



# Al-Nahl

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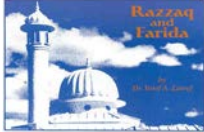
ا	at the beginning of the word, pronounced as <i>a, i, u</i> preceded by a very slight aspiration, like <i>h</i> in English word 'honor.'	ط	<i>t</i> , strongly articulated palatal t.
ث	<i>th</i> , pronounced like <i>th</i> in English word 'thing.'	ظ	<i>z</i> , strongly articulated z.
ح	<i>h</i> , a guttural aspirate, stronger than h.	ع	' , a strong guttural, the pronunciation of which must be learnt by the ear.
خ	<i>kh</i> , pronounced like the Scotch <i>ch</i> in 'loch.'	غ	<i>gh</i> , a sound approached very nearly in the <i>r</i> 'grasseye' in French, and in the German <i>r</i> . It requires the muscles of the throat to be in the gargling position whilst pronouncing it.
ذ	<i>dh</i> , pronounced like the English <i>th</i> in 'that.'	ق	<i>q</i> , a deep guttural <i>k</i> sound.
ص	<i>s</i> , strongly articulated s.	ء	' , a sort of catch in the voice.
ض	<i>ḍ</i> , similar to the English <i>th</i> in 'this.'	ن	<i>ñ</i> , nasalized sound like <i>ant</i> in croissant.

# بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَأَوْحَىٰ رَبُّكَ إِلَى النَّحْلِ أَنْ اتَّخِذِي مِنَ الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا وَمِنَ الشَّجَرِ وَمِمَّا يَعْرِشُونَ ﴿١٦﴾  
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And thy Lord has inspired the bee, *saying*, ‘Make thou houses in the hills and in the trees and in the trellises which they build, ‘Then eat of every *kind of* fruit, and then pursue submissively the paths prescribed by your Lord.’ There comes forth from their bellies a drink of varying hues. Therein is a cure for men. Surely, in that is a Sign for a people who reflect. (The Holy Qur’ān, 16 [Al-Nahl]:69-70)

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# Message from Şadr Majlis

My dear Anşār brothers,  
As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

It boils down to this: During 2014, it was only with Allāh’s help that the helpers of Allāh witnessed the unseen.

Here, it is tempting to list Majlis’ exceptional achievements during the last year but I have a better idea. Let me tell you *why* I believe Allāh blessed us with those achievements.

The secret lies in the Friday sermon of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) on January 3, 2014 where Ḥuḍūr instructed that the officeholders should emulate three attributes: humility, prayers, and hard work. I was blessed to serve a Majlis which embraced that vision.

“God said to the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), ‘I have been pleased with your humble ways.’” Ḥuḍūr remarked on June 7, 2013, “It was his humble ways that opened the doors to his infinite progress.” During 2014, I saw Anşār officeholders apologize to members even when it was not their fault.

“Prayer is the elixir which turns a handful of dust into pure gold. It is the water which washes away inner impurities.” The Promised Messiah said in Lecture Sialkot, “With such prayer the spirit melts and flows like water to fall prostrate on the threshold of the Holy One.” During 2014, I met such Anşār whose biggest weapon is Tahajjud. They are pure gold my brothers.

“Alongside prayers, planning should also be done to achieve one’s objective. God likes planning and effort. He states in the Holy Qur’ān: **‘And by those who plan and execute their task well.’** (The Holy Qur’ān, 79 [Al-Nāzi‘āt]:6)” Ḥuḍūr said in his Friday sermon of May 20, 2011. During 2014, some members of the ‘Āmila, Nāzimīn, and Zu’amā went all out with calls, emails, texts, and executed their tasks with tenacity.

Therefore, while I detest to boast about our “victories,” remember this as you flip through the pages of this Al-Naḥl: each time you see a bar graph going up, know that someone bowed

down with humility to accomplish it, each time you see a big target solidify, know that someone melted in prayers to achieve it, and each time you see the Majlis reach a new height, know that there was a lot of hard work behind it.

That is why I believe Allāh blessed us with success and that is why I ask that we continue to foster a culture of humility, prayers, and hard work.

In 2015, let your feet march forward, resolutely, but also let your hearts chant, softly: “Our Lord, do not punish us, if we forget or fall into error; and our Lord, lay not on us a responsibility as you didn’t lay upon those before us. Our Lord, burden us not with what we have not the strength to bear; and efface our sins, and grant us forgiveness and have mercy on us...”

Wassalām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi  
Serving Majlis Anşārullāh, USA

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# Anṣār Leadership Conference 2014

The 2014 Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC) was held on Saturday, January 18 - Sunday, January 19, 2014 at Baitul Ikrām Mosque in Dallas, Texas. The ALC is an annual gathering of Zu‘amā, Nāzimīn, and National ‘Āmila to review Majlis’ planned activities for the entire year, 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.

96 delegates—including 17 Anṣār National ‘Āmila members, 12 Nāzimīn, and over 60 Zu‘amā—from 62 Majālis converged on the conference and spent the two days in an atmosphere of brotherhood discussing and planning various programs and goals of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for the year 2014. Volunteers from Dallas and Fort Worth Majālis worked hard to make this event successful. By the grace of Allāh, everything was smoothly executed. The schedule was adhered to throughout the event and all Prayers were offered at their prescribed times.

Ṣadr Majlis, Faheem Younus Qureshi, talked about his meeting with Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) and shared Ḥuḍūr’s insights with the attendees. Ṣadr Majlis shared his vision with Anṣār brothers. He explained the top priorities of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for 2014 to be:

**Brotherhood** – making monthly meetings more interactive along the theme given to us by Khalifatul Masīḥ.

**Helpers of Allāh** – providing medical, educational, and career services to our membership.

**Communication** – revamping the website of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and launching a new bi-weekly e-newsletter.

**National Ijtimā’** – pledging to bring over 1,000 brothers to the Anṣār National Ijtimā’ 2014.

The attendees of the conference discussed various challenges and opportunities and explored ways to achieve the above-mentioned priorities.

Various interactive sessions and workshops were also held during the ALC allowing the attendees to learn from and participate in lively and meaningful discussions.

Great emphasis was laid on the way the local monthly general meetings should be conducted and developing the spirit of brotherhood. The salient points included:

- Interactive discussions
- Encouraging personal relationships
- Increased interaction between ‘Āmila members and local Majlis
- Positive approach towards issues
- Argument avoidance
- Atmosphere of prayers and patience
- Flexible agendas and varying locations
- Time management at all cost
- New handbook and meeting format
- Food which generally helps
- Aligning meeting times, with Lajnah meetings, to make it convenient for families to come to the mosque that could help increase attendance in Anṣār meetings

Another area of focus was communication. The following points were emphasized:

- Local ‘Āmila members should call Majlis’ Anṣār a day prior to the meeting
- Sending follow-up email reminders
- Automated voice calls reminders
- Leaving a reminder message with a person in the Nāsir’s household
- New and improved Anṣār website providing more content and guidance
- New bi-weekly e-newsletter
- Keeping telephone contact with members

The goals and objectives of various departments were discussed to familiarize Zu‘amā with the requirements and purpose of the departmental plans.

Newly launched services—including free health service—and their scope were also discussed.

Ṣadr Majlis shared the theme of the year given to the Majlis by Ḥuḍūr

—“save yourself and your families from a fire” (The Holy Qur’ān, 66 [Al-Taḥrīm]:7). Ṣadr Majlis emphasized the need for Anṣār to help rejuvenate religious knowledge that is so important for them—as heads of their households—and becoming role models for their families. He also discussed and offered his insight in many others areas. Some of the key points include:

- Engaging the total membership
- Motivating members
- Value out of time spent
- Jamā‘at activities will always supersede auxiliary activities
- Body language is important, as is “to believe”
- Critical and urgent to make Tajnīd current and include every member
- Improved reporting—accurate and reflective of actual scenarios, including issues, if any
- Following the Ta‘līm and Tarbiyat handbook and syllabus
- Ta‘līm test submission, its value as a tool of revival of knowledge and love for the Jamā‘at
- Doing Iḥsān (beneficence)—Anṣār should practice this to the best of their ability, providing members service they may need
- Transparency—Chanda utilization, expenses
- Examine why people do not come to meetings—lack of knowledge, charisma, miracles, etc.?

During the concluding session of the ALC, the best performing Majālis were recognized based on their performance throughout the year in small, medium, and large Majālis categories. The ‘Ālam-i-In‘āmī was awarded based on overall best performance. Qā‘idīn and Nāzimīn were also recognized based on the performance of their respective departments and regions. This year, Willingboro Majlis was presented the ‘Ālam-i-In‘āmī award based on its outstanding performance. The detail of the awards and ranking of all Majālis is presented on the next page. The ALC survey results are presented on pages 8-9.

**'Alam-i-In'āmī**

Willingboro Majlis  
Za'īm: Tahir Ahmad Tasneem

**Large Majālis**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Willingboro (Za'īm: Tahir Ahmad Tasneem)  
2<sup>nd</sup> LA East (Za'īm: Muzaffar Siddiqi)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dallas (Za'īm: Mubashir Ahmed)  
Most Improved Majlis: LA Inland (Za'īm: Faheem Ahmed)

**Medium Majālis**

- 1<sup>st</sup> York (Za'īm: Mubasher Satkahi)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cypress-Houston (Za'īm: Iftikhar Ahmad Sheikh)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Zion (Za'īm: Saeed Anjum)  
Most Improved Majlis: Charlotte (Za'īm: Mubarak A. Sharif)

**Small Majālis**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fitchburg (Za'īm: Masood Ashraf)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lehigh Valley (Za'īm: Asad Nawaz Chaudhry)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Las Vegas (Za'īm: Rehan Amir)  
Most Improved Majlis: Portland (Za'īm: Mubarak Ahmad)

**Service Awards**

Jalaluddin Abdul Latif (Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal)  
Syed Sajid Ahmad (Qā'id Īthār)  
Habeb Shafeeq (Qā'id Tablīgh)  
Munawar Saqib (Qā'id Finance)  
Waseem Ahmad (Qā'id New Converts)  
Ghayyur Mannan Khan (Qā'id Waqf Jadīd)  
Basharat Ahmad Wadan (Nāzim Virginia Region)

Hazeem Pudhiapura (Nāzim South-east Region)  
Suhail Kausar (Nāzim Gulf States Region)

**Outstanding Qā'id Awards**

Maqbool Tahir (Qā'id 'Umūmī)  
Monas Chaudry (Qā'id Ta'lim)  
Munawar Saqib (Qā'id Finance)  
Rafiuddin Malik (Qā'id Publications)

**Outstanding Nāzim Awards**

Region	Nāzim
Gulf States	Suhail Kausar
South West	Abdul Zafar Basith

**Most Improved Region Award**

Great Lakes	Naseem Khan
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Majlis	Points	Majlis	Points	Majlis	Points
1 Willingboro	1168	24 Kentucky	726	47 Minnesota	532
2 LA - East	1112	25 San Diego	707	48 Long Island	524
3 Dallas	1081	26 Boston	682	49 Laurel	515
4 LA - Inland	1045	27 North Jersey	675	50 Brooklyn	499
5 York	1012	28 Houston - North	673	51 Sacramento	499
6 New York	951	29 Charlotte	670	52 Indiana	484
7 Cypress - Houston	931	30 Cleveland	667	53 Albany	481
8 Fitchburg	913	31 Richmond	659	54 Orlando	481
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10 Zion	877	33 St. Louis	632	56 Houston - South	470
11 Detroit	855	34 Binghamton	603	57 Chicago Southwest	440
12 Las Vegas	853	35 Miami	594	58 Milwaukee	432
13 Seattle	838	36 South Virginia	590	59 Central Virginia	425
14 Phoenix	833	37 Rochester	576	60 Washington	424
15 Chicago Northwest	830	38 Tucson	570	61 Silicon Valley	423
16 Austin	819	39 Silver Spring	568	62 Georgia-SC	416
17 Central Jersey	814	40 Chicago East	567	63 North Virginia	408
18 Bloomington	814	41 Research Triangle	565	64 Columbus	402
19 Oshkosh	807	42 Potomac	557	65 Tulsa	366
20 Philadelphia	792	43 Pittsburgh	552	66 Alabama-TN	364
21 Baltimore	757	44 Dayton	548	67 New Orleans	360
22 Portland	736	45 LA - West	546	68 Hartford	264
23 Fort Worth	734	46 Bay Point	543		



Baitul Ikrām Mosque, Dallas, TX—venue of 2014 Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC)

