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

Dear members of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA:

In 2004, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA initiated publication of a special issue of Al-Naḥl entitled “The Year in Review;” As the title indicates, this special edition documents and highlights noteworthy activities of the Majlis and presents them in a manner which is enjoyable to read and view and which, it is hoped, will attract and inspire all Anṣār members to participate in greater service to their faith, Inshā’Allāh.

The issue serves not only as a token of our sincere gratitude to Almighty Allāh for His constant help in all our endeavors, but as a testament to the level of dedication and sacrifice of countless Anṣār members. We are fortunate that today’s technology allows us to capture memorable moments instantly, both visually and descriptively, and that we are enabled to share them with all members.

“No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he has arrived at this present place.” (Dr. Maya Angelou—poet, educator, civil rights activist) If we look back at our year in a positive light, it allows us to focus on the blessings in what has been achieved, the obstacles that have been overcome, and the lessons that have been taught and learned. From another angle, this will also enable us to recognize what is missing, what we can give more time to, what goals we can set to mold the future with greater expectation of service, and gaining nearness to Allāh, Inshā’Allāh.

The year 2012 was also a momentous one for Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA as Majlis-i-ʿĀmilāh had the opportunity to have a meeting with Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Maṣiḥ V (may Allāh be his support) during his visit to the U.S. Instructions given by Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) during this meeting enabled Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA to streamline efforts and work with renewed focus on training and education of Anṣār to become real role models for their families, as well as for the community.

Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad Qādiānī (may peace be on him), the Messiah and Mahdī of this age, says: “Blessed is he who adopts righteousness on the occasion of success and delight (Malfūzāt, 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.” (Malfūzāt, Vol. 1, Page 49). May Almighty Allāh enable us to become truly thankful and sincerely adopt the ways that lead to righteousness, Āmīn.

There are numerous dedicated Anṣār members who have contributed to the writing, photographing, typesetting, editing, proofreading, photographing, publishing, and distribution of this issue. May Almighty Allāh reward them all abundantly; may He always forgive our shortcomings and accept our humble efforts, Āmīn.

Humbly,

Wajeeh Bajwa
Şadr
Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
March 2013

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.

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Anṣār Leadership Conference 2012

Held at Baitus Samee Mosque, Houston, TX
Maqbool A. Tahir, Qā’id Umūmī

The 2012 Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC) was held on January 21-22 at Baitus-Samee Mosque in Houston, Texas. The ALC is an annual gathering of Zu'amā, Nāẓīmīn, and National ‘Amilāh of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA to review Majlis’ performance and plans, with specific targets to be achieved during the year. The forum is used to engage in intellectual discussions on ways to become more efficient and productive.

More than 90 delegates from 63 Majālis attended this event. Volunteers from Houston North, Houston South, and Cypress-Houston Majālis worked hard to make this event successful. Although many members of local Majālis offered their homes for overnight stay, most of the guests stayed at the Mosque. By the grace of Allāh, everything was smoothly executed.

The program started on Saturday morning with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān by Naseem Mahmood Bajwa of Lehigh Valley Majlis followed by a poem recitation by Perwaiz Aslam Chaudehry of Silver Spring Majlis. After the Anṣār pledge, Šadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, addressed the delegates and briefly highlighted the purpose of the conference. Šadr Majlis then discussed the program of the ALC. The first session concluded with silent prayer led by Šadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.

Šadr's Opening Address

In his very brief opening address, Šadr Majlis welcomed the delegates and highlighted the ALC program and objectives. He also shared the challenges and opportunities facing Majlis Anṣārullāh for the upcoming year. He emphasized that the purpose of the ALC is to provide a forum in which we can discuss and understand the challenges which may arise and to find ways to implement instructions given by Khalifatul Maṣīḥ (may Allāh be his support). He also emphasized that as Anṣār we need to inculcate the love of Allāh, have the desire to preach Islam, serve mankind, get involved in the moral training of our children, and create the spirit of protecting the institution of Khilāfat.

He shared the following key goals to be achieved by Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA during the year 2012:

- Increase attendance in meetings by at least 10% where members’ attendance in meetings is below 30%.
- 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 250,000 “Muslims for Peace” flyers.
- Achieve 35% participation of Anṣār in educational tests.
- Initiate and sustain at least one social service activity in each Majlis; two activities in large Majālis.
- Streamline financial processes and track the individual Anṣār budget and Chanda payments.
- Train all Majālis to maintain accurate book keeping.
- Increase number of Majālis holding Ta'limul Qur’ān classes to 70%.
- Contact all Nau Mubā’īn (New Converts) at least six times during the year.
- Increase participation in Tahrik-i-Jadid by 10% and Waqf-i-Jadid by 5% respectively, compared to last year.
- Make phone calls to 5 to 6 Zu'amā each month to ask them to update their Tajnīḍ.
- Publish all issues of Al-Nahl for 2012 in the same calendar year.
- Have at least 30% of Anṣār exercise regularly (at least 3 times a week).
- Visit to each Majlis in the region by respective Nāẓīmīn.

After sharing the goals with Zu'amā, Šadr Majlis continued to emphasize the original purpose of the creation of Majlis Anṣārullāh as an auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at. He explained that Majlis Anṣārullāh has been created to compliment the work of the Jamā'at and not for creating dissent. He mentioned that Majlis Anṣārullāh, as an auxiliary, is an independent entity but should work in co-operation with other auxiliaries and with the Jamā'at as a whole at all levels—local, regional and national. He also clarified the process of taking the online Ta'lim exam and encouraged everyone to take the exam online.

After the opening address, Šadr Majlis requested all delegates to
introduce themselves. After the introductions, the regular agenda of the ALC commenced. This consisted of four interactive panel discussions, a presentation on completing online reports, an address by Nā‘ūb ‘Amīr and Missionary in charge, ‘Imām Naseem Mahdi, and the award ceremony combined with the closing session.

Following are the brief highlights of all these events:

Panel Discussion: Understanding Tajnīd, Mal (Finance), and Audit—An Interactive Session

Moderator: Khaled A. Ata
Panel: Qā‘īd Tajnīd, Qā‘īd Māl, Qā‘īd Tāhrīk-i-Jādiḍ, Qā‘īd Waqf-i-Jādiḍ, and Auditor

The session started with a brief introduction of the panelists. This was followed by a short PowerPoint presentation that highlighted some everyday finance-related challenges that had been selected by the panelists to allow more detailed discussions for better understanding of their respective departmental functions. In the initial round, each panelist was asked to briefly present the background and importance of their work and give an outline of their vision/smart goals for the current year.

Qā‘īd Tajnīd explained why up-to-date information of every Nāṣīr must be provided to Majlis Anṣārullāh in the monthly reports. He also explained about various Tajnīd evaluation points during the year, yielding a reward of additional 100 bonus points.

Qā‘īd Tāhrīk-i-Jādiḍ talked about the blessings of the Scheme and his vision to increase participation by at least 10% this year.

Qā‘īd Waqf-i-Jādiḍ underscored the need to reach out to every Nāṣīr for their participation. His smart goal is to increase pledges for Waqf-i-Jādiḍ by 5% this year.

Qā‘īd Māl explained in detail about the process of preparing a budget. He shed light on various income and expense related issues.

The Auditor stressed upon the need to maintain a high standard of accountability, transparency, and clean records in all financial transactions.

Finally, with permission from Sadr Majlis, the moderator, Khalīd Ata, National Secretary Waṣṭayā, made some remarks about Niẓām-i-Waṣṭiyāt and echoed the desire of Ḥāḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (may Allāh be his support) that at least 50% of all earning Ahmadi members should join this Divinely inspired scheme of outstanding financial sacrifice.

The floor was then opened for questions. Zu‘amā‘ were encouraged to ask questions on matters requiring further elaboration. There was an enthusiasm to interact with respective Qā‘īd, and a wide range of issues were discussed. Most of the questions and clarifications pertained to Māl and Audit departments, and were satisfactorily responded to by the respective panelists. There was still interest for more questions when discussion had to be closed in view of time limitations. Members were, however, advised to contact the respective panelists afterwards to seek answers.

In his concluding remarks, the Moderator thanked all panelists for their valuable time and sharing their knowledge and expertise with the audience. The audience was also thanked for their participation and keen interest.

Developing Harmony in Married Life

After Zuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers, the second session started with a speech by ‘Imām Naseem Mahdi who started with the following verses from the Holy Qur’ān:

“Men are guardians over women because Allāh has made some of them excel others, and because they (men) spend of their wealth. So virtuous women are those who are obedient and guard the secrets of their husbands with Allāh’s protection. And as for those on whose part you fear disobedience, admonish them and leave them alone in their beds, and chastise them. Then if they obey you, seek not a way against them. Surely, Allāh is High, Great.” (The Holy Qur’ān, 4 [Al-Nisā’]:35)

This is the verse which normally is considered to be a central commandment of the Holy Qur’ān as far as the husbands’ guardianship over wives in regards to governing the household and its affairs is concerned. ‘Imām Naseem Mahdi said that he would not delve into the detailed dictionary meanings of the word Qawwām, rather, he explained that Qawwām means Guardian, someone who is the manager of the home, the head of the family. He went on to ask the audience to imagine if they were on the receiving end, and have a CEO, a director, or a manager; to think how they would expect to be treated. To think how they would compare a kind, good, flexible manager to the one who is not considerate. So, if Allāh has made us the manager of the household, we should think how to become good managers. He said that many books were available that describe the ways and methods to follow how to become good managers. If such approaches are successful in the secular world and corporate America, then it is a matter of common sense that we should be able to apply at home as well.

‘Imām Naseem Mahdi pointed out that he has seen people change companies/jobs on account of issues with the manager. Allāh does give similar rights to the wives to move and change their household. Harmony can only be created if we avoid using our being Qawwām as our right to absolute power within the realm of our household. How is it possible for us not to learn this lesson about harmony at home?

He went on to remind members that if Allāh has made men the guardian of the family, what kind of model did the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) present to us in this regard. He shared that he had read 60-70 Aḥadith about the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) that morning, on how well he treated his family. He would not shout at home. He would never beat anyone. He never looked down upon anybody in his house. The atmosphere at his home was always very comfortable, open, and frank. There was never any sense of fear or apprehension. Every member of his blessed household felt...
Baitus Samee Mosque, Houston, TX — venue of 2012 Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC)

ALC participants gather for a group photo.

Anṣār of Houston Majlis with Ṣadr Majlis and Imām Naseem Mahdi, Missionary in charge and Nāʿib Amīr
at ease. He would sit down once a day with his wives to talk and share jokes; according to his wives’ accounts, this was their best time of the day.

Once at the occasion of an ʿĪd, Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) had a slave girl at home and she was singing while everyone was enjoying this. During this, Ḥadrat ‘Umar (may Allāh be pleased with him) came to the house and upon hearing the singing showed his displeasure. At this, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said that since it was ʿĪd day and everyone was enjoying, it should not stop.

Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) narrated that sometimes there was very little food at home, but the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) would try to make everyone happy. Once, some people wanted to display martial arts at Masjid-i-Nabwī (the Prophet’s Mosque). The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) asked her Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) if she wanted to see the event. When she indicated her desire to attend, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) took her to the site of the event and asked her to stand behind him and enjoy the event. He then went on to tell her that he was going to stand there with her as long as she wanted to stay.

One time, Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) was playing at home with some of her friends with dolls. When the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) came home, the girls stopped playing and ran away. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) asked Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) why they stopped and ran out. She told him that they did so because he had come home. At this the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said that they did not have to stop playing. He then went outside, found those girls and called them back inside so that they could resume playing. Meanwhile, he himself left the house so that they could play freely.

Another important aspect Imām Naseem Mahdi mentioned was that every day, with all his busy life, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) would do something with his own hands to help his wife at home. We should make a point of following this particular example in our own homes.

Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) was once travelling with the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) and a large army of his followers. The group made a short stop, but during this stop Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) lost her necklace. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) announced that they would not move from that location until the necklace was found. Seeing the delay of a whole army being caused by the loss of a mere necklace of his daughter, Ḥadrat Abu Bakr (may Allāh be pleased with him) was very upset and indicated his displeasure to his daughter. At this, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) smiled and said: “we will not move until we find the necklace.” This is how he played the role of a Qawwām. Whenever a mistake was made by anyone, he would always show forgiveness. Wherever some admonishing was needed, he would do that as well.

Imām Naseem Mahdi explained that some Ahmadi Muslim men are fond of quoting the Ḥadīth that if prostration to someone other than Allāh was permitted, then Allāh would have allowed wives to prostrate in front of their husbands. On the basis of this Ḥadīth, a husband is metaphorically called a Majāzī Khudā (metaphorical God). He explained that these husbands should then aspire to become like God: Rahmān (Compassionate), Rahīm (Merciful), Wadud (Affectionate), and Sabūr (Patient). If husbands cannot inculcate these qualities into their character, they do not have the right to be called Majāzi Khudā.

Imām Naseem Mahdi reminded Anṣār that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) gave us a motto that should always be in front of us: “The best among you is the one who is the best in dealing with their wives.” We should make this the uppermost priority in order to become the best person in the sight of Allāh.

Imām Naseem Mahdi then went on to elucidate further, using the example of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), who revived the beautiful model of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) of treating the wives in the best way. His Sahābah (Companions) would say that: “We are governed by the Queen; not only Queen Victoria but Ḥadrat Ammā Jān (may Allāh be pleased with her) as well.” The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) gave complete authority to Ḥadrat Ammā Jān (may Allāh be pleased with her) in making decisions regarding the household.

Once, it was realized that there was a shortage of space in the house, Ḥadrat Ammā Jān (may Allāh be pleased with her) was consulted and she suggested a solution that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) agreed to. Some Sahābah (Companions) saw some technical issues with this solution and mentioned this to the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) responded by saying that “My wife has given me those children about whom Allāh gave glad tidings. So how can I refuse her suggestion?”

Imām Naseem Mahdi’s speech concluded with a poignant excerpt from the writings of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him): “Throughout my life I raised my voice in front of my wife but only once. After that incident I sought forgiveness of Allāh hundreds of times, and gave Sadaqah (Alms). I felt as if I had disobeyed Allāh in this matter and thus I prayed profusely for forgiveness.”

Imām Naseem Mahdi emphasized that this is indeed the model for us to follow and warned members not to misuse the above-quoted verse of the Holy Qur’ān to oppress their wives. We should not wait until our wives are reformed, rather we should reform ourselves. We should become good ‘Managers’ and those Qawwām who are enlightened by the example of the Holy Prophet (may peace and
National Majlis-i-‘Āmilah meeting—held a day before the ALC— was addressed by Imām Naseem Mahdi, Missionary in charge and Nā’īb Amīr.
blessings of Allah be on him). May Allah bless us all, Amin.

**Panel Discussion: How to Conduct a Monthly Meeting**

Moderator: Imran Hayee  
Panel: Qa'id Ta'lim, Qa'id Ta'limul Qur'an, Qa'id Tarbiyat, Qa'id Dha'hana'at wa Shi'hat-i-Jismani (Intellect and Physical Health)

The primary objective was to present a very clear idea about how to conduct monthly meetings, particularly for the newly elected Zu'amā. In addition, the goal was to emphasize objectives of the monthly meeting, that are:

- Strengthen our knowledge (both secular and religious)
- Enhance our physical, moral, and spiritual status

The program started with a brief introduction of the panelists by Imran Hayee, who also briefed the audience about the format and objective of the discussion. To make it an interactive session, the audience was invited to ask questions to start the discussion. The rationale behind this approach was that most of the Zu'amā had gone through the Anṣār Administrative Handbook and would have good or some understanding of their responsibilities as well as of the process to conduct the monthly meeting. Approximately, 20 participants came forward to ask questions, get clarifications, and offer comments. Most of the questions were related to Ta'lim and Ta'limul Qur'an offices. A sampling of questions/comments are:

- How to know the progress of a Majlis on a monthly basis?
- Ta'lim test process—online test versus the paper test.
- Is it appropriate to conduct Ta'lim test in a group setting during the monthly meeting?
- Telephone Qur'an class to cover monthly syllabus. The Ta'limul Qur'an class via phone should cover the monthly syllabus.
- How to conduct more than one meeting per month?
- How to make the meeting interesting—having a prepared agenda versus discussion.
- The Health talk is very interesting when questions are welcomed and answered.
- All activities including educational improvement on all levels is the essence of Tarbiyat.

The moderator, Imran Hayee, eloquently summed up that all our educational activities including secular, religious, Ta'lim, and Ta'limul Qur'an activities are circumvented by our efforts on Tarbiyat (Training). Qa'id Tarbiyat earnestly requested the Zu'amā to make sure that they should make every effort to do what they say that is walk the talk as actions speak louder than words.

At the conclusion of the session, all four Qa'idin took a minute or less, to reinforce what they desire from the Zu'amā and what is described in their respective departmental Smart Goals. Qa'idin also asked to be contacted for all assistance and guidance in achieving the goals of Majlis Anṣārullāh.

**Demonstration of Online Reporting System**

In this session, Imran Hayee, Qa'id 'Umūmi, gave a brief tutorial on submitting reports online and also explained some common misconceptions regarding how to answer some specific questions in the report. All Zu'amā were requested to file their monthly reports on time (before the 7th of each month).

**Panel Discussion: How to take care of our obligation towards Tabligh**

Moderator: Wajeeh Bajwa, Shād  
Panel: Qa'id Tabligh, Imām Naseem Mahdi

The purpose of this session was to emphasize the importance of Tabligh and to discuss plans and issues related to Tabligh. Qa'id Tabligh explained that we have to reach out to each and every person living in this country and that our task is huge but we can do it step by step under the banner of Khilāfat. He emphasized the need of everyone's involvement in Tablīgh activities, such as organizing interfaith symposia, book stalls, distribution of flyers, and helping the community. He then opened the floor for questions. Many questions were asked that Imām Naseem Mahdi answered in a fitting manner. Some of the questions were as follows:

- Are the Anṣār Plans and the Jamā'at Plans for 2012 going to work together? Imām Naseem Mahdi replied: "I do not think that there will be any problem since we support one another. I am sure that priority will be given to those programs that are assigned by Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (may Allah be his support). Jamā'at and Majlis Anṣārullāh will complement each other."

During the flyer distribution there were flyers with verses from the Holy Qur'an on them that some people would just throw them on the ground after reading. So should we continue to print these on the flyers that are going to be distributed in future campaigns? Imām Naseem Mahdi replied: "This issue was discussed in the core team (Media Team and Tablīgh Team). Initially the thought was that the photo of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) should not be put on the flyers. But my approach is that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) had his picture taken for the sole purpose of Tablīgh. So if we are not using it then we are not fulfilling the purpose for which he permitted his picture to be taken. The London office was also contacted to get advice on this matter. We found out that Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (may Allah be his support) also wanted the photo of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) on the flyer. So we should do our part in doing the Tablīgh. We cannot stop printing the Holy Qur'an because of the fear that some non-believer will treat it without due respect. Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (may Allah be his support) told us do the right thing that needs to be done. The majority of the general public is respectful. For example, when the flyers were being distributed among the Hispanic people in Chicago, there was a long queue. People lined up and waited and..."
Various panel discussions were held at the ALC where Qā'idin and Zu'amā offered their insights into a variety of topics including Ta'līm, Tarbiyat, Tablīgh, and Finance and answered questions from ALC participants.
received these flyers respectfully. So, Allāh will open the door if we do our part correctly.”

At the end, the moderator summed up the discussion and emphasized that the delegates should take this message home and share with rest of the membership. He also thanked Imām Naseem Mahdi and Qā'id Tablīgh for their valuable contribution.

Interfaith Symposium

On Saturday evening, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA held a very successful Interfaith Symposium to discuss ways in which followers of different religions could live together in harmony. The seminar included presentations by panelists from the Jewish, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Sikh, and Muslim religions. After the panel discussion the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions and give comments.

Dr. Sulekh Jain, Chairman of the International School for Jain Studies, explained during his speech that the current time period has seen some major revolutions in science, culture, and religion. As a result it is important to change with the time and think about inter-ethnic and interfaith dialogue.

Dr. Asha Sharma of the Hindu Worship Society pointed out that all religions have the Golden Rule, and all worship a Creator in some form or the other. Therefore we should all be able to live together in this world like brothers and sisters with the same father. Gurmit Singh Bhatia from the Sikh Center of Houston agreed with her. He stated that those who believe that God created everyone should easily be able to exist peacefully with other people.

Rabbi Jonathan Siger of Congregation Jewish Community North and member of the Spring Interfaith Dialogue Council said that although he has seen different faiths co-exist peacefully, he often witnesses people of the same religion fighting with each other because of differences in beliefs. In addition to preaching about tolerance between different religious groups, we should also strive for cordial relationships between the various denominations and sects.

The Christian speaker, Reverend Butch Green of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, explained that Jesus’ teachings of peace and love extended to those who did not agree with him, as well as to those who were considered the outcasts of society. Similarly today we can all try to practice those ideals of peace, tolerance, and respect when interacting with those who have different beliefs.

The keynote speaker, Imām Naseem Mahdi, Missionary in charge and Nā’tib Amir, explained the Islāmic viewpoint of acceptance of all religions, and the denial of monopoly of salvation to any one group. He removed misconceptions that Islām is an intolerant religion by explaining that in fact it promotes freedom of religion and choice. He said that unfortunately many Muslim countries have forgotten these ideals today and that we all need to go back to the basic teachings of our respective religions and try to improve our own behavior towards others.

About 80 guests attended this event and were entertained with dinner at the end of the symposium.

The first day of ALC started with Maghrib and 'Ishā Prayers.

Second Day of the ALC

The second day of the ALC started with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Khalil Ahmad. After the recitation, Qā'id Publication, Qā'id Nau Mubā’ī’īn (New Converts), and Qā'id Social Services were given ten minutes each to explain their departmental plans and goals for the year.

Local leadership also needs to inspire members to observe a suitable schedule of physical and mental activity for an optimum level of health. The panelists also felt the need for prompt response from Qā'idin to various requests from Zu'amā.

After brief introductions and welcome remarks, the panelists were asked to share their views on various questions/situations commonly faced by Zu'amā in local Majālīs. These can be, for example, how to encourage inactive Anṣār to become active, pay their Chanda regularly, or volunteer time for service to the Jamā'at.

Panelists shed light on how to make agenda more interesting by making meetings more interactive. Views on increasing participation in Ta'lim tests and how to infuse confidence in Anṣār to become actively involved in Tablīgh were shared.

In regards to Īthār (Eesaar) (Social Services), the discussion focused on identifying new avenues in addition to Soup Kitchen facilities, etc., to reach out to deserving section of the society.

Motivation plays a vital role both in this and all fields of sacrifice. Āmilah members need to be more proactive as they serve as role models in their respective fields of service. Local leadership also needs to inspire members to observe a suitable schedule of physical and mental activity for an optimum level of health. The panelists also felt the need for prompt response from Qā'idin to various requests from Zu'amā.

After the initial round of discussion with the panelists, the floor was opened to the audience for questions. Zu'amā were particularly encouraged to interact with the panelists for possible solutions to their problems. A number of issues were brought forth by Zu'amā that were satisfactorily responded to by the panelists. With some questions remaining, the discussion had to close due to time constraint. Nevertheless, the audience was encouraged to meet with the panelists afterwards for further interaction. In the end, the moderator thanked all the panelists for sharing their valuable time and acumen. The audience was thanked for its patience and keenness.

Concluding Session

The concluding session started with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān
During the ALC, an Interfaith Symposium was also held that was attended by the followers of Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh faiths.
followed by the annual award ceremony in which the best performing Majālīs were recognized based upon their performance throughout the year in small, medium, and large Majālīs categories. ‘Alām-i-Ināmī was also presented based upon overall performance. The Nāẓīmin were also recognized for their excellent performance and ‘Outstanding Nāẓim’ awards were given to them. The award winning Majālīs are listed below:

‘Alām-i-Ināmī
Dallas Majlis
Za’īm: Suhail Kausar

Large Majālīs
1st Dallas (Za’īm: Suhail Kausar)
2nd Willingboro (Za’īm: Muhammad Aminuddin )
3rd LA East (Za’īm: Rashid Mian Syed)
3rd Philadelphia (Za’īm: Muhammad Zafrullah Khan)

Medium Majālīs
1st Austin (Za’īm: Malik Mohammad Altaf)
2nd North Virginia (Za’īm: Chaudhry Fazal Ahmad)
3rd LA-Inland (Za’īm: Imran Jattala)

Small Majālīs
1st Fitchburg (Za’īm: Muzaffar Chaudhry)
2nd Houston-Cypress (Za’īm: Iftikhar Ahmad Sheikh)
3rd Orlando (Za’īm: Fazalur Rehman Qureshi)

Most Improved Majālīs
Willingboro
Za’īm: Muhammad Aminuddin

Outstanding Nāẓim Award

Region Nāẓim
Gulf States Bashiruddin Shams
Great Lakes Naseem Ahmed
Virginia Basharat Wadan
New York Arshad Janjua
Midwest Abu Bakr Bin Saeed
Northeast Zafar Iqbal
Central West Naseer Siddique

After the awards distribution, Ṣadr Majlis started his closing address by expressing his gratitude to Almighty Allāh to be blessed to serve as Ṣadr for the next two years. In a surprising twist, Ṣadr Majlis then had a 16-question “pop-quiz” distributed to all audience members to see how much information members had retained over the last two days of the ALC (the quiz was not graded!) Ṣadr Majlis then conveyed “Jazākumullāh” on behalf of all attendees to the three Zu’amā/Presidents of the Houston area. He thanked all workers of the three Houston area Majālīs who had worked tirelessly before and during the ALC to make it run smoothly and successfully.

