles Press Club’s 53rd annual awards gala on June 26, 2011. The Southern California Journalism Awards are handed out to the Los Angeles area’s journalists to recognize the excellence of their work in established as well as new and emerging media. Aḥmadiyya Times and its editor Imran Jattala received the first-place award in ‘News Tweet’ category for the coverage of May 28, 2010 terrorist attacks on Aḥmadiyya Mosques in Lahore, Pakistan. Imran Jattala is Za‘īm of LA - Inland Majlis.
An Active Nāṣir

Dr. Muhammad Sabir of Milwaukee Majlis is an example of a very active Nāṣir who is keenly involved in Tabligh activities as well as service to his community. Among other Tabligh activities, Dr. Sabir has been contributing to a TV program “Islām Live” for the past twenty years. The program is broadcast live on a Milwaukee public TV channel. He loves to attend Majlis’ Ijtima’āt and has performed security duties during the visits of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him).

Dr. Sabir holds a PhD in education and has worked with students in the Milwaukee Public School System for thirty years. He is well known in the Milwaukee community for helping youth build discipline, self-confidence, and physical fitness for the past forty-two years. He owns and runs Sabir’s Karate and Fitness Center in Milwaukee where he teaches martial arts and discipline to the community’s youth.

An Honor for a Nāṣir

Nasim Ahmad, Za’īm of Minnesota Majlis, is nominated as the community representative in a panel of Brooklyn Park Police Department, Minnesota. The panel is to interview eight police officers for their promotion to the next rank of Sergeant. This is indeed a recognition and trust in Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community in Brooklyn Park that a member of the local Jamā’at has been selected to be part of this panel.

In the past, Nasim Ahmad’s work in the community has helped significantly for rezoning of the Aḥmadiyya Mission House in the area. Members are requested to remember Nasim Ahmad in their prayers for his service to the Jamā’at and his community. May Allāh enable him to continue to serve the Jamā’at and his community with the same zeal. Āmīn.
President’s Volunteer Service Award for a Nāşir

A President’s Volunteer Service Award was awarded to Late Mahmood Khan of Houston North Majlis in recognition of his excellent volunteer services to his community. The award was received a few months after his demise. Mahmood Khan passed away on September 24, 2010 at the age of 44, łąnă ńillahi wa ńnă ńlaihi rājiʻūn. He was a Mūṣī. He is survived by his wife and a two-year old son.

Mahmood Khan was a pilot and Senior QA Specialist by profession and worked for Continental Airlines. He served the Jamā‘at and humanity with a great zeal. He flew cancer patients every year just to give them a chance to have fun.

Anṣār are requested to remember Mahmood Khan and his family in their prayers.
Congratulations on receiving the President’s Volunteer Service Award, and thank you for helping to address the most pressing needs in your community and our country.

In my Inaugural Address, I stated that we need a new era of responsibility—a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our Nation, and the world. These are duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit than giving our all to a difficult task. Your volunteer service demonstrates the kind of commitment to your community that moves America a step closer to its great promise.

Our Nation faces the most challenging economic crisis in a lifetime. We will only renew America if we all work together. Individuals, the private sector, and government must combine efforts to make real and lasting change so that each person has the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential.

While government can open more opportunities for us to serve our communities, it is up to each of us to seize those opportunities. Thank you for your devotion to service and for doing all you can to shape a better tomorrow for our great Nation.
Success of a Nāṣir

Ahmad Masood, Za‘īm of Las Vegas Majlis, has recently completed his studies to become a Homeopathic Practitioner at Resonance School of Homeopathy in Reno, Nevada and expects to obtain a license for Advanced Practitioner of Homeopathy later this year. He received the Anṣār Tahir Scholarship from Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA that helped him towards the cost of the program.

Anṣār Tahir Scholarship is offered by Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for vocational training of Anṣār to improve their employability. For information about Anṣār Tahir Scholarship, please contact Munawar Saqib, Qā’id Finance, at qaid.mal@ansarusa.org, 856-495-6421, or 64 Oakhurst Lane, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-3158.

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My Spiritual Journey to Jalsa Sālāna UK
Abdul Shahid Mumin (New Convert), Dallas

My spiritual journey to Jalsa Sālāna UK was the most awakening event in my life (all grace be to Allāh). First, the living quarters were clean and outstanding. The food was excellent and the Brothers worked round the clock to see that everybody was taken care of. The speeches by the Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) were heartwarming and enlightening. Meeting brothers (Ahmadīs) from all over the world and hearing spiritual testimony was truly enlightening.

I was blessed to meet Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul MasĪḥ V (may Allāh be his support) twice. The first time in his office; I asked for prayers for my family and Jamā’at all over the world. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) talked to me about my conversion (in 2009). I was presented a ring and a Holy embrace. I took Bai’at on Sunday, July 24th at the Initiation Ceremony at 1:00 PM.

In three days there were prayers and short speeches by distinguished guests. There was a Tabshīr Dinner given on Saturday July 23rd between 8-10 PM for the 39 guests staying in the Guildford Guest House. There was a guided tour in London to several sites. What heartfelt experience I left London with can never be put in words.