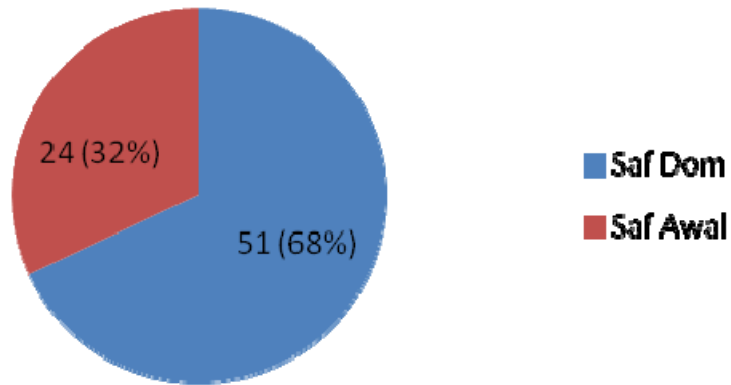


Şadr Majlis addressing the ALC participants

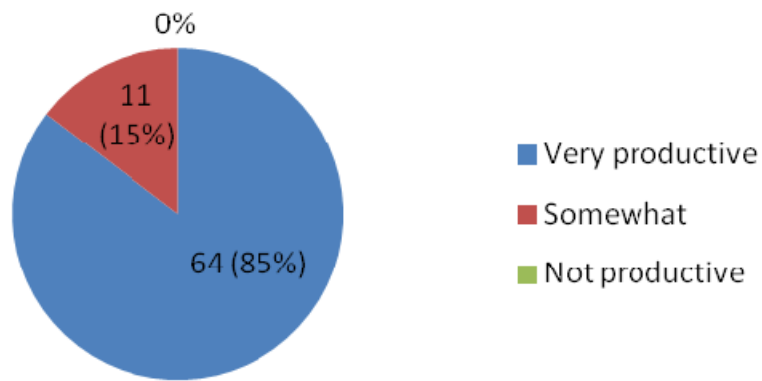


ALC participants gather for a group photo

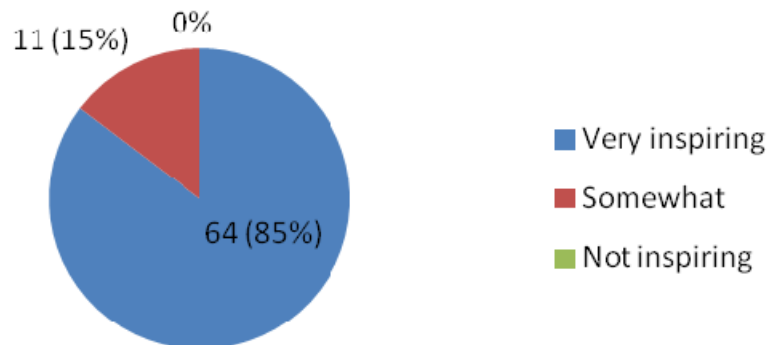
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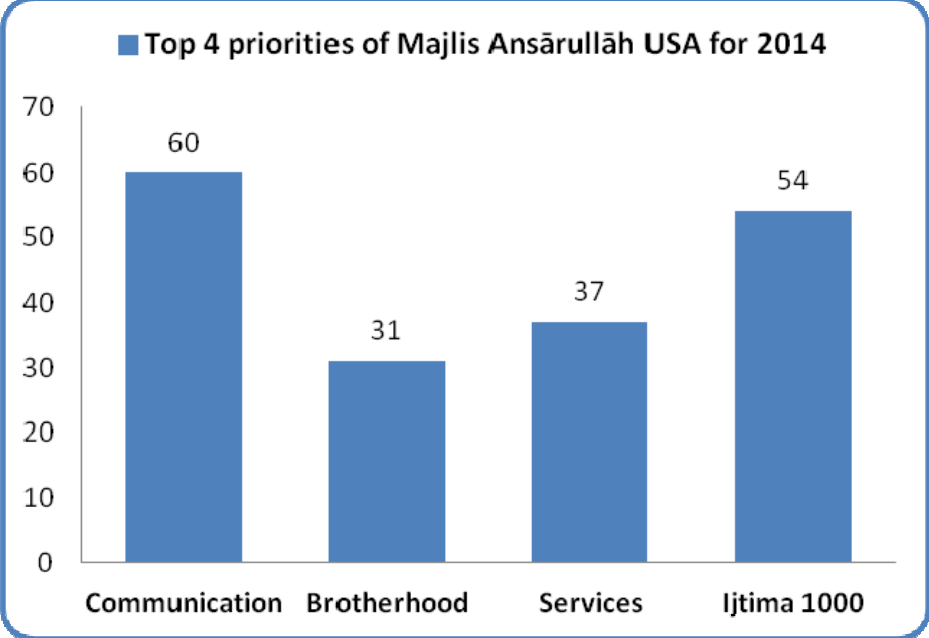
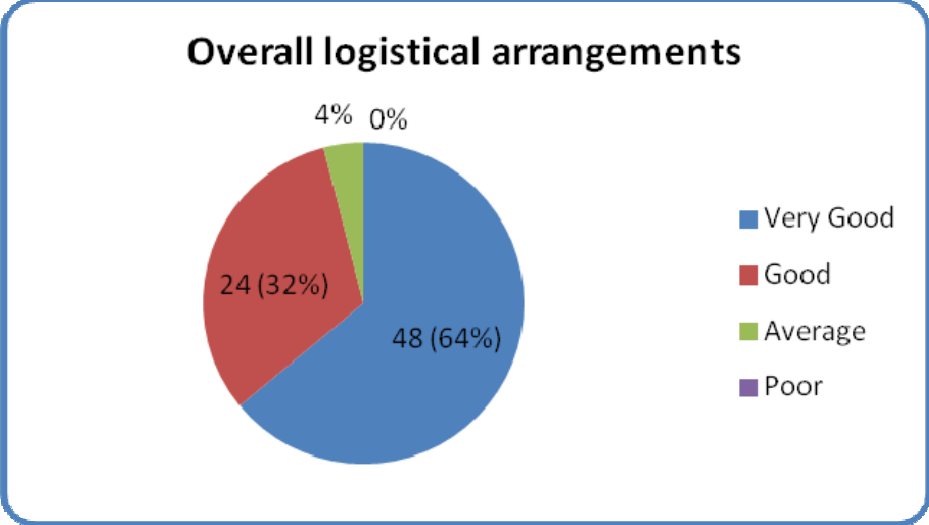
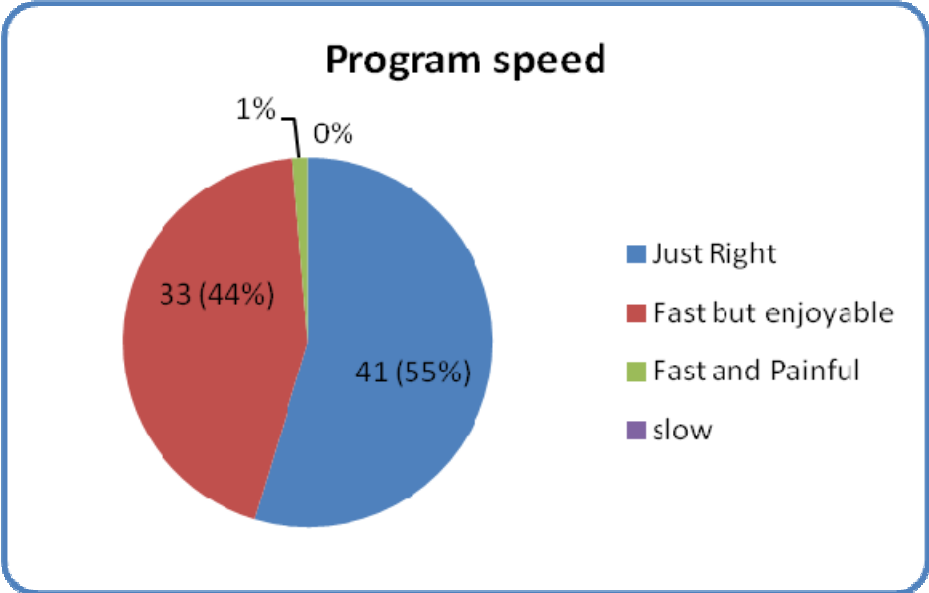
### How productive was your ALC experience



### How inspiring was your ALC experience



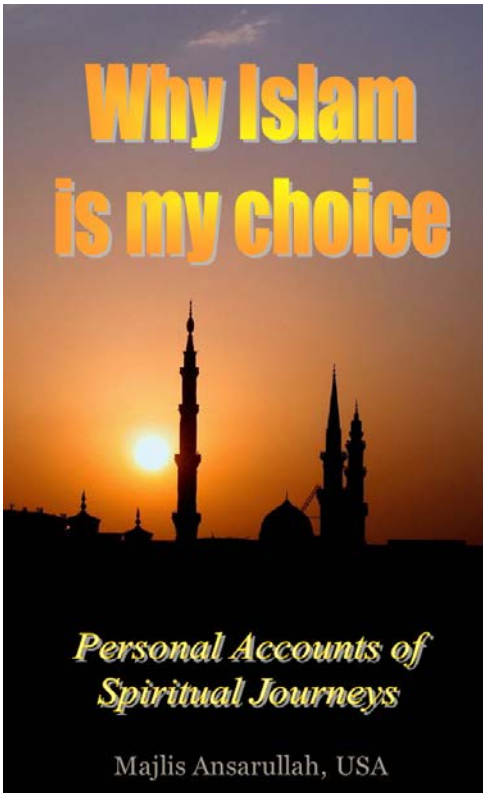
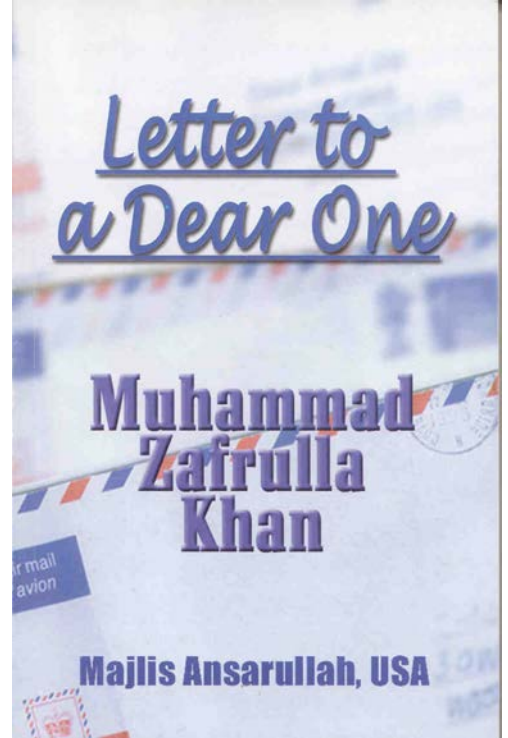




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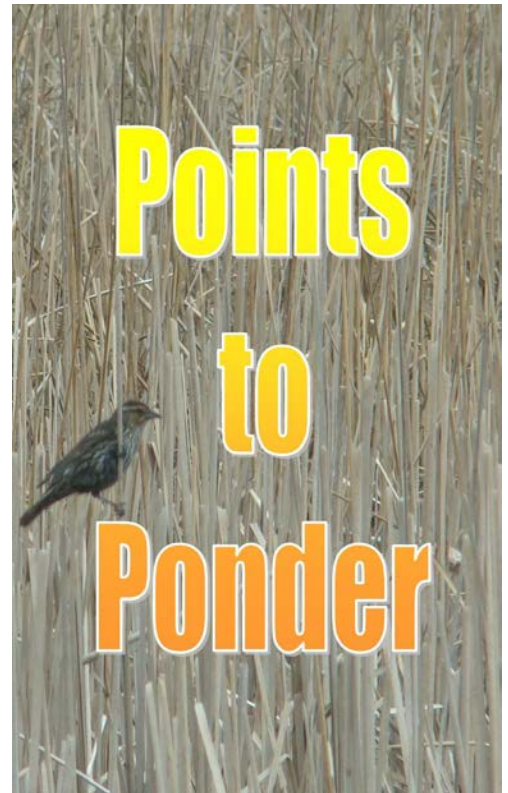
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قَدْ قَامَ الصَّلَاةُ - قَدْ قَامَ الصَّلَاةُ  
 Qad qamamul salaah - Qad qamamul salaah  
 The Prayer is ready, The Prayer is ready.  
 اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ - اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ  
 Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar  
 Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest.  
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ  
 La ilaha illallah  
 There is none worthy of worship save Allah.

### Niyah

إِلَى رَبِّكَ وَنَهَى لِقَابِ نَعْرِ الشَّيْطَانِ وَالرَّيْبِ  
 حَيْثَمَا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الشُّرَيْكِينَ  
 Inna walayhina wabayhina illallah faramasana walayh  
 walayhna faramafayhina wama ana minhum walayhna  
 I have turned my full attention towards Him, Who  
 has created the heavens and the earth, being ever  
 inclined (towards Him), and I am not among those  
 who associate partners with Allah.

### Takbir

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ - اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ - اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ - اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ  
 Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar  
 Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest.  
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 Ash-hadu alla ilaha illallah  
 Ash-hadu alla ilaha illallah  
 I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship save Allah. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship save Allah.

### Al-Fatiha

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
 In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.  
 الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَشْكُرَهُ  
 Praise be to Allah who has guided us to this path, and we were not aware of the path of those upon whom He has bestowed His blessings.  
 الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَشْكُرَهُ  
 Praise be to Allah who has guided us to this path, and we were not aware of the path of those upon whom He has bestowed His blessings.

### Sana

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ وَتَعَارَى لِحَمْدِكَ  
 وَتَدَعَى عَمَّا سِوَاكَ وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ  
 Subhanaka Allahumma wa bihamdika wa ta'araya lihamdika  
 wa tade'aya 'amma siwaka wa la ilaha ghayraka  
 Glorify to Thee, O Allah, profloundly and blessed is  
 Thy name and exalted is Thy majesty and  
 there is no worthy of worship except Thee alone.

### Ta'awuz

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
 A'udhu billahi minash-shaytanir-rajim  
 I seek refuge with Allah from Satan, the accursed.

### Al-Fatiha

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
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 Praise be to Allah who has guided us to this path, and we were not aware of the path of those upon whom He has bestowed His blessings.

### Ar-Rukun

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
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 الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَشْكُرَهُ  
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 Praise be to Allah who has guided us to this path, and we were not aware of the path of those upon whom He has bestowed His blessings.

### Tashahhud

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ  
 وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
 Ash-hadu alla ilaha illallah  
 Ash-hadu alla ilaha illallah  
 I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship save Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and His apostle.

### Al-Fatiha

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
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 Praise be to Allah who has guided us to this path, and we were not aware of the path of those upon whom He has bestowed His blessings.

### Prayers from the Holy Quran

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ  
 Rabbanah atina fadunya hasanatan wa fialakhirah hasanatan wa qinana 'adhaban naran  
 Our Lord, bestow on us good in this world and good in the Hereafter and shield us from the torment of the Fire.  
 رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُتَّبِعًا وَسَيِّدًا رَحِيمًا  
 Rabbi waj'alni muttabi'an wa sayyidan rahimam  
 My Lord, make me an obedient slave and accept my children, too. Our Lord, bestow Thy Grace on me and accept my Prayers. Our Lord grant forgiveness to me and to my parents and to the believers on the Day of the Resurrection.

### Tasleem

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ  
 Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullah  
 Peace be on you and the blessings of Allah.  
 السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ  
 Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullah  
 Peace be on you and the blessings of Allah.

### Post-Prayer Zikr

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ  
 Allahumma anta al-sami' al-basir  
 O Allah, Thou art the hearer of all things and the Seer of all things.  
 اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ  
 Allahumma anta al-sami' al-basir  
 O Allah, Thou art the hearer of all things and the Seer of all things.

### Dua Quonool

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ  
 Allahumma anta al-sami' al-basir  
 O Allah, Thou art the hearer of all things and the Seer of all things.  
 اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ  
 Allahumma anta al-sami' al-basir  
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## Ijtimā' 1000—Becoming the Men of God



The 33<sup>rd</sup> National Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA was held at Baitur-Raḥmān Mosque, Silver Spring, MD, on Friday, October 10 to Sunday, 12, 2014. As is customary, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Majlis Shūrā of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA was also held during this time.

An attendance target of 1,000 Anṣār brothers was set at the beginning of the year. Special efforts were made by Zu'amā and regional Nāzimīn to meet this target. Information about the Ijtimā', including online registration, accommodation, program, etc. was regularly provided in the months leading to the Ijtimā', through Majlis' website, emails, and newsletters to help Anṣār better prepare for the event. By the Grace of Allāh Almighty, 1,036 Anṣār from all over the USA attended the Ijtimā', the highest ever in any Anṣār National Ijtimā', Alḥamdulillāh.

The Ijtimā' sessions were held in a marquee at the outside grounds of the mosque as well as in men's Prayer hall. The Shūrā sessions were held in Anṣārullāh Hall. The meals were served in a separate marquee, next to the main marquee. The men's Prayer hall was used for Prayers and Women's Prayer hall was used for accommodation. 90 rooms at a nearby hotel were also reserved for Anṣār to stay on their own expense that were all utilized. Special arrangement for Tahajjud, congregational Fajr Prayer, and Dars were made at the hotel. The indoor sports activities took place in the basement area of the mosque while the outdoor sports activities were held at the outside grounds of the mosque.

Among the highlights of the Ijtimā' were congregational Prayers including Tahajjud, Dars, opening and closing sessions, educational and

sports competitions, interactive workshops, a special session with Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, Canada and Muḥeebur Rahman, Advocate, service oriented booths, and a grand BBQ dinner with bonfire and poetry on Saturday evening. Following are some of the highlights of the various Ijtimā' activities.