Ṣadr Majlis reminded everyone of the key responsibilities of Zu’amā, especially completing and submitting monthly reports on time. Zu’amā were also reminded that if they have not submitted their own ‘Āmilah list, they should do so when they return home. Ṣadr Majlis highlighted the use of the agenda/plans available in Anṣār Handbook for conducting monthly Anṣār meetings. He concluded by reminding all present of the need to serve the Jamā‘at. He said that the time has come to serve by spreading the message of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), to be in complete obedience to Khilāfat, and to ensure that we recognize that every sermon of Ḥudūr (may Allāh be his support) is directed at each and everyone of us and not—as some members mistakenly believe—at everyone else and not themselves.

Imām Naseem Mahdi, Missionary in charge and Nā‘īb Amīr, concluded the session and the conference by recounting some beautiful Aḥadīth on the importance of doing good works. The main Ḥadīth tells us about pious deeds and their effects:

Three men got trapped in a cave whose opening got blocked so completely that if the rock did not move from its mouth the cave would have become their grave. Recognizing that there was none except Allāh who could save them from the situation, they each decided to narrate one good work they had done purely for the sake and fear of Allāh. As each man gave reference to a righteous deed that they had done only for the sake of Allāh, the boulder moved a little. When the third man had finished his account, the boulder moved sufficiently for them to leave the cave. Imām Naseem Mahdi advised members to think about good deeds that they had done solely for the love and fear of Allāh, and to recall them at times of need, a very timely reminder as contemporary times constitute a world of great uncertainty.

Ṣadr Majlis led members in Anṣār pledge, after which Imām Naseem Mahdi concluded the final session with silent prayer.

At the end of this report, I would like to mention the wonderful job done by all Houston area Anṣār, Khuddām, and Ḩafīz, whose selfless dedication helped make this event a success, Alḥamdu’llillāh. They did a great job on all fronts, including conference venue, arrangements, transportation, accommodation, refreshments, and taking care of needs of all the guests. May Almighty Allāh give them and their families reward for making this ALC a memorable experience for all the attendees, Āmīn.

ALC 2012 Survey Results

A survey was conducted on the last day of the ALC. The results are shown on the next page.
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The 31st National Ijtima’ of Majlis Ansharullah, USA was held at Baiturrahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD from Friday, October 12 to Sunday, October 14, 2012. As is customary, the 20th Majlis-i-Shura of Majlis Ansharullah, USA was also held during this time. By the Grace of Almighty Allah, both the Ijtima’ and the Majlis-i-Shura were very successful, with a combined total attendance of more than 600 Anshar from all over the USA. All the Ijtima’ and Shura sessions were held in the men’s Prayer hall while the meals were served in a marquee erected at the outside grounds of the mosque; the breakfast was served in the Ansharullah Hall. The mosque Prayer areas were used for Prayers and accommodation. The indoor sports activities took place in the Ansharullah Hall as well as 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-Shura were opening and closing sessions; educational and sports competitions; Talqin-i-Amal (exhortation to act) sessions related to Tabligh and Tarbiyat; an interactive workshop on health; and a “Son-to-Father” session with Sadr Majlis Khuddamul-Akhmadiyya, USA. Following are some of the highlights of the various Ijtima’ events:

### Opening Session

The opening session of the Ijtima’ started at 3:30 P.M. with the recitation of the Holy Qur’an followed by the recitation of an Urdu poem. Saddar Majlis Ansharullah, USA, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, then led Anshar in recitation of the Anshar pledge. Saddar Majlis welcomed all Anshar members and set some ground rules for Ijtima’. Saddar Majlis conveyed to Anshar the message from Haqrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his support). He drew the attention of Anshar to the conditions of Bait (initiation) and asked them to focus on one every day and ponder over it and their activities and think of their responsibilities in light of the conditions of Bait. He emphasized timeliness during the course of the Ijtima’. Saddar Majlis then invited Amir Jam’at, USA, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, for the inaugural address.

Addressing Anshar, Amir Jam’at, USA said that every day throws a challenge at you. The Khalifatul Masih (may Allah be his support) asked, “Who is the helper of God?” and all of you responded. We all have to follow the directions of Khalifatul Masih (may Allah be his support) as that is a part of “We are the helpers of Allah.” In these times, we need to pay attention to responding to the incorrect depiction of the Messenger of Allah (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). The situation has created an opportunity as it has opened the doors and windows of the attention of the mankind at large and they are curious. This is the time to bring up the issue and talk about it to our friends and acquaintances. He mentioned the Friday Sermon by Haqrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his support) on the topic and pointed out that by praying for blessings on the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) incessantly, we are telling the world how highly we think of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) that we are always praying for him. We should portray the correct picture of the character of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). During his lifetime, even his enemies praised his character and morals, and did not portray him in a negative way except for that they disagreed with his beliefs.

The Amir Jam’at, USA provided many beautiful examples from the life of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) about his sublime character and how Allah rewarded him. He encouraged Anshar to come forward and convey the true picture of the life and person of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). The opening session of the Ijtima’ was concluded by silent prayers led by the Amir Jam’at, USA.

### Shura Proceedings

Majlis-i-Shura proceedings took place on Friday immediately after the opening session and then continued on Saturday evening. In the Friday session, last year’s approved proposals and implementation reports were presented by Qa’id ‘Umumi, Maqbool Tahir. New proposals that were not selected for discussion and those selected for discussion were presented to the Shura body. Four subcommittees were formed for deliberations on proposals that were accepted for discussion. The subcommittees were Tabligh, Finance, and two General. Saddar 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, and all committees prepared comprehensive reports with recommendations.

The final session of Shura was held on Saturday at 8:00 P.M. The chairman of each of the aforementioned subcommittees presented their reports. The recommendations were deliberated by the Shura body. The recommendations were sent to Haqrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his support) for approval. The final Shura session ended at 10 P.M.

### Educational Competitions

Many educational competitions including recitation of the Holy Qur’an, Darsul-Hadith, Impromptu Speech, general knowledge, and Observation and Recall took place during the Ijtima’. The much anticipated educational competitions started promptly at 9 A.M. The session started with recitation of the Holy Qur’an. The first educational competition was Recitation of the Holy Qur’an [verse 196, Sura ‘Al ‘Imran (Chapter 3)]. Most of the regions were represented, and as
usual the recitation competition had the hallmarks of high quality of recitation, melodious and full of passion. Next came the Darsul-Hadith competition with the competitors reviewing Hadith #35 “The worst feast is the one to which only the wealthy have been invited” from “Forty Gems of Beauty.” This Hadith presented the competitors some challenge to provide additional color and commentary as the explanation of the Hadith comprehensively covers all aspects of this Hadith. Next up was the nerve-wracking Impromptu Speech competition. The competitors were randomly provided one out of the possible eighteen topics. Competitors really had to think on their feet this year to come out ahead. There was great vigor and confidence displayed by the top ranking competitors.

For the Religious and General Knowledge competition, the organizers continued with an innovative Internet-based answering system introduced last year. This year, there was much better setup as the Regional Nāẓīmīn had all been provided an opportunity to link to the Quiz website prior to the Ijtimāʿ. The website is specially designed for multiple teams to receive the questions in a multiple choice format, and in a timed session, provide their responses. As in past years, this was a team competition with four participants from each region. There was a wide range of interesting religious and general knowledge questions.

In addition, awards for Essay Competition, for which essays were submitted prior to the Ijtimāʿ, was given during the prize distribution session. The prize 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, and Hundred Meter Dash were held during the Ijtimāʿ. The weather remained pleasant and sunny on all three days of the Ijtimāʿ 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.

Sports Competitions commenced on Saturday morning at 6:45 A.M. Darts Competition was completed at around 8:15 A.M. While Dr. Mansoor Qureshi of Detroit Majlis was first, Mirza Irshad Ali put a courageous fight and secured an honorable second position for Houston South Majlis.

For Table Tennis, at least 22 members signed up for singles and around 12 for doubles. Due to tough competition and simultaneous events, Table Tennis was extended to be completed on Sunday morning without interrupting the other Ijtima’ activities.

Horse Shoe Toss, Basketball Hoops, and Hundred Meter Dash competitions were held on Saturday evening before Maghrib Prayer. More than 50 members participated in these competitions.

Volleyball competition was also completed on Saturday evening. Headquarters Majlis secured the first position while Virginia came second.

Majlis Anṣārullāh provided all the equipment needed for the sports competitions. All equipment was returned to Nāẓīm Ijtima’, Basit Khan, and Regional Nāẓīm of Virginia Region, Bashart Ahmad Wadan, without any loss and damage. Some members brought their own equipment. The gears were not unsafe in any of the events and there were no notable injuries reported from any of the sports competitions.

A panel of referees was selected from different regions. Poster size rules were displayed on bulletin board and all referees were given printed copies. There were no major disagreements during the sports competitions.

The First Aid desk was available on all three days. Qā’id Dhahānat wa Shihāt-i-Jisnānī (Intellect and Physical Health), Dr. Tanvir Ahmed, had left his contact number at the desk during the hours the desk was closed. Some Free samples of medicines, flu shots, and simple check ups were also offered. The total number of members who received service at the desk was less than 20 by the grace of Allāh. Physicians who offered assistance at the First Aid desk included: Dr. A. Meelu, Dr. Rafi Malik, Dr. Saeed Ahmed, and Dr. Tanvir Ahmed.

Talqīn-ī-‘Amal Session on Tarbiyat

A Tarbiyat Talqīn-ī-‘Amal session was conducted during the morning session on Sunday. The topic discussed was "Zikr-ī-Ilāhī (remembrance of Allāh) and Worship of Allāh." The session was conducted by Imām Shamsad A. Nasir and Qā’id Tarbiyat, Muhammad Owusu. The program was divided into two parts. In the first part, Imām Shamsad A. Nasir explained the salient points of Zikr-ī-Ilāhī and Worship of Allāh. These consisted of:

- Meaning of Zikr-ī-Ilāhī and Worship of Allāh.
- Why Zikr-ī-Ilāhī and Worship of Allāh is important in one’s life.
- The four kinds of Zikr-ī-Ilāhī: Šalāt, Reading of Qur’ān, Understanding the Attributes of Allāh, and the Proclamation of the Attributes of Allāh publicly.
- How to perform Zikr-ī-Ilāhī.

The second part was in the form of Q&A on the subject. Several questions from the audience were entertained. It was on the whole a very interesting and interactive session.

Talqīn-ī-‘Amal Session on Tablīgh

A Tablīgh Talqīn-ī-‘Amal session was held on Sunday morning and was conducted by Qā’id Tablīgh, Syed Sajid Ahmad. Qā’id Tablīgh pointed out that Qur’ān exhorts us to call people to Allāh. The best example for us is the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him). One method he used was to write letters. We see the same tradition followed by the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and his followers and missionaries. The Qā’id gave examples in this respect. Imām Shamsad A. Nasir pointed out that situational
awareness is very important in conveying the message of Islam and provided many examples from his current and past work. He also explained how to approach Tabligh in small towns. He also answered questions from Anṣār. Nā‘īb Ṣadr Ṣaf Dom, Imran Hayee, related how interfaith meetings were started in Minnesota area. Abu Bakr Ladd talked about his tour of small towns and numerous Majlis he visited.

Health Workshop

A presentation “All About Your Health” was given by Qā‘id Dhaḥānat wa Şihat-i-Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health), Dr. Tanvir Ahmed. A panel consisted of Drs. B. K. Ahmed, Amir Malik, and Farooq Padder discussed various health issues and answered questions from the attendees. Various subjects including nutrition, healthy eating, exercise etc. were discussed.

Son-to-Father Session

As in previous years, an inspiring presentation “Son-to-Father” was made by Ṣadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Rizwan Alladin, in the afternoon session on Saturday. Ṣadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya started his talk referring to the verse 113 of Sūrah Hūd (Chapter 11) where Allāh the Almighty says to stand upright on His commandments. Ṣadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya then asked a number of Anṣār to involve in an interactive discussion by asking their direct feedback on a number of questions related to social issues that our Khuddām/Atfal may face in this Western society. The questions were related to celebrating birthdays, issues related to co-education in educational institutions, mingling with opposite sex colleagues/workers, invitation to attend western style parties, and response to homosexual issues surrounding our Ahmadi boys. Anṣār audience participated in this discussion expressing their views as parents. Ṣadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya expressed that these were not easy questions and that elders might face an ambiguity in addressing such situations. Ṣadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya expounded that the only way to answer such situations is to stand “upright” as Allāh has commanded in the Holy Qur’ān. He also emphasized the need to display personal examples by fathers to their sons to help young generation to attain confidence and to guide them to the right path.

At the end of this session, Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārūllāh added that such discussions should also involve both boys and girls as they both are the subject of these discussions. Ṣadr Majlis Ansarullah expressed his thanks to Ṣadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya for his participation in the session.

Pre-Marital Counseling and Martial Harmony Presentation

In the morning session, National Secretary Tarbiyat of the USA Jamā‘at, Nasir Mahmood Malik, gave a talk on the topic of “Pre-Marital Counseling and Martial Harmony.” He started discussing the subject by referring to a term called “Situational Awareness.” He said that living in a western society like the U.S., we all are at risk in terms of cultural and social attacks. He emphasized the need of talking to our Tarbiyat secretaries to seek any help and to raise issues that we may find within our community. He said that the Jamā‘at offers multiple programs which are Shūrā driven and are family focused based on real scenarios and are done interactively to engage our Jamā‘at membership. He said that the Jamā‘at also offers community based programs such as Parenting and Marital Harmony workshops. He cautioned Anṣār audience that there is a disconnect between elders of the Jamā‘at and our children who are growing up in this society and that Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allāh be his support) is very concerned about marital issues in the U.S. Jamā‘at. He stressed the need of talking to our children more often on the issues that we deem as risks to them in this environment. He also pointed out that there are individually focused programs and tools available that our membership should take advantage of. Those programs include Terbiyat Take-Away (based on Huḍūr’s (may Allāh be his support) Friday Sermon), Pre-Marital Counseling, and Conflict Resolution (Mediation). He said that Huḍūr (may Allāh be his support) has made it almost a mandatory requirement in Germany and UK to hold pre-marital counseling sessions for marriagable Ahmadi men and women, and their families. He ended his note with a strong appeal that Jamā‘at members should use tools available from Tarbiyat department and to be proactive in addressing Terbiyat issues concerning our children.

Peace through the Messiah Presentation

Imām Azhar Hanif, Nā‘īb Amīr Jamā‘at USA, gave a lively speech on the topic of “Peace through the Messiah.” He started with stating that there are two ways to transform the world, one through peace and the other through war. Many entities including Muslims have tried the methods of war to obtain peace in vain, many a times. They have been unsuccessful. Instead, they have spread destruction in the world. This is our time to transform the world through peace which is the primary message of Messiah. The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) whom we believe did not want war even the holy war but only peace just like Jesus (may peace be on him)—the Messiah of Moses (may peace be on him)—who never engaged in war with Jews but stayed steadfast on the path of peace until the end of his life.

He further emphasized that philosophy of Jesus (may peace be on him) is exactly what we need at this time. We need to have a clear understanding of our mission then whatever activity of Tabligh we are offered to do will be easy and productive. We need to change this mindset of ours and our children to stay put on this path of peace. If we do not change the mindset of our children, America will change them and we will lose them and that is what happens slowly. So we must make a choice to help ourselves and our children to accomplish the mission of the Promised Messiah (may peace be
We all can do something in this process of spreading peace through Messiah, not only the most educated scholars to carry out the mission. Look at the disciples of Jesus (may peace be on him) and scholars among us. We just need to look into our heart. He finished the completion of noble morals. He started with reciting a long prayer of Ḥadīth that someone asked Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) about the personality of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him). Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) responded that his character is the Holy Qur’ān. He pointed out that the character of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) is so vast like the Holy Qur’ān that it is not possible to capture it in a small amount of time.

Imām Zafar Sarwar quoted the witness of the Holy Qur’ān that, “You surely possess high moral excellencies.” (The Holy Qur’ān, 68 [Al-Qalam]:5) The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) himself once mentioned [Ḥadīth related by Ḥadrat Abu Huraira (may Allāh be pleased with him)] that he has been commissioned for the completion of noble morals. Ḥadrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) also related that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) used to pray that, “Oh Allāh, the way you have made me handsome, make my morals the same way.”

Imām Zafar Sarwar quoted a few instances of the high moral character of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) and then explained that we need to learn from these examples because following his path is the only way we can excel in morals. He quoted another verse of the Holy Qur’ān to sum up, “Verily, you have in the Prophet of Allāh, an excellent model.” (The Holy Qur’ān, 33 [Al-ʿAţzāb]:22)

Concluding Session

The concluding session of the Ijtimāʿ was presided by Amīr Jamāʿat USA. Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar. The session started with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān followed by recitation of an Urdu poem of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). Prizes were distributed among the performing Majālis and Anṣār. Saḍr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, presented the annual report that outlined accomplishments and salient activities of the Majlis through the year and the challenges ahead. He explained the purpose, workings, and the results of various activities. He explained various organizational and reporting systems which the Majlis has established over the years to facilitate the work of the Majlis at local, regional, and national levels. He covered the activities of all the departments and made the audience aware of the important activities being carried out in each one of them. He mentioned the names of Anṣār who passed away during the year. He thanked all the volunteers who made the Ijtimāʿa success.

In his concluding address, Amīr Jamāʿat USA said that Allāh’s grace comes when everyone comes together and works together towards heavenly activities. He again encouraged members to pray for blessings on the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) and spread and relay the pristine stories from the life of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him). He presented some examples from the life of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) about his exceptional morals and pristine conduct. He emphasized to convey to the people of this country that the message of Islām is destined to prevail and nothing can hinder the ultimate victory of the message of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him). The last session concluded with Anṣār pledge led by Saḍr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and silent prayers led by Amīr Jamāʿat USA.

Prizes and Awards

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

Education Exam Awards 2012

Taʿlīm Exam I of 2012 (Region)
1st South West (Nāzīm: Fahim Ahmad)
2nd Headquarters (Nāzīm: Haleem Chaudhry)
3rd Central East (Nāzīm: Naseem Ahmed Waseem)

Essay Writing Competition
1st Maqbool Ahmad (Austin)
2nd Zarar Bajwa (York)
3rd Suhail Kausar (Dallas)

Educational Competitions Awards

Recitation/Memorization of the Holy Qur’ān
1st Abdul Rauf Rafique (South West)
2nd Naeemullah (Central East)
3rd Mahmood A. Bhutta (New York)

Darsul-Ḥadīth
1st Mahmood Ahmad (South East)
2nd Khalil Malik (Central East)
3rd Perwaiz Khan (Great Lakes)

Impromptu Speech
1st Abu Bakr Ladd (Midwest)
2nd Mansoor Qureshi (Great Lakes)
3rd Irfan Alladin (New York)

Observation & Recall
1st Karim Sharif (33 with correct order) (Central Jersey)
2nd Ramzan Jattala (33 without order) (LA East)
3rd Waseem Ahmad (32.5) (Indiana)

3rd Muneeb Ahmad (32.5) (Chicago West)

Religious and General Knowledge
1st Great Lakes (B. K. Ahmad, Mansoor Qureshi, Perwaiz Khan, Khalid Ahmad)

2nd Central West (Musawwir Momen, Mubarak Ahmad, Mubashir Chaudhary, Khadim Shah)

3rd Gulf States (Mubashir Ahmad, Anwar Rafiq, Abdul Latif, Zubair Latif)

Majlis Sultānul Qalam Awards
Publication Award
1st Faheem Younus Quereshi (Baltimore)
2nd Nasir Ahmad (Central Jersey)

Sports Competitions Awards
Darts
1st Mansoor Qureshi (Detroit)
2nd Mirza Irfad Ali (Houston South)
3rd Sharjeel Malik (Detroit)

100 Yards Sprint Competition
Safe Dom
1st Zaman Malik (Houston South)
2nd Amir Mohamed (New York)

100 Yards Sprint Competition
Awwal
1st Imtiyaz Rajayki (Philadelphia)
2nd Siddique Rahim (New York)

Basketball Hoops
1st Siddique Rahim (New York)
2nd Masood Ashraf (Fitchburg)
3rd Muzaffar Chaudhry (Fitchburg)

Horse Shoe Toss
1st Munir Malik (Phoenix)
2nd Muzaffar Chaudhry (Miami)
3rd Muzaffar Chaudhry (Fitchburg)

Table Tennis Singles
1st Iqbal Rana (LA East)
2nd Anwar Rafiq (Dallas)
3rd Rafi Ahmed (Brooklyn, NY)

Table Tennis Doubles
1st Baba Travalley (North Carolina) & Khalid Khan (Brooklyn, NY)
2nd Iqbal Rana (LA East) & Abdul Mateen (LA Inland)
3rd Nasir Bukhari (Detroit) & Naseem Khan (Detroit)

Volleyball
1st Headquarters (Laeeq Khan [Captain], Zarar Bajwa, Jawaid Bhatti, Kaleem Bhatti, Naveed Bhatti)
2nd Virginia (Muhammad Mahmood [Captain], Pir Munawar Ahmad, Tariq Ahmad, Bashir Ahmad, Zamir Mirza, Abdul Hannan)

Recognizing Sports Competitions

Finance Awards

Meritorious Service in Finance
• Muhammad Altaf Malik (Austin)
• Abdul Latif Mahmud (Cypress-Houston)
• Mirza Abdul Jabbar (North Virginia)
• Saeed Ahmad (Willingboro)

Service to Local Majlis in Finance
Central East
• Saeed Ahmad (Willingboro)
• Mohammad Ihtesham Janjua (Philadelphia)

Central West
• Mirza Muhammad Yunus (Bay Point)

South West
• Abdul Mohammad Hanif (Oakland)

Great Lakes
• Muhammed Idrees Munir (Silicon Valley)

Life Long Service Award
Sheikh Abdul Wahid (Boston)

• Muhammad Shahid Mahmood (Detroit)
• Zafar Tahir Ahmad (Kentucky)
• Gulf States
• Malik Mohammad Altaf (Austin)
• Abdul Latif Mahmud (Cypress-Houston)
• Munawar Ahmad Piracha (Dallas)
• Masood Ashraf (Oakland)
• Muzaffar Chaudhry (Fitchburg)
• North East
• Ramzan Jattala (LA East)
• Mazharul Haq (LA Inland)
• Munir Malik (Phoenix)
• Virginia
• Mirza Abdul Jabbar (North Virginia)

Midwest
• Yasser Mobashir Malik (Chicago West)
• M o h a m m e d A s h r a f (Minneapolis)

New York
• Ahmad Jamil (Long Island)
• Irfanullah Sikder (New York)

Administrative Awards

First to register Online for the Ijtimā’
Syed Erfan Ahmed (Cleveland)

Service to Local Majlis Award
Aleemur Rahman Abdul (LA Inland)

Best Da’i Hallāh Award
Farooq Ahmad Padder (Willingboro)

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Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

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 2012, there were 67 established Majālis in 12 regions and the total membership was approximately 2,600. The U.S. Jamā'at currently has 71 chapters; four Jamā'ats did not have sufficient number of Anṣār to establish a Majlis. Through Almighty Allāh’s Mercy and Grace, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA continues to move forward with members’ cooperation, support, and prayers. The year 2012 ended with the following significant achievements, Alḥamdulillāh.

1. ‘Āmilah Meeting with Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masih V (may Allāh be his support)

Members of Majlis-i-‘Āmilah, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and Nāẓīmīn had the honor to have an ‘Āmilah meeting with Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masih V (may Allāh be his support) on July 2, 2012 during his visit to the U.S. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) was very pleased with the overall performance and functioning of the Majlis, Alḥamdulillāh.