The two Masājid—Fazl Masjid in London was the first Masjid built by the Aḥmadiyya Community in England; Bait-ul-Futūḥ in Morden, by the Grace of Allāh, was completed through voluntary donations of individual members of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community. By the Grace of Allāh I was blessed to pray in both Masajid.

In my conclusion I would like to thank Allāh and the believers that made this event possible.

The summary of Friday sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul MasĪḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support) is distributed to Anṣār through Zu’amā every Friday. Anṣār who are unable to listen to Ḥuḍūr’s (may Allāh be his support) Friday sermon are urged to read these summaries on a regular basis. If you are not getting these summaries, please request your Za‘īm to provide these to you. To receive these summaries and other communication directly from Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA submit your email address at http://www.ansarusa.org/dada.
An Exemplary Majlis
*Rafi Malik*

Many of us know that Dallas Majlis has been receiving ‘Alam-i-In’āmī for many years. One might wonder as to the secret of this continued success. One might think that effective leadership and hard work are the keys to achieving and maintaining this outstanding performance. Although these are essential ingredients to this level of success, the real secret lies in the dedication and devotion of the members that constitute the Majlis who support and vigorously participate in the programs that their leader puts forth in line with the national guidelines. This enthusiasm and devotion are the key characteristics that catapult a Majlis to this degree of success that Dallas Majlis has achieved. Through consistent efforts in each department Dallas Majlis has demonstrated to be the epitome of service to the Majlis.

In the Jamā’at of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) there is untapped potential galore; the need is to harness it to achieve the level of success we see in Dallas Majlis. May Allāh enable this Majlis to continue to thrive and may He enable all of us to always follow the good examples and try to excel one another in good works. Āmīn.

This year, in addition to receiving—once again—the ‘Alam-i-In’āmī, the following four awards were received by Anṣār of Dallas Majlis. The awards were announced at the 2011 National Ijtimā’ of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and were subsequently handed to the members by Imām Zafarullah Hanjira on November 20, 2011 at a local meeting of the Majlis.

1. Mubarik Ahmad Malik: Lifetime Service Award
2. Aftab Lubis: Service to Local Majlis Award
3. Munawar Piracha: Service Award Finance
4. Suhail Kausar: First Position in Essay Writing
Malik Mubarak Ahmad of Dallas Majlis was awarded the Lifetime Service Award at 2011 National İjtima‘ of Majlis Anşärullâh, USA. He was born on December 25, 1930. His grandfather, Ḥaḍrat Maulawî Allâh Ditta of Nat Batâla, was among the first 313 companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). His services to the Jamā‘at started as early in his age as 13 when he served as Za‘īm Ḥalqa in Bāghbān Purah, Lahore. On the call of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masiḥ II (may Allâh be pleased with him), he joined Khuddām Force to go to Qâdiān during partition of Subcontinent to protect and bring the convoy of women, children, and old people safely to Pakistan. He was also part of the battalion of Aḥmādī volunteers sent by Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masiḥ II (may Allâh be pleased with him) to aid Pakistan army in Kashmir in 1948.

He served the Karachi Jamā‘at for a long time in various capacities starting from Za‘īm Ḥalqa Khuddāmul-Aḥmādiyya (Ram Swâmi), Na‘ib Qâ‘id and then Qâ‘id Khuddāmul-Aḥmādiyya Karachi. During his tenure, the Majlis was awarded ‘Alam-i-In‘āmî. He served as Secretary Waqf-e-Jadîd Karachi from 1962-1994 under Imârât of Chaudhry Abdullah Khan, Sheikh Rehmatullah, Chaudhry Ahmad Mukhtar, and Nawab Maudood Khan. After emigrating to U.S., he served the Dallas Jamā‘at as Finance Secretary for 10 years and as Secretary Ta‘limul Qur‘ān for 3 years.

He brought up his children in a pure and spiritual environments. One of his sons, Munawar Malik, is serving as Vice President of Dallas Jamā‘at and Qa‘id Tajnîd of Majlis Anşärullâh, USA and the other son Mansur Maudood Khan has been serving as Secretary Tablîgh for a number of years.

His passion and love for Islâm and Khilâfat-i-Aḥmādiyya is outstanding and worth emulating. Despite his old age, he is always looking for opportunities to serve the Jamā‘at enthusiastically. He loves to love all the members of the Jamā‘at and believes that every Aḥmâdî must have experienced some kind of inspiring sign and miracle in his life.

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Departed Souls

A listing of U.S. Anṣār who departed this temporary abode in 2011 on their journey towards eternal bliss in the next life is given below. May their souls rest in peace. Āmīn. The information given for deceased individuals is provided by the family, friends, or local administration. Information about some individuals could not be obtained but will be included in the next issues if and when made available. Readers are encouraged to write about the deceased to preserve history and their good example for the next generations to follow. The information can be provided at http://ansarusa.org/content/information-about-deceased-members.