### Opening Session

The opening session of the Ijtimā' started at 3:30 PM with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān. Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, Faheem Younus Qureshi, led Anṣār in recitation of the Anṣār pledge. This was followed by an Urdu poem recitation. Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) had graciously sent a special message for the attendees of the Ijtimā' that was read to the audience. The message is reproduced as follows:

“O ye Green Saplings of the Promised Messiah:

Majlis Anṣārullāh has an important role to play in the progress of the Jamā‘at and in the upbringing of our coming generations. If Anṣār understand their responsibilities and try their best to discharge these responsibilities, we can rest assured that our future generations will remain firmly attached to the Jamā‘at and continue to grow in sincerity and devotion. If we tread the path of Taqwā (righteousness) and fulfill our duty of attaching our future generations to the Jamā‘at, then our future and the future of our children will be secured.

When undertaking the Bai‘at every Aḥmadī promises to advance in Taqwā and to acquire the higher moral values. We also pledge to shun falsehood, hostility, transgression, dishonesty, mischief, and rebellion. We should invoke peace and blessings of Allāh on the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) and remain faithful to Allāh in times of trial and prosperity. We should follow God’s commandments, shun pride and arrogance, show meekness and exhibit high morals and have sympathy for mankind. The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) says, “Prayer is your weapon and we must hold on to it. The only means of getting rid of sin and transgression is through prayers. People of my Jamā‘at should spend their nights crying and supplicating before their Lord.” These are the values that lead to spiritual progress. It is the responsibility of Anṣār to progress in righteousness so that they can set a good example for their children. The task of Da‘wat Ilallāh (inviting to the way of Allāh) cannot be accomplished without prayers. It is also essential to recite the Holy Qur’ān daily and learn its teachings. Teach the Holy Qur’ān to your children and get them into the habit of reciting it daily. May Allāh enable us all to live by our pledges. Āmīn.

Our success lies in holding fast to the rope of Allāh and ensuring that we and all our children adhere to the institution of Khilāfat and to absolute obedience to it and the Niẓām-i-Jamā‘at. If we and our children remain attached to Khilāfat, we will

witness the bounties of Allāh conferred upon true believers.”

In his welcome address, Ṣadr Majlis emphasized the need of change in attitude from “we should” to “I will” implying that instead of saying that we (or someone else) should do this, our approach should rather be to come forward and say that I will do this. He said that this change was necessary for us not only to elevate our spiritual status but also because, at this stage in life, we better take advantage of whatever time has left in our share and do as many good deeds as we can. Ṣadr Majlis related the story of ‘Ikrama bin Abū Jahl how he wanted to redeem himself by risking his life and doing something significant at old age and how he and two other companions gave their lives in the way of Allāh trying to save each other’s life, after they, together, made a break through opening for Islāmīc army.

Ṣadr Majlis then invited respected Amīr Jamā‘at, USA, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, for the inaugural address. In his address, respected Amīr welcomed all Anṣār and presented the three attributes of Allāh Almighty—Rabb, Raḥmān, and Raḥīm—mentioned in the beginning of Sūrah Al-Fātiḥah. Based on this, he advised Anṣār to fulfill their responsibilities towards their families, towards each other, and towards the Jamā‘at. He referred to Ḥuḍūr’s recent Friday sermon urging everyone to be kind and good to each other and be exemplary role models for our future generations. He wished Anṣār to have a successful Ijtimā‘ and led in silent prayer before closing the opening session.

### Shūrā Proceedings

Majlis Shūrā 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 Shūrā sub-committee chairmen and secretaries. New proposals that were not selected for discussion and those selected for discussion were presented to the Shūrā body. Four subcommittees were formed for deliberations on proposals that were accepted for discussion. The subcommittees were Tabligh, Finance,

Tarbiyat, and General. Ṣadr Majlis appointed a chairman and a secretary for each of the subcommittees. The subcommittees met and deliberated on their respective proposals until late on Friday night; all subcommittees prepared comprehensive reports with recommendations.

The final session of Shūrā started at 9:00 P.M. The chairman of each of the aforementioned subcommittees presented their reports. The recommendations were deliberated by the Shūrā body. The recommendations were submitted to Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V for approval. The final Shūrā session ended at 10:30 P.M.

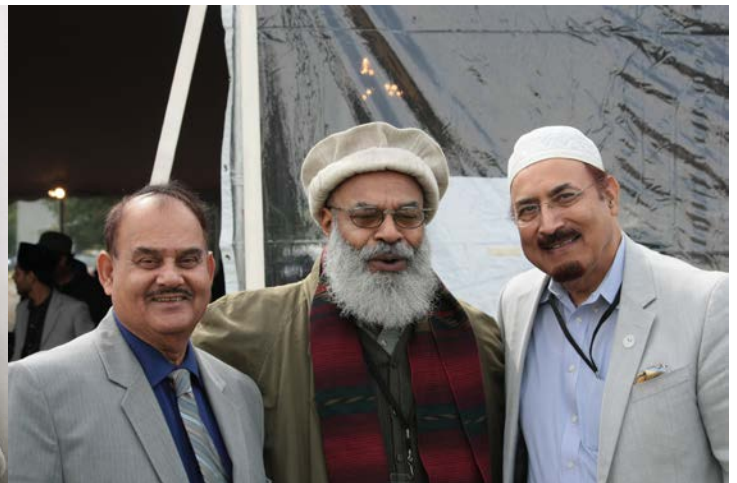
### Educational Competitions

Day 2 of the Ijtimā‘ began with the educational competitions. It was an auspicious day, as the excitement surrounding how many attendees had come for this Ijtimā‘ was perceptible in the air. And talking about the ‘air,’ the morning was cool and crisp with a light drizzle of heavenly rain to welcome the day’s competitions. However, the weather caused the first of many changes for the day; due to the chill/drizzle, the organizers had decided to move the educational competitions to the mosque as opposed to holding in the large and beautifully arranged marquee. Names of competitors for the Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān competition—which was starting at 9 A.M. sharp—were being called out in the mosque, and responses of ‘forfeit, forfeit’ rang out from the judge as would-be competitors were being rounded up and sent to the mosque! Finally, with adrenaline pumping, 11 out of 12 competitors had been found and the Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān competition was off and running!

This year, the competitors were given a randomly selected verse from a set of verses to recite from, and thereby, truly judging who had mastered the right elements of pronunciation and melody. After the competitors had finished, Qā‘id Ta‘limul Qur’ān, Fazal Ahmed Syed, highlighted that it is difficult to correct errors at this stage in life so it is best to make more conscientious effort and increase our frequency of











practice. He also pointed out a few of the common errors that had been made for the benefit of the audience. The results of the competition were then announced.

Next was the nerve wracking Impromptu Speech competition. A little twist to this year's competition was that the randomly assigned topics were from the 2014 Anṣār syllabus, and as such, competitors were only allowed to use the Anṣār handbook to construct their thoughts in the allotted three-minute preparation time. The competitors were reminded that there would be penalties for anyone exceeding the three-minute limit, and advised that if they did not know passages from the Holy Qur'ān correctly, not to try and recite them. This year, the regional competitors all looked in fine form, and not a single contestant showed any nervousness getting up to the podium in front of so many attendees. Amazingly, this year—a sign of the great enthusiasm at this year's Ijtimā'—we had a number of members who had not qualified at their regional Ijtimā', but felt they should have, asked for special permission to also participate in the Impromptu Speech competition even though they would not be considered for ranking. This incident would be a first for a competition that many try to avoid!

Finally, we moved on to the General Knowledge competition. This year, with so many attendees, the organizers decided that each region would have two teams compete. Then,

in order to reduce the large number of teams, there were two knockout rounds. Also, with so many participants, the organizers moved away from the approach used in the last few years of answering through a web-based site to old-fashioned pencil and paper, and the honor system for assessing the correct number of answers. There was great excitement during this event, but it would not be nearly as exciting if not for the highly disputed discussions over a couple of the answers! However, the judge kept a firm handle on the situation, and took the controversies in stride!

This year's competition had an extra buzz and excitement in keeping with the energy of the overall Ijtimā' 1000!

### Sports Competitions

Many sports competitions including darts, horseshoe toss, table tennis, and volleyball were held during the Ijtimā'. The contestants enthusiastically participated in the various sports competitions and vied with fellow Anṣār brothers in a highly friendly atmosphere. The cheering crowds provided much encouragement to individual and team participants.

Sports competitions were held on Saturday. Due to bad weather, the competitions were delayed; however, with the prayers of Anṣār brothers, many of the sports competitions were eventually held.

### Interactive Workshops

Many interactive workshops were held for non-Shūrā members including the following.

- Planning Your Finances and Writing a Will
- How Do We Facilitate Marriages of Our Children?
- How to Talk to Our Children so They Will Listen?
- Changing Habits, Achieving Dreams—A Personal Development

An interactive session on physical health was held by Qā'id Health, Dr. Lutufur Rehman, where Anṣār benefited from the information presented to them and asked many health related questions.

### Becoming Men of God—Interactive Session

In the Sunday morning session, a presentation by Imām Naseem Mahdi, Nā'ib Amīr and Missionary in charge, was made on the topic of "How YOU can become a Man of God." It was followed by an interactive program on "What does it 'really' take to be Men of God?" that was facilitated by Imran Hayee, Nā'ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom. Following is a gist of the session.

Imām Naseem Mahdi started his presentation by explaining that even though all companions of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) have passed away and are no



longer with us as role models, we have been given the glad tiding by the Promised Messiah and Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) that Khilāfat will remain with us forever for our guidance. He recited verse 256 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah where Allāh Almighty has promised that He is the friend of all believers. He said that this very fact provided all of us an encouragement and assurance that if we do good deeds and sincerely repent from our sins and shortcomings, we can become men of God. The door of salvation is always open as Allāh is pleased with His servants who repent and adopt the path of righteousness. He also explained the topic by quoting the "Verse of Khilāfat" from Sūrah Al-Nūr and an excerpt from the booklet Al-Waṣīyyat.

Imām Naseem Mahdi then presented various faith inspiring incidents from the noble lives of the companions of Promised Messiah including Ḥaḍrat Maulānā Ghulām Rasūl Rājaykī and Hazrat Maulānā Sher 'Alī (may Allāh be pleased with them). He also narrated incidents from the life of Maulānā Muḥammad Aḥmad Jaleel, who was not a companion of the Promised Messiah, to make the point that Allāh Almighty continues to bless the Jamā'at with men of God who are like the companions of the Promised Messiah. He concluded his presentation by emphasizing the need to listen to Friday sermons of Khalīfatul Masīḥ because they are essential for the moral training of the Jamā'at members and also by developing a true relationship with Allāh the Almighty.

Imran Hayee, Nā'ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom, continued the interactive discussion based on the topic of becoming Men of God. He started by reciting verses 3-6 of Chapter 23 (Sūrah Al-Mu'minūn) of the Holy Qur'ān in which Allāh Almighty describes the characteristics of true believers. He provided context for the discussion by listing potential hurdles that come in the way of believers such as our egos, our pride, our love of worldly things, our fears, etc. Then he opened an interactive discussion with the audience. The discussion was based on real life scenarios such as how to avoid addictions, how to

overcome the fear of losing job, how to control anger and frustration, how to address our personal egos, and our honor becomes our god, etc. Many Anṣār members from the audience actively participated in this interactive discussion by expressing their experiences and opinions to address these pitfalls. Nā'ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom closed this session by quoting relevant excerpts from the Holy Qur'ān and Malfūzāt.

### Concluding Session

The concluding session of the Ijtimā' was chaired by respected Amīr Jamā'at USA, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar. The session started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān followed by an Urdu poem. Prizes were distributed among the performing Majālis and Anṣār.

In his closing address, Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Faheem Younus Qureshi, highlighted the progress Majlis Anṣārullāh had made over the year and how so much was achieved just by the hard work of Anṣār and their belief in Allāh. After highlighting the yearly progress, he talked about how Almighty Allāh helped the Majlis achieve the 1,000 attendance target at the Ijtimā'. It was only Allāh's help and hard work of workers who tirelessly worked to make this happen. Ṣadr Majlis closed by urging members to shun all forms of ego and bring about the pious transformations that Khalīfatul Masīḥ expects from us. He then requested respected Amīr to make the closing remarks and lead the members in silent prayer.

In his concluding address, respected Amīr Jamā'at, USA, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, opened up with "Verse of Khilāfat" from Sūrah Al-Nūr and talked about the attributes of those people who deserve Khilāfat. He emphasized how Aḥmadīs are recipients of the blessings of Khilāfat and what we should do to be thankful to Allāh. He emphasized the need of enhancing our good deeds so that we can continue to be blessed with the gift of Khilāfat in the generations to come. Finally, he congratulated Anṣār on achieving the attendance target of 1,000 Anṣār at the Ijtimā' and advised them that they should continue to inspire their children with their efforts

and prayers. He then led the members in silent prayer before ending the closing session.

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### Ijtimā' Survey Results

A survey was conducted on the final day of the Ijtimā'. The survey results are presented on pages 25-28. The comments of the participants are presented on page 28.

### Prizes and Awards

Although, all the contestants of various competitions deserve recognition and prayers, a list of ranked positions is presented on page 24.



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## Educational Competitions Awards

### **Recitation/Memorization of the Holy Qur'ān**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mubashir Majoka (North East Region)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mohammed Faythai (Great Lakes Region)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tahir Abdullah (Gulf States Region)

### **Impromptu Speech**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Irfan Alladin (New York Region)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Muhammad Ahmad (Central East Region)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Abu Bakr Bin Saeed (Midwest Region)

### **Religious & General Knowledge**

- 1<sup>st</sup> New York Region (Fasasi Sanusi, Mahmood Bhutta, Adnan Pasha, Irfan Alladin)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Great Lakes Region (Mirza Mahmood Ahmad, Nasir Bukhari, Abdul Qudoos Shahid, Syed Jaffar Ali)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Headquarters Region (Sajeel Safiullah, Saleem Lutfullah, Mubasher Satkahi, Mansoor Ahmad)

### **Essay Writing Competition**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Suhail Kausar (Dallas)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anwer Mahmood Khan (LA East)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ghulam Hussain Qamar Baloch (North Virginia)

## Sports Competitions Awards

### **Horse Shoe Toss**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maqbool Ahmad (Austin)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mahmood Bhutta (New York)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mohammad Mehmood (South Virginia)

### **Darts**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kalim ud Din Khalifa (Miami)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Waqar Malik (Philadelphia)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Khalid Khan (Brooklyn)

### **Table Tennis**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kalim ud Din Khalifa (Miami)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sharjeel Safi Ullah (York)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mubasher Satkahi (York)

### **Volleyball**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Great Lakes (Rehamn Ghani [Captain], Naeem Khan, Maqbool Tahir, Pervaiz Khan, Imtiaz Ahmad, Sharjeel Malik)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia (Muhammad Mahmood [Captain], Abdul Hai, Suleman Ch, Abdul Hannan, Zameer Mirza, Mehmood Ahmad)

## Finance Awards

### **Meritorious Service in Finance**

- Ramazan Ul Haq Jattala (LA East)
- Mazhar ul Haque (LA Inland)
- Naseem Bajwa (Lehigh Valley)
- Abdul Rehman Minhas (Willingboro)
- Muhammad Altaf Malik (Austin)
- Javed Iqbal Chughtai (Bloomington)

### **Service to Local Majlis in Finance**

#### Northeast Region

- Rashid Ahmad (Boston)
- Muzaffar Ahmad Chaudhry (Fitchburg)
- Ahmad Kusi (Hartford)