In this meeting, Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his support) provided specific instructions to Qā'idīn, Nā'īb and Mu'āwīn Ṣadrān (Plural of Ṣadr which means President). All these instructions were implemented in Majlis’ planned activities and education syllabus for 2013.

2. Notable activities in 2012
a. Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA provided support (personnel) to Ṣadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya during Ḥuḍūr’s (may Allāh be his support) visit in June-July of 2012.

b. Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC) was held in January 2012. A detailed report of ALC is presented separately (see pages 5-15 of this publication).

c. For the very first time in the history of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA all Majālis were provided mid-Year evaluation of performance. This evaluation enabled Majālis to focus on areas that needed improvement and increase their chances of being awarded ‘Alam-i-In’āmī at the end of the year.

d. Active participation in the following campaigns:

i. “Muslims for Loyalty”
ii. “Muslims for Life”
iii. “Walk for Humanity”

e. Anṣār Administrative Handbook
Administrative handbook was provided to Zu'amā in December 2011 so that the entire year’s plan is in their hands before the start of the Anṣār Fiscal Year on January 1, 2012.

f. Anṣār Education Handbook 2012
Hard copy of the education (Ta'līm) material was mailed to every Nāṣīr in the U.S. This book also contained material needed for the two Ta’lim tests conducted during the year. Electronic (PDF) version was also made available on the Anṣār website (ansarusa.org).

g. Ta’lim Test – Online Version
Online version of the Ta’lim test consisted of questions from the Ta’lim syllabus both in Urdu and English (see more details in the Ta’lim Section below):

3. Special Projects
Three special projects were started in 2012. These projects are:

a. Purchasing a used truck for water well drilling in Burkina Faso

This project is extension of Bicycles for Africa project that was...
National Majlis-i-‘Āmilah and Nāzimīn of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA with Ḥaḍrat Mirzâ Masroor Aḥmad, Khalīfatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support), on July 2, 2012 at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA

Seated (Left to Right): Syed Tanvir Ahmed (Qā’id Dhahānat wa Šihat-i-Jismānī), Abu Bakar bin Saeed (Qā’id Taḥrīk-i-Jaḍid and Nāzīm Midwest), Muhammed K. Owusu (Qā’id Tarbiyat), Monas Ahmad Chaudry (Qā’id Ta’lim), Munawar A. Saqib (Qā’id Māl), Abdul Basit Khan (Mu’āwin Ṣadr–Special Projects), Khaled A. Ata (Nā’ib Ṣadr Awwal), Wajeeh Bajwa (Ṣadr), Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad, Khalīfatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his support), Ahsanullah Zafar (Amīr), Imran Hayee (Nā’ib Ṣadr Ṣaf Dom), Naseem A. Waseem (Mu’āwin Ṣadr–Information Technology), Maqbool A. Tāhir (Qā’id Ẓumūmī), Syed Sajid Ahmad (Qā’id Tablīgh), Rafiuddin Malik (Qā’id Ishā’at), Rizwan Qādir (Qā’id Ithār), Ahsanullah Ennin (Qā’id Waqf-i-Jaḍid)

Standing (Left to Right): Muhammad Zafar Iqbal (Nāzīm Northeast), Bashiruddin K. Ahmad (Nāzīm Great Lakes), Muhammad Arshad Janjua (Nāzīm New York), Syed Abdul Shukoor (Nāzīm Southeast), Haleem Chaudhry (Nāzīm Headquarters), Syed Fazal Ahmad (Qā’id Ta’limul Qur’ān), Muhammad Dawood Munir (Auditor), Waseem Ahmad (Qā’id Tarbiyat Nau Mubā’īn), Basharat Ahmad Wadan (Nāzīm Virginia), Suhail Kausar (Nāzīm Gulf States), Muneeb Ahmad (Qā’id Tañīd)
completed in 2011 and was started at the request of Amîr Jamâ'at, Burkina Faso.

Ḥaḍrat Khalîfatul Masîh V (may Allâh be his support) instructed International Association of Ahmâdî Architects and Engineers (IAAAAE) to finalize purchase of a used truck.

Cost: $60,000; Status: work in progress

b. Supporting building model villages in Africa (Supply solar power to five (5) villages)

Ḥaḍrat Khalîfatul Masîh V (may Allâh be his support) mentioned about contribution of Majlis Anşurullâh, USA for this project in his Friday Sermon of February 3, 2012 in these words: “This year there are five model villages being built in different countries, Inshâ’âllâh. Anşurullâh of USA and UK have taken the responsibility to fund these projects. Those who are enthusiastically working on this project become Mohsînîn and those who are providing the funds are also included.” (Mohsînîn is plural of Mohsîn which means “one who confer something on someone without any effort on the recipient’s part.”)

Assigned country: Sierra Leone, Cost: $80,000; Status: Completed, Alhâmduullâh.

c. Building a Mosque in South America (French Assigned Countries)

Ṣadr Majlis visited Haiti in April, 2012 along with Imâm Daud Hanif and Imâm Muhammad Saeed Khalîd. A few buildings were identified that can be used as a mission house and Mosque. Offer was made for a building that has a three bedroom house, a small extension building, and some land for future development.

Commitment: $500,000; Status: Hope is to complete transaction before June, 2013, Inshâ’âllâh.
4. Departmental Activities

a. Tablīgh

Following the directive of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allāh be his support) visits to small towns was the focus for Tablīgh during 2012. The table on the right shows number of visits to small towns/villages as well as other significant activities under Tablīgh.

Another prominent feature of Tablīgh effort was the distribution and broadcast of DVDs on Aḥmadiyya viewpoint of Islām. More than 1,500 DVDs with 80 titles/programs were provided for broadcast on local TV Channels. Broadcasts are happening in 20 communities (cities and counties) resulting in total of 348 broadcasts.

Visiting Small Towns

Over the years our Tablīgh activities have been increasing yet there is a lot of room for improvement. It was deemed necessary that Majālis be visited and encouraged to plan and reach out to the small villages and towns among their own communities. For this purpose services of Abu Bakr Ladd were considered and availed. In the past, he had visited some Majālis to improve financial sacrifice with respect to Anṣār dues and produced a good impression of his visits.

Abu Bakr Ladd took a tour to visit numerous Majālis which lasted more than a month. He visited Chicago East, Chicago West, Zion, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Minnesota, Seattle, Portland, Bay Point, Silicon Valley, LA East, LA West, San Diego, Phoenix, Tucson, and Dallas. From start (St. Louis) to finish (St. Louis) the total distance travelled was 6,824 miles; the time was 40 days (see the map on page 39 for the route taken for this trip).

He encouraged members to plan and visit small towns. In some Majālis, he accompanied local Anṣār and visited nearby towns. In other Majālis, he helped them engage in Tablīgh activity and worked with them in organizing a Tablīgh activity. On his way he also stopped by small towns.
and met government officials, clergy, media people, and general populace. Zu‘āmā were asked for their feedback which was positive. Abu Bakr Ladd presented a brief report of his tour at the National Ijtimā‘ and also has written a report which can be found on page 36 of this publication.

May Allāh accept our humble efforts in reaching out to small towns and communities and make these efforts fruitful with His mercy, Āmin.

b. Nau Mubā‘īn (New Converts)

i. Members continued to establish and strengthen personal contacts with the Nau Mubā‘īn at the local as well as national level.

ii. One Nau Mubā‘ī (new convert) travelled to the 2012 UK Jalsa. He had the opportunity to have audience with Ḥudūr (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, Māshā‘Allāh.

iii. Financial and logistic assistance was provided to deserving Nau Mubā‘īn to help them attend the 2012 USA Annual Convention as well as the 2012 Majlis Anṣārullāh USA Ijtimā‘.

iv. Internet based Jadoo MTA Box was provided to one Nau Mubā‘ī for easy access to MTA programs at home with his family.

c. 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 2012, total collection was $482,863 which is 21.32% more than the budget of $398,000, Alḥamdulillāh. The table and the charts on the right show various budget, income, and expense information of the Majlis.

d. Ta‘lim (Education)

i. Annual essay writing competition The essay writing competition was held in June, 2012. The topics and the result of the competition are shown on the right.
ii. **Publication Award**

In 2012, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA also recognized two Anṣār for publishing in news media or scholarly articles as shown on the right.

iii. **Education (Ta’līm) Tests**

Two Ta’līm tests were conducted during 2012. Total participation by Anṣār was 35%. Number of Majālis that met or exceeded the target of 50% was 17. Majālis that need improvement are 10. In these 10 Majālis no one participated in the Ta’līm test.

e. **Ta’līmul Qur’ān**

The Majlis continues to make efforts to teach correct reading of the Holy Qur’ān. The table on the right shows the Ta’līmul Qur’ān and Waqf-i-‘Ārdī (short-term devotional) activity and participation in Majālis during the year 2012.

f. **Tarbiyat**

i. Held a Tarbiyat week from Monday, March 21-Sunday, March 28 with a focus on individual Tarbiyat of Anṣār.

ii. Efforts continued to activate inactive Anṣār.

iii. Distributed English summary of Ḥuḍūr’s (may Allāh be his support) Friday sermon on a weekly basis through Qā’id Publication.

The table on the right gives information about the major Tarbiyat focus and member participation.

g. **Publication**

i. Anṣār Newsletter was published every month and sent to members via postal service as well as electronically.

ii. Al-Nahḍl–Year-in-Review 2011 was published. This issue was mailed to every member.

iii. Two regular issues of Al-Nahḍl were also printed and mailed to every member.


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**Publication awards**

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<th>Activity</th>
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<td>Number of inactive members contacted</td>
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<td>Number of Anṣār who listen to Huḍūr’s (may Allāh be his support) Friday Sermon</td>
<td>731</td>
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<td>Number of Anṣār who attend Friday Prayer</td>
<td>955</td>
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<td>Number of Anṣār who say at least one Prayer in congregation daily</td>
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**Ta’līmul Qur’ān activity and participation in 2012**

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<td>Faheem Younus Qureshi</td>
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<td>Nasir Ahmad</td>
<td>Central New Jersey</td>
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**View of the photo exhibition held during the Annual Convention 2012 at Harrisburg, PA**
was published and was provided free of charge to every member in the U.S.

v A booklet “Welcome to Majlis Anṣārullāh” was published that provides introductory information about Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. This booklet will be sent to all those who join Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA at the start of fiscal year (January 1st).

vi 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 Ahmadiyya events in the U.S. since 1970s.

h. Waṣiyyat

The table on the right shows information about Anṣār Müşîyân and applicants. **Note:** of the total number of Anṣār applicants since 2004 (see table on the right), 51 are still in the “Applied For” (Prospective Müşî) status. Four applications were rejected by Majlis Kārpardāz.

i. Īthār [Eesaar] (Social Services)

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

- The table on the right summarizes Īthār [Eesaar] activities by Anṣār members during 2012.

j. Djahānat wa Şihat-i-Jīsmānī (Intellect and Physical Health)

i. Articles on monthly health topics were distributed to all Majālis for discussion during the monthly Anṣār meetings.

ii. 35% Majālis regularly report physical activities.

iii. Approximately 20% of Anṣār report some form of physical activity with varying regularity. The most common activities are:
• Walking, Jogging
• Treadmill, Weights, etc.
• Table Tennis

iv. BIKE4LIFE

Anšār are encouraged to exercise regularly and in this regard Majlis Anšārullāh launched “Bike4Life” campaign with the idea that members should ride bike on regular basis. 149 Anšār own a bicycle (7.75% of the total Tajnīd) and report that they use it regularly.

v. Health Presentation

An interactive presentation on Health was held during the National Ijtimā’. Topic of this discussion was “All about Your Health.”

k. Tajnīd

A special effort was made to collect date of birth or at least year of birth for all Anšār. This information is required in order to know the number of Anšār who are in Šaf Dom (40 to 55 years) and Šaf Awwal (56 years and older). Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support) directed Majlis Anšārullāh, USA to identify this breakdown and develop plans and programs to address needs of Šaf Dom Anšār. To date, only 1,358 Anšār have provided their year of birth.

5. Anšār Tāhir Scholarship

Four scholarships were awarded in 2012 with total scholarship amount of $16,000 of which only $13,369.60 was used during the year.

6. Monthly Activity Reports

A total of 798 monthly activity reports were received (out of a possible 812—which makes the total reports received at 98.2%). This is the highest number of reports submitted during a fiscal year. Higher number of reports is attributed to constant reminders, follow-up e-mails and phone calls, as well as creation of an online report submission process that was implemented in 2010. The graph at the bottom of this page shows status of reports submitted during 2012.

7. Ijtimā’at

National Ijtimā’

The 31st National Ijtimā’ of Majlis Anšārullāh, USA was held at Baitur Raḥmān Mosque, Silver Spring, MD from Friday, October 12 to Sunday, October 14, 2012. As is customary, the 20th Majlis-i-Shūrā of Majlis Anšārullāh, USA was also held during this time. By the Grace of Almighty Allāh, both the Ijtimā’ and the Majlis-i-Shūrā were very successful, with a combined total attendance of more than 600 Anšār from all over the USA.

All the Ijtimā’ and Shūrā sessions were held in the men’s Prayer hall while the meals were served in a marquee erected at the outside grounds of the mosque; the breakfast was served in the Anšārullāh Hall. The mosque Prayer areas were used for Prayers and accommodation. The indoor sports activities took place in the Anšārullāh Hall as well as in the basement area of the Mosque and the outdoor sports activities were held at the outside grounds of the Mosque.

All participants received a pen as souvenir commemorating this year’s Ijtimā’ theme, “Peace through The Messiah.”

Among the salient features of the Ijtimā’ and Majlis-i-Shūrā were opening and closing sessions; educational and sports competitions; Talqīn-i-ʿAmal (exhortation to act) sessions related to Tablīgh and Tarbīyat; an interactive workshop on health; and a “Son-to-Father” session with ʿṢadr Majlis Khuddāmul-ʿĀhmadiyya, USA. A complete report of the Ijtimā’ 2012 is presented separately (see pages 16-26 of this publication).

Regional Ijtimā’at

Successful Regional Ijtimā’at were held in 12 regions with National ‘Āmilah members participating in 11 of these 12 regional Ijtimā’at. The table on the next page gives schedule of these Ijtimā’at.

8. Anšār Leadership Conference (ALC)

By the Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allāh, Anšār Leadership Conference (ALC) was held on January 21-22 at Baitus Samee Mosque in Houston, Texas. The ALC is an annual gathering of Zu’amā,
Nāżīmīn, and National ‘Āmilah of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA to review Majlis’ performance and plans, with specific targets to be achieved during the year. The forum is used to engage in intellectual discussions on ways to become more efficient and productive.

More than 90 delegates from 63 Majlis attended this event. Volunteers from Houston North, Houston South, and Cypress-Houston Majlis worked hard to make this event successful. Although many members of local Majlis offered their homes for overnight stay, most of the guests stayed at the Mosque.

By the grace of Allāh, everything was smoothly executed. Most notably, all programs started and concluded at the published times in the program. A detailed report of ALC activities is presented separately (see pages 5-15 of this publication).

Acknowledgements and Closing Comments

I wish to thank all members of the National ‘Āmilah, Nā‘īb Qā‘īdīn, Nāżīmīn, Zu‘āmā, Muntażīmīn, 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.

Wajeeh Bajwa
Ṣadr
Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
The Promised Messiah, Ḥaḍrat Mīrzā Ghulām Ahmad Qādiānī (may peace be on him), states in his publication The Will: “God Almighty desires to draw all those who live in various habitations of the world, be it in Europe or Asia and who have virtuous nature, to the Unity of God and unite His servants under one Faith.”

This indeed is the purpose of God for which I have been sent to the world. You too (emphasis is mine [Abu]) therefore, should pursue this end but with kindness, moral probity, and fervent prayers.”

Background

Small Town Tablīgh or Religious Preaching has been a part of and indeed is the hallmark of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community since its origins in that small, humble and at that time insignificant town of Qādiān. I say ‘at that time’ because just like that small village on the outskirts of the Roman Empire, Jerusalem; so too, this small insignificant village on the outskirts of the British Empire was destined to become known around the world. Indeed, one may argue that the day is not far off when the whole world will know the significance and import of that dusty little village of Qādiān.

Thus, it is only fitting and proper that the name of Qādiān and more importantly the blessed name of its most illustrious son, should be spread from village to village and from town to town. And so it began that at first in India and then later around the world the name and fame of the son of Qādiān became to be spread from village to village and from town to town.

Here in America, things developed a little differently due to the nature of the country and the portals through which adherents of Ahmadiyya first came into this country. Although, it is true that Ḥaḍrat Mufīṭī Muḥṣammad Šāḏīq (may peace be on him), the first Missionary to America, did indeed visit small towns, the size and nature of America and American society dictated that he should concentrate on the cities where the optimal opportunities for conversions existed.

Later, during the phase of the first large Pakistani immigrant migration to America from 1974 to 1984, most of these Ahmadi immigrants, by virtue of their professions and family connections, settled into the cities on the East Coast, the Midwest, and later on the West Coast. These were mostly cities and places where the Jamāʿāt had established mission houses. There was only one mosque at this time located in Dayton, Ohio. The National Headquarters of the Jamāʿāt was a house on Embassy Row on Leroy Place in Washington, D.C.

Tablīgh consisted, for the most part, in public relations activities and one-on-one contacts interspersed with interfaith programs. Although, there were always steady and consistent Tablīgh programs, PR programs, and interfaith events, given the number of Ahmadi in this country the efforts can always be improved upon. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) encouraged members in the U.S. to make sure not to surrender the battlefield to others.

When Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) was apprised that people in cities are jaded and not interested in Islām, he instructed members, in that case, to go to small towns. I can, however, confirm that Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allāh be his support) has directed that the members should go and engage in Tablīgh in small towns. This, then is where my story begins.

Khadim Shah and Tahir Abdullah

I have known my dear and respected friend Tahir Abdullah for at least 34 years. I first met him in Baltimore through his father-in-law, Captain Siddiq whom I met him in Hamburg in 1974 after I first joined Ahmadiyyat. He introduced me to Tahir Abdullah when we reunited in Baltimore around 1979 or I may have first met Tahir Abdullah at Camp Rabwah in New Jersey in 1979. In any case, he has always been and will be until the day he dies, a Caller unto Allāh. Many of you know him through his Islāmic University trailer which he and members of the Philadelphia Jamāʿāt take out every Saturday.

I do not know exactly how long I have known my Tablīgh Master Khadim Shah, but he first came to my attention in Columbus, Ohio some few years ago when the Anṣārullāh Ijtima was held there. I was part of a Tablīgh Committee and out of 28 members he was the one who had more ideas on what could be done as opposed to why we could not do. You have heard the litany, such as, “my English is not good; my Islāmic knowledge is not good; let the Muballīgh (Missionary) do Tablīgh; you first have to make friends with people;” in other words, one excuse after another.

After I talked with Khadim Shah and after we spent some time at the Miami Book Fair where he told me some of his stories and adventures, I exclaimed to him, “You are henceforth my Tablīgh Master. Ask me to go do Tablīgh in Pakistan and I will do it!” He has not yet asked me, but if he should I will not hesitate to do it.

So when Tahir Abdullah sent me a photo of himself and Khadim Shah at a Flea Market in California, I thought to myself, wow, what if the three of us, took Tahir Abdullah’s Trailer and pulled it across America and stopped in all the small towns along the way. These two brothers are fountains of wisdom and endowed with amazing Tablīgh skills and knowledge of both the Qurʾān and the Bible. I lack their erudition, but I have been accused of knowing how to turn a phrase and my wife calls me “Friendly Bob,” meaning that I am overly friendly to strangers!

I envisioned an MTA team tagging along and making this into one of those Tablīgh Reality shows. However, Tahir Abdullah had a regular thing going on in Philadelphia and did not think it was prudent to disrupt a process which he
had worked so hard to establish.

So I suggested to Qā'id Tablīgh, why not send me? He agreed that it might be a good idea and to my surprise, Šadr Majlis Anšārullāh, USA authorized the trip and we began to plan a route. Because women make up 50% of the population and because my wife Aliyyah Aziz is a woman far more learned in Islām than I am and is a fair representation of Muslim femininity I requested that she be allowed to accompany me and this was also agreed to, Alḥamdullilāh.

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The total distance travelled was 6,824 miles. The time was 40 days. See map above for the route taken for this trip.

Lessons Learned

Before I talk about lessons learned I have to point out that during the most recent National Anšārullāh Ijtīmā‘, I won the Impromptu Speech Competition with the Topic The Importance of Truthfulness. I consider both the topic and the first prize a gift from my Gracious God.

As soon as Respected Qā‘īd Tablīgh mandated that I visit the Majālīs of Chicago West, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, and all of the other Majālīs along the way, as well as contacting the Mayors and Chiefs of Police, the mission of preaching to the people of America in small towns changed from one of Tablīgh to one of Logistics. Now, our agenda was timeline driven, because we had to reach a certain town on a certain date and at a certain time, due to the availability of members at the destination. Thus, in some places meeting during the week was out of question. Members live far away from the mosque or getting them to come out on any day other than a weekend was a challenge for Zu‘āmā.

Lesson one is that if we are to meet with Mayors and Chiefs of Police which is certainly a valuable and useful exercise then this should be done under the auspices of Public Relations. Setting up meetings with Mayors and Chiefs in small towns requires long range planning at least two weeks out.

Lesson two is that towns in which to conduct Tablīgh should be chosen on the basis of having at a minimum a Community College and some effort should be made to contact the Professors or administration in advance.

Lesson three is that follow up with persons contacted should be done by a second team, that is, the 1-800-Why-Islam team or similar.

Lesson four is that it is not easy to obtain contact information from strangers after only a few minutes of conversation.

Lesson five is that our members in general are shy and do not have field experience in spreading the message of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

Lesson six is that at places our members live are too far away from the mosque, which is why that some Ahmadiyya mosques are generally speaking vibrant only over the weekend. Here it is appropriate to mention that Dr. Basīyr Rodney of St. Louis, who, when he moved to St. Louis bought a burned out house for $500 and rebuilt it so that he could be close to the mosque. His house, which is as nice as any house in suburbia is less than 100 yards from the mosque.

Until and unless we build our houses and homes around the mosques we will not be successful in this country in establishing a vibrant and cohesive community. Sometimes it may mean that our mosques have to be located in areas where our poorest members can afford to live and our affluent members can easily afford to build palatial homes there.
Our security and bliss of friendship is to be close to one another.

Lesson seven is that we have a small core of members who are passionate callers unto Allāh (Dā’īn) and who are willing to go into the small towns of America but do not have logistical support. Our leadership should identify these individuals and ensure their success by supporting them through proper planning.

Lesson eight is that this work of carrying the message of the Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him) to the people of America is a gigantic undertaking which will take years and decades. Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA must prepare a comprehensive, long term program, State by State, properly funded and staffed. Undoubtedly, one-on-one Tabligh is the most effective form, however, the new generation is very video oriented and whatever new technologies exist should be used to the extent that they are suitable. The recent YouTube video by Abdur Raheem from Portland on Dhimmis is an outstanding example of effective Video instruction about Islām.

Lesson nine is that the communication between the local Anṣār officers and the Missionaries should be improved. Qā’id Tabligh communicated with the Regional Nāzīm and local Za’āmā to inform that we were coming and I communicated with all Regional Nāzīm and then CCd the respective Za’ām of the Majlis that we would visit. The turnout in all Majālis could be better.

Heartwarming Experiences

Any analysis of an organization or an event is necessarily focused upon things that went wrong or can be improved upon. I point to Ḥuḍūr’s (May Allāh be his support) reports after Jalsa where he issues comments on things that went wrong or need improvement. And he always praises the good work that was actually done.

So, first let me give proper and due recognition to our Respected Qā’id Tabligh. Naturally, nothing could have happened without the approval of Ṣadr Majlis, Wajeeh Bajwa, and his support is appreciated. But what about our members? Among them are such men (and women) who are such wonderful examples of humanity and courage and brotherhood that it leaves one amazed. I do not want to mention everyone’s name, in case, God forbid, I leave out someone. We were received well in every Majlis. In Silicon Valley, the Za’īm was out of the country and he had turned the matter over to some others, and we had the good fortune to spend the night with our old friend and mentor Missionary Mubasher Ahmad and his wife.

But some incidents are worth mentioning.

Chicago East had a good turnout of 9-12 members. Three of them agreed to go with me to a small village 70 miles away from Chicago. We went there and made a presentation and did some one-on-one Tabligh with visitors, City Hall personnel, and food vendors. The next morning, after Fajr, a brother called me up and said that he wanted to go with me. Go with me where? I asked. “Wherever you go,” he answered. He was so fired up and was anxious to do more Tabligh and ready to go anywhere in the country. I had to explain that due to my wife being with me and the logistics of it, it would be difficult, but I was moved by his fervor. He is 70 years old.