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Information about Deceased Members

Information about members who pass away is published in the newsletter with request for prayers for the departed souls and their families. Members are requested to provide information about deceased members at http://ansarusa.org/content/information-about-deceased-members.
Chaudhry Muhammad Din Wainse
Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Syracuse, NY

Chaudhry Muhammad Din Wainse of Syracuse Majlis passed away on June 30, 2011, Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji’un. He was almost 92 year old. He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in his teen age; he was the second person in his family to accept Aḥmadiyyat at the time. He had the privilege to personally know most of the companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He was fortunate to have worked with Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Naṣīr Aḥmad, Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy upon him), in Qādiān. He was a man of many qualities; he was honest, truthful, candid, and a caring family man. He was a Mūṣī and always remained regular in paying Chanda in spite of financial hardships at times.

By the grace of Allāh he was a recipient of many true dreams. He was a source of prayers for all who knew him. He was buried in Qit’ah Mūṣiyan in Aḥmadiyya graveyard in Syracuse, NY. May Almighty Allāh Grant him elevated status in paradise. Āmin.

He is survived by his wife, Razia Begum Wainse; three sons: Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Nāẓim Northeast region; Muhammad Javed Iqbal of Calgary, Canada, Retired S.E. Civil Engineer WAPDA; Dr. Muhammad Khalid Iqbal of Toronto, Canada who has served at Khalid Hospital in Rabwah; and two daughters: Bushra Aslam, wife of Perwaiz Aslam Chaudary of Silver Spring, Maryland and Shagufta Naseem, wife of Naseem Ahmad Chaudary of Calgary, Canada.
Mohammed Hameedullah
Zafar Basith and Basharat A. Hameedullah

Mohammed Hameedullah of Chicago West passed away on March 3, 2011 at the age of 70, *Innā lillāhi wa inna ilaihi rājiʿūn*. He was born on January 31, 1941 and was the oldest son of Mr. Mohammed Abdullah of Hyderabad Deccan (AKA Abdullah B.Sc.) He left behind four daughters and one son; two of his daughters are Wāqifāt-i-Nau and both are very young—one still an infant.

He had a very high regard for Darvēshān-i-Qādiān and spent considerable time in Qādiān. His first marriage was to the daughter of Darvēsh Marhoom Choudhry Faiz Ahmed Gujrati. He had two daughters and one son from his first marriage. He later remarried and had two more daughters, whom he leaves behind with his widow. By the Grace of Almighty Allah he donated money to widows and orphans; during his last days he gave with fervor.

He was an ardent follower of Khilāfat and a zealous Dāʿī. He served as Secretary Tablīgh of Chicago Jamāʿat (when Chicago was one Jamāʿat) and by the Grace and Mercy of Allāh converted a great many to Ahmadiyyat. He was among a few members who daringly distributed the Jamāʿat’s literature when the Pope visited Bombay in 1964. He was never timid nor bashful when it came to Tablīgh and was very passionate and thirsty for preaching Ahmadiyyat. Even though he had a Bachelor’s in Chemistry, he did not pursue it further. Instead, he drove a taxi and used that opportunity to come into contact with people to preach and pass on the message of Islām and Ahmadiyyat to all of his passengers and did it very effectively.

As a brother he was very compassionate and helped his whole family in some way or another. His brothers and sisters loved his compassion and his caring attitude.

He was a devoted father who invested everything he could in order to ensure success and happiness for his children—from giving expansive advice on all topics to stressing the value of education and continued learning. He taught his children to think, apply prudent judgment, heed to sound advice of others, provide counsel to others as best as possible, and most of all to continue to seek to better themselves throughout life. He instilled in them a desire to be an active and informed citizen of Chicago and the United States of America and to contribute to society to the full extent of their abilities.

He stressed the importance of being a valuable member of the Jamāʿat. He set a personal example by his active involvement in Chicago Jamāʿat including—though not limited to—his time as Secretary Tablīgh. He encouraged that all visitors and converts were included in social activities and conversations and no one was ignored based on race, ethnicity, or simply unfamiliarity. His thirty years as a part of the Chicago Jamāʿat have left pleasant memories among
scores of people. He is remembered fondly by those who are still here as well as those who have moved on to other locales. The calls and emails form all of the many people who have shared their memories with his family are testament to this and are much appreciated.

In 2002 he lost his eyesight due to diabetes and since then became passive and converted all his attention to prayers and supplication. May Allāh raise his status in paradise and may Allāh provide immensely to his progeny. Āmīn.

Precautionary Measures in Light of Financial Crisis

Discussing the probable worsening of the global financial crisis, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support), in his Friday sermon of November 4, 2011, said, “There is no telling where the financial crisis will lead and how intense it will get. While there is no need to panic, Ahmadīs should definitely stock dry food supply at home at all times as a precautionary measure.”

Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) also explained, “Underdeveloped countries are used to such situations and people make some provision or the other but here [in the West] people do not know what such a crisis entails. The last crisis they faced was in WWII and their new generation has no idea of what can come to pass.”

Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) advised, “While taking the precautionary step of stocking some food supply, we should also pray that may Allāh enable the world to recognize their Creator and is saved from chastisement.”

Members are urged to heed the advise of Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) and take the suggested precautionary measures and pray to Almighty Allāh for His Mercy.

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