#### Great Lakes Region

- Muhammad Shahid Mahmood (Detroit)
- Syed Hameedur Rahman (Cleveland)

#### Gulf States Region

- Abdul Lateef Mahmud (Cypress -Houston)

## Midwest Region

- Mansoor A Khan (Chicago Northwest)
- Abdul Latif Mahmud (Chicago Southwest)
- Mohammad Layeequddin Ahmed (Milwaukee)
- Tanveer Ashraf (Minnesota)
- Arif Quershi (Zion)

## Headquarters Region

- Mushtaq Ahmad Chaudhry (Laurel)

## Southeast Region

- Arif M. Ahmad (Georgia-Carolina)
- Mutaheer Ahmad Chaudhry (Miami)

## Southwest Region

- Munir Ahmad Malik (Phoenix)

## Virginia Region

- Shoail Basit (Central Virginia)
- Naseer Ahmad Mubashar (Richmond)

## Northwest Region

- Shafqat ullah Khan (Seattle)

## New York Region

- Adnan Asim Pasha (Long Island)

## Administrative Awards

### **Service to Local Majlis Award**

Abdul Rehman Minhas (Willingboro)

### **Best Dā'ī Ilallāh Award**

Mohammad Abdul Ghaffar (LA East)

### **Life Long Service Award**

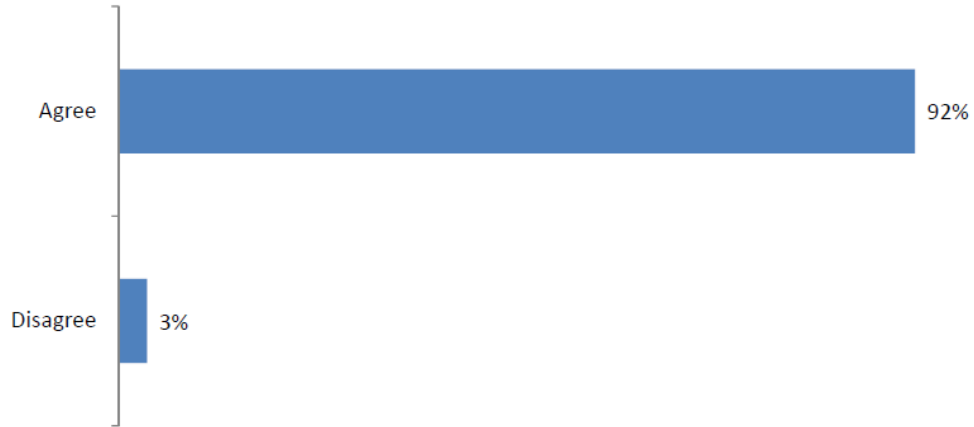
Ahmad Halim (Washington)

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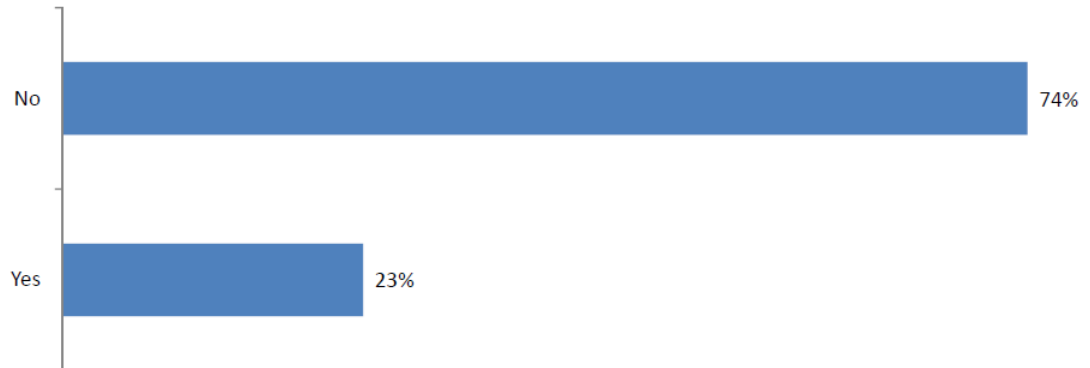
Information about publication, articles, etc. including electronic version of publications to be considered for Sulṭānūl-Qalam awards can be submitted at <http://ansarusa.org/content/submission-msq-award>



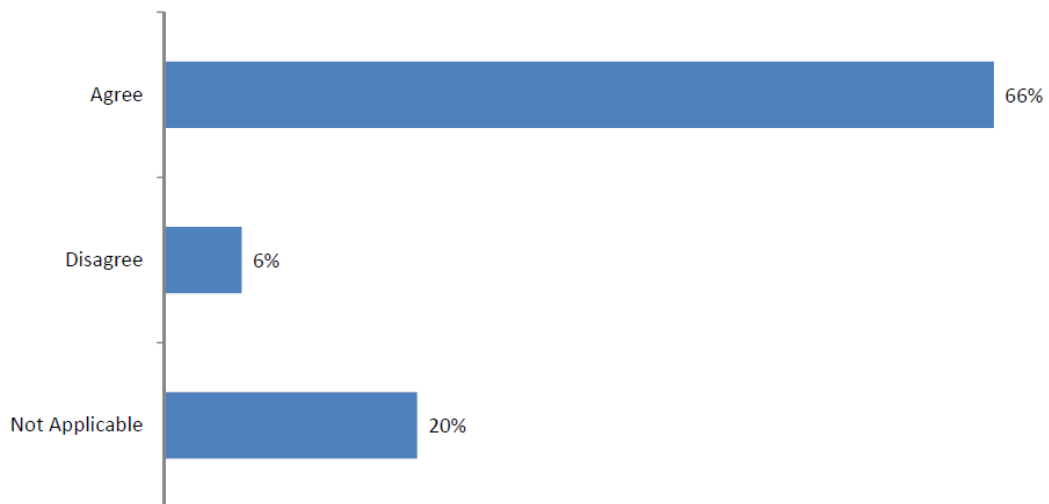
**This year's National Ijtimā' was a spiritually uplifting experience.**



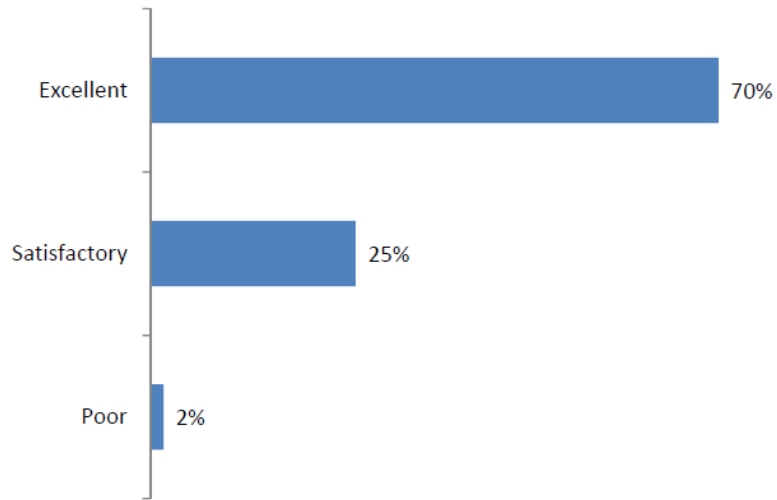
**I attended the National Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for the first time.**



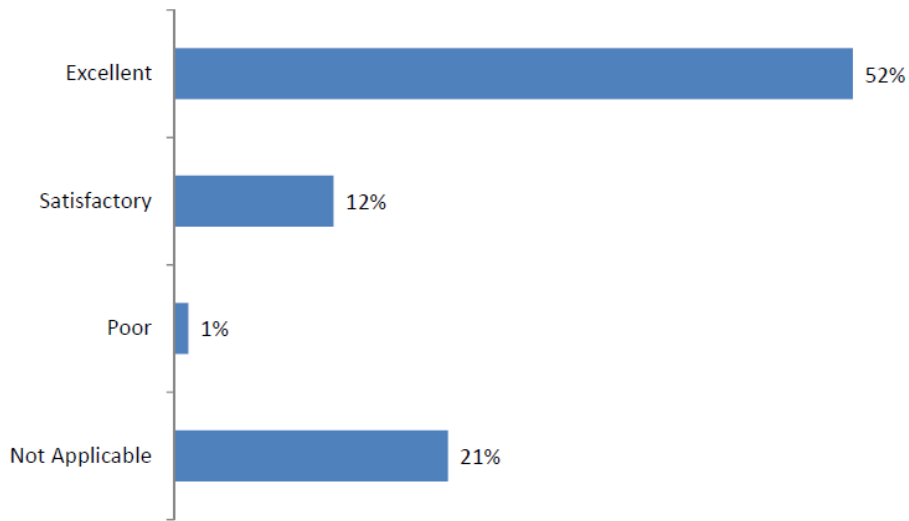
**I felt more involved in the Ijtimā' this year as compared to last year.**



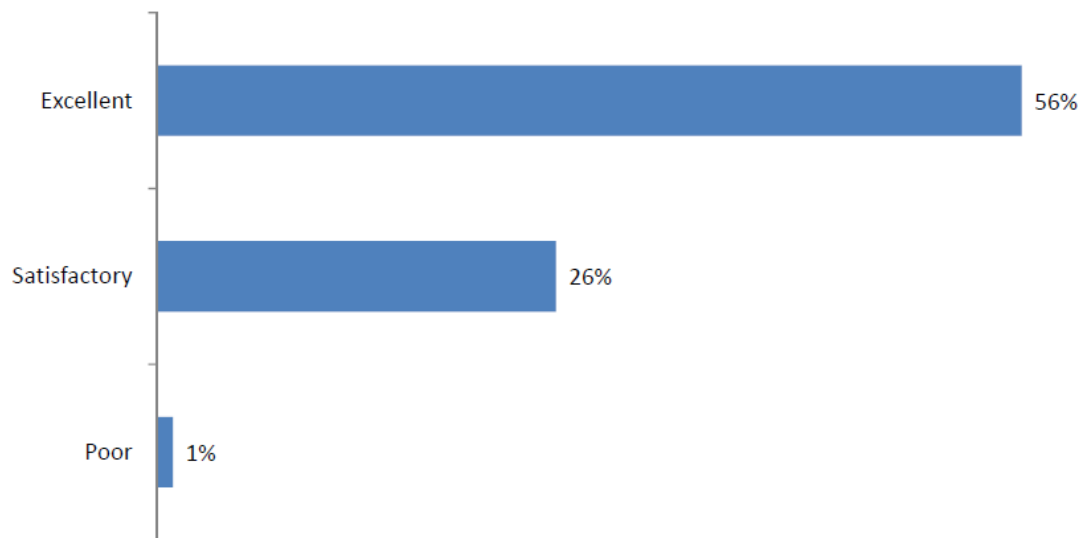
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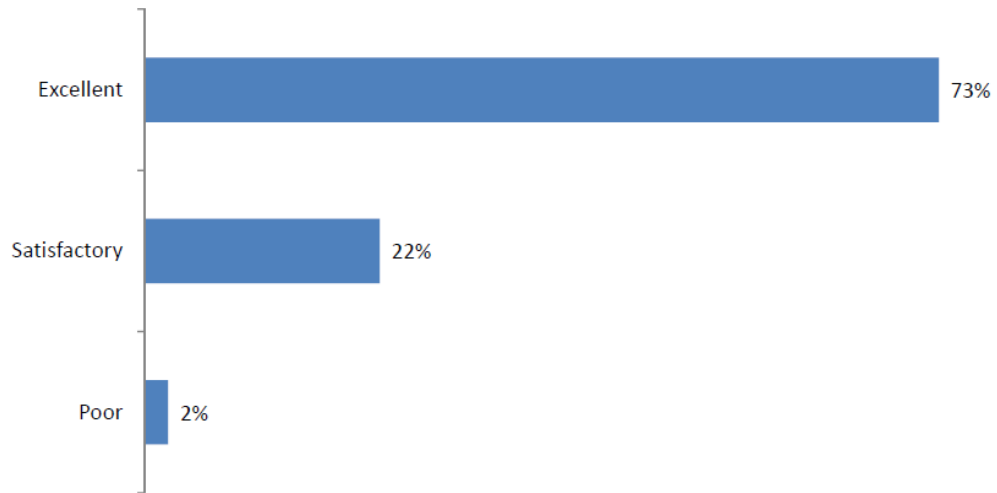
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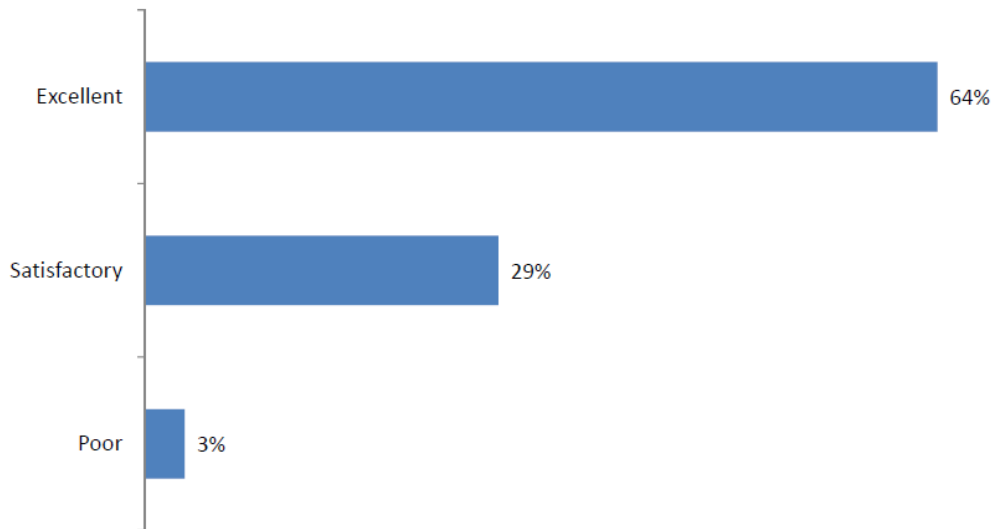
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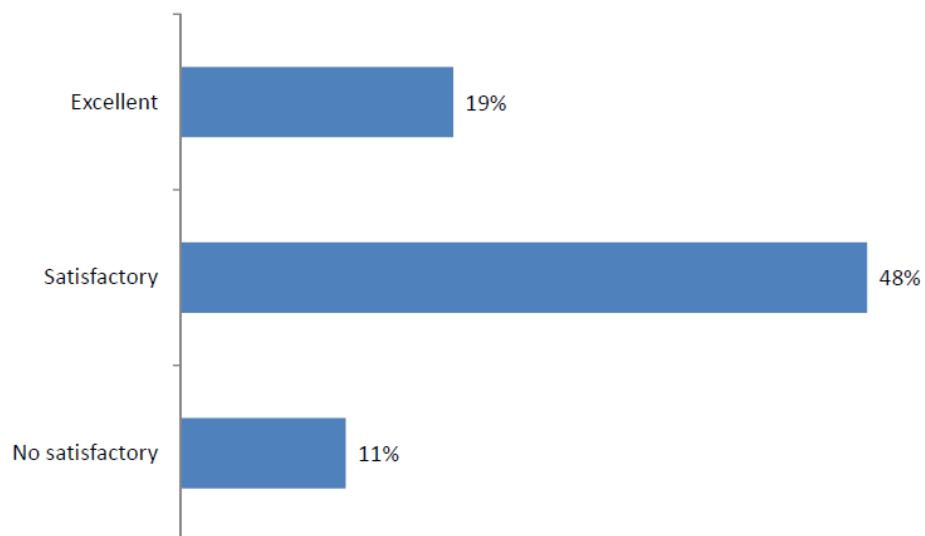
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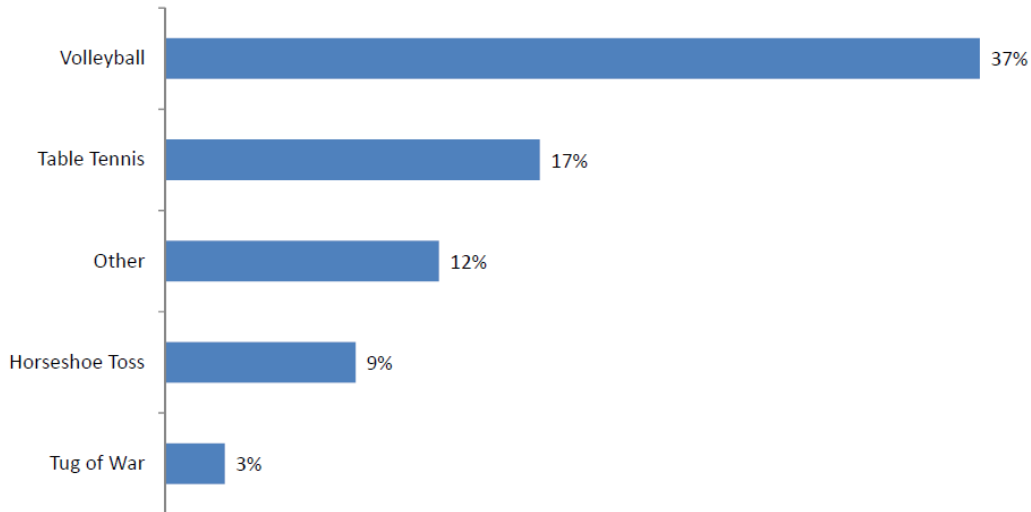
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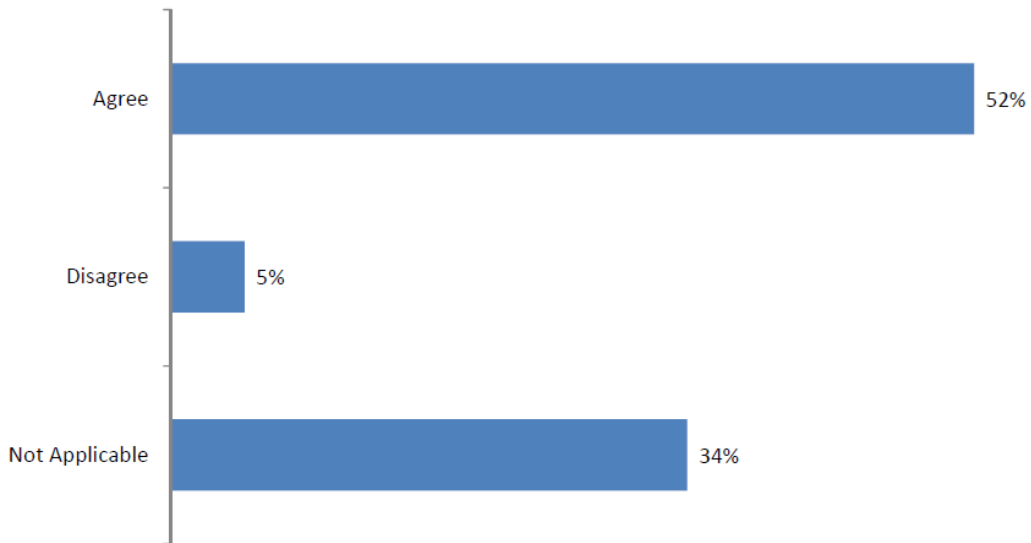
### How sports competitions were conducted