Chicago West had a turnout of a dozen or so men and a few boys. The Za’īm drove 140 miles to get there and another brother drove 100 miles. This is after both of them had put in a hard day’s work. I pray that Allāh may bless each of those miles manifold.

Seattle Majlis is one of the most active and dynamic Majālis I have ever visited and the Za’īm kept up a pace that is hard to behold. I had asked for some volunteers to accompany me to some small towns. One brother had to work, but he wanted to volunteer and said that he prayed on the matter. The next day, his Supervisor cancelled a meeting that he was to attend and before noon the CEO invited everyone to an office party, which of course was not mandatory for him to attend, so he was then free to go with us to a small town.

Bay Point Majlis has one of the youngest memberships and also one of the most diverse. My Tabligh Master, Khadim Shah, has a book with over 2,000 names of individuals he has met over the years at the Flea Market which he regularly attends with his trusted companion, Syed Khursheed Zaidi. I went with him to the Oakland Flea Market on Tuesday and Thursday and to two other local flea markets on Saturday and Sunday. To reach Oakland from Bay Point is a good hour to hour and a half journey depending upon rush hour traffic and ditto going back home. It takes an hour to set up his table and tent and an hour to take it back down. And he has been doing this for years. I joke that Khadim Shah speaks Punjabi, which is derived from Punjabi, Spanish, and English. But to my amazement he can hold long and detailed conversations with people of every type and nationality. He knows how to preach to Christians, Shia Muslims, Sunni Muslims, Spanish, White, and Black. He is a true Master of Tabligh. His life in this country is an example of Allāh’s blessings upon a believer. Those who claim that they have no time, no money, don’t know English, have no knowledge, no this or that, should go and spend a week in Bay Point. Khadim Shah came to this country with little or no education to speak of, but I assure you that he can buy most of us 3 and 4 times over. He and his son employ at least a dozen or so people and several Ahmādis including some recently arrived refugees from Thailand. All this is the sheer grace of Allāh upon one who devoted a good portion of his life spreading the message of His servant.

When I reached Los Angeles, the members there were busy at the Pomona Book Fair and LA East had good support from Khudām and some Anṣār.

San Diego showed keen interest and the Za’īm and one active Khādīm and I went to a small town and to a large Park in San Diego.

Several times, while on this tour, members would say, “we want to see how you do Tabligh, what technique you use.” I would laugh and tell them: “OK I will show you my technique. It’s called walking and talking.” In short, I practice the teachings of The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) and smile at people and greet them. I try to be friendly to all, if possible. I make small talk: “Hey that is a really
sharp and I spoke to the Majāḥīr. Tourism, I would more or less mention of the Tourism of Majāḥīr turned out to be more of a Tablīgh. Small Town Tour of America, but it appeared to be motivated to continue the work.

One older Nāṣir in Portland was quite curious and asked me, “Brother, how do you go into a small town, where you don’t know anyone and do Tablīgh?” My answer was that when I enter a small town anywhere in America, I know that I am the only one in that town who has the answer and who can save the inhabitants of that town. Everyone, Doctor, Lawyer, Teacher, and Banker, all of them must come to me to seek the answer to their dilemma. Like Ḥaḍrat Bilāl (may Allah be pleased with him), I, and for that matter any other Ahmādi who enters a small town, is the only source of security and safety for the inhabitants thereof.

Tucson Jamā‘at probably has the most potential of any Majlis I visited due to their central location and number of young members and access to the Spanish population of the area and nearby Mexico. One Nāṣir and his 9 year old son, Ahmad, showed great courage and zeal and we visited several libraries in small towns 40-60 miles around Tucson.

We arrived in Dallas on a Monday and on Tuesday one Nāṣir and I visited several small town Mayors and had reasonably good meetings. That evening, 12 to 15 Ansār showed up for my talk. The Ḥaḍrat that showed up appeared to be motivated to continue the work.

This Tour was supposed to be a Small Town Tour of America, but it turned out to be more of a Tablīgh tour of Majālīs. When we first started out and I spoke to the Majālīs of Midwest about the purpose of the tour, I would more or less mention of Ḥuḍūr’s (may Allah be his support) instructions and then add various exhortations to do Tablīgh depending upon the audience. But after I spent some time in Bay Point, I began to use the booklet “Our Teaching” by the Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him) as the focal point of my talks. This booklet will shake any sincere Ahmādi to the core and is one of the most powerful reminders to us about our duty and commitment that we have made. I have been given the impression that these talks were useful, but Allah knows best.

**Conclusion**

As my wife and I rode through the North and Northwest across the vast stretches of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana, we both remarked on how few bugs and animals there were. This was on State Highway No. 2 and there should have been plenty of dead snakes, frogs, possums, and all sorts of bugs on the highway. But herbicides and pesticides have wiped them all out. Montana had acres and acres of wheat fields, but we hardly saw any birds.

I mention this lack of insects and animals because as we rode through the empty stretches of North Dakota and later Montana and Washington State and down the coast to Oregon and Northern California a vision crystallized for me about the future of America. I know our gracious Khalīfah (may Allah protect him and grant him righteous servants) has advised us to do Tablīgh in small towns for some reason and wisdom behind it, but one thing is clear, in the event of a third World War, it is these people who live in the foothills and valleys and hollows of Americana who will be the survivors. They will be the ones who will rebuild America.

Thus, it is absolutely critical that we explain to them the teachings of the True Islām in order that they will see and embrace Islām as the solution to the corruption and injustice and disbelief which will cause the destruction of the world that we once knew. The Promised Messiah (may peace be upon him) tells us, “You are the last people of God.” This saying of his taken in conjunction with a verse of Chapter Al-Mā‘idah “I will surely punish them with a punishment wherewith I will not punish any other of the peoples” (The Holy Qur‘ān, 5 [Al-Mā‘idah]:116) is a terrible and dire warning to the Christian nations. Given what we know about the catastrophes and punishments which have beset the peoples before us, to contemplate a punishment such as is described is most awful to contemplate.

On the other hand, if we are the “last people of God,” this is a grand and glorious and most honored future, but hearken to his words, “the outward form means nothing; God sees what lies inside your hearts, and He would deal with you on the basis of what He sees there.” Again he says, “Beware! Do not ape other nations; “Listen carefully and take heed that they are aliens to and unmindful of that God Who calls you all to Himself.”

As I reflect on my conversations and observations of many of my Ahmādi brothers, I fear that some of them have heedlessly thrown themselves into the American way of life which focuses first and foremost on material and professional success and the duty owed to God becomes an afterthought. Upon reflection, that we would build or buy our homes far away from the Mosque is not prudent. Our safety lies in nearness to ourselves and one another.

When we read that this is the home of Dajjāl (the Great Deceiver) we feel that we are immune because we have signed Bai‘at, the Pledge of Allegiance. Nothing could be further from the truth. No one is immune from the ravages and schemes of the Dajjāl and all the MDs and PhDs in the world will not help you if you have neglected your spiritual life for the life of this world. Regardless of whether the Third World War comes tomorrow or 70 years from now, our immediate and most urgent duty is to carry out the instructions of Ḥuḍūr (may Allah be his support).

Where it was possible and where brothers were ready and willing, we went together to small towns and we did what is normal and natural if you are a lover of His creation; we tried to make friends and gave the message where it was possible. There is no special “technique” and you do not need “Tablīgh workshops.” All that you need is a loving heart and fear of Allah and know for certain that His promise will come true.

I close with the words of His servant, the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him): “My dear people! This is the time for rendering services to the cause of the religion you claim to profess. Realize the value of this rare opportunity, for if you let it slip, it will not offer itself to you a second...
time. Being the followers of such a great and exalted Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him), why do you lose heart? Be firm of faith and set an example that even the angels in heaven should wonder at your strength and steadfastness, and should pray for blessing on you. With this I finish, and pray that this teaching of mine should be fruitful for you, working a change in your hearts which should make you like stars on this earth, filling the globe with the light and life you get from your Lord, Amin!
Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa
Orlando, FL
Ṣadr Majlis

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, son of Chaudhry Muhammad Abdullah Bajwa (Advocate), was born in 1952, in Karachi, Pakistan. He has three brothers and a sister. His grandfather, Chaudhry Muhammad Hussain Bajwa (Wasiyyat Number 7, Talwandi Anayat Khan, Dist. Sialkot, Pakistan), was the first person in the family to accept Aḥmadiyyat at the hands of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

Wajeeh is married to Anisa Bushra Salam Bajwa, daughter of Prof. Sir Dr. Abdus Salām. They are blessed with four children, three sons, and a daughter (the youngest son being a Waqf-i-Nau child). In his younger days he played Cricket (at University level team), Soccer, and Table Tennis. His hobbies include gardening, computers, and Do-it-Yourself projects.

Wajeeh earned his PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Glasgow in 1981. Then he spent seven years doing two post-doctoral fellowships in Switzerland and one post-doctoral fellowship at the Hershey Medical Center, PA. In 1987, Wajeeh joined a Biotechnology company in Michigan. He joined Duke University Medical Center in 1998 as Research Subject Advocate and Regulatory Consultant. He was the founding member of the Society of the Research Subject Advocates which was formed in 2002 and still serves in the executive board of this organization. He was elected President of this organization for 2006-2008 term. In 2008, he joined University of Florida as Director of Regulatory Affairs and in 2010 became Director, Regulatory Knowledge and Support Program, Clinical and Translation Science Institute, University of Florida.

Wajeeh held his first Jamā’at/Auxiliary office at the age of 13 in Model Town, Lahore, Pakistan. Since then he has held several offices at the local and national levels. He was also a member of the International Computer Committee, formed in 1991, by Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ IV (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him), to assess Jamā’at’s computer needs and requirements. Some of his recent services include:

2010 to date: President, Orlando Jamā’at
2006 to date: Ṣadr, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2001 – 2005: President, Association of Aḥmādī Muslim Scientists, USA
2000 – 2005: Qā’id ‘Umūmī, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
1995 – 2008: President, Research Triangle Jamā’at
1995 – 1998: National Satellite Fund Secretary, USA
1991 – 1993: General Secretary, Detroit Jamā’at
1990 – 1991: Nāʾib Officer, Jalsa Sālāna, USA
1989 – 1991: Qā’id, Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, Detroit (Majlis won ‘Alam-i-In’āmī.)
Dr. Khalid A. Ata
Potomac, MD
Nā‘īb Ṣadr Awwal

The known history of the family of Dr. Khaled Ahmad Ata begins with Aḥmadiyyat nearly 100+ years ago. His grandfather (paternal) Ḥaḍrat Ghulam Mohammad (may Allāh be pleased with him) was a Companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He came to Qādīān from Amritsar. Ḥaḍrat Khwaja Abdul Qayyum (may Allāh be pleased with him), his maternal grandfather, was also a Companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He hailed from Sialkot. His father, Ghulam Ahmad Ata, M.Sc. (1921-1982) was a Wāqīf-i-Zindagi (life devotee), and retired as Wakīl-uz-Zarā’at from the Taḥrīk-i-Jadīd headquarters in Rabwah.

Dr. Khaled Ata was born in Karachi, Pakistan and had his early education in Ta'lim-ul-Īslām School, Mohammad Abad, Sindh. As a pre-med student, he spent two years at Ta'lim-ul-Īslām College, Rabwah. After graduating in medicine in January 1979, he served as Captain in the Pakistan Army Medical Corps for two years. He volunteered for the Nuṣrat Jahān Scheme on January 1, 1981 which Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) very graciously approved the same day. Before departing for Tanzania in January 1985 as a missionary doctor at the Aḥmadiyya Nuṣrat Jahān Clinic, Morogor, he served at the Fazl-e-Omar Hospital, Rabwah and later worked in a private surgery. In September 1985, he got posted to Sierra Leone as medical officer in charge of Aḥmadiyya Nuṣrat Jahān Clinic in Boajibu. Returned to Pakistan in May 1988, and worked again in private surgery until April 1991 when he left for Uppsala University, Sweden to specialize in surgical pathology. While at the University, he joined a PhD program in 1995 and received his 'Doctor of Medicine' degree in October 1999. He came to the U.S. in January 2000 and was involved in basic medical research for several years first at the Johns Hopkins University and later at the National Institutes of Health.

While in Sweden, he served, with the Grace of Almighty Allāh, as president of Uppsala and Stockholm Jamā’ats. In the U.S., he has served as Assistant National General Secretary and Za’īm Anṣārullāh of Potomac Majlis. He is currently serving as National Secretary Waṣāyā and Nā‘īb Ṣadr Awwal, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.

Imran Hayee
Minnesota
Nā‘īb Ṣadr Ṣaf Dom

Imran Hayee is from the progeny of Mian Nizam Din, the Companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). His parents and extended family reside in Sialkot, Pakistan. He came to the U.S. for study in 1993 and was a member of LA West Jamā’at for five years while he completed his PhD from the University of Southern California in 1998. He has since lived in Central Jersey and Silver Spring Jamā’ats where he worked in industry for about six years. Currently, he is residing in Duluth, MN where he is a professor of electrical engineering in the University of Minnesota at Duluth. He is currently serving as Secretary Tablígh and Secretary Waṣāyā of Minnesota Jamā’at, and Nā‘īb Ṣadr Ṣaf Dom, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. He has previously served as Muhtamim Ṭajnīd, Muhtamim San’at-o-Tijārat (Industry and Trade), and Muhtamim ʿAtfāl of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmmadiyya, USA. He is married and has two kids, 10 and 12.

Basit Khan
Baltimore, MD
Mu‘āwin Ṣadr (Special Projects)

Abdul Basit Khan was born and raised in Lahore, Pakistan, where his father, the late homeopath Abdul Shakoor Khan, was president of the Dharampura Jamā’at. He earned his master’s degree in Accounting Information Systems after moving to the U.S. 20 years ago. He lives in Baltimore, MD with his wife, Amatus Shakoor, the daughter of the late missionary Maulana Ali Haider Upal, and three children: 17-year-old Aysha, 13-year-old Tirzah, and 9-year-old Sajeeel. The eldest, 21-year-old Adeel, is completing his master's degree in mathematics in Berlin. All four are Wāqīfīn-i-Nau.

Basit currently works with LifeBridge Health in Baltimore as an IT professional. He serves as Waqīfīn-i-Nau Secretary of Baltimore Jamā’at and Mu‘āwin Ṣadr (Special Projects), Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, where he works on Special Projects and is the webmaster of ansarusa.org.
Naseem Ahmed Waseem
Lehigh Valley, PA
Mu’āwin Ṣadr (Information Technology)

Naseem Ahmed Waseem, son of Naim Ahmad Waseem, was born in 1965, in Karachi, Pakistan. He has two brothers and a sister. His grandfather, Ḥāji Mohammad Din Tehalvi, Darwesh Qādīānī and Šaḥābī (Companion) of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), was the first person in the family to accept Aḥmadiyyat at the hands of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

Naseem is married to Faiza Ayesha. They are blessed with two daughters (both are in the scheme of Waqf-i-Nau). In his younger days, he played Cricket, Field Hockey, and Track. His hobbies include gardening, computers, and Do-it-Yourself projects.

Naseem earned his B.Sc. in Chemistry, Zoology, and Botany from the University of Karachi in 1986. Then he did post-Graduation in Aviation and earned Diploma of Air Traffic Controller. In 1988, Naseem joined Civil Aviation and worked as Air Traffic Controller and Airport Manager at different locations in Pakistan. In 1995, Naseem moved to USA and worked with IBM Global Services and Microsoft in different computer fields. He is currently at Social Security Administration as Systems Administrator.

In 1974, at the age of 9, being an Aḥmādī Muslim, Naseem was beaten in school due to his faith. Naseem assumed his first Jamā’at office as Nā‘īb Za’īm at Nazimabad, Karachi, Pakistan in 1978. Since then he has held several offices at the local and national levels. Naseem started the project of Qur’ān with translation on alislam.org website with search engine which was completed in two years. Naseem also developed online report form for Zu‘amā and Nāzīmin for Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. Other services are as follows.

2012 to date: Mu’āwin Ṣadr (Information Technology), Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2012 to date: Nāzīm, Central East Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2010 to date: President, Lehigh Valley Jamā’at
2010 – 2011: Nā‘īb Ṣadr Ṣaf Dom, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2008 – 2009: Mu’āwin Ṣadr, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2007: Nā‘īb Ṣadr Ṣaf Dom, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2003 – 2006: Ṣadr, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA
2001 – 2002: Nā‘īb Ṣadr, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA
2000: Qā’īd, Majlis Khuddāmul-ul-Aḥmadiyya, Central Jersey (Majlis won ‘Alam-i-In’āmī.)
2000: Muhtamim Khidmat-i-Khalq, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA
1997: Nā‘īb Qā’īd, Majlis Khuddāmul-ul-Aḥmadiyya, North Jersey/Central Jersey
1995: Nāzīm Finance, North Jersey/Central Jersey
1987: Nā‘īb Nāzīm, Khidmat-i-Khalq, Nazimabad, Karachi, Pakistan
1986: Nā‘īb Nāzīm Tarbiyat, Nazimabad, Karachi, Pakistan
1985: Hifẓāt (Security) Duty in Sukkur, Pakistan
1980 – 1983: Za’īm Halqa Nāzīmābād South, Karachi, Pakistan
1978 – 1980: Nā‘īb Za’īm Halqa, Nazimabad South, Karachi, Pakistan

Muneeb Ahmad
Chicago
Qā’īd Tajnīd (Membership)

Muneeb Ahmad, son of Col. Raja Muhammad Aslam, was born in 1971 in Sialkot, Pakistan. He has two brothers. Muneeb is married and blessed with three children, two boys and a girl, ages 12, 10, and 8. The oldest child is in the blessed Waqf-e-Nau scheme.

Muneeb received his bachelor’s degree from Pakistan and earned his MBA from Oklahoma City University. Muneeb works in the IT industry, currently working as a Consultant on ERP projects.

Muneeb has been blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Jamā’at in numerous offices, including General Secretary of Oshkosh Jamā’at, Nāzīm Ta’īm, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Chicago West, PR Team, Chicago West, Web Team of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA, Web Administrator for Muslim Sunrise periodical, Member of National Tajnīd Team, USA, and Qā’īd Tajnīd Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.
Maqbool Ahmad Tahir
Detroit
Qā'id ʿUmūmī

Maqbool Ahmad Tahir, son of Muhammad Aslam Shakir of Windsor, Canada, was born in 1971, in Faisalabad, Pakistan. In his younger days he played Cricket and Soccer and still plays Volleyball and Badminton regularly. He earned his M.Sc. (Honors) in Plant Breeding and Genetics from Agriculture University of Faisalabad, Pakistan.

Maqbool is married to Mubbashra Huma, daughter of Muhammad Akhtar Cheema of Australia. They are blessed with three children, two daughters and a son, the son being a Waqf-i-Nau child.

Maqbool immigrated to Canada in 1999 and earned his master's degree in Computer Information Systems (CIS) from University of Detroit Mercy. During his study at UD Mercy, Maqbool joined Ford Motor Company as IT Specialist where he worked for five years. In 2006, he joined Lear Corporation, Southfield, MI as Senior Corporate Database Administrator where he is currently working as Corporate Database Manager.

By the Grace of Allāh, Maqbool has served at the local and national levels in the Jamā’at. Some of his recent services include:

2010 to date: Secretary Umūr-i-Āma, Detroit Jamā’at
2012 to date: Qā'id ʿUmūmī, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2010 – 2011: Nā‘īb ʿĀdār, Majlis Khuddāmul-Āhmadiyya, USA
2009 – 2010: Regional Qā'id, Great Lakes Region, Majlis Khuddāmul-Āhmadiyya, USA
2007 – 2009: Qā'id Majlis Khuddāmul-Āhmadiyya, Detroit (Majlis won ‘Alam-i-Inʿāmī.)
2004 – 2005: Nā‘īb Qā'id and Nā‘īm brazil, Majlis Khuddāmul-Āhmadiyya, Windsor, Canada

Monas Ahmad Chaudry
Los Angeles East
Qā'id Ta'lim (Education)

Monas Ahmad Chaudry, son of Chaudry Muhammed IkramUllah of Multan and grandson of Babu Akbar Ali of Qadiān, was born in January 1962 in Multan, Pakistan. He earned his B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa in 1984 and his M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from California State University, Long Beach, California in 1989. He has worked as Electrical Engineer in private companies and for the last twenty-one years has been with California State Department of Transportation as Senior Construction Electrical Engineer.

His services to the Jamā’at includes the following.

2012 to date: Qā'id Ta'lim, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2006 – 2011: Qā'id Tablīgh, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2012 to date: Vice President, Los Angeles East Jamā’at
1996 to date: Secretary Tablīgh, Los Angeles East Jamā’at

Monas has also served as Southwest Regional Qā'id, Majlis Khuddāmul-Āhmadiyya, USA and Qā'id Majlis Khuddāmul-Āhmadiyya, Los Angeles East.

Munawar Ahmad Saqib
Willingboro, NJ
Qā'id Māl (Finance)

Munawar Saqib is the oldest son of Rafiq Ahmad Saqib, former professor of TI College Rabwah and Principle of Āhmadiyya Secondary School, Kano, Nigeria. Munawar was born in Rabwah, completed formal education in Nigeria, and is settled in the U.S. since 1988.

Munawar works for a multinational as an IT Project Manager. He loves to read and travel. He currently serves Willingboro Jamā’at as General Secretary and Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA as Qā'id Finance. He is married to Yasmin; they have two children–Mabroor (20) and Naila (16).
Syed Sajid Ahmad, son of Syed Sajjad Haider, was born in August 1948, in Gujrat, Pakistan. His grandfather, Syed Muhammad Yusuf (1908-1965) was the first person in the family to accept Ahmadiyya Islam at the young age of sixteen and was then disinherited by his parents as a punishment for his courageous conversion. Syed Muhammad Yusuf volunteered both to counter the Shuddhi movement and as a soldier for the Furqan Force to liberate Kashmir. Syed Muhammad Yusuf moved to Rabwah after retirement and served in the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya as Muhttar-i-‘Ameer for the Jā’idād office. Syed Muhammad Yusuf arranged for sanitary and cleaning aspects of the Jalsa Sālānas at Rabwah.

Syed Sajid Ahmad earned his master’s degree in experimental physics from the University of the Punjab in 1972 and in theoretical physics from Qā’id-i-A’zam University, Islamabad, in 1974.

He is blessed with four children, three daughters and one son.

Syed Sajid Ahmad served the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan as Nāẓim Aṭfāl (Hafizabad), Nāẓim Ta’līm (Gujrat), Mu’tamid Dīl (Gujrat) and Za’īm for Khuddām of the Fazl-e-Omar Hostel. He had the blessing to start Khuddām branches at the New Campus of University of the Punjab in Lahore and at the Islamabad University Campus.

He was the first National Finance Secretary of the Peoples Student Federation (PSF) in Pakistan.

Syed Sajid Ahmad devoted 3½ years of his life for the service of Islam in West Africa (1974-77) and taught at the Ahmadiyya Secondary Schools in Ghana at Fomena, Gomoa Potsin, and Salaga. Before departing Ghana for the U.S. in 1977, he handed over the charge of Salaga School to Ṣāḥibzādah Mirzā Masroor Āḥmad, now Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support). Both lived in the same house for a number of months.

In the U.S., as an engineer, scientist, and manager, he has worked in the semiconductor industry and at a university. He was involved in the production of pre-PC “sol” personal computer at Processor Technology (1978-79) in California. He contributed to quality and reliability enhancement as assembly processes, especially gold wire bond, at Intel (1979-89) in California and Arizona. He contributed to packaging development at National Semiconductor (1990) in Washington, and managed quality at GigaBit/TriQuint (1990-91) in California. His major work at Micron Technology (1991-2003) in Idaho involved the development and implementation of advanced semiconductor packaging. Currently he is manager of engineering services at the Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering at the North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. His focus is on enhancing research and manufacturing capabilities at the center in the areas of thin film, thick film, chip scale packaging (CSP), and surface mount technology (SMT). He holds 54 patents and has published or presented internationally 32 papers.

He has held the offices of Finance Secretary, General Secretary, and Chairperson of the Boise section of world’s largest society of engineers, IEEE. He was awarded the IEEE Third Millennium Medal in recognition of his services to the organization.

In the U.S., he served Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya as Qā’id West Coast Region (1978-85), Editor Ṭārīq, Nā’īb National Qā’id (1984-1986), National Qā’id, (1986–1988) and then as the first Ṣadr, Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya, USA (1988-89).

He served the San Francisco Jamā’at (inclusive of Sacramento, Bay Point, Oakland, San Jose, and Merced) as its Financial Secretary, then General Secretary, and then during 1982-84 as its President. He served as the President of the Phoenix Jamā’at during 1986-89. He served as the President of the Seattle Jamā’at during 1990–1991.