### Sports competitions that were enjoyed the most



### Travel Subsidy made it possible for me to attend this year's Ijtimā'.



### Ijtimā' Participants' Comments

Participants of the Ijtimā' also provided excellent feedback in the survey. Some of the comments provided in the Ijtimā' survey are presented in the following.

"All of my guests were impressed, very thankful and are looking forward to coming to the next event. Inshā'allāh. Food was great, staying in the mosque was wonderful. It felt great and we are all thankful and we pray for the upcoming years to be just as successful."

"I have been a part of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community for 10 years now. This Ijtimā' was like no other that I had attended. It was

magical from the moment the transportation team picked me up at the airport. I have never experienced anything like this."

"Best Ijtimā', very learning, very informative."

"Excellent event for camaraderie and networking."

"Great Ijtimā', it felt like Jalsa Sālāna."

"Great uplifting experience."

"I have been crying the whole time in my prayers and I dreamt that I had received a certificate at this Ijtimā'."

"Ijtimā' was very spiritual."

"It was great to see old familiar faces again and reconnect."

"Overall three great days of spiritual training."

"Thank you and Jazākallāh for arranging such a comfortable Ijtimā' for spiritual fitness."

"The hotel stay was excellent. The gift bags in the hotel was a welcoming sign. Moreover, the congregational Fajr Prayer at the hotel was very much enlightening. Hotel was good as well as the price."

"The travel subsidy was a big plus."

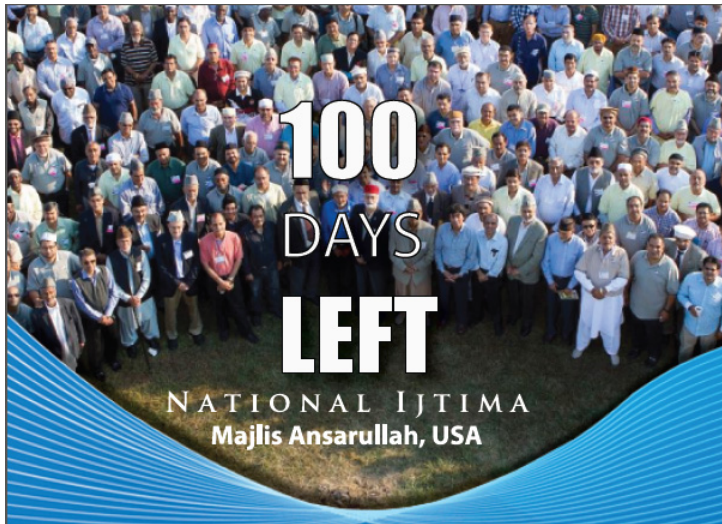
"This was my first Anṣār Ijtimā'. Thoroughly enjoyed it; felt young again. I had a convert brother who shared the trip with me and despite being an Aḥmadi for good ten plus years, he had never attended any Ijtimā' in the past."

"Very nice and impressive."

**First 100:** The names of the first 100 members who said Labbaik to the call of Şadr Majlis to register for Ijtimā' 1000 were sent to Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) for prayers. The names of these first Labbaik-sayers are presented in the following (the names of Anşār National 'Āmila members and members with insider information were removed from this list.)

No.	Member	Majlis	No.	Member	Majlis
1	Mohammed Layeequddin Ahmed	Milwaukee	32	Muhammad Rashid Shams	Boston
2	Tahir Soofi Ahmed	Zion	33	Rafi Ahmad	Syracuse
3	Abdul Hayee	Washington	34	Kashif Ahmad Khan	South Virginia
4	Usman Mangla	Detroit	35	Mohammed Antwi	Fort Worth
5	Adnan Mirza	Washington	36	Masood Ahmad	South Virginia
6	Bilal Hayee	Washington	37	Jawad Ahmad Malik	Silver Spring
7	Ahmad Nuruddin	Philadelphia	38	Nausher Ahmad Sial	Chicago East
8	Novid Aslam	Central Virginia	39	Asif Malik	Silver Spring
9	Ahmad Mubarak	New York	40	Rizwan Alladin	Long Island
10	Ahmad Bashir	Baltimore	41	Riyaz Muhammad	Dallas
11	Baba Sheriff Trawalley	Research Triangle	42	Sarjo Trawalley	Boston
12	Iftikhar Naghmi	Austin	43	Ijaz Malik	Laurel
13	Abdul Hayee	South Virginia	44	Muzaffar A. Chaudhry	Fitchburg
14	Falahud Din Shams	Silver Spring	45	Ovais Bajwa	Potomac
15	Ijaz Ahmed Qamar	South Virginia	46	Anwar Mohammad Qureshi	Tucson
16	Sadaqat Ali	Milwaukee	47	Nasir Jamil	Baltimore
17	Mohammad Bashir	Philadelphia	48	Zulfi Ahmad	North Virginia
18	Fazal Urrehman Qureshi	Orlando	49	Wajeeh Bajwa	Orlando
19	Mahmood Ahmad	Dallas	50	Waseem Ahmad	Seattle
20	Saeed Anjum	Zion	51	Mukaram Khan	Silver Spring
21	Lutaf ullah Salim	York	52	Zarar Bajwa	York
22	Abdul Qadus Piracha	New York	53	Rashid Alladin	Long Island
23	Munawar Ahmad Malik	South Virginia	54	Rashid Syed	LA - East
24	Laeek Mirza	Columbus	55	Mahmood Ahmad	New York
25	Muzaffar Janjua	Dallas	56	Sohail Husain	Pittsburgh
26	Ausaf Malik	Austin	57	Abdus Sami Khaliq	Charlotte
27	Hamid Mansoor	LA - East	58	Mahmood Ahmad	South Virginia
28	Mahmood Ahmad	Georgia-SC	59	Mamoon Bokhari	Buffalo
29	Mansoor Qureshi	Detroit	60	Tariq Mahmood	Washington
30	Nasir S Malik	Philadelphia	61	Muzaffar Mahmood	Detroit
31	Nabeel Munir	New York	62	Nasim Ahmed	Philadelphia

No.	Member	Majlis	No.	Member	Majlis
63	Rashid Ahmad Iqbal	Central Virginia	82	Major (R) Mubasher Ahmad	North Jersey
64	Rafi Ahmad Sidhu	Washington	83	Imtiyaz Rajayki	Philadelphia
65	Naseer Ahmad Sayed	Research Triangle	84	Bilal Abdul Latif	Potomac
66	Naeem Ahmad Lughmani	Silver Spring	85	Shukarullah	Chicago East
67	Khalid Ahmad	South Virginia	86	Amer Aziz	LA - West
68	Khalid Asad	Potomac	87	Masood Ashraf	Fitchburg
69	Khaled Ahmad Ata	Potomac	88	Badar Mansoor	LA - Inland
70	Naeem Ahmad	North Jersey	89	Muzaffar Ahmad Siddiqi	LA - East
71	Imtiaz A Chaudhary	Central Jersey	90	Nadeem Ahmad Butt	South Virginia
72	Naim u. Shaikh	Central Jersey	91	Malik Qadir Ahmed	LA - East
73	Rizwan A Sindhoo	Richmond	92	Yahya Nasheed Muhammad	Philadelphia
74	Naeem Ahmad Janjua	Brooklyn	93	Abdul Rauf Rafiq	Phoenix
75	Mansoor Bhatti	Central Jersey	94	Abdul Hafeez	Central Jersey
76	Syed Uzair Ahmed	Seattle	95	Zia H Shah	Binghamton
77	Badar mansoor	LA - Inland	96	Naeem Ahmad Sayed	Research Triangle
78	Zubair Latif	Fort Worth	97	Riaz Uddin Shams	Silver Spring
79	Mohyuddin Javad Ahmad	Oshkosh	98	Saadat Abdullah	Philadelphia
80	Wadood Ahmad khan	LA - East	99	Usman Ijaz Ghumman	North Virginia
81	Naveed Ahmad	North Jersey	100	Usman Nasir Choudhary	Central Virginia



Respected Ansar Brothers,  
As-Salamu 'Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah!

I cordially invite you to a historic National Ijtima' of Majlis Ansarullah, USA. Our goal is to inspire 1000 brothers to gather under the banner of Ahmadiyya Khilafat.

**Theme: Becoming the Men of God**  
**Dates: October 10-12, 2014**  
**Location: Baitur-Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD**

Visit [www.ansarusa.org](http://www.ansarusa.org) to find information about the Ijtima' program, travel subsidy, accommodation, and related FAQs.

Register today on the website or simply mail this card to me at the address below. The names of first 100 registrants will be sent to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih for special prayers.

I look forward to hosting more than 1000 'helpers of Allah.'

Faheem Younus Qureshi  
9038 Sunni Shade Ct, Perry Hall, MD 21128

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A postcard invite was mailed to every Nāsir of the Majlis 100 days prior to the Ijtimā'.

# Annual Report for 2014—A Year That Strengthened Our Belief in the Unseen

At the beginning of 2014, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA pledged to strengthen our belief in the unseen. Our Khalīfah had given us the marching orders but the outcomes were unseen. So we put our heads down and got to work, with humility and prayers. Based on the directives of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper), we selected four priority focus areas. As you will see below, Allāh Almighty blessed Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA with much success, not only in those four areas, but in all areas.

The following pages present the evidence.

## Top Priority: Officeholders reporting their compliance with listening to Ḥuḍūr’s Friday sermons

During the year 2014, we started tracking the compliance of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA’s officeholders with listening to Ḥuḍūr’s Friday sermons. Though easy on the surface, getting this data in real life was a daunting task. Qā’id Tarbiyat, Yasin Sharif, and Nā’ib Qā’id, Tahir Soofi, worked

tirelessly to gather this data under the guidance of Nā’ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom, Imran Hayee. At the end of second quarter, only 29% of the Anṣār officeholders submitted their compliance data. By the end of third quarter, however, that number shot up to 72% of the officeholders.

## First Priority: Establishing brotherhood by following the Qur’ānic injunction: “Save yourself and your families from a fire” (66:7)

Ḥuḍūr gave us the task of focusing on self-reformation, for both ourselves and our families. With this inward focus, the Majlis designed, created, printed, and distributed over 2,000 copies of the Anṣār Ta’līm-and-Tarbiyat Handbook containing real life scenarios to be discussed in local meetings. Guidance from the Holy Qur’ān, Aḥādīth, quotes of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and Khulafā’ were included to steer the discussion in the right direction.

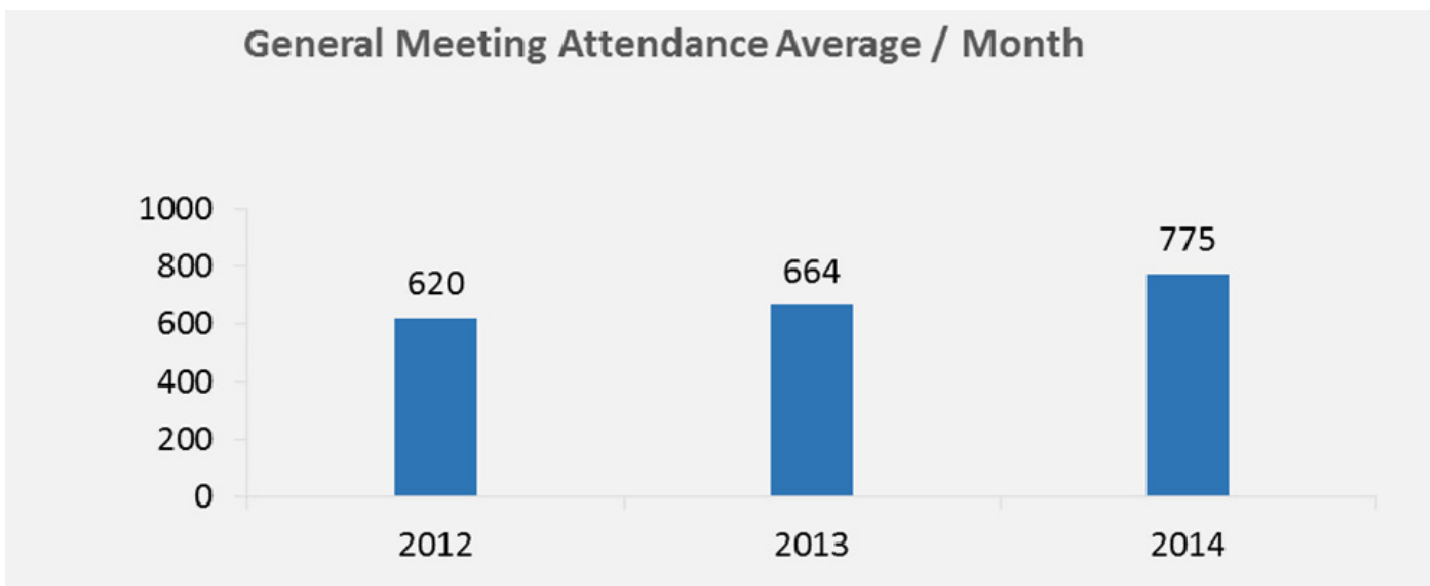
And this is where the story got interesting.

We wanted to make sure that Ḥuḍūr’s message is heard by as many Anṣār as possible. And frankly, what good is a handbook if members do not show up for the meetings? Keeping this in mind, we tracked the attendance of monthly meetings. Thanks to the efforts of Qā’id ‘Umūmī, Maqbool Tahir, and his team, the graph below shows the increased engagement of our members.

The engagement was further confirmed by the number of Anṣār who completed their Ta’līm tests during 2014. Qā’id Ta’līm, Monas Chaudry, went above and beyond to get us to 50% test submission in the latter part of 2014. See graph on the next page.

Interactive discussions were held at the regional and National Ijtimā’āt. According to estimates, these presentations were attended by over 1,000 members.

Now how do you measure spirituality? While we cannot peek inside someone’s heart, there are behaviors which the Holy Qur’ān links with the righteous. We present some of those behaviors here.



By the grace of Allāh, this year, over 130 more Anṣār joined the blessed system of Waṣīyyat. See graph on the right.

Financial sacrifice is another marker of spiritual progress. By the grace of Allāh, our Anṣār Chanda participants increased from 1,800 to 2,100+ and the Majlis received \$60,000 more in financial contributions as compared to 2013. Qā'id Finance, Munawar Saqīb, and his team's efforts were commendable.

In Tahrik Jadid, 2,141 members participated. Qā'id Tahrik Jadid, Hassiem Abdullah Babatu, sent multiple reminders and made numerous phone calls to break this record. By the grace of Allāh, over 150 new members participated in the blessed scheme of Waqf Jadid to help the Majlis cross the 2,000 mark. See the graph at the bottom of this page.

**Second Priority: Be the real helpers of Allāh and His creation**

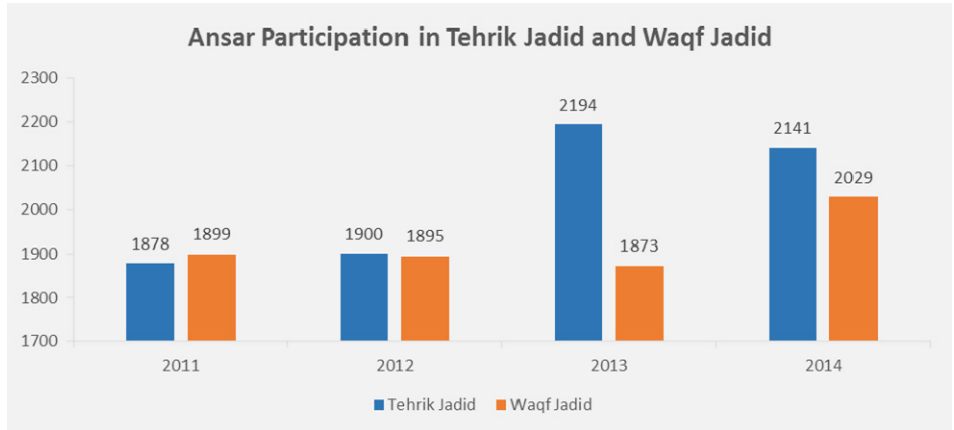
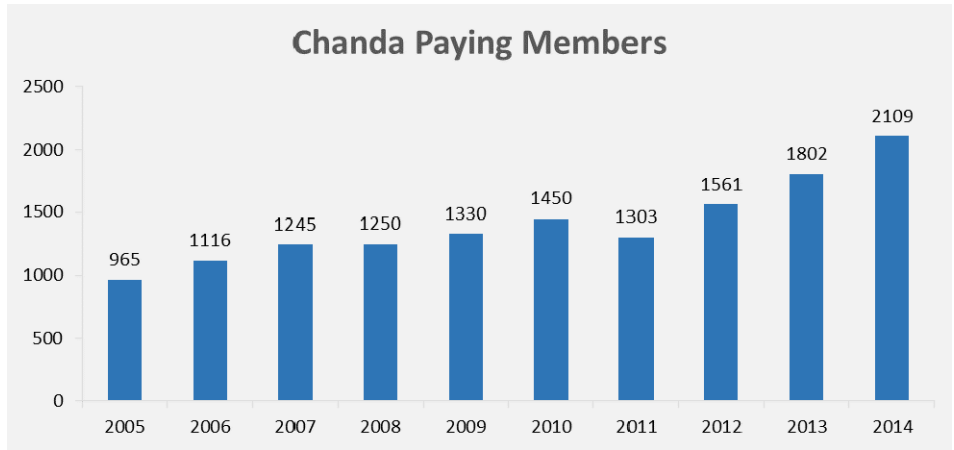
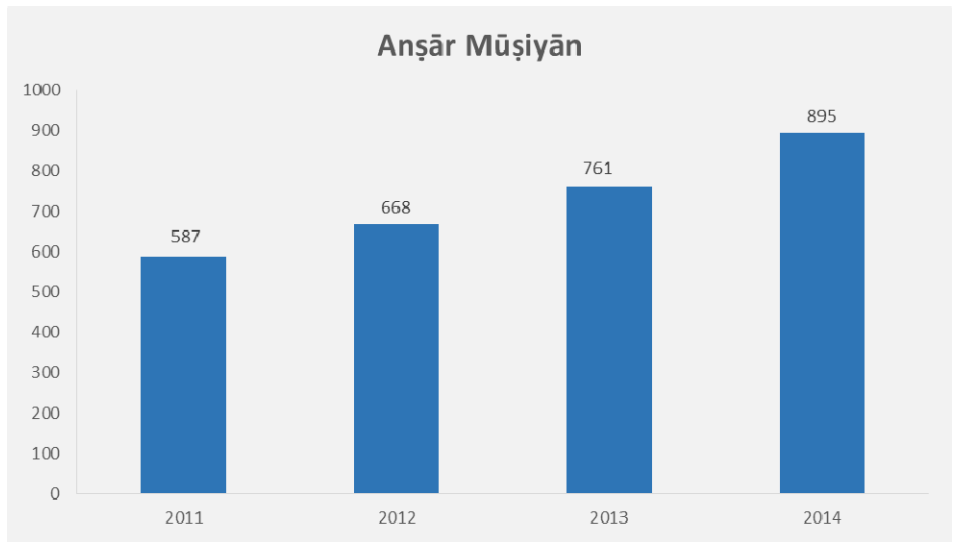
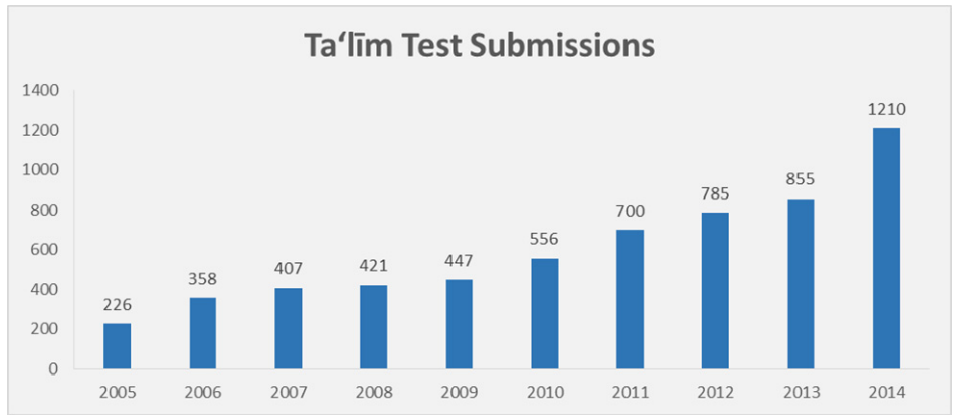
Mottos have to be backed up with actions. In order to be true to our motto of "Helpers of Allāh" the Majlis embarked on a variety of initiatives designed to strengthen our spirituality and our commitment to serving humanity—both within and outside the Jamā'at.

**Helping to instill the love of Qur'an**

Despite his health challenges, Qā'id Ta'limul-Qur'an, Syed Fazal Ahmad, set high standards of service and humility by engaging 40 Anṣār who taught Qur'an classes at various Jamā'at platforms. Over 400 Anṣār participated. Over a dozen new converts were helped with learning to recite the Holy Qur'an. Over 270 Anṣār memorized the assigned verses of Sūrah Al-Ṣaff in 2014.

**Helping New converts**

Besides providing brotherhood on the local level, the Majlis also helped our new converts travel to spiritually uplifting Jamā'at gatherings. Three converts were assisted to attend the UK Jalsa and meet Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V, four converts attended the National Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, and five attended the 2014 Jalsa

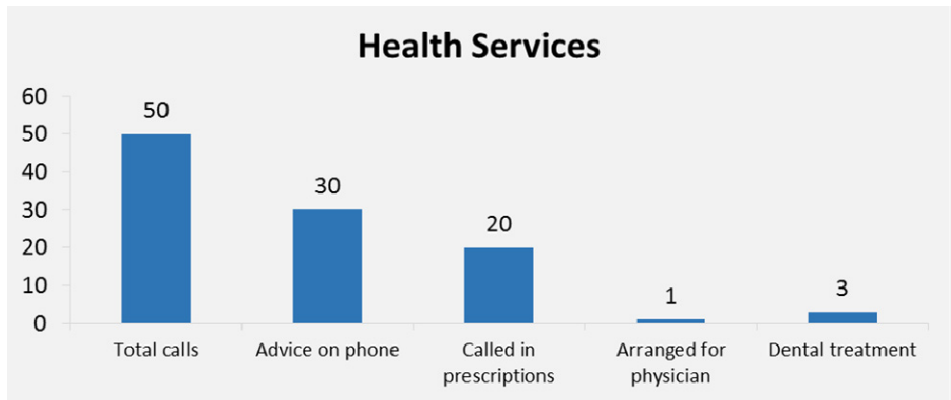




Sālāna of the USA Jamā‘at. Qā‘id Nau Mubā‘īn (New Converts), Wasim Ahmad, was instrumental in achieving these goals.

**Free Health Services**

The Majlis launched a health hotline—716-800-1889—where any member of the USA Jamā‘at could call and get their basic health needs met by an Aḥmadī doctor. The hotline number is easy to remember: 1+6 =7 (That’s how you remember 716), 800 is the easiest number to remember in the U.S., and the Jamā‘at was established in 1889. The service was provided by Qā‘id Health, Dr. Lutfur Rehman. Over 50 members called this hotline during the first year to benefit from this service. The breakdown is shown on the right.

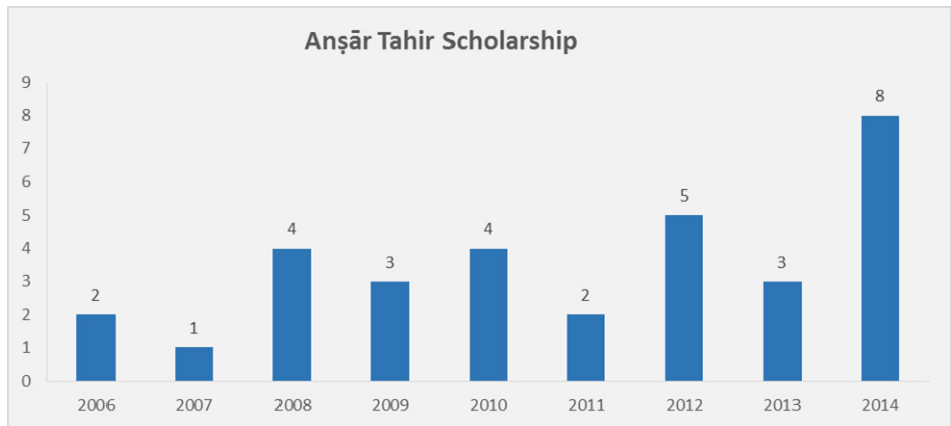


**Free Living Will**

The Majlis took this service from words to action. At the National Ijtimā‘, one of our accountants, Khalid Ahmad, and notary public, Haleem Chaudhry, tag-teamed to help members complete their living wills. What costs \$400-\$800 in the real world, was provided for free to 55 members.

**Anṣār Ṭāhir Scholarship**

We encourage Anṣār members to retool themselves—as needed—so they remain competitive in an ever changing job market. Anṣār Ṭāhir



scholarship pays up to \$4,000 towards such vocational training courses for Anṣār members. Thanks to the efforts of many ‘Āmila members, during 2014, the total number of recipients of Anṣār Ṭāhir scholarship doubled. See the graph above.