He has served the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA as Editor, Muslim Sunrise during 1998-2004. He has been serving as Secretary of the Children’s Magazine Committee since 2001 which publishes Al-Hilal. He has been Member of Qaḍā Board, USA for numerous years and is a member of the history committee.

He has served the St. Paul/Minnesota Jamā’at as its Secretary PR (2003), Secretary Waqf-i-Naw (2008-2010) and now is its Secretary Ta’limul-Qur’ān and Waqf-i-‘Arḍī (short-term devotional) (2010 to date).

He served as Za’īm, Majlis Anṣārullāh, St. Paul during 2003–2005.
Muhammad K. Owusu
North Virginia
Qā'id Tarbiyat (Training)

Muhammad is married with four children, three girls and a boy. He is currently working as Business Management Officer for the City of Richmond, VA. As Qā'id Tarbiyat of Majlis Anshārullāh, USA, his job is to ensure the Moral Training of Anshār.

His services to the Jamā'at include the following.

2012 to date: National Secretary Publication
2008 to date: President, Richmond Jamā'at
2012 to date: Qā'id Tarbiyat, Majlis Anshārullāh, USA
2000 – 2012: Auditor, Majlis Anshārullāh, USA

Rafi Malik
Columbus, OH
Qā'id Ishā'at (Publication)

Rafiuddin Malik, son of Rasheeduddin Malik of Markham, Canada, was born in 1964, in Okara, Pakistan. He is grandson of Late Malik Salahuddin, Darvesh Qādiān, who authored the book series “Aṣḥāb-i-Aḥmad” (the Companions of the Promised Messiah [may peace be on him]) and served as Private Secretary to Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masiṣ II (may Allāh be pleased with him). Rafi is the eldest of three brothers. He is married to Saima Malik, daughter of Mobashir Latif Ahmad, Advocate of Lahore, Pakistan. He is blessed with three children—a boy and two girls. Born as an Aḥmadi Muslim, Rafi became a Mūṣī in 1986.

Rafi completed his undergraduate studies from University of the Punjab at F. C. College, Lahore with B.Sc. in Mathematics. He moved to Toronto, Canada, in 1989 where he worked for Royal Bank of Canada as Systems Analyst. In 1999, he moved to Columbus, Ohio where he works for Nationwide Insurance as an IT professional. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Computer Science and MBA from Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio. He is an avid reader of books on computer science.

Over the years, Rafi has had the good fortune to serve the Jamā'at in Pakistan, Canada, and the U.S. in various capacities, having held his first Jamā'at office as a Tİf. Some of the services include:

2007 to date: Vice President, Columbus Jamā'at
2005 to date: Secretary Waṣāyyā, Columbus Jamā'at
2012 to date: Qā'id Ishā'at, Majlis Anshārullāh, USA
2012 to date: Editor, Al-Naḥl
2006 to date: Editor, Anshār Newsletter
2006 – 2011: Qā'id Tarbiyat, Majlis Anshārullāh, USA
2002 – 2005: Muhtamim Tarbiyat, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA
1999 – 2003: Qā'id, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Columbus
1998 – 1999: Muhtamim Ta'lim, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Canada
1993 – 1994: Nā'ib Qā'id, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Scarborough, Canada
M. Dawood Munir, son of Mohammad Ismaeel Munir, Missionary, was born in January 1952 in Negombo, Sri Lanka. His grandfather was the first Aḥmadi in his family. He earned his master's degree in Economics in 1976 from University of the Punjab, Pakistan and MBA in Accounting and Finance in 1988 from University of Houston, TX.

He is experienced in Banking, Accounting, and Finance. He is currently self-employed with S&D Bookkeeping & Tax Services in Houston, TX. He enjoys camping and gardening.

Currently, he serves as Auditor, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and President, Cypress-Houston Jamā’at. His past services include the following.

General Secretary, Cypress-Houston Jamā’at
Qā’id Ta’lim, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
Qā’id Tablīgh, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
Secretary Tablīgh, Houston Jamā’at
Regional Nāzīm, Central South region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
Za‘īm, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Houston
National Mu’tamid, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA
Qā’id, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Houston
Za‘īm, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Dārul-Ḥamd, Lahore
Za‘īm Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Dārus-Ṣadr Janūbi, Rabwah

Waseem Ahmad
Indiana
Qā’id Tarbiyat Nau Mubā’ī’in (New Converts)

Waseem Ahmad, son of Late Mahmud Ahmad, was born in 1966, in Peshawar, Pakistan. His three sisters, a brother, and mother live in Canada. His great-grandfather, Fazal Din of Goleki, Gujrat was the first Aḥmadi from his paternal side who did his Bai’at in 1906. His great-grandfather Mirza Abdul Majeed was among the first Aḥmadies from his maternal side, converting in his early teenage and forced to leave his house as a result. Mirza Abdul Majid later on became the deputy superintendent police of Peshawar. He also served in Qādiān under Masood Ahmad Dehlvi in Wakalat-e-Tabshir office during the time of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him). Waseem’s father had the privilege of being the high school classmate of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) in Qādiān.

Waseem is married to Majida Sabeen Ahmad, Mūsiyah, who converted to Aḥmadiyyat in 2007 along with part of her family in Pakistan, amidst harsh anti-Jamā’at surroundings. Waseem has two children Sultaan and Nailah from his previous marriage. In order to maintain a healthy level of physical activity, he regularly practices Karate (Shotakan style) and has won gold and silver medals at national and international competitions. His other hobbies include reading, gardening, motorcycle riding, and cooking.

Waseem earned master’s degrees in Geology as well as in Environmental Sciences and has completed the course work towards a master’s degree in Informatics. He received a gold medal from Peshawar University during his undergraduate studies. He immigrated to Canada in 1990 and then to the U.S. in 1996. He has lived and worked in Indianapolis area since graduating from Indiana University, Bloomington in 1998. Having worked in the public as well as the private sector, currently he works as an IT Manager at the corporate headquarters of Cummins, Inc. in Columbus, Indiana where he is also the founding member of the corporate chapter of the Toastmasters International.

Waseem held his first Jamā’at/Auxiliary office in Peshawar as General Secretary to the Qā’id Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Peshawar, Pakistan. He was the founding member of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Students Association at University of Alberta, Canada. He also served as the English section editor of the Canadian Khuddām quarterly magazine Al-Nidā. He has served as the General Secretary of the Indiana Jamā’at since its inception in 2002. He serves as the Za’īm of Indiana Majlis and the Humanity First Regional Coordinator for Midwest and Gulf Lake Region.
Abubakar Bin Saeed
Milwaukee
Qā'id Taḥrīk-i-Jaṣīd

AbuBakar Bin Saeed was born in December, 1969 in Tamale in the Northern Region of Ghana, West Africa. He was born to a Muslim family and is the youngest of eleven children born to his father from two wives. His father’s name is Abubakar Babzuda and mother’s name is Ayeshetu Acheu. He has seven brothers and three sisters.

Abubakar attended T. I. Aḥmadiyya Primary and Middle school in Tamale and T. I. Aḥmadiyya Secondary School in Salaga, also in the Northern Region of Ghana. He graduated as a teacher from Bagabaga Teacher Training College in Tamale.

He was married to Ayesha Sa-eed of Milwaukee in 1999 and moved to the U.S. in December 2002. He is blessed with two children—Juwairiyah Sa-eed and Waleed Sa-eed. He works in the Health industry.

In Ghana, Abubakar served Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya as Secretary Aṯfāl and Secretary Waqār-i-'Aml (Dignity of Labor). He also served on Iṣlāḥī Board (Conflict Resolution) and Secretary Ta'līm of his Jamā'at. He has received the Best Khādīm Award in Ghana. His Jamā'at services in the U.S. are as follows.

Currently: Tarbiyat Secretary, Milwaukee Jamā’at
2011 – 2012: Qā'id Taḥrīk-i-Jaṣīd, Majlis Ansarullah, USA
2010 to date: Regional Nāzīm, Midwest region, Majlis Ansarullah, USA
2010 to date: Nā‘ib Za'im, Sa'f Dom, Milwaukee Majlis
2002 – 2006: Qā'id, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Milwaukee
2006 – 2009: Regional Qā'id, Midwest region, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA
2009: Nāzīm-i-A'la, National Ijtimā' of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA
2001 – 2006: Secretary Ta'līm, Milwaukee Jamā’at

Tanvir Ahmed
Detroit
Qā'id Dhaḥānat wa Șihat-i-Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health)

Tanvir Ahmed is son of Syed Laique Ahmed Shaheed who was martyred in Model Town Mosque, Lahore on May 28, 2010. Tanvir was born in February 1964. He is married to Dr. Sarwar Jahan. He has one daughter and one son, both Wāqīfīn-i-Nau. There are numerous martyrs closely related to Tanvir’s mother’s side of the family including Dr. Aqeel Bin Abdul Qadir, a well-known Aḥmādī Physician in Sindh, Pakistan. Tanvir’s grandfather, Syed Mohiuddin Ahmed, was an attorney and served the Jamā’at with sincere dedication both before and after the division of India. He was the first to accept Aḥmādīyyat on Tanvir’s father’s side. His maternal grandmother was a staunch Aḥmādis and his maternal aunt Mrs. Sohaila Mahboob was married to Faiz Gujrati, Darvesh Qādīān. Having educated herself, she devoted her life to the service of Jamā’at in Qādīān her entire life as a teacher in Nuṣrat Girls High School.

Tanvir earned his medical degree in 1988 and M. Phil in 1992. He received a diploma in Health Care Services from University of Oslo, Norway in 1992. He also received further qualifications in Canada and the U.S. He is currently in practice in General & Emergency Medicine in both USA and Canada.

Tanvir has been involved in volunteer work since his student days in Medical school. Some of the volunteer work include: Free Medical Camps and School Health Projects in Pakistan; Volunteer Physician Service in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005; Volunteer Physician Service after earthquakes in Pakistan in 2005 and in Haiti in 2010; Blood Donation Camps; Volunteer Physician Service in Prison System and School Health Services in Mississippi (2006-2012); and mentoring AMMA Since 2005 for Aḥmādí Pre-Medical / Med. Students, Residents.

Tanvir has had the opportunity to serve the Jamā’at from his childhood years. Some of his services include: Nā‘ib Qā'id Health, Za'im Ansarullah, and offices in local Anṣār 'Āmilah; Sā'iq, Za'im, Qā'id, and other offices in Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmādīyya; General Secretary, Acting President, and other offices in the Jamā’at.

He is currently Serving as Qā'id Dhaḥānat wa Șihat-i-Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health), Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and on 'Arab Tablīgh Project in Detroit Jamā’at.
Syed Fazal Ahmed, son of Syed Abdus Sattar and Sanjeedah Khatoon, was born in Dacca, Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan) in August 1956. His family migrated to West Pakistan in 1971. His grandfather, Syed Abdul Ghaffar, was one of the first to accept Ahmadiyyat in 1904/05 in Monghair, Bihar, India. Both of his grandparents were at the forefront of Tablígh in their villages and endured extreme persecution for accepting Ahmadiyyat and for actively propagating Ahmadiyyat. Fazal’s great-grandfather migrated from Basra, Iraq in the middle of nineteenth century and traveling through Delhi, finally settled in Bihar. He has five sisters and three brothers.

Fazal is married to Amtulhamid Munira, daughter of Abdul Bari Taluqdar. They are blessed with three sons—two are college-going, and the youngest is in 9th grade. Fazal played Cricket and Basketball in school and university. He has widely traveled, including the Middle East and Europe. Fazal graduated from Karachi University in 1979 and then earned his MBA in Marketing from SE University, Washington. Fazal commenced his career in Pharmaceutical Sales & Marketing in Pakistan in 1979. In 1984, he moved to Dubai, UAE where he lived for 16 years. He migrated to the U.S. in 1999 and settled in Philadelphia, PA. In the U.S., he was employed in Biotech & Pharmaceutical industry for seven years. However, since last four years, he has shifted to Financial industry. He is currently employed with New York Life Insurance Company as Financial Service Professional.

Fazal has had the opportunity to serve the Jam‘at in various capacities since he was a Ṭifl. A synopsis of his services is appended below:

2009 to date: Qā‘id Ta‘limul Qur‘ān, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2007 to date: Director, Hifż Qur‘ān, National Ta‘limul Qur‘ān & Waqf-i-‘Ārdi (short-term devotional) Dept., USA Jam‘at
2001 to date: Assistant National Secretary Waqf-i-Nau, USA Jam‘at
2004 to date: General Secretary, Philadelphia Jam‘at
2008-2010: Qāḍī, North East region, USA Jam‘at
2007-2010: Nā‘ib Nāẓim, North East region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2003-2009: Za‘īm, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Philadelphia
2001-2007: Secretary Waqf-i-Nau, Philadelphia Jam‘at
2001-2007: Secretary Publication, Philadelphia Jam‘at
1987-1999: Amīr/President, Dubai, UAE Jam‘at
1985-1987: Za‘īm, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Dubai, UAE
1984-1987: Vice President, Dubai, UAE Jam‘at
1975-1979: Za‘īm, Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmdiyaa, Nazimabad, Karachi
1975-1979: Muntazim Aṭfāl, Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmdiyaa, Nazimabad, Karachi
1974-1978: Vice President, Ahmdiyaa Student Association, Karachi

Syed Fazal Ahmad
Philadelphia
Qā‘id Ta‘limul Qur‘ān (Education of the Holy Qur‘ān)
Shamim Ahmad Malik, son of Nasim Ahmad Malik (Advocate), was born in Rabwah, Pakistan. He has two brothers and two sisters. His maternal grandfather, Hadrat Maulana Jalalud Din Shams, is one of three well known Ahmadi scholars who have been titled “Khalid-i-Ahmadiyyat.” His paternal grandfather, Malik Aziz Muhammad (Advocate) was one of the first members in his family to accept Ahmadiyyat and remained Amīr Jamʿat of Dera Ghazi Khan for a long time.

Shamim is married to Umerana Malik, daughter of Farooq Ahmad Chaudhry of Lahore. They are blessed with four children, three sons and a daughter, the second youngest son being a Waqf-i-Nau child. He has actively participated in various sports including Badminton, Soccer, Volleyball, and Table Tennis. He has a keen interest in travelling internationally.

Shamim earned his MBA in International Business from Roosevelt University, Chicago in 1983 and also received a Post-MBA Certificate in Advanced Management from the Schulich School of Business, Toronto in 2002. In addition, he has completed the Professional Banking Diploma program from the Canadian Institute of Bankers, Toronto and International Banking Diploma from the Chartered Institute of Bankers, London, U.K. As a career banker, Shamim has extensively traveled in the Middle East, Far East, Europe, and North America. He started his banking career in Pakistan in 1984 and was posted to U.A.E. in 1986. After working for various commercial and investment banking entities, he migrated to Toronto, Canada in 1998 to join Royal Bank of Canada. He was transferred to the U.S. in 2006. He is currently working at PNC Bank as VP, Financial Institutions Risk Management after the RBC U.S. commercial banking operations were acquired by PNC in 2012.

Shamim had the blessing of serving the Jamʿat as Secretary Finance, Abu Dhabi chapter for more than six years. He served Majlis Ansārullāh, Canada as Qāʿid Māl (Finance) and National Auditor. He served as Qāʿid Shiḥat-i-Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health), Majlis Ansarullah, USA for two years. Currently, he is serving the Research Triangle Jamʿat as Auditor and Secretary Public Affairs.

Aftab Lubis
Dallas
Nāʿib Qāʿid Māl (Finance)

Aftab Ahmad Lubis, son of Syarif Ahmad Lubis, is 3rd generation Indonesian Ahmadi and a Mūṣī. He is married with 3 children. He lives in Allen, TX, a suburb of Dallas. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Applied Physics at Institute Teknologi, Bandung, Indonesia in October 1988. He earned his master’s degree in Computer Science in May 1997 and master’s in Electrical Engineering in Aug 1997 at Oklahoma State University. He and his family moved to Dallas area in late 1997. He has served as Nāẓim Aftāl, Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya, Dallas and Secretary Waqf-i-Nau of Dallas Jamʿat. He currently serves as Secretary Audio/Video of Dallas Jamʿat and Muntazim İthār [Eesaar] (Social Services) of Majlis Anṣārullāh, Dallas. He works as a Software Engineer at Ericsson. He enjoys playing Tennis in his spare time.

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Mazhar UL Haque
Los Angeles
Nā‘ib Auditor

Mazhar Ul Haque, son of Hafiz Sakhawat Ali, was born in 1948 in Shahjahanpur, UP, India. He has three brothers and two sisters. His grandfather, Ḥājjī Imām Bakhsh, was the first person in the family to accept Ahmadiyyat at the hands of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) in 1905.

Mazhar is married to Shahida Sultana, daughter of Mohammed Younus Farooq. They are blessed with two daughters and a son. His hobby is gardening and reciting poems in Jamā‘at programs.

He moved from Shahjahanpur to Qādīān with his parents at the age of two years in 1950 at the desire of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allāh be pleased with him) to populate Qādīān again, after partition. He matriculated from Qādīān. He alone migrated from Qādīān to Karachi, Pakistan in 1968. He completed his study in Accounting from Karachi University. During his Articleship with an Audit firm in Karachi, he performed audit of about twenty different companies. In 1980, he was hired by a Saudi Arabian company to work with their finance department as a cost accountant. He worked with them in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for sixteen years from 1980 to 1996. He served as Secretary Finance for Jeddah Jamā‘at for ten years. He is fortunate to have performed Ḥajj eight times and countless ‘Umrahs.

He migrated from Jeddah to the U.S. in 1996 with his family and settled in Los Angeles. His services to the Jamā‘at include the following.

- **2012 to Date:** Nā‘ib Nāẓīm Māl, South West Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
- **2010 to Date:** Nā‘ib Auditor, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
- **2005 to Date:** Secretary Tahlīk-i-Jadīd, LA Inland Jamā‘at
- **2000 to Date:** Muntazim Māl, Majlis Anṣārullāh, LA Inland and LA East Majālīs
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Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, son of Chaudhry Muhammad Din Wainse (Retd. Banker) of Ghazikot, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur, India was born in Jamesabad, Sind, Pakistan in April 1948. He has two brothers and two sisters. His father was the second person in his family to accept Ahmadiyyat as a high school student and served under Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) in Qādīān.

Zafar was married to Rashida (Bajwa) Zafar Iqbal, daughter of Major Sharif Ahmad Bajwa, a devotee, former Imām of Masjid Fazal, London, U.K., and Amīr and Missionary in charge, USA. They are blessed with three sons: Dr. Waseet Zafar Vance, Dr. Awais Zafar Vance, and Dr. Aṣār Zafar Vance. Zafar lost Rashida in a tragic car accident in 1991 and remarried to Shagufta (Rehman) Zafar Iqbal, daughter of Major Sheikh Abdur Rehman of Sialkot. At his younger age, he played Kabaddi (a type of wrestling) and Volleyball. His hobbies include gardening and Do-it-Yourself projects.


Zafar served as Treasurer and then President of his county’s Medical Society for many years. He is currently the Secretary of Upstate New York Society of Therapeutic Radiologists and Oncologists.

He had the honor of serving as Secretary Aṭfāl of Dārul Reḥmat Gharbī, Rabwah 1961-1964 and to serve on Khidmat-i-Khalq duty around Masjid Mubārak during election of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him). His other Jamā’at services include:

1999 to date: Nāẓim Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA Northeast Region
2012 to date: Za’īm, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Syracuse
2010 to date: Secretary Ta’limul Qur’ān/Waqf-i-‘Ārdi (short-term devotional), Syracuse Jamā’at
2011 to date: Secretary Ta’lim and Secretary Tarbiyat Syracuse Jamā’at
2007 – 2010: President, Syracuse Jamā’at
2004 – 2007: Secretary General, Syracuse Jamā’at
2004 to date: Regional Secretary, Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association Northeast Region
2001 to date: Chapter President, Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association Rochester/Syracuse
2003 – 2004: Finance Secretary, Syracuse Jamā’at
2000 – 2003: Vice President, Rochester, Jamā’at
1998 – 2003: Za’īm, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Rochester
1991 – 2002: Regional President, Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association Northeast Region
1992 – 2003: Secretary Ta’lim & Tarbiyat, Rochester Jamā’at
Basharat Ahmad Wadan, son of Chaudhry Ghulam Hussain, was born in 1948 in Pakistan. His grandfather, Chaudhry Karam Dad of District Gujrat, was a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He was the first person in the family to accept Ahmadiyyat at the hands of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

Basharat married to Dr. Zahida Choudhary, daughter of Choudhary Noor Ahmad, former Amir Dil’ Mirpur Khas, Sind, Pakistan. Basharat is blessed with two daughters and one son—one son and one daughter are blessed to be Waqifin-i-Nau. In his student days, Basharat played Cricket, Soccer, and Volleyball. He was a member of the Karachi Soccer and Volleyball teams at national Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya competitions at Rabwah for many years.

Basharat earned a bachelor’s degree in Islāmic Studies in 1972, a bachelor’s degree in Law in 1974, a master’s degree in Political Science in 1976, and a master’s degree in Islāmic History with distinction in 1978 from Karachi University, Pakistan. He studied Fiqh (Islāmic Jurisprudence) in his Law and Islāmic History programs. He practiced law in District and in High Court in Sindh, Pakistan. In 1988, he migrated to the U.S.

He received a medal from Ḥadrat Khalifatul Masiḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) in 1980. He stood 1st in an essay writing competition of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Pakistan in 1981 and received the first prize of Rs. 700 from the hands of Ḥadrat Khalifatul Masiḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him).

Basharat held his first Jamā’at/Auxiliary office at the age of 15 in Martin Road, Karachi, Pakistan. Since then he has held several offices at different levels in Pakistan. In 1964, he became the youngest member of Majlis-i-Āmilah of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Karachi at the time. From 1964 to 1988, he served in various capacities including Nā’īb Mu’tamīd, Nā’īb Nāzīm Șihat-i-Jismānī ((Intellect and Physical Health)), Za’im Ḥalqa, Nāzīm Waqār-i-‘Aml (Dignity of Labor) Ɗīl’, and Assistant Secretary Işlāḥ-o-Irshād of Karachi Jamā’at. He was also a member of Sirat Council, Karachi Jamā’at (1967-1970). He was Joint Secretary of Ahmadiyya Inter Collegiate, Karachi (1968-1970) and attended many meetings with Ḥadrat Khalifatul Masiḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him). He had the honor of serving as Nā’īb Nāzīm Langar Khāna (hospitality) at Jalsa Sālāna at Rabwah in 1981 and Nā’īb Nāzīm Khema Jat (accommodation) at Jalsa Sālāna at Rabwah in 1982.

Basharat had been a member of Washington D.C. Jamā’at for almost 20 years. Since 2008, he has been a member of Central Virginia Jamā’at. In 1994, during a family Mulaqāt, Ḥadrat Khalifatul Masiḥ IV (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) instructed Basharat to devote more time to the Jamā’at in the U.S. too. Basharat complied and since 1994 he has been serving the Jamā’at in various capacities including the following.

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Nāẓīm Great Lakes Region

Dr. B. K. Ahmad, son of late Col. M. Ramzan (President, Zambia Jamā’at), was born in August 1950, in London, U.K. He has been blessed with four children, two boys and two girls. He loves to read and travel and has traveled to parts of the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. At home he is currently focused on personal fitness goals.

Dr. B. K. Ahmad stood 2nd in Punjab province, Pakistan in the Intermediate Examination in 1968. He graduated from King Edward Medical College, Lahore in 1974 and migrated to the U.S. in 1975. He did his Internal Medicine residency in New York and moved to Houston where he completed his Neurology residency at Baylor College of Medicine in 1981. He was subsequently a fellow in EMG and Neuromuscular Diseases at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. He moved to Detroit in 1982. He has worked at Henry Ford Hospital as a consultant neurologist in Neuromuscular Diseases, Neurophysiology Residency Director, Division Chief and Vice-Chair. He moved to Roanoke, Virginia in 2000 where he did private practice for seven years. He moved back to Michigan in 2008 and is currently Chief of Neurology at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. In addition to seeing neurological patients he enjoys teaching medical students and residents.