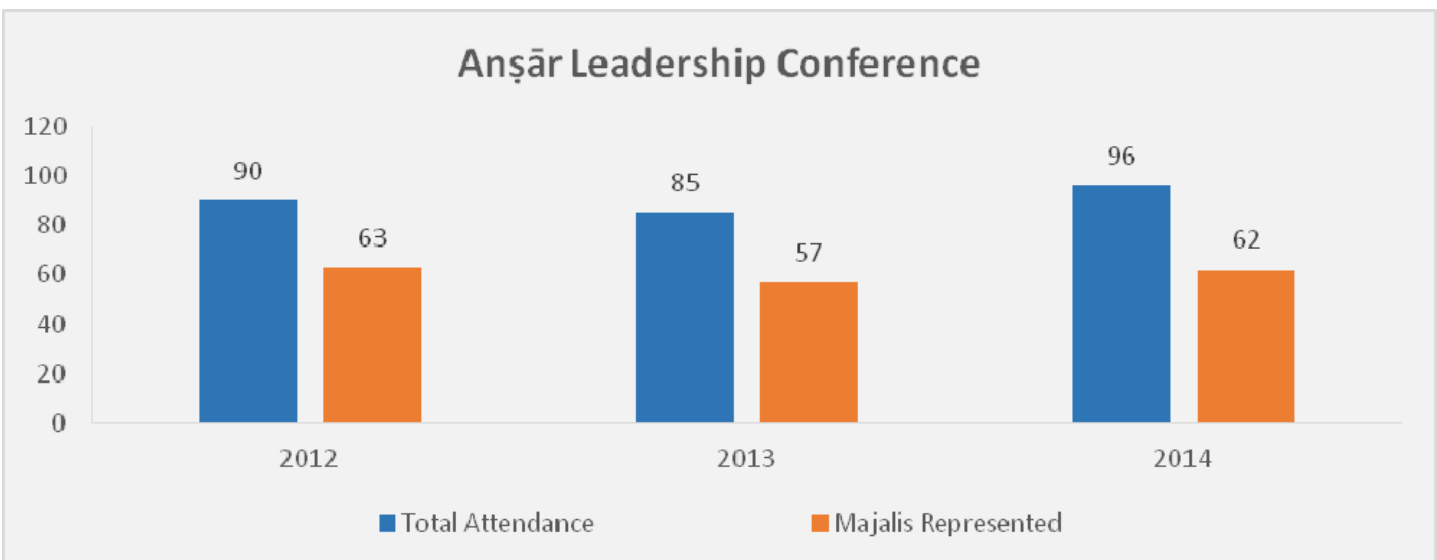
the Majlis’ trailer at Baitur-Raḥmān Mosque. The trailer is home to local Majālis and is also available to all members of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA nationwide.

**Anṣārullāh Trailer at Baitur-Raḥmān Mosque**

Nāẓim Headquarters region, Khurram Bashir, helped to renovate

**Anṣārullāh booth at Jalsa Sālāna**

Right outside one of the entrances of main Jalsa Gāh was located a large booth of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. It was primarily manned by Maqbool Tahir and Munawar Saqib.



### Third Priority: Strengthening our Communications

#### Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC)

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual ALC was held in Dallas, TX on January 18-19, 2014. Nearly 100 Anṣār officeholders gathered to align their understanding of the National plan at the beginning of the year. Detailed report of the ALC is available on page 5 of this issue.

#### Personal visits

During the year 2014, members of National ‘Āmila visited over 30 Majālis nationwide, including 11 Majālis visited by Ṣadr Majlis himself. We plan to further strengthen this trend in 2015.

#### Meetings

Three in-person meetings of National Majlis ‘Āmila and Nāẓimīn were held (Dallas, Virginia, and

Detroit). Majlis Shūrā was held in Silver Spring, MD on October 10-11, 2014.

#### Phone calls

National ‘Āmila members and Nā’ib Ṣadrān (plural of Ṣadr) made periodic phone calls to Zu‘amā. To encourage an open dialogue, every Za‘īm enjoyed a monthly opportunity to jump on a 30-minute conference call with Ṣadr Majlis.

#### Conference calls

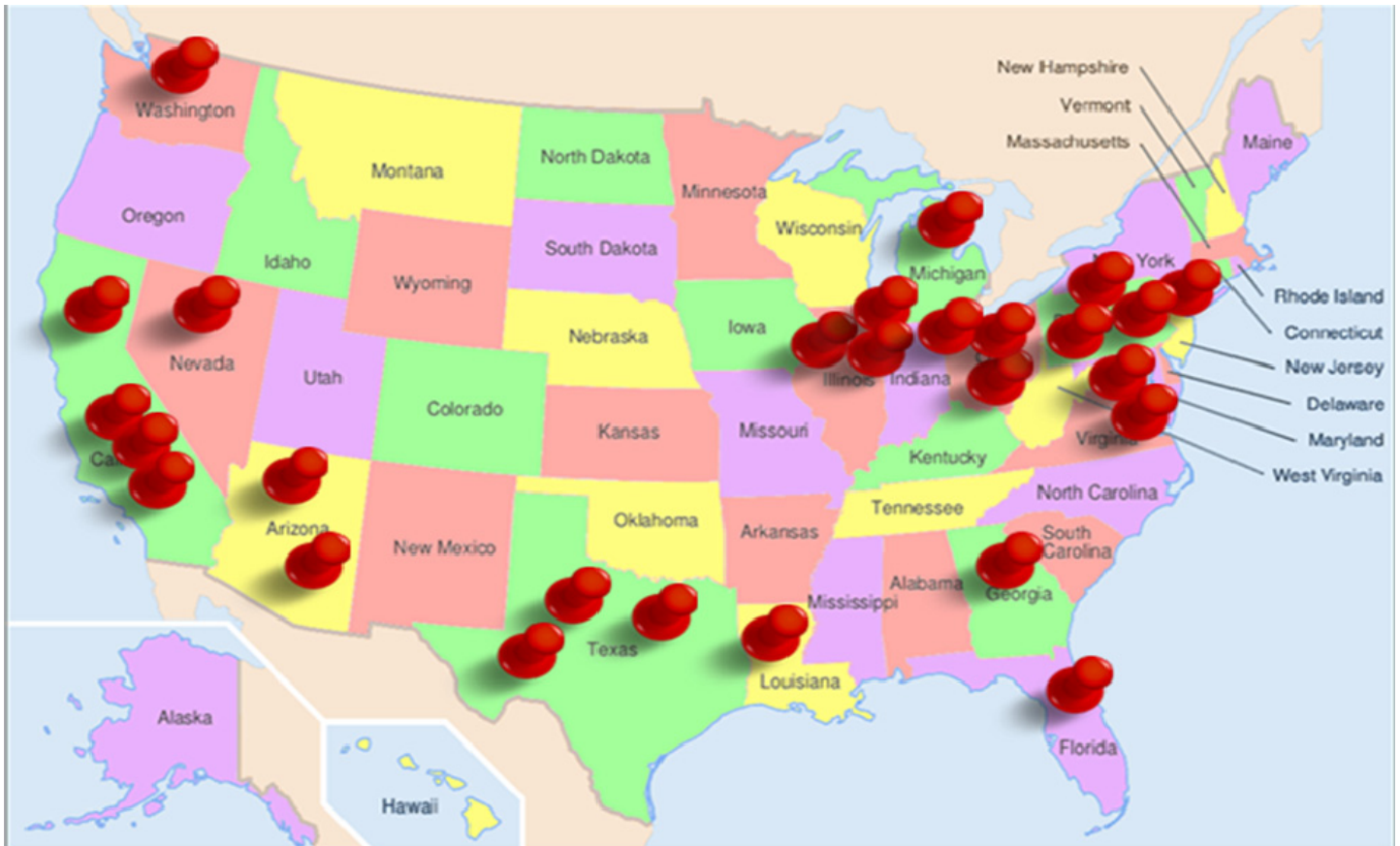
The Majlis held a monthly conference call of National ‘Āmila and a separate conference call with regional Nāẓimīn. The calls are typically attended by over 80% of the concerned officeholders.

#### Revamping the Website

AnsarUSA.org is our home in the cyberspace. At times, the website

becomes a major source of information dissemination; therefore, the IT team spent over 350 man hours to completely upgrade the aesthetics and functionality of the website. During 2014, there were times when our website was the only one-stop-shop for critical information. For example, when Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar was martyred in Pakistan, our team developed a dedicated webpage for him where all the news stories and other relevant information was archived. The webpage has received over 20,000 hits. Our National Ijtimā‘ page received over 10,000 hits. Departmental pages of Ta‘līm, Finance, Publications, and Services each received over 2,000 hits individually.

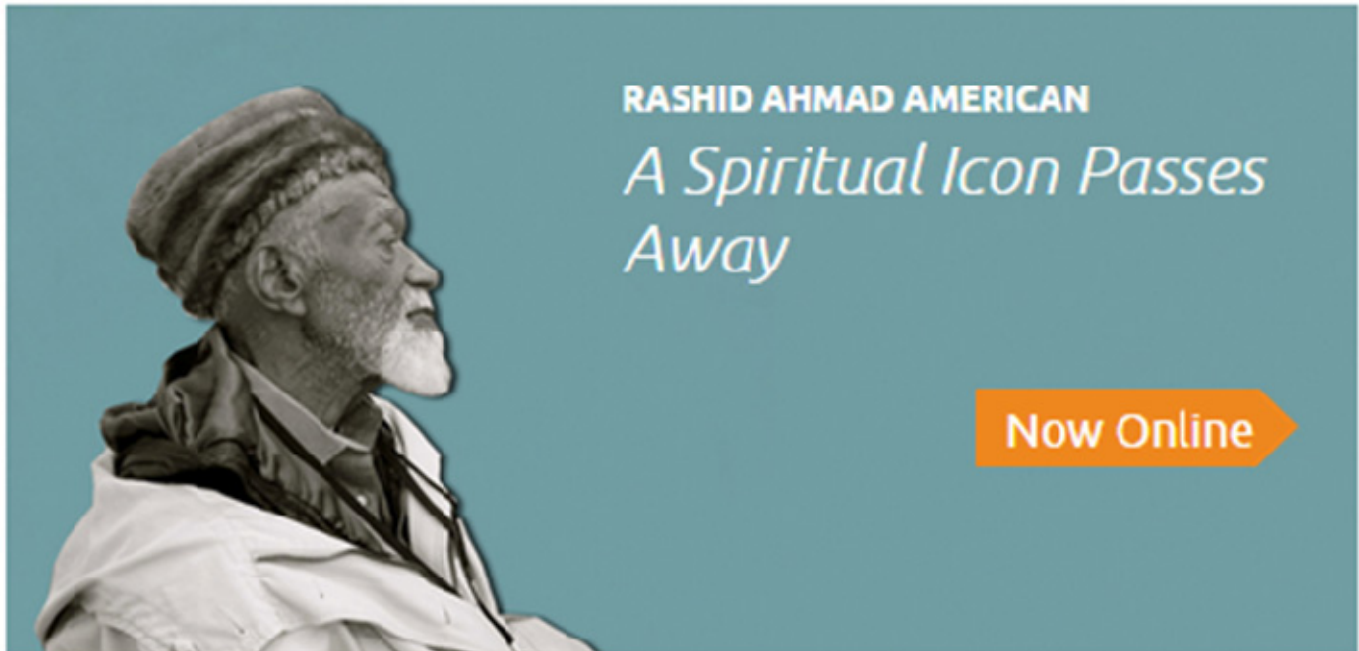
Mu‘āwin Ṣadr IT, Pervaiz Khan, played a critical role in launching the revamped website and managing it with the help of team members. The next page shows a recent main page of the website.



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We are the Helpers of Allah.

CONTACT SADR MAJLIS



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- 2015 Admin Handbook
- Report Sadr/Naib Sadr Elections
- Find a Doctor for Uninsured
- Go to Ijtima Portal

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The graph on the right shows some statistics from the Anṣār web traffic.

**Al-Naḥl (our flagship quarterly Anṣār magazine)**

This, including the next two bullets, is the detailed work of Qā'id Ishā'at, Rafi Malik. Al-Naḥl was published and mailed to over 2,000 households free of charge.

**Anṣār Connection (bi-weekly e-newsletter)**

A new bi-weekly e-newsletter was launched to share first-person stories of righteousness. You can find the archives of these newsletters on our website. About 1,000 Anṣār open these newsletters every month. The data for 2014 is shown below.

**Anṣār (monthly print newsletter)**

Our monthly newsletter, Anṣār, was published every month and mailed to all Anṣār free of charge.

**Fourth Priority—National Ijtimā'**

If we truly have brotherhood, then we should be galvanized to spend a

weekend together and enjoy the company of our elders. With this premise, the Majlis set an ambitious goal to bring over 1,000 Anṣār to this year's National Ijtimā' in Silver Spring, MD. We mailed postcard invites to every member's household, blocked hotel rooms, and added interactive workshops to the Ijtimā'. By the grace of Allāh, 1,036 people attended the Ijtimā' and 23% of them (according to the survey) attended it for the first time. See a detailed graph on the next page.

**Regional Ijtimā'āt**

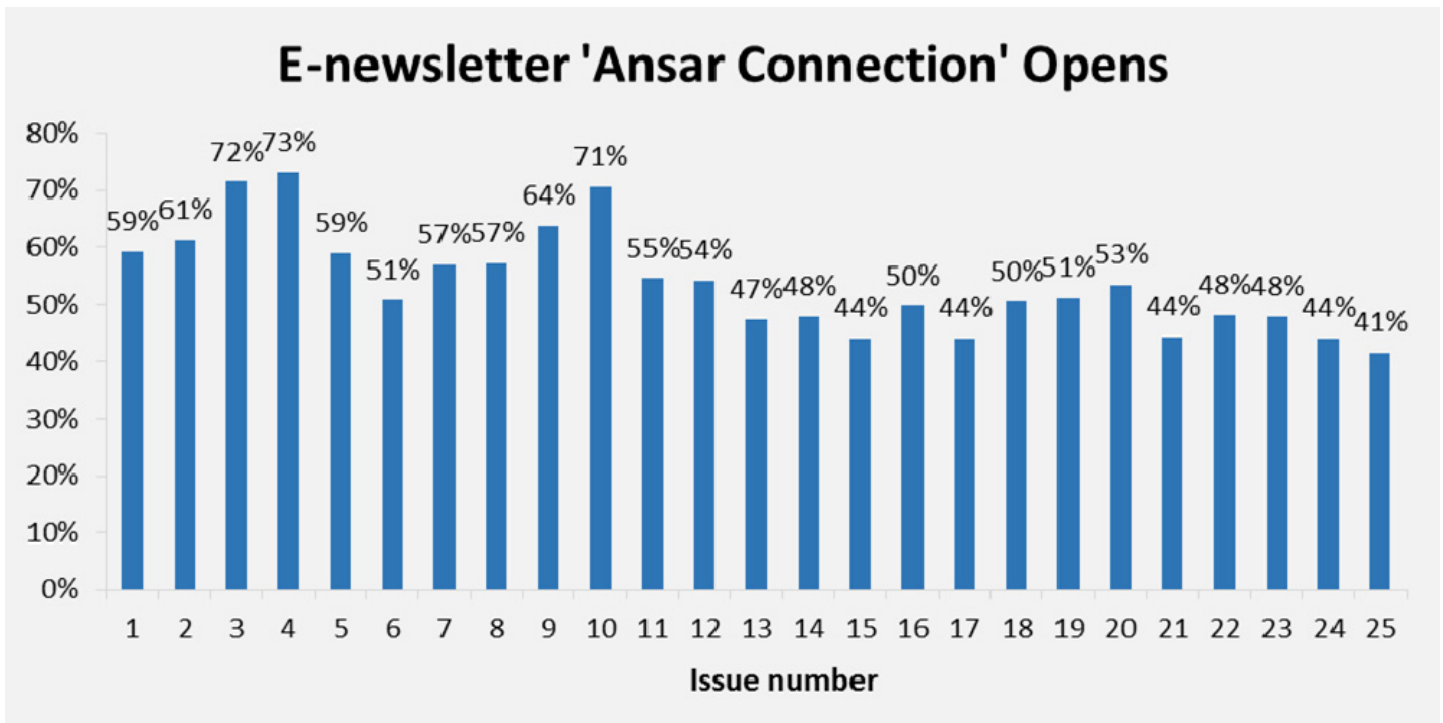
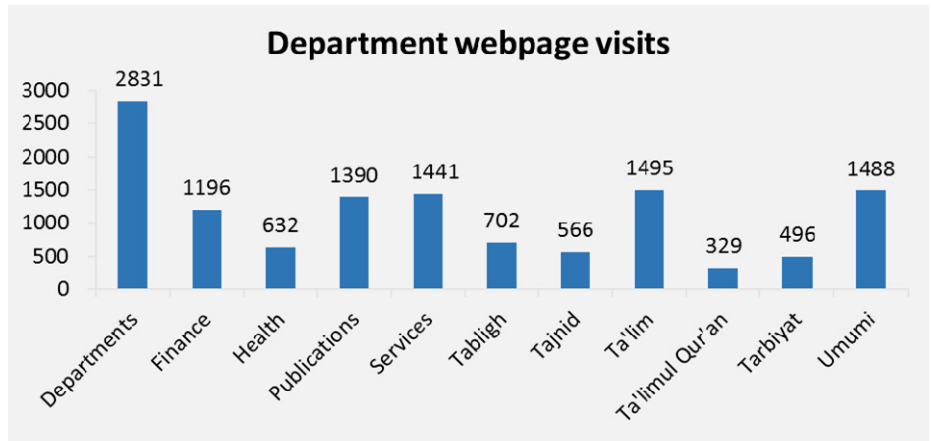
Alḥamdulillāh, 12 regional Ijtimā'āt were held nationwide. A

separate report of regional Ijtimā'āt is available on page 63 of this magazine.