Dr. B. K. Ahmad had the honor of serving Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) as one of his personal physicians during his final illness in 2003. Some of his services to the Jamā’at include:

2012 to date: Regional Nāẓīm, Great Lakes Region, Majlis Ansārullāh, USA
2012 to date: Regional Secretary, Tarbiyat Department
2010 to date: Regional Secretary, Rishta Nāṭā Department
2003 – 2009: Qā’id Dhahānāt wa Śihat-i-Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health), Majlis Ansārullāh, USA
2001 – 2004: Assistant Secretary, National Satellite Fund
1990 – 2000: President, Detroit Jamā’at
1983 – 1990: General Secretary, Detroit Jamā’at
1983 – 1986: Qā’id, Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Detroit

Suhail Kauser  
Dallas  
Nāẓīm Gulf States Region

Suhail Kausar is son of Sheikh Amir Ahmad, who was the first in the family to accept Ahmadiyyat. Suhail Kausar was born in 1949 in Mailsi, Pakistan. He has five brothers, one of whom, Sajid Naeem, was one of the martyrs in Model Town Mosque, Lahore in 2010. He is blessed with two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren. He likes to play Cricket, Squash, and Table Tennis.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore in 1969 and worked for Packages Limited, Lahore for 11 years. As a specialist in packaging, he worked in Tanzania and Kuwait and established corrugated box as well as folding carton manufacturing plants in Kuwait. He established his own folding carton manufacturing plant in Lahore in 1987.

He served as Secretary Waqf-i-Jadīd of Model Town Jamā’at till he migrated to the U.S. in 1997. Currently, he serves as President of Dallas Jamā’at, National Asst. Secretary Tarbiyat, and Nāẓīm, Gulf States Region, Majlis Ansārullāh, USA.

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Musawwir Momen, son of late Bashir Khaled Momen, was born in 1967 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He currently lives in the Monterey Peninsula in California with his wife, Urmi Jahan, and three children, two boys—who are both Wāqifīn-i-Nau—and a daughter. His both great-grandfathers from father’s side accepted Ḥmadiyyat while his mother accepted Ḥmadiyyat at an early age.

Musawwir was schooled in the U.K. and received his bachelor’s degree from Cambridge University with a joint degree in Engineering and Management Science. He has been working in the U.S. since 1989 and is currently working for HSBC as the Head of Consumer Risk Management for the Americas (North & South America). He has been a member of the Silicon Valley Jamā’at for the last 14 years. He is currently serving as Nāẓim of Central West Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Za’im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Silicon Valley, and Secretary Waqf-i-Jadid of Silicon Valley Jamā’at.

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The regional Ijtima’ of Central East region was held on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at Al-Naṣr Mosque in Willingboro, NJ. 70 Anṣār from five Majālis (Central Jersey, Lehigh valley, North Jersey, Philadelphia, and Willingboro) attended the Ijtima’.

The Ijtima’ started at 9:00 A.M. with breakfast. The opening session began at 10:00 A.M. with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān followed by Anṣār pledge. Naseem Ahmed Waseem, Regional Nāẓim, Central East region, along with Khalid Ahmad Ata, Nā‘ib Ṣadr Awwal presided the session. Naseem Waseem welcomed the participants and Khalid Ata expressed gratitude to the participants.

After the opening session, educational competitions were held. Anṣār participated in educational competitions including Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān, Commentary on Ḥadīth, Impromptu Speech, and General Knowledge. At the end of the first session, participants enjoyed an Observation & Recall competition.

Afterwards, sports competitions were held in which members took part in Volleyball and Table Tennis competitions.

The Ijtima’ program was set according to the guidelines provided by the center. The program was a good blend of contemporary speeches, Educational competitions, and Sports. The winners in the competitions were awarded certificates of recognition and were encouraged to be well prepared for competitions at the National Ijtima’.

The Ijtima’ was very successful in terms of participation, program’s content, adherence to the schedule, and Ḍiāfah and other arrangements. In addition to being a source of spiritual gains, the Ijtima’ offered a great opportunity to create camaraderie among Anṣār. The Ijtima’ ended at 5:00 P.M. with silent prayer led by Khalid Ata.
The regional Ijtima of Great Lakes region (Majlis: Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Detroit [Toledo], Indiana, Kentucky, and Pittsburgh) was held on Saturday-Sunday, September 8-9, 2012 at Masjid Mahmood in Detroit. The event provided everyone an opportunity to enjoy, pray, learn, compete, and relax for a memorable couple of days with Anşar brothers of the region. The gathering proved to be a great source of spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical reinvigoration. This year, we had the honor of hosting Qa’id Ta’hir-i-Jadid, Abubakar Bin Saeed, and Qa’id Tajrid, Muneeb Ahmad, as representatives of Sadr Majlis Anşarullah, USA.

Anşar traveling from other Majalis started arriving at Masjid Mahmood around 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 8 and had lunch with the local Anşar. The opening session was held on Saturday afternoon that began with the recitation of the Holy Qur’an by Pervaiz Khan of Detroit Majlis. Anşar pledge was led by Dr. B.K. Ahmad, Regional Nazim, Great Lakes region. Laeeq Butt of Detroit Majlis recited a poem in his melodious voice. Dr. B.K. Ahmad welcomed all guests and local Anşar. He highlighted the purpose and importance of holding regional events. Along with logistics and introduction of the mosque’s facilities, he encouraged all Anşar to take full advantage of the opportunity and participate in all educational as well as sports competitions. In his opening address, Muneeb Ahmad discussed the goals of Majlis Anşarullah and stressed the importance of utilizing these events in attaining the pleasure of Allāh.

Anwar Mahmood Khan, National Secretary Ta’hir-i-Jadid, gave an inspiring presentation on the purpose of Ta’hir-i-Jadid and recounted the services that the scheme had provided since its inception.

Afterwards, various educational competitions were held including Recitation of the Holy Qur’an (memorized), Commentary on Hadith, Impromptu Speech, and Observation and Recall. Members participated in all competitions with a great deal of interest. Imam Irshad Malhi along with Abubakar Bin Saeed and Muneeb Ahmad served as judges. At the conclusion of the educational competitions, Anşar enjoyed tea and refreshments.

Sports competitions started on Saturday afternoon. Badminton and Table Tennis competitions started concurrently with qualifying rounds. A Basketball hoops competition was also held in which a large number of Anşar showed interest and new talent was discovered during this competition. Sportsman spirit of Anşar brothers was at its full display during these highly contested competitions.

After sports competitions, members enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared on the premises by the local Anşar. A Q&A session followed by prize distribution. Bashir Ahmad of Detroit Majlis. This was the pleasure of Allāh. He then led the Anşar pledge and the Ijtima concluded with collective silent prayer led by Imām Irshad Malhi. Afterwards, Anşar and other members watched live concluding address of Ḥadrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allāh be his support) at U.K. Jalsa Sālāna.

The total participation from across the Great Lakes region was 60 (47 Anşar, 5 Khuddām, and 8 Aţfāl). May Allāh reward all the participants who took the time to attend the event, Āmin. Many Anşar of Detroit, the host Majlis, spent long hours for Ijtima preparations including registration, transportation, food preparation, and organizing various competitions. May Allāh amply reward the efforts of all volunteers for their dedication and selfless efforts in making the event successful, Āmin.

**Educational Competitions**

Recitation of the Holy Qur’an
- 1st: Mansoor Qureshi
- 2nd: Muzaффar Mahmood
- 3rd: Laeeq Butt
- 3rd: Mirza Mahmood Ahmad

Commentary on Ḥadith
- 1st: Mansoor Qureshi
- 2nd: Pervaiz Khan
- 3rd: Mirza Mahmood Ahmad
- 3rd: Nasir Bukhari

Impromptu Speech
- 1st: Mansoor Qureshi
- 2nd: Abdu Salam Malik
- 3rd: Mirza Mahmood Ahmad

Observation & Recall
- 1st: Mansoor Qureshi
- 2nd: Abdul Qudoos Shahid
- 3rd: Akbar Shah
- 3rd: Maqbool Tahir

**Sports Competitions**

Basketball Hoops
- 1st: Pervaiz Khan
- 2nd: Zahid Munir
- 3rd: Rizwan Qadir

Badminton Doubles
- 1st: Naseem Khan
- 2nd: Sharjeel Malik
- 2nd: Maqbool Tahir
- 2nd: Rehman Ghani

Table Tennis
- 1st: Naseem Khan
- 2nd: Naseem Ahmed
- 3rd: Nasir Bukhari
The regional Ijtima’ of Midwest region (Majalis: Chicago East, Chicago West, Kansas, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Oshkosh, St. Louis, Zion) was held on Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6, 2012 at Baitul Jaamay Mosque in Glen Ellyn, IL. About 100 Ansar attended the Ijtima’. Qa'id Tabligh, Syed Sajid Ahmad, and Qa'id Ithar, Rizwan Qadir, attended the Ijtima’ as representatives of Sadr Majlis Ansharullah, USA. Participation of Ansar from various Majalis in educational and sports competitions as well as in interesting discussions made the Ijtima’ very successful.
The regional Ijtima‘ of Northeast region (Majlis: Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Buffalo, Fitchburg, Hartford, Rochester, Syracuse) was held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Baitun Noor Mosque in Albany, NY. 44 members attended this auspicious event. Qa‘id Nau Mubā‘ī‘īn (New Converts), Waseem Ahmad, attended the Ijtima‘ as representative of Sadr Majlis Ansārullāh, USA.

The opening session of the Ijtima‘ started with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān by Mubashir Ahmad Majoka of Rochester Majlis. The English translation of the recitation was offered by Kusi Ahmad of Hartford Majlis. Ansār pledge was led by Waseem Ahmad, Qa‘id Nau Mubā‘ī‘īn. Tahir Ahmad Khokhar recited few couplets of an Urdu poem. The session was chaired by Waseem Ahmad along with Imām Zafar Sarwar, Regional Missionary, and Zafar Iqbal, Nāzīm Northeast Region.

After the opening session, various educational competitions were held including Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān, Commentary on Ḥadīth, Impromptu Speech, and Observation and Recall. Good number of Ansār participated in educational competitions. A Religious and General Knowledge quiz competition was also held in which 6 teams, each consisting of 4 Ansār, were formed.

Afterwards, a delicious lunch was served that everyone enjoyed. After the Zuhr and ‘Asr Prayers, Imām Zafar Sarwar addressed the attendees of the Ijtima‘.

In the afternoon session, sports were to be held but due to heavy rain and conditions outside, outdoor competitions such as Volleyball, 1 Mile Walk, and Tug of war were canceled and only indoor competitions were held that consisted of Musical Chair and Arm Wrestling. Musical chair competition was very interesting. Arm Wrestling competition was very competitive and intense.

Before the final session of the Ijtima‘, a group photo was taken according to the guidelines provided by the department of Publication. The final session started with recitation of Holy Qur‘ān by the winner of the Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān competition, Kusi Ahmad, followed by a prize distribution ceremony.

In the concluding address of the Ijtima‘, Waseem Ahmad, Qa‘id Nau Mubā‘ī‘īn, thanked the members for participating in the Ijtima‘ and expressed the love he had felt from attending the Northeast Regional Ijtima‘ and encouraged everyone to keep progressing and promoting the faith within ourselves and everyone around us.

Zafar Iqbal, Nāzīm Northeast Region, also recognized the local Za‘īm, Muzaffar Ahmad, and President, Dr. Hafeez-ur-Rahman, and their Diāfat team for their hard work and prayed that may Allāh reward them abundantly. The Ijtima‘ concluded with the Ansār pledge led by Waseem Ahmad and silent prayer led by Imām Zafar Sarwar.

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**Educational Competitions**

**Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān**
1st Kusi Ahmad (Hartford)
2nd Mubashir Majoka (Rochester)
3rd Munir Ahmad (Hartford)

**Commentary on Ḥadīth**
1st Hafeez-ur-Rahman (Albany)
2nd Nasir M. Khan (Buffalo)
3rd Mahmood Ahmad (Boston)

**Impromptu Speech**
1st Hafeez-ur-Rahman (Albany)
2nd Kusi Ahmad (Hartford)
3rd Nasir M. Khan (Buffalo)

**Observation & Recall**
1st Hafeez-ur-Rahman (Albany)
2nd Mamoon Bukhari (Buffalo)
1st Zafar Ahmad (Buffalo)
1st Qudratullah Tariq (Boston)
2nd Tahir Khokhar (Rochester)
3rd Abdul Haleem (Rochester)
3rd Mahmood Khan (Albany)

**Religious Knowledge**

**Team C**
1st Abdul Hakim Nasir (Syracuse)
2nd Akram Jangua (Rochester)
3rd Abdul Haleem (Rochester)
Muzaffar Tanvir (Rochester)

**Team F**
1st Hafeez-ur-Rahman (Albany)
2nd Perwaiz Akhtar Butt (Albany)
1st Kusi Ahmad (Hartford)
3rd Abdul Rashid (Albany)

**Team E**
1st Masood Ashraf (Fitchburg)
2nd Bashiruddin Mehmud (Fitchburg)
3rd Abdul Aziz (Fitchburg)
Nafees Awan (Fitchburg)

**Sports Competitions**

**Musical Chair**
1st Bashiruddin Mehmud (Fitchburg)
2nd Qudratullah Tariq (Boston)
3rd Manzur Manan (Hartford)

**Arm Wrestling**
1st Hafeez-ur-Rahman (Albany)
2nd Nasir.M.Khan (Buffalo)
3rd Abdul Aziz (Fitchburg)
The regional Ijtima’ of New York region (Majlis: Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island, New York) was held on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at Bait uz Zafar Mosque in New York. The Ijtima’ started with Tahajjud Prayer led by Fassasi Saunsi followed by Fajr Prayer led by Mahmood Ahmad of New York Majlis. Darsul Qur’ān was delivered by Arshad Janjua, Nāẓīm New York Region. Breakfast was offered to the participants from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. Registration for the Ijtima’ started at 9:00 A.M.

Qā’id Ta’limul Qur’ān, Syed Fazal Ahmad, attended the Ijtima’ as representative of Śadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. First session of the Ijtima’ started at 10:00 A.M. with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Mahmood Ahmad Bhatta, Za’im New York Majlis. Anṣār Pledge was led by Arshad Janjua, Nāẓīm New York Region. A poem of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) was recited by Zafar Malik. Imām Daud Hanif delivered an inspiring speech in which he called upon Anṣār to pay attention to their duties towards the Jamā’at. He reminded members about the importance and significance of Prayers and especially emphasized the punctuality in congregational Prayers. He exhorted members about remembrance of Allah, regularly watching MTA, and listening to the Friday sermons of Ḥadrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allāh be his support) to strengthen their bond with the Khilāfat. He also urged members to strengthen the bond of brotherhood amongst themselves.

Afterwards, a prize distribution ceremony was held and prizes were distributed to the winners of educational and sports competitions by Syed Fazal Ahmad, Qā’id Ta’limul Qur’ān, and Imām Daud Hanif. The session concluded with silent prayer led by Syed Fazal Ahmad.

In the second session of the Ijtima’, various educational competitions were held including Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān (memorized), Commentary on Ḥadith, and Impromptu Speech. Anṣār took part in the competitions with great vigor. Sports competitions included Horseshoe Toss, Shot Put, Table Tennis, Tug of War, and Volleyball. Participants enjoyed taking part in the sports competitions.

The final session of the Ijtima’ started with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Irfan Alladin. A poem of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) was recited by Zafar Malik. Imām Daud Hanif delivered an inspiring speech in which he called upon Anṣār to pay attention to their duties towards the Jamā’at. He reminded members about the importance and significance of Prayers and especially emphasized the punctuality in congregational Prayers.

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The Ijtima’ was very successful in every respect. Volunteers, especially, the Diāfat team worked very diligently and tirelessly to serve the participants of the Ijtima’. About 100 members attended the Ijtima’ including twelve Aṭfāl.

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South East Regional Ijtimā‘

The regional Ijtimā‘ of South East region (Majālis: AL-TN, Charlotte, Georgia-South Carolina, Miami, Orlando, Research Triangle) was held on Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6, 2012 at Laura S. Walker State Park, 5653 Laura Walker Rd., Waycross, GA. Syed Abdul Shukoor, Regional Nāẓim, South East region, represented Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, also attended the Ijtimā‘ as a member of the South East region.

Many educational and sports competitions were held and Anṣār actively took part in all the competitions. Syed Abdul Shukoor, Regional Nāẓim, South East region and Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, addressed the participants. Anṣār enjoyed various competitions and the ambient camaraderie at the Ijtimā‘. Volunteers worked hard to make the Ijtimā‘ successful. Overall, the Ijtimā‘ was a spiritually uplifting experience for the participants.
South West Regional Ijtimā’

The regional Ijtimā’ of South West region (Majālis: Los Angeles East, Los Angeles West, LA Inland, Las Vegas, Phoenix, San Diego, Tucson) was held on Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27, 2012 at Bait ul Hameed Mosque in Chino, CA. M. Dawood Munir, National Auditor, Majlis Anshārullāh, USA, and Tanvir Ahmad, Qā'id Dhahānat wa Șīhat-i-Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health), attended the Ijtimā’ as representatives of Şadr Majlis Anshārullāh, USA.

Various educational and sports competitions were held during the Ijtimā’. M. Dawood Munir, Tanvir Ahmad, and ʃāh-d Emīm Shamshad Ahmad Nasir, among others, addressed the participants of the Ijtimā’. Anşār enjoyed taking part in educational as well as sports competitions. Everyone worked hard to make the Ijtimā’ an enjoyable experience. Overall, Ijtimā’ was a success.
The regional Ijtima‘ of Virginia region (Majlis: Central Virginia, North Virginia, Richmond, South Virginia, Washington D.C.) was held on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Masjid Mubarak, 4555 Ahmadiyya Drive, Chantilly, VA.

The first session of the Ijtima‘ started with Tahajjud Prayer led by Sher Ali Khan Basharat, President of Northern Virginia Jam‘at, followed by Fajr Prayer and Dars-ul-Qur’an by Syed Majid Shah, Vice President of Central Virginia Jam‘at. Afterwards, a walk was held around the mosque grounds. After breakfast, registration started at 8:30 A.M.

The opening session of the Ijtima‘ was presided over by Qa‘id Māl (Finance), Munawar Ahmad Saqib, who attended the Ijtima‘ as representative of Sadr Majlis Ansharullah, USA. The session started at 9:10 A.M. with recitation of Holy Qur’an by Khalil Ahmad of Richmond Majlis followed by Anṣār pledge led by Munawar Saqib. A poem was recited by Masood Ahmad of South Virginia Majlis. Basharat Ahmad Wadan, Regional Nāẓim, Virginia region, welcomed participants of the Ijtima‘ and reminded Anṣār about their responsibilities. Afterwards, Munawar Saqib addressed the participants and offered to answer any questions Anṣār might have about the department of Finance.

After the opening session, sports competitions began that were supervised by Zamir Ahmed Mirza, Za‘im, Central Virginia Majlis. The sports competitions held included Table Tennis, Musical Chairs, Darts, Tug-of-War, and Volleyball. During the sports competitions, Dr. Mubarak Ahmad of Central Virginia Majlis gave flu shots to Anṣār. Next, lunch was served followed by Zuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers.

Afterwards, various educational competitions were held that were supervised by Munawar Ahmad Malik of South Virginia Majlis. The competitions held included Recitation of the Holy Qur’an, Commentary on Ḥadīth, Impromptu Speech, and Observation and Recall.

Next, a medical workshop was held by Dr. Abdul Hameed and Dr. Nadeem Khan who also catered many questions on the subject. The participants showed keen interest in the workshop and asked many questions.

The concluding session of the Ijtima‘ started at 4:00 P.M. and was presided over by Munawar Saqib. The session started with recitation of Holy Qur’an by Nasrullah Goraya of Richmond Majlis followed by an Urdu poem recited by Khalil Ahmad of Richmond Majlis. Basharat Ahmad Wadan, Regional Nāźim, Virginia region, presented a report. After a prize distribution ceremony, Munawar Saqib addressed the participants and led Anṣār in silent prayer.

The Ijtima‘ was held in the newly built Masjid Mubarak and was very successful. The Ijtima‘ was attended by 101 Anṣār.

### Educational Competitions

**Recitation of the Holy Qur’an**

- 1st: Nasrullah Goraya (Richmond)
- 2nd: Nasrullah Zahid (SVA)
- 3rd: Tanveer Zafar (SVA)

**Commentary on Ḥadīth**

- 1st: Gulzar Ahmad (SVA)
- 2nd: Nasrullah Zahid (SVA)
- 3rd: Ahmad Haleem (WDC)

**Poem**

- 1st: Khalil Ahmad (Richmond)
- 2nd: Sayed Majid Shah (CVA)
- 3rd: Nasrullah Zahid (SVA)

**Impromptu Speech**

- 1st: Gulzar Ahmad (SVA)
- 2nd: Faheem Ahmad (CVA)
- 3rd: Nasrullah Zahid (SVA)

**Observation & Recall**

- 1st: Tariq Mahmood (WDC)
- 2nd: Nadeem Khan (NVA)
- 3rd: Bashir Ahmad (WDC)

**Sports Competitions**

- **Darts**
  - 1st: Shams Parvez (NVA)
  - 2nd: Kareemullah Kalim (SVA)

Virginia Regional Ijtima‘

*Basharat Ahmad Wadan, Nāẓim Virginia Region*
The regional Ijtima’ of Gulf States region (Majlis: Austin, Cypress Houston, Dallas, Houston North, Houston South, New Orleans, Tulsa) was held on Saturday-Sunday, September 2-3, 2012 at Baitus Samee Mosque in Houston. 54 Anṣār (23% of Tājīnīd) attended the Ijtima’. Nā‘īb Ṣadr Ṣaf Dom, Imran Hayee, and Qā‘īd ‘Umūmī, Maqbool Ahmad Tahir, attended the Ijtima’ as representatives of Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.

The salient features of the program were the Educational Competitions, Sports Competitions, an Interfaith Symposium, and Khilāfāt Day.

31 Anṣār participated in educational competitions. 15 non-Ahmadi guests attended the interfaith symposium. This year, Anṣār Ijtima’ was combined with Khudām and Lajnah Ijtima’āt and hence was called a “Family Ijtima’.”

The event was enjoyed by everyone. Overall, the Ijtima’ was a success.

Guidelines for Group Photos

Syed Sajid Ahmad

When taking group photos at events such as local and regional Ijtima’āt, the following protocol should be followed to ensure that the group photos are in line with the guidelines provided by the Publication department of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.

For local Ijtima’

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). Nā‘īm (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‘īb Za‘īm Ṣaf Dom; Nā‘īb Za‘īm Ṣaf Awwal on the left to the Za‘īm, then Muntazim ‘Umūmī. After that other ‘Āmilah members or elders can be seated.

For regional Ijtima’

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 Nā‘īm on the right, host Majlis’ Za‘īm on the left. Zu‘īm of other Majlis 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 Nā‘īm, 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 Islam 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-Ahmadi publisher. To seek the award, the writer will send one copy of the publication to the Ṣadr and one to Qā‘īd Publication. The award will depend upon the content and quality of the publication.

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3. Top three writers will be awarded $200, $150, and $100 awards for publishing on websites. The reputation and popularity of the sites will be a factor in determining the winners. To enter the competition please submit the links to your writings at the above-mentioned link.

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Rashid Ahmad  
Za‘īm Boston Majlis

Rashid Ahmad, son of Dr. Shaikh Sardar Ali, was born in March 1937 at Dharamkot, Gurdaspur, India. His grandfather, Shaik Abdul Ghani of Wadala Bangar, Gurdaspur, India was a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). His brother, Shaikh Yusuf Ali, was Private Secretary to Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him). He is married to Sadka Kareem, daughter of late Shaik Abdul Kareem. He has a son who is a trauma surgeon and two daughters who are both attorneys-at-law.

Rashid Ahmad attended high school in Gilgit, Azad Kashmir, Pakistan and Ta‘lim-ul-Islām College in Lahore. He received his bachelor’s degree from Ta‘lim-ul-Islām College, Rabwah and an Engineering diploma from Karachi Polytechnic Institute. He migrated to the U.S. in 1977 and completed his professional engineering studies in Wisconsin in 1992 and in Minnesota in 1996.

He worked as a manager at Karachi Shipyard from 1958 to 1977. He served as General Secretary of Karachi Shipyard Officers Association (1975-1976). He has worked as Senior Mechanical Engineer and Project Manager at various companies in the U.S. and retired in 2006. He currently teaches Mathematics at a community college where he has been teaching since 2004.

He served as Secretary of Science Society at Ta‘lim-ul-Islām College, Rabwah and Prefect and Auditor of Fazl-e-Omar Hostel, Ta‘lim-ul-Islām College, Rabwah. He served as President of PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and Soccer Referee in Wausau, WI. He has enjoyed playing Cricket, Soccer, Table Tennis, and Checkers.

His most recent services to the Jamā‘at are: Za‘īm of Boston Majlis (2010 to date) and Secretary Ta‘lim of Boston Jamā‘at (2012 to date).

Masood Ashraf  
Za‘īm Fitchburg Majlis

Masood Ashraf, son of Mian Muhammad Ashraf, was born in 1971, in Karachi, Pakistan. He has six brothers. His family moved to Rabwah when he was five years old. Masood attended Ta‘lim-ul-Islām High School in Rabwah and graduated in 1986. His family moved to Boston from Pakistan in September 1986.

Masood is married with three children—two daughters and a son. He has been working as Locomotive Engineer for last 20 years. He likes to play and watch Basketball and Football in his spare time.

Masood has been a member of Boston Jamā‘at for 22 years and now Fitchburg Jamā‘at for last four years. He served as Qā‘id, Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, Boston for four years. The Majlis won Alam-i-In‘āmī in 2007. He has served as Nā‘īb Nāẓim Finance, Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, USA and as Regional Qā‘id, Northeast region, Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, USA. Currently, he serves as Za‘īm of Fitchburg Majlis and General Secretary and Secretary Ta‘limul Qur‘ān of Fitchburg Jamā‘at.
Jalaluddin Abdul Latif
Za‘īm Central Jersey Majlis

Jalaluddin Abdul Latif accepted Ahmadiyyat in May of 1972 at the New York City mission house, then located in Jamaica, Queens, NY. Late Muhammad Sadiq of Newark, NJ, the president of the New York Jamā‘at at the time, administered the rites. In 1975, he moved to Montclair, NJ with his family and was the next door neighbor of late Bashir Afzal of New Jersey Jamā‘at. It was just before leaving for the international Jalsa held in Rabwah, Pakistan. He traveled to Rabwah with Muhammad Sadiq and Bashir Afzal and other members of the New York and New Jersey Jamā‘ats. He also visited Qādiān and was very fortunate to sleep in the room the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) was born in. He cherishes walking the hallowed halls of Qadian.

During the course of the 40 years he has held a number of offices in the Jamā‘at including Local Qā‘id and Regional Qā‘id of Majlis Khuddām-ull-Ahmadiyya, USA during 1972-1982. As Regional Qā‘id, he arranged two of his favorite Ijtima‘at in Western New Jersey at the estate of Majid Ali which he referred to as “Rabwah.” He has also served as Finance Secretary of New Jersey Jamā‘at. Having worked for the telecom company for 33 years, he retired from Verizon in 2001 and moved to North Carolina and became a member of the Research Triangle Jamā‘at.

He has also held a number of offices at the local and national levels in Majlis Ansārullāh, USA. He has served as Za‘īm of New Jersey and Research Triangle Majālis. He has also served as Qā‘id Waqf-i Jadīd, Majlis Ansārullāh, USA. He is currently a member of Zion Jamā‘at. Jalaluddin was most fortunate to have performed Ḥājj along with his wife in 2002.

Zamir Ahmed Mirza
Za‘īm Central Virginia Majlis

Zamir Ahmed Mirza, son of Bashir Ahmed Mirza, was born in 1960 in Moshi, Tanzania. He is the youngest of four brothers and a sister. He has been married to Bushra Mirza, daughter of Imām Bashir Rafiq of London, for 20 years. They are blessed with four children—three daughters and a son. The oldest is 18 and the youngest is 6.

In his youth, Zamir was an avid sportsman and played Soccer, Rugby, Cricket, Field Hockey, Tennis, and Basketball. He captained his county Field Hockey team and also played for Muslim Tigers Ahmadiyya (MTA), which was the Jamā‘at's Field Hockey team in London. His hobbies include home improvement, hiking, and camping.

Zamir earned his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from University of London in 1985 and his master's degree in Highways and Transportation in 1986. He began his career in London and then worked in Saudi Arabia, Dubai, and Indonesia. He came to the U.S. in 1999 and lived in Harrisburg, PA for four years, working for an engineering consultancy. He moved to Central Virginia in 2003 to work for the Virginia Department of Transportation as a Project Manager on highway improvements.

Zamir has performed Ḥājj and several ‘Umrahs during his time in Saudi Arabia. He has served as General Secretary of the Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Jamā‘at and General Secretary of Harrisburg Jamā‘at. He is currently serving as Za‘īm of Central Virginia Majlis and Tarbiyat Secretary of Central Virginia Jamā‘at.
Abdus Sami Khaliq
Za‘īm Charlotte Majlis

Abdus Sami Khaliq was born in New York City in June of 1943 and grew up in Boston. He went to Catholic schools in the 1950s. He attended Boston Trade School and graduated from Boston Evening School in 1965. He currently lives in Gastonia, NC.

He is an audio visual artist and has been involved in photography for the past 40 years. He was inspired to involve in photography by his late grandmother, Florence Hyler, who always had photo albums around the house.

He accepted Islām and Ahmadiyyat in 1972 and served as General Secretary of Boston Jama‘at in the early 1970s. He had the fortune of being with the first delegation to go to Qādiān in 1975. Since his acceptance of Islām and Ahmadiyyat, he has been blessed with opportunities to capture some of the history of Ahmadiyyat in the U.S., Pakistan, and India. One of his main goals is to share with Jama‘at members some of the history he has captured over many decades in the form of photos and to continue capturing memorable moments in the Jama‘at.

He finds it very intriguing to see how people, places, and things change with time. To him, the last 40 years seem like a dream. He feels honored and blessed to be a part of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islām, and to live through this glorious experience. He currently serves as Za‘īm of Charlotte Majlis.

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Mir Ahmed Afzal
Za‘īm Chicago East Majlis

Mir Ahmed Afzal, son of Syed Hussain Zouqui, Chief Post Master, was born in Hyderabad, India. His father, Syed Hussain Zouqui, accepted Ahmadiyyat at a very young age; he wrote “Shahnāma-e-Ahmadiyyat,” a poetry book consisting of 322 pages, for the propagation of Ahmadiyyat, especially to Nawwābs of Nizām of Hyderabad; he had many friends among Nawwābs of Nizām of Hyderabad.

Mir Ahmed Afzal graduated in Architecture and practices design and construction. He was fortunate to have offered his services for constructing Ṣādiq Mosque, remodeling Van Buren Center of Chicago East Jama‘at, and building Baitul Jaamay Mosque of Chicago West Jama‘at.

He currently serves as Za‘īm of Chicago East Majlis and Vice President and Property Secretary of Chicago East Jama‘at.

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Abdur Rahman Chaudhry
Za‘īm Fort Worth Majlis

Abdur Rahman Chaudhry, son of Chaudhry Mohammad Sharif, was born in village Dariwala, Gurdaspur, India in April of 1940. His uncle (elder brother of his father) Chaudhry Muhammad Tufail Patwārī, Darvesh Qādiān, was the first person to accept Ahmadiyyat in the family in 1932. Afterwards, his father and other uncle also accepted Ahmadiyyat. His family migrated to Pakistan in August 1947.

He received his bachelor’s degree in 1961 and joined PT&T, Pakistan as a Sub-Engineer. He later earned his Electrical Engineering degree and became Telecom Engineer. He worked with the company for 40 years and had the opportunity to visit Japan a few times for telecommunications training. Being an Ahmadi, he faced discrimination at work at times but Almighty Allāh always protected him.

Having retired in 1999, he migrated to the U.S. and stayed in New York. In 2007, he moved to Dallas area. He has two sons and two daughters; both sons are in IT field and both daughters are doctors. He is blessed with eight grandchildren (6 boys and 2 girls).

He had the opportunity to serve the Jama‘at in many capacities in Pakistan as well as in the U.S. He served as President Ḥalqā, Za‘īm Ḥansārullāh, and Nāẓīm Ḥansārullāh in Quetta, Pakistan. He served as Za‘īm, Majlis Ansarullah, New York. He is currently serving as Za‘īm, Majlis Ansarullah, Fort Worth.
Dr. Ahsan Syed  
Za’Im Columbus Majlis

Ahsan Syed, son of Syed Mobashar Ahmed of Denmark, was born in 1969 in Jhang, Pakistan. He received his early education in Jhang and Faisalabad and received his MBBS degree from King Edward Medical College in Lahore. After completing a year of residency in Lahore General Hospital, he moved to the U.S. where he did his residency in Anesthesiology at Cook County Hospital in Chicago and then a fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesiology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He has been working at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio since 2006.

He is married to Shazia Syed, daughter of Dr. Ata ur Rehman, President of Jhang Jama’at. He has two boys ages 14 and 11. He has served as Qā’id, Majlis Khuddâm-ul-Âhmadiyya, Columbus (2007 to 2009). He is currently serving as Za’im of Columbus Majlis and Secretary Property of Columbus Jama’at.

Muzaffar Ahmad Siddiqi  
Za’Im Los Angeles East Majlis

Muzaffar Ahmad Siddiqi, son of Bashir Ahmad Siddiqi, was born in 1961 in Faisalabad, Pakistan. He has five brothers. His grandfather, Hakeem Mohammad Siddique, was a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

He is married to Iram Muzaffar, daughter of Siddique Ahmad Khan. She is serving as Na’îb Sadr, Lajnah Ima‘illâh, LA East. They are blessed with three sons. One of his sons, Usama Muzaffar, is serving as Qā’id, Majlis Khuddâm-ul-Âhmadiyya, LA East.

He earned his master’s degree in Applied Mathematics from University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan in 1985. He worked at WAPDA, Pakistan as an IT professional for 12 years. He migrated to the U.S. in 1999. He worked for Corning Inc., Wilmington, NC as an IT Consultant before moving to Los Angeles in 2002. He is currently working as an IT Analyst with United Health Group.

He has had the opportunity to serve the Jamâ’at in various capacities, having held his first Jamâ’at/Auxiliary office at the age of 15 in Rabwah. He is currently serving as Za’im of LA East Majlis and Secretary Tarbiyat of LA East Jama’at.

Khalid M. Ahmad  
Za’Im North Jersey Majlis

Khalid M. Ahmad was born in Gojra, Toba Tek Singh, Pakistan. His maternal grandfather was a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). His father was the first to accept Âhmadiyyat on his side of the family. He has three brothers and four sisters. He is married and has two children.

He has served as Qā’id Khuddâmul-Âhmadiyya, Gojra during the floods of 1971 and the turbulent times of 1974. He earned his master’s degree from University of the Punjab, Lahore in 1977. After his graduation, he moved to Nigeria and served in the Government in the states of Plateau and Sokoto. He moved to the U.S. in 1987 where he worked for Prudential and Guardian Insurance Companies.

In 2000, he passed the IRS Special Enrollment Exam and acquired the designation of EA (IRS Enrolled Agent). He also holds the designation of Accredited Retirement Advisor (ARA) from National Society of Accountants and the designation of Fellow of National Tax Practice Institute (FNTPI) from National Tax Practice Institute. He is a member of National Society of Accountants (NSA), National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA), National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP), and American Association of Tax Problem Solvers (ASTPS). He has his own Practice in the field of Accounting and Taxation in New City, NY.

He is an ardent collector of historic artifacts and old Qur’ân Manuscripts. His collection ranges from the very rare full facsimile copies of the personal Holy Qur’ân of Ḥadrât Uthmân (may Allâh be pleased with him) and Ḥadrât ‘Ali (may Allâh be pleased with him) to the Mughal era of India. He has around 14 very rare manuscripts of the Holy Qur’ân. Ḥadrât Khalîfatul Masîh V (may Allâh be his support) was very pleased to hear about his unique collection.
Fazal Urrehaman Qureshi
Za’tim Orlando Majlis

Fazal Urrehaman Qureshi, son of Attaul Mannan Qureshi and Syeda Maimoona Begum, was born in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. His grandfather, Hāfīz Mohammad Amin, accepted Ahmadiyyat at the hands of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and became the first Imām to lead Ṣalah-ul-Trāwīh in Masjid Aqṣā in 1897. He was later assigned to serve as the first Imāmus-Ṣalah for Masjid Mubārak in Qādiān, where he lived for 52 years.

Fazal Urrehaman Qureshi is married to Roohul Amin Rehman and is blessed with three daughters. He completed his education in Aerospace field and worked for Pakistan International Airlines. He later migrated to the U.S. where he has been working with various airlines. For the past 14 years he has been working with Continental/United Airlines in Technical Operation Department. In his free time, he enjoys sports, especially Soccer, Tennis, Table Tennis, Badminton, and Cricket. He also enjoys sightseeing and working around his house.

His first Jamā’at assignment was Ḥalqa Ṣā’i’iq in Pakistan. Over the years, he has been a member of Tucson, Portland, Research Triangle, and North Jersey Jamā’ats and had the opportunity to serve in various capacities including General Secretary and Ta’lim Secretary. He has also served as Nā’īb Qā’id Ta’limul Qur’ān, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. He is currently residing in Orlando, FL and serving the Orlando Jamā’at in the following capacities: Finance Secretary, Tajnīd Secretary, Taḥrīk-i-Jadid Secretary, and Waqf-i-Jadid Secretary. He is serving Majlis Anṣārullāh, Orlando as Za’tim, Muntażim Mal (Finance), and Muntażim Tajnīd. He is also serving as Secretary Ta’limul Qur’ān and Waqf-i-’Arḍī (short-term devotional) for Southeast Region.

Munir Ahmad Malik
Za’tim Phoenix Majlis

Munir Ahmad Malik, son of Malik Bashir Ahmad, was born in December of 1943 at Chakwal, Pakistan. His paternal grandfather, Malik Gul Muhammad of Khushab, and his maternal grandfather, Khawaja Mohammad Amin of Deradoon, both accepted Ahmadiyyat at the hands of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allāh be pleased with him).

Munir is married to Fauzia Malik, daughter of Dr. Ahmad Ghulam Muhammad and granddaughter of Ḥaḍrat Hāfiz Šūfī Ghulam Muhammad, a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), who had the honor to be the first missionary in Mauritius appointed by Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allāh be pleased with him). Munir is blessed with four children.

Munir earned his M. Com. and LLB degrees from University of the Punjab, Lahore. He also received Diploma Associates of International Bankers of Pakistan (DAIBP). He worked as Manager at National Bank of Pakistan.

Munir migrated to the U.S. in 1979. He has worked as Manager Mining Tax Research at the Corporate Headquarters of an international mining company Phelps Dodge Corporation in Phoenix, AZ. Currently he is working as a Tax Consultant with Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. in Phoenix.

Munir has had the opportunity to server the Jamā’at in various capacities. Some of his services include the following.

2011 to date: Za’tim, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Phoenix
2004 - 2008: Nāzīm South West Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
2002 - 2008: Za’tim, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Phoenix
2009 to date: Secretary Waqf-i-Jadid, Phoenix Jamā’at
2001 - 2006: Secretary Ta’lim and Tarbiyat, Phoenix Jamā’at
2004 to date: Secretary Umūr-i-’Āma (General Affairs), Phoenix Jamā’at
2004 to date: Secretary Property, Phoenix Jamā’at
1985 - 1999: President, Phoenix Jamā’at
1983 - 1985: General Secretary, Phoenix Jamā’at
1981 - 1982: Secretary Finance, Tucson Mosque Construction Project
1977 - 1979: Assistant Secretary Finance, Model Town Jamā’at, Lahore
1975 - 1977: Qā’īd Majlis Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya, Model Town, Lahore
1970 - 1974: Secretary Ta’lim and Tarbiyat, Majlis Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya, Lahore
Moyenuddin Ahmad Sirajee  
Za‘īm San Diego Majlis

Moyenuddin Ahmad Sirajee, son of Lutful Haq Sirajee, was born in Chittagong, Bangladesh. He has two brothers and two sisters. His father was the first person in the family to accept Ahmadiyyat. He is married to Gazala Sirajee, great-granddaughter of Abul Hasim Khan Chaudhury of Qadian. They are blessed with three children—one son and two daughters.

Moyenuddin earned his bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in 1984. Currently, he is working as a Senior Civil Engineer in a private engineering firm in the Greater San Diego area. He is a Registered Civil Engineer in California. He was blessed with the opportunity to contribute to the reconstruction of Baitul Hameed Mosque in Chino, California.

He held his first Jam‘at/Auxiliary office at the age of 14 in Chittagong, Bangladesh and later served as National Mu’tamid of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Bangladesh. He served as President of San Diego Jam‘at from 1999 to 2010. He currently serves as Za‘īm of San Diego Majlis and Secretary Waṣāyyā of San Diego Jam‘at.

Malik Mubarik Ahmed  
Za‘īm Seattle Majlis

Malik Mubarik Ahmed, son of Malik Altaf-ur-Rahman, was born in 1956 in Karachi, Pakistan. He has two brothers and four sisters. His grandfather, Malik Abdur-Raheem, accepted Ahmadiyyat at the hands of Ḥadrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allāh be pleased with him). Mubarik is married to Tahira Ahmed, daughter of late Malik Mūnir Ahmad Khan of Karachi. They are blessed with two children—a daughter and a son.

Mubarik earned his bachelor’s degree in Commerce in 1975 in Karachi, Pakistan. He migrated to the U.S. in 1983 and worked for an electronic company as Marketing and Sales Manager until 2004. Since 2004, he has been working for the University of Washington Medical Center as a Health Information Technician.

Mubarik has had the opportunity to serve the Jam‘at in following capacities.

2010 to present: Za‘īm, Majlis Anshārullāh, Seattle  
2004 - 2007: Tablīgh Secretary, Seattle Jam‘at  
2005 - 2006: Za‘īm, Majlis Anshārullāh, Seattle  
1985 - 1989: Majlis Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya  
1984 - 1989: Finance Secretary, Seattle Jam‘at
Chicago West
Chairul Bahri

Cleveland
Akbar Shah

Cypress - Houston
Iftikhar Ahmad Sheikh

Dallas
Suhail Kausar

Dayton
Abdul Qadoos Shahid

Detroit
Nasir Ahmed Bukhari

Georgia-SC
Syed Abdul Shakoor

Hartford
Kusi Ahmad

Houston - North
Abdul Hafeez Khan

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LA - Inland
Imran Jattala

LA West
Mehmood Sur Rehman

Las Vegas
Ahmed Masood

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Baltimore Local Ijtima‘
Basit Khan, Muntaẓim ‘Umūmi, Baltimore Majlis

The local Ijtima‘ of Baltimore Majlis was held on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at the Baltimore Mission House. 25 Anṣār attended the Ijtima‘. Dr. Khalid Ahmad Ata, Nā‘īb Ṣadr Awwal, Majlis Anṣārullah, USA attended the Ijtima‘ as representative of Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullah, USA.

The Ijtima‘ program started after Zuhr Prayer. The opening session began with the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Faheem Younus followed by Anṣār pledge led by Nasir Jamil, Za‘īm Majlis.

After the welcome remarks by Za‘īm Majlis, educational competitions started that were organized by Abdul Latif Bennett and Ahmad Bashir. Hafiz Abdul Qudoos and Dr. Khalid Ata judged the competitions. At the end of the educational competitions, lunch was served.

Sports competitions were organized by Abdul Waheed, Muntaẓim Dhahānāt wa Ṣihāt-i-Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health). Sports competitions were refereed by Abdul Waheed and Dr. Agha Shahid Khan.

The final session of the Ijtima‘ started after ‘Aṣr Prayer and was presided over by Dr. Khalid Ata. After the recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Haleem Chaudhry, a prize distribution ceremony took place. The prizes were presented by Dr. Khalid Ata to the 1st and 2nd place winners.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Khalid Ata discussed the benefits of congregation at Ijtima‘ speaking of how Allāh loves unity and unity in congregation. He explained the importance of brotherhood and the need for the Jamā‘at members to support and take care of each other during hard times. He mentioned the necessity for Anṣār, as the most senior members, to set an example for the rest of Jamā‘at members in this regard.

The session concluded with the closing remarks by Nasir Jamil, Za‘īm Majlis. He thanked all volunteers and organizers for their prayers, tireless efforts, and dedication towards ensuring the program’s success. Nasir Jamil led Anṣār pledge and the Ijtima‘ concluded with silent prayer led by In Dr. Khalid Ata.

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The local Ijtima’ of Chicago West Majlis was held on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at Baitul Jaamay Mosque in Glen Ellyn, IL. 55 Ansār attended the Ijtima’ including Munum Naeem, Nā‘ib Amīr, USA; Imām Inam-ul-Haq Kauser; Abubakar Bin Saeed, Nāẓīm Midwest region, Majlis Ansārullāh, USA; and Dr. Masood Qazi, President, Chicago West Jama’at.

The Ijtima’ started at 10:30 A.M. with recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Masood Ahmed Khan followed by Ansār pledge led by Abubakar Bin Saeed. A poem was recited by Muhammad Zakria.

Munum Naeem, Abubakar Bin Saeed, and Chairul Bahri, Za’tīm Majlis, thanked the members for participating in the blessed event and emphasized the sacrifice of time in the cause of Allāh. They reminded members that Ansār are the true helpers of Allāh and must come forward to help spread the word of İslām as directed by our beloved Imām, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allāh be his support).

After enjoying the delicious meal prepared by Adnan Baig and offering Zuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers, members enthusiastically participated in educational and sports competitions. Muntazim Ta’lim, Mansur Sheikh, conducted the educational competitions with Col. Nazir Ahmad, Muhammad Vickar, and Chairul Bahri as judges.

Due to unfavorable weather, outside sports were not held. Khalid Mahmood, Muntazim Dhahānat wa Sīhat-i-Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health), conducted the inside sports competitions. Many Ansār enjoyed competing in Table Tennis matches. Imām Inam-ul-Haq Kauser conducted a Talqīn-i-‘Amal (exhortation to act) session. Members took great interest in the session and asked many questions that Imām Kauser answered in detail in light of the Holy Qur’ān, Ḥadīth, and the teachings of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

In the final session of the Ijtima’, a prize distribution ceremony took place. The prizes were presented to the winners in educational and sports competitions by Imām Inam-ul-Haq Kauser. Chairul Bahri, Za’tīm Majlis, thanked members and organizers for making the Ijtima’ a great success. The Ijtima’ concluded with collective silent prayer followed by Maghrib and ‘Ishā Prayers.

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Members at the local Ijtima’ of Austin Majlis held on May 5, 2012 at Baitul Muqeet Mosque in Round Rock, TX
Local Ijtimā‘ of Dallas and Fort Worth Majālis
Suhail Kausar, Za‘īm Dallas Majlis

The local Ijtimā‘ of Dallas and Fort Worth Majālis was held on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at Baitul Ikrām Mosque in Allen, TX. 32 Ḍā‘ār of Dallas Majlis (62% of Tājnīd) and 7 Ḍā‘ār of Fort Worth Majlis (27% of Tājnīd) attended the Ijtimā‘.

The Ijtimā‘ started at 10:00 A.M. Ḍā‘ār participated in various educational and sports competitions. The educational competitions included Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān, Commentary on Ḥadith, and Impromptu Speech. 15 Ḍā‘ār participated in the Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān competition; 9 Ḍā‘ār participated in the Commentary on Ḥadith competition; and 7 Ḍā‘ār participated in the Impromptu Speech competition.

The sports competitions included Table Tennis, Basketball Hoops, Horseshoe Toss, and Volleyball. 16 Ḍā‘ār participated in the Table Tennis competition; 15 Ḍā‘ār participated in the Basketball Hoops competition; 16 Ḍā‘ār participated in the Horseshoe Toss competition; and 8 Ḍā‘ār participated in the Volleyball competition.

A one-hour Son-to-Father workshop was also conducted during the Ijtimā‘ that provided a forum to discuss various challenges and to explore opportunities to address these challenges.

The Ijtimā‘ concluded at 5:00 P.M. Active participation of Ḍā‘ār in educational as well as sports competitions and adherence to the Ijtimā‘ schedule made the Ijtima‘ very successful.
The local Ijtimā‘ of Central Jersey Majlis was held on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Baitul Hādi Mosque in Old Bridge, NJ.

Anṣār at combined local Ijtimā‘ of Boston and Fitchburg Majālis held on Sunday, May 13, 2012

Anṣār at local Ijtimā‘ of Las Vegas Majlis held on Sunday, May 13, 2012 at Sahara West Library in Las Vegas
The local Ijtimā’ of L.A. East Majlis was held on Sunday, April 8, 2012 at Baitul Ḥameed Mosque in Chino, CA.
Willingboro Local Ījtimā‘
Tahir Ahmed Tasneem, Nā‘ib Za‘īm, Willingboro Majlis

The local Ījtimā‘ of Willingboro Majlis was held on Sunday, April 8, 2012 at Al-Naṣr Mosque in Willingboro, NJ. 38 Anṣār attended the Ījtimā‘. Naseem Ahmed Waseem, Nāẓim Central East region, also attended the Ījtimā‘.

Educational competitions including Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān, Commentary on Ḥadīth, and Impromptu Speech were held. An interesting Observation & Recall competition was also held.

A Son-to-Father workshop was conducted in which 3 Khuddām and 5 Aṭfāl also participated.

Anṣār Dīāfat team of Willingboro Majlis prepared BBQ lunch for the participants of the Ījtimā‘. After lunch, sports competitions were held.

In the final session of the Ījtimā‘, a prize distribution ceremony took place. The prizes were presented to the winners in educational and sports competitions by Farooq Padder, President, Willingboro Jamā‘at. The Ījtimā‘ concluded with the remarks by Farooq Padder.
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Anṣār of Syracuse Majlis at a local meeting at Baitul Ihsan Mosque held on August 10, 2012

Sitting (left to right): Sohail Khan, Fazal Qureshi (Za’īm), Wajeeh Bajwa (Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA), Tariq Waheed, Habeeb Shafeek

Standing (left to right): Basit Talib, Riaz Ahmed, Khalid Solangi, Haris Mirza, Nabil Anwar, Tahir Ahmed

Anṣār of Philadelphia Majlis at a *Muslims for Life* Campaign blood donation event partnered with Red Cross held under the auspices of Philadelphia Jamā’at on August 18, 2012

Anṣār of Detroit Majlis during a field trip at the Henry Ford Museum on December 15, 2012

Anṣār at general meeting of Willingboro Majlis held on January 29, 2012
Āmīn ceremony of Rahman Abdul Aleem of LA Inland Majlis held on June 8, 2012 who completed his first recitation of the Holy Qurʾān at the age of 65

Nāẓim Great Lakes region, Dr. B. K. Ahmad, taking a Qurʾān class at Masjid Mahmood, Detroit

Members at Anṣār general meeting of New York Majlis held on March 4, 2012

Members of Majlis-i-ʾĀmilah of York Majlis
Members attended Tarbiyat activities including Tahajjud and Fajr Prayers, Dars, and a Q&A session on Saturday, March 24, 2012 during Anṣār Tarbiyat Week held at LA East Majlis.

Members attended Tarbiyat activities at Corona Ḥalqa of LA East Majlis including Maghrib and Ḥ♂♀r Prayers and a Q&A session with Jalal-ud-Din Shams, former Missionary and Amir Jamā’at Ghana, on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 during Anṣār Tarbiyat Week held at LA East Majlis.

In keeping with the physical activity guidelines, members of LA East Majlis gathered for a morning walk after Tahajjud and Fajr Prayers on March 31, 2012; 20 Anṣār took part in the activity.

Waseem Ahmad, Qā’id Tarbiyat Nau Mubā’īn, participated in the 2012 USA National Karate Championship held on July 10-15, 2012 at Broward County Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He competed against 12 participants who were regional qualifiers from across the country and were all much more experienced than him. He won the second position in the competition and received a Silver Medal in the Intermediate and Advanced category for the age group of 45 years and over. Bārakallāhu Lakum.

In order to maintain a healthy level of physical activity, Waseem regularly practices Karate (Shotakan style) and has won gold and silver medals at various national and international competitions.

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. Anṣār should adopt a physical activity that suits their physical condition.
Members of Majlis-i-ʿĀmilah of LA East Majlis at their first ʿĀmilah meeting in January 2012

Zaʾīm of York Majlis, Dr. Zarar Bajwa, addressing attendees at a Qurʾān presentation arranged by York Jamāʿat.

Members at Anṣār general meeting of Detroit Majlis held on February 5, 2012

Members of Majlis-i-ʿĀmilah of Detroit Majlis with Imām Irshad Malhi, Regional Missionary

Dr. B. K. Ahmad, Nāẓim Great Lakes region, presenting a Recognition of Service award to Naseem Ahmed who served as Nāẓim of Great Lakes region for the last twelve years
Anṣār of LA East Majlis with Aaron Hake, Planning Commissioner for the City of Corona and a candidate for City Council member, at a Tablīgh sitting on October 10, 2012 at the home of Za‘īm Majlis, Muzaffar Siddiqi

Anṣār of LA East Majlis cooked and served food for an Iftār dinner at Baitul Ḣameed Mosque for about 400 people during the month of Ramaḍān.

Members of Majlis-i-‘Āmilah, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA with members of Zion Jamā‘at during their visit to Zion on August 26, 2012

Members of Majlis-i-‘Āmilah, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA visited the house and the grave of John Alexander Dowie during their visit to Zion on August 26, 2012.

Members of Majlis-i-‘Āmilah, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA with local Anṣār at Baitul Jaamay Mosque during their visit to Chicago on August 25, 2012
Anṣār of Detroit Majlis at a Tablīgh stall held on July 18, 2012 at the 53rd Annual Ann Arbor Art Fair

Anṣār of Dallas Majlis at a Tablīgh stall at Plano Asia Festival held on May 5, 2012

Anṣār at an interfaith symposium held on June 17, 2012 in Miami

Anṣār of York Majlis with the Governor of Pennsylvania, Thomas W. Corbett, at York Jamāʿat’s Qur’ān Exhibition

An interfaith symposium on the topic of “The Holy Founder of My Religion” was held by Dallas Jamāʿat in November 2012; Anṣār of Dallas Majlis went door to door to deliver flyers to invite the neighbors to the event.
Za'īm of Minnesota Majlis, Nasim Ahmad, at a Tablīgh Stall at an event called "Many Faces of Brooklyn Park" held on January 15, 2012

Nasim Ahmad, Za'īm of Minnesota Majlis, receiving Chief’s Certificate of Commendation from the Police Chief of the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Anṣār of Indiana Majlis with other members of Indiana Jamā’at distributing peace flyers at Indianapolis Super Bowl 2012 game

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community float during the 5th annual Rose, White and Blue Parade in San Jose, CA on July 4, 2012

Anṣār of LA East and LA Inland Majālis with a U.S. Senate candidate at a dinner

Members at a Tablīgh stall of St. Louis Majlis held in a flea market on December 15, 2012
Anṣār of Philadelphia Majlis serving food at an area homeless shelter on January 29, 2012

Anṣār serving at “Feeding the Homeless/Hungry” drive held on March 10, 2012 by LA East Majlis

Members serving food to economically disadvantaged people at Dallas Majlis’ monthly “Feed the Neighbors” event held on March 24, 2012

Muntazim Îthâr [Eesaar] (Social Services) of LA East Majlis and his team of six members gathered on June 2, 2012 to distribute 200 bags of food for Majlis’ “Feeding the Homeless/Hungry” drive.

Anṣār of St. Louis Majlis passed out water to the needy on July 14, 2012 in the intense heat that gripped the area for many days.

Anṣār of St. Louis Majlis distributed over 100 bag lunches and cold water to the less fortunate in downtown St. Louis on August 5, 2012.
Tarbiyat Event of LA East and LA Inland Majālis

LA East Majlis hosted a Tarbiyat event for the Anšār of LA East and LA Inland Majālis at Baitul Ḥameed Mosque on February 24, 2012. The event was very successful and provided an opportunity to involve inactive members and to learn about faith and Tarbiyat matters. Forty-five Anšār from the two Majālis attended the event; some members also spent the night at the mosque. Anšār offered Maghrib, ʿIrāq, Tahajjud, and Fajr Prayers in congregation and attended a Tarbiyat session and Dars-ul-Qur’ān. Anšār also enjoyed a BBQ dinner, interactive discussions, social hour, Q&A session, and breakfast.

Members at the combined picnic of LA East and LA Inland Jamāʿats’ held in San Diego on March 3, 2012; 52 Anšār participated and helped organize the picnic.

Members at a picnic of LA East Majlis held on November 11, 2012 during which Anšār syllabus was also covered.
Community Services of a Nāṣir

Al-Ḥāj Jameel Ghauri of Zion Majlis has served the community in Racine, Wisconsin for many decades. He has served as the executive director of the John Bryant Community Center in Racine, Wisconsin for thirty years. He has helped and mentored youth to become successful in life, including the NBA basketball player Caron Butler. He has been named among the five men who have made a difference in the local Black community. In the pictures below he is shown at an award ceremony for Caron Butler and with President Barack Obama.

Bike Rodeo in Dallas Majlis

In accordance with the Bike4Life initiative of the department of Dhahānat wa Ṣīḥat-i-Jismānī, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, a Bike Rodeo was arranged at the monthly Anṣār general meeting of Dallas Majlis held on Sunday, May 6. Three Anṣār participated in this activity. The activity included teaching Anṣār safety while riding the bike and also encouraging them to be physically active. Anṣār rode the bike within the compound of the mosque with full gears. The riders were given a “License to Ride” the bike in recognition of their participation in this activity.

An Anṣār health screening camp was also held in which 10-15 Anṣār participated. Anṣār were given free counseling about Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, and weight management. In this camp, free BP, BMI, blood sugar, and weight was checked and participants were given report of their numbers along with some counseling.

A lecture from a guest speaker, Dr. Akbar, a cardiologist, was also arranged. During the 45-minute lecture, the topics of obesity, its relationship with heart diseases, and management of the heart diseases were covered. Za‘īm Majlis presented a gift to Dr. Akbar as a token of appreciation.
Ahmadiyya Muslim congregation buys the Slade Mansion for a mosque, and finds a welcome, amid Pikesville’s Jewish community.

Good neighbors in heart of Pikesville

Anṣār members of Baltimore Jamā’at featured in the Baltimore Sun’s coverage of the new Mosque building purchase.

Anṣār of Houston South Majlis with Imām Feisal Abdul Rauf at Muslim Professional Association forum.

Za‘īm of Willingboro Majlis, Abdul Rehman Minhas, with the CEO and coworkers of his company at the Holy Qur’ān exhibition held on September 8-9, 2012 at Al-Naṣr Mosque in Willingboro, NJ.
Departed Souls

The following U.S. Anṣār departed this temporary abode in 2012 on their journey towards eternal bliss in the next life. May their souls rest in peace. Āmin. The information given for deceased individuals is provided by the family, 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.

Syed Sharif Ahmad

Syed Sharif Ahmad, father-in-law of Syed Sajid Ahmad, Qa'id Tabligh, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, passed away at the age of 82 on January 31, 2012, Inna lillāhī wa inna ilaihi rāji'ūn. He was an engineer by profession and had assisted in the early stages of the establishment of Rabwah in survey and planning. He was living in the U.S. for half a century. He played an important role in gathering Ahmadis in San Francisco area and establishing Jamā'at there and was the first president of the San Francisco Jamā'at.

He left behind Naiem Syed Ahmad of Virginia, Nasiem Syed Ahmad of Dallas, Syeda Bushra Ahmad, wife of Syed Sajid Ahmad of Fargo ND, Syeda Azra Ahmad, wife of Dr. Chaudhry Mubasher Ahmad of Virginia, and Syeda Aziza Ahmad, wife of Dr. Agha Shahid Khan of Baltimore. He was well read and had visited Qiḍiān in the 1930s and was convinced of the truth of Aḥmadiyyat a long time ago.

Dr. Izhār ul Hassan Pirzada

Dr. Izhār ul Hassan Pirzada of Columbus Majlis, father of Dr. Waqar Pirzada, former Za'im of Columbus Majlis, passed away on March 18, 2012 at the age of 82, Inna lillāhī wa inna ilaihi rāji'ūn.

Ijaz Ahmad Ghumman

Ijaz Ahmad Ghumman of Central Virginia Majlis passed away on March 11, 2012, Inna lillāhī wa inna ilaihi rāji'ūn.

Seleem N. Mahdi (aka Bruce Price)

Seleem N. Mahdi (aka Bruce Price) of Bay Point Majlis passed away on December 29, 2011 at the age of 73, Inna lillāhī wa inna ilaihi rāji'ūn. He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1993. He is survived by his 12 children and many grandchildren. He actively participated in Tabligh activities alongside Khadim Shah of Bay Point Majlis. His daughter, Rene Flaggs—along with his son and daughter—accepted Aḥmadiyyat after his demise.

Abdul Basit

Abdul Basit, father of Shoaib Basit, Muntazim Finance of Central Virginia Majlis, passed away on May 22, 2012, Inna lillāhī wa inna ilaihi rāji'ūn. In the 1974 riots against Ahmadis, his house was burned down in Haripur Hazara, Pakistan where he had worked as a teacher and vice principal at T&T High School. Having lost everything including his job, he subsequently moved to Dubai and then in 1986 to the U.S. He is survived by two sons, Shoaib Basit and Noman Basit, and two daughters Bushra Anwer and Azra Ahmad.

Saeed Ahmad Chawdary

Saeed Ahmad Chawdary of Willingboro Majlis passed away on June 7, 2012 at the age of 80, Inna lillāhī wa inna ilaihi rāji'ūn. He was the older brother of Mubasher Chaudhry of Silicon Valley, father of Rashid Ahmad, and father-in-law of Munawar Saqib, Qa'id Finance, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.

He was born in Burma (now Myanmar) in 1928 to Subedar Muzaffar Khan and Fatima Muzaffar. Around 1940, while his father served in the British Army in Burma, he, along with families of several other officers, moved to Qiḍiān walking hundreds of miles. In 1947, he migrated to Pakistan.

In early 1960s, he migrated to U.K. and became a member of the Southall Jamā'at. He lived there until his retirement from British Airways in 1994 and eventually settled in the U.S. and became a member of Willingboro Jamā'at. Several of his family members reside in the U.S. including his younger brother Mubasher Chaudhry of the San Jose Jamā'at.

He leaves behind four children and seven grandchildren.

Abdulrahman Khan

Abdulrahman Khan of Chicago East Majlis passed away on June 4, 2012 in Baltimore, Inna lillāhī wa inna ilaihi rāji'ūn.

Raja Shehzad Hyder

Raja Shehzad Hyder of Miami Majlis passed away on June 9, 2012, Inna lillāhī wa inna ilaihi rāji'ūn. He
Mr. Masud

Mr. Masud of Buffalo Majlis passed away on July 15, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn*.

Syed Masoud Hussain Shah


Iftikhar Ahmad Malik

Iftikhar Ahmad Malik, father of Dr. Mansoor Malik and Mashkoor Malik of Silver Spring Majlis, passed away on September 21, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn*. He had served as Vice President of the Queens Jamā‘at and was honored by Majlis Khuddamul Aḥmadiyya, USA with the Mufti Muḥammad Šādiq Award in 2009.

Mohsin Mahmud

Mohsin Mahmud of New York Majlis passed away on October 18, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn*. He was a Mūṣī and served the Jamā‘at in various capacities. In Long Island Jamā‘at, he served as Secretary Tarbiyat. On October 19, 2012, his son-in-law Saad Farooq was martyred in Pakistan in an attack on the family as it traveled home after Friday Prayers. He was originally from Mandi Bahauddin, Pakistan and had moved to the U.S. in 2008. He was born in 1949. In September 2012, he went to Pakistan for the marriage of his youngest daughter. He was injured there in an attack sustaining gunshot wounds. He was rushed to hospital where he was under treatment for thirty-eight days. On November 27, he passed away and attained the status of martyrdom. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support) mentioned his martyrdom in his Friday Sermon of November 30, 2012. He had served as Vice President of the Queens Jamā‘at and was honored by Majlis Khuddamul Aḥmadiyya, USA with the Mufti Muḥammad Šādiq Award in 2009.

Chaudhry Nusrat Mahmood

Chaudhry Nusrat Mahmood of Long Island Majlis passed away in Pakistan on November 27, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn*. He was originally from Mandi Bahauddin, Pakistan and had moved to the U.S. in 2008. He was born in 1949. In September 2012, he went to Pakistan for the marriage of his youngest daughter. He was injured there in an attack sustaining gunshot wounds. He was rushed to hospital where he was under treatment for thirty-eight days. On November 27, he passed away and attained the status of martyrdom. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support) mentioned his martyrdom in his Friday Sermon of November 30, 2012. He was a Mūṣī and served the Jamā‘at in various capacities. In Long Island Jamā‘at, he served as Secretary Tarbiyat. On October 19, 2012, his son-in-law Saad Farooq was martyred in Pakistan in an attack on the family as it traveled home after Friday Prayers. May Allāh grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families, Āmīn. Ānṣār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.

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](http://ansarusa.org/content/information-about-deceased-members).

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)

For info on Islām, visit

[www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org)

Watch or Listen to Live Muslim Television Aḥmadiyya (MTA) Broadcast
Propagating the Message of İslām and Aḥmadiyyat

Syed Sajid Ahmad, Qā‘id Tablīgh

Many members ask how they can contribute to propagation of İslām and Aḥmadiyyat individually all by themselves. Following are some suggestions to choose from. If you need any assistance or if you have any questions, please contact Qā‘id Tablīgh, Syed Sajid Ahmad, at qaid.tabligh@ansarusa.org or 701-200-1674.

- Bring someone to show your mosque or center.
- Bring someone to meet your missionary or your Aḥmadi friends.
- Bring a Muslim acquaintance to Jum‘ah.
- Bring people you know to Jamā‘at functions.
- Invite and bring acquaintances to annual conventions.
- Visit a small town and make contacts there.
- Visit elderly people in senior homes to make contacts. Take flowers or something for them with you.
- Share Khutbah MP3 or CD with your acquaintances.
- Invite your neighbors to tea and introduce them to İslām.
- Have Review of Religions subscribed for your acquaintances. Majlis Anṣārullāh will pay first year’s subscription cost.
- Meet your representative and tell them about Aḥmadiyya Community’s peace and fidelity perspective.
- Invite representatives to visit your mosque.
- Meet your favorite sports player or the team.
- Invite your favorite sports player or team to your mosque.
- Establish a regular weekly bookstall at a busy place to distribute free literature, sell books and make contacts to invite them to your mosque.
- Participate in book fairs.
- Give a talk in a class at a school. Many presentations are available on mkausa.org if you need any.
- Attend the City’s open meeting to tell everyone about Ahmadiyya Community’s peace and fidelity perspective.
- Send an email to a representative, a church leader, a professor or others and introduce İslām to them. Their email addresses are available online.
- Establish an interfaith group.
- Start a seminar.
- Place books in a library.
- Have libraries subscribe to the Muslim Sunrise. Take a couple of copies with you to show them.
- Monitor media and respond to anti-Islām propaganda.
- Start a video program on the public access channel on the cable network in your area.
- Call into a radio show and acquaint audience with Islām’s perspective on the issue under discussion.
- Write a letter or an article in the newspaper.
- Post a comment online.
- Distribute leaflets.
- Volunteer to keep your mosque open for Prayers and visitors.
- Share with Qā‘id Tablīgh if you have any suggestions to improve and enhance propagation activities in the U.S.
- Report your activity every month so that it is recorded and becomes an example for the rest of the Community to follow.
- Write a summary of your activities to Khalifatul-Masih (may Allāh be his support) every month for his prayers for the success of your efforts.
- Pray daily for the success of İslām in your area and around the world.

Business Cards for Dā‘īn Ilallāh

To encourage Tablīgh activity, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is providing business cards to Dā‘īn Ilallāh (callers to Allāh). Dā‘īn Ilallāh are encouraged to request their cards from qaid.tabligh@ansarusa.org by sending the following information.

- Your name, contact phone number(s), and/or contact email
- Address of the mosque/center if there is one in your area
- Picture of your mosque if you want it to appear on your card
- If your Majlis/Jamā‘at is playing Aḥmadiyya programs on the local access cable channel then cable channel number and the day(s) and time(s) of the broadcast

1-800-why-Islam; Love for all, hatred for none; www.alislam.org will be added to the card. For more information, please contact Syed Sajid Ahmad, Qā‘id Tablīgh, at qaid.tabligh@ansarusa.org.
Bike for Life
Tanvir Ahmad, Qāʾīd Dhaḥānat wa Ṣīḥat-i-Jīsmānī (Intellect and Physical Health)

Bicycle is perhaps one of the most healthy inventions that is severely underutilized in many parts of the world. Getting into the habit of riding a bike either to go to work or school, to do simple chores, or as a form of exercise allows you to adopt one of the best and safest forms of exercises. The rising cost of energy, the increasing body weight, and failing health will all be helped with a single ride to work or school on a daily basis.

Anṣār should lead by example and get their families involved. You can buy an expensive bike; even a used bicycle will do. Not only is it a great exercise tool but it will also give you a great family get-away—everyday. Anṣār officers are urged to help promote this healthy habit and may even arrange local events to get the membership involved in general.

Information about Bicycle Safety can be found at http://www.besafe.org/css_com/bicycle/index.html.

Please contact Qāʾīd Dhaḥānat wa Ṣīḥat-i-Jīsmānī (Intellect and Physical Health), Tanvir Ahmad, at qaid.health@ansarusa.org or 601-209-3546 for any questions.

Precautionary Measures in Light of Financial Crisis

Discussing the probable worsening of the global financial crisis, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Maṣīḥ 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, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Maṣīḥ Al-Khāmis 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.

Offering Supererogatory Prayer for Suffering Ḥaḍhādis

Addressing Ḥaḍhādis of all the Jamāʿats around the world in his Friday sermon of December 3, 2011, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Maṣīḥ V (may Allāh be his support) drew attention to the Ḥaḍhādis 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 Ḥaḍhādis should offer two Nafl (supererogatory Prayer) daily, solely for those Ḥaḍhādis who are going through any torment due to their belief in Ahmadiyyat 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 Ḥaḍhādis may be removed, Āmin.

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 sheep 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)
The website of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA can be accessed at www.ansarusa.org. This portal has a wealth of information about activities of the Majlis at both National and local levels. The main page of the website features a menu at the top that makes it easier to navigate the website and to locate pertinent information. The website also offers keyword-based search functionality that can be used to quickly search the information on the website. Anṣār are encouraged to regularly visit the website to benefit from the information and services provided. Following are some of the features offered by the website.

- Upcoming Events
- Calendar of Events
- Anṣār recent publications and archives
- Videos of recent events and departmental presentations
- Online Taʿlīm Test
- Holy Qurʾān learning tools
- Majlis’ reports submission and repository (accessible to Anṣār Officers)
- Reports and photos of special projects
- Important information such as:
  - Muslim Funeral and Burial Services
  - Importance of Creating a Will
  - Anṣār Current Publications and Archives
  - Dictionary and Notes for translators and writers
- Online forms to submit information such as:
  - Chanda Calculator
  - Tajnīd Update
  - Sultānul-Qalam Awards information
  - Information about Deceased Members

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**The Review of Religions Subscription**

Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his support) has stressed the need to increase the subscription of the Review of Religions magazine. Ḥuḍūr (may Allah 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 Jamāʿat 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 Muhammad (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 Allah 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.

Members can subscribe to the Review of Religions in one of the following two ways:

- Mail check/money order to Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, 188-15 McLaughlin Ave, Holliswood, NY 11423
- On the Web, by visiting the Jamāʿat’s online book store at http://store.allIslam.org/revofrel.html
Anšār Pledge

Ash-hadu • allā ilāha • illallāhu • waḥdahū • lā sharīka lahū • wa ash-hadu • anna muḥammadan • 'abdulhū • wa rasūlullāh (I bear witness that • there is none worthy of worship • except Allāh. • He is One • (and) has no partner, • and I bear witness • that Muḥammad (peace be upon him) • is His servant and His messenger.)

I solemnly pledge that • I shall endeavor • throughout my life • for the propagation • and consolidation • of Ahmadiyyat in Islām, • and shall stand guard • in defense of • the institution of Khilāfāt. • I shall not hesitate • to offer any sacrifice • in this regard. • Moreover, • I shall exhort my children • to always remain dedicated • and devoted to Khilāfāt. • Inshā' Allāh.

Periodicals

Al-NAHİL: Published quarterly. See inside for subscription information. Anšār: Monthly newsletter.

Publications

Wonderful Prayers from the Holy Qurʿān, Pocket-Size Edition: Free
Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) in the Bible: Ḥadrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allāh be pleased with him). $1. Free for Tablīgh purposes.
Forty Gems of Beauty: Ḥadrat Mirzā Bashir Aḥmad (may Allāh be pleased with him). $2.
Khilāfāt Centenary Prayers: Free.
Ṣalāṯ Poster: 18x24”, Color, Arabic with English transliteration and English translation. $2.
Words of Wisdom: Dr. Karimullah Zirvi, Majeed A. Mian, Syed Sajid Ahmad. Collection of Aḥadīth. $5.
Letter to a Dear One: Sir Muhammad Zafrullāh Khān. $2.
Inspiring Events in the Field of Tablīgh: Maulānā Atūl-Mujeeb Rashid. $2.
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Why Islām is My Choice: Stories of Spiritual Journeys. $2
Points to Ponder: Stories told by Ḥadrat Mirzā Bashiruddin Mahmūd Aḥmad, Khilifatul-Masih II, (may Allāh be pleased with him). $2.

See inside for ordering information.
Za’im of Dallas Majlis, Suhail Kausar, receiving ‘Alam-i-In‘āmī from Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his support) at 2012 U.S. Jalsa Sālāna