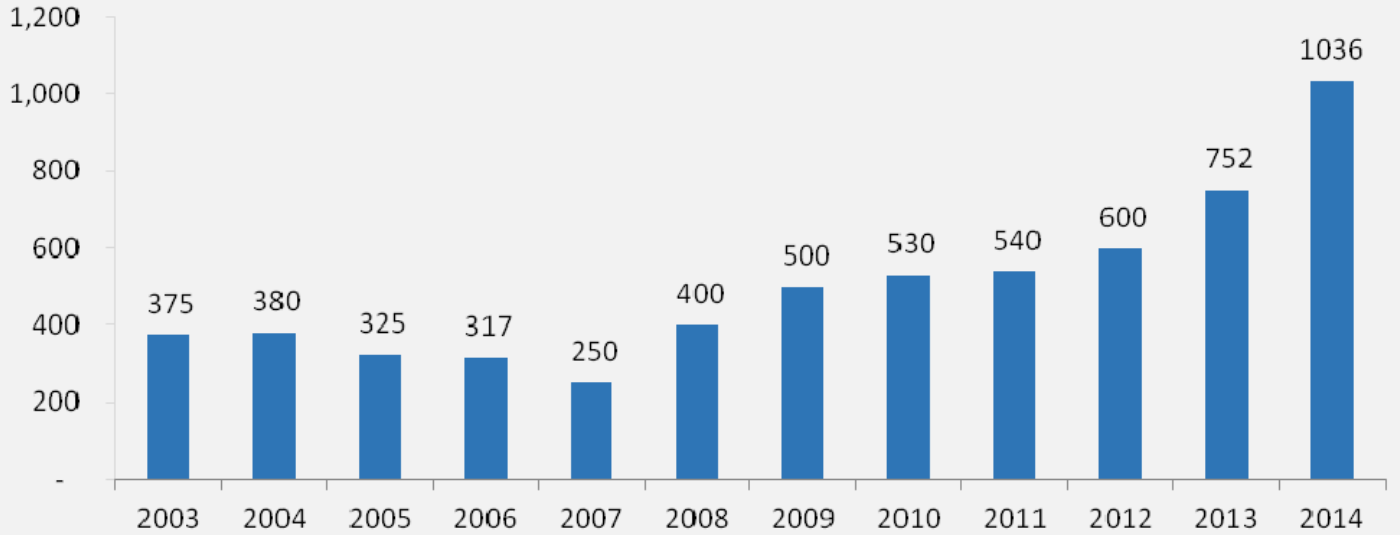
**Miscellaneous Achievements**

**Tabligh**

Over 5 members went to Merida, Mexico to support the high energy Tabligh efforts. It is estimated that over 500 guests were engaged in Tabligh activities across the U.S. during various programs in 2014. Multiple Majālis spread the message of Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) through more than 50 radio programs. New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, and Dayton Majālis were particularly active in Tabligh



## Historic National Ijtima Attendance



activities. Majlis Anṣārullāh actively supported and participated in the Muslims for Life and Muslims for Loyalty campaigns by the USA Jamā'at.

### Book Publishing

A book titled "The Disciple," authored by Rashid Arshed of LA Inland Majlis, was published.

### What's next?

Inshā'allāh, we plan to align ourselves 100% with the vision of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ. Each year, the Majlis asks for Ḥuḍūr's priorities and then aligns its plans accordingly. During the year 2015, we plan to remain focused on the same four priorities. Instead of digging new wells, we will deepen the existing

ones. We will further increase engagement at the local level, we plan to start robo calls to members, and our attendance target for the National Ijtima' 2015 is 1111.

We are thankful to every Nāṣir, every Za'im, every Nāẓim, and every 'Āmila member for coming together in this army of brotherhood. May Allāh reward them and their families for their sacrifices.

## *Business Cards for Dā'in Ilallāh*

To encourage Tablīgh activity, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is providing business cards to Dā'in Ilallāh (callers to Allāh). Dā'in Ilallāh are encouraged to request their cards from [qaid.tabligh@ansarusa.org](mailto: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](http://www.alislam.org) will be added to the card. For more information, please contact Qā'id Tablīgh, at [qaid.tabligh@ansarusa.org](mailto:qaid.tabligh@ansarusa.org).

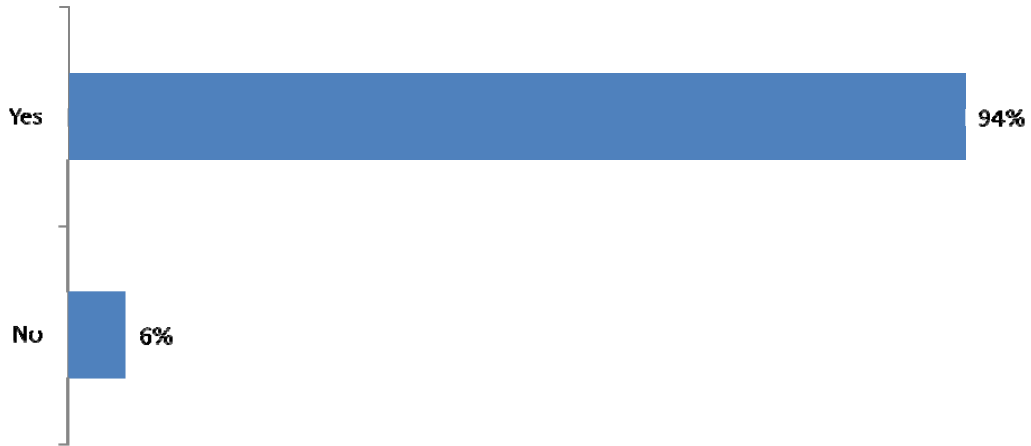
# Planning Survey

In December 2014, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA launched a nationwide survey. After consultation with experts, we randomly picked 130 Anṣār members nationwide. Nearly 50 of these members did not have email addresses, and therefore, such surveys were mailed through the U.S. postal service with a return envelope. Our team followed up with tenacity and by the grace of Allāh, received 117 surveys. Getting these surveys back was insightful in its own way. We found out that some elderly members are disengaged while others are struggling with jobs. The next few pages show the analysis of this survey.

Majlis	Surveys	Majlis	Surveys	Majlis	Surveys
Silver Spring	11	New York	3	Columbus	1
Cypress - Houston	9	Philadelphia	3	Georgia-SC	1
New Orleans	7	Central Jersey	2	Indiana	1
Orlando	7	Dallas	2	Kentucky	1
Detroit	5	LA - Inland	2	Las Vegas	1
LA - East	5	Long Island	2	Milwaukee	1
Baltimore	4	North Jersey	2	Pittsburgh	1
Fort Worth	4	North Virginia	2	Portland	1
Houston - North	4	Potomac	2	Sacramento	1
Laurel	4	Albany	1	South Virginia	1
Rochester	4	Austin	1	St. Louis	1
Seattle	4	Bay Point	1	Tucson	1
Willingboro	4	Boston	1	Washington	1
Central Virginia	3	Chicago Northwest	1		
Chicago East	3	Chicago Southwest	1		

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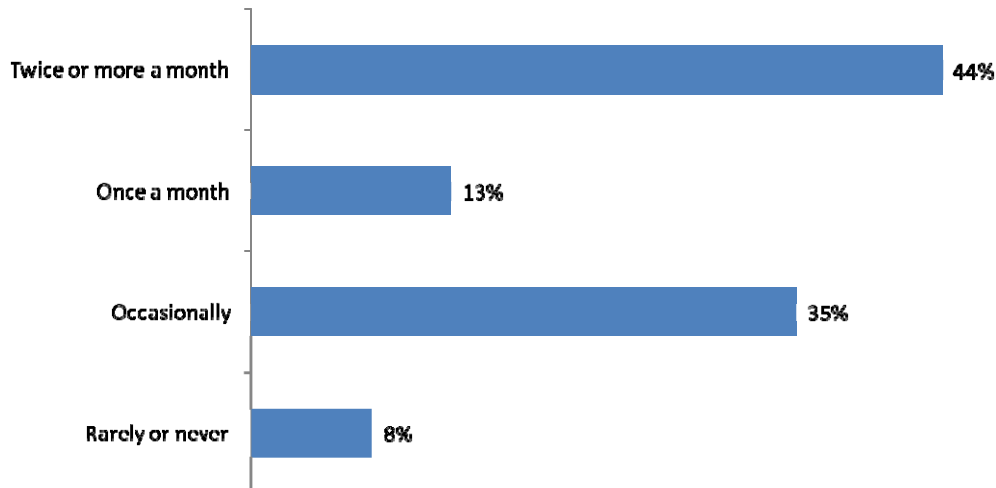
I like the interactive monthly meeting format.



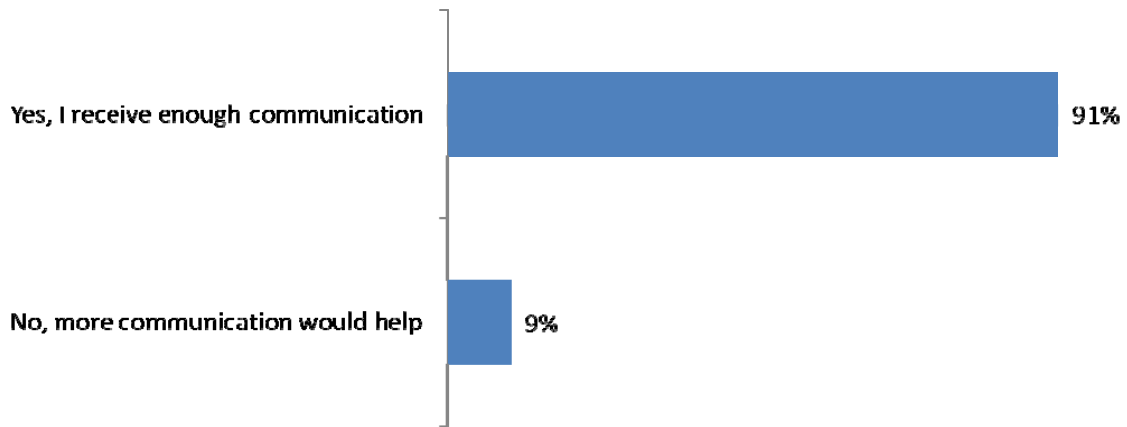
I believe the current handbook provides a good balance of Qur'ān, Aḥādīth, and the teachings of the Promised Messiah as it relates to Ta'lim and Tarbiyat of Anṣār.



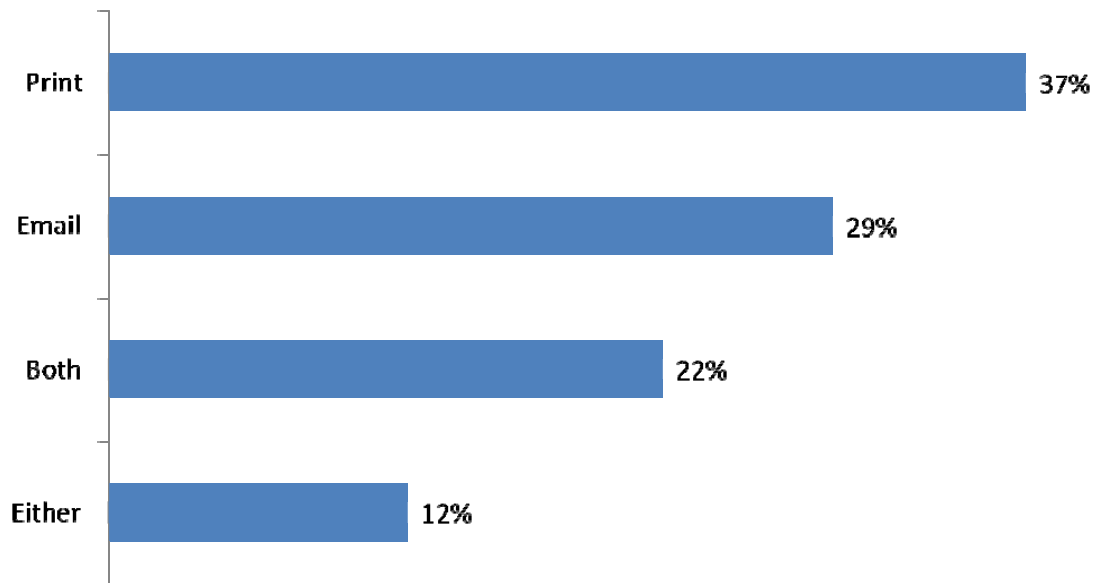
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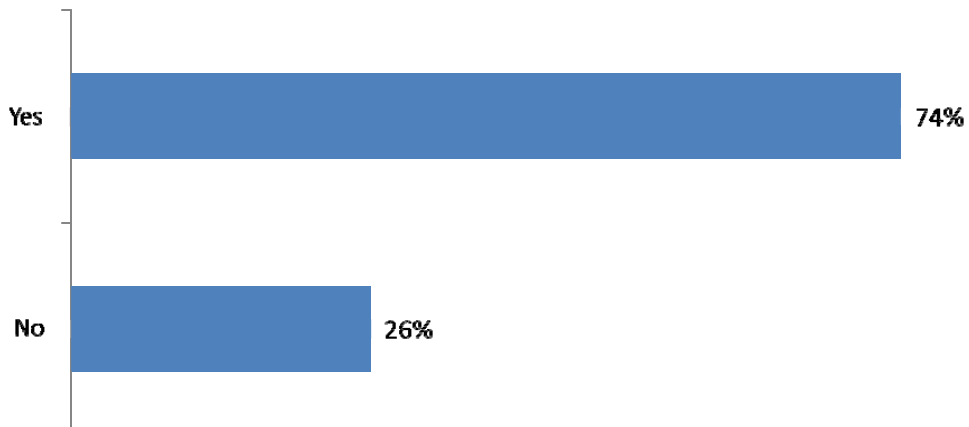
I receive enough communications from the National Anṣār body to keep me aware of major programs and services offered by the Majlis.



I prefer to receive Anṣār communications in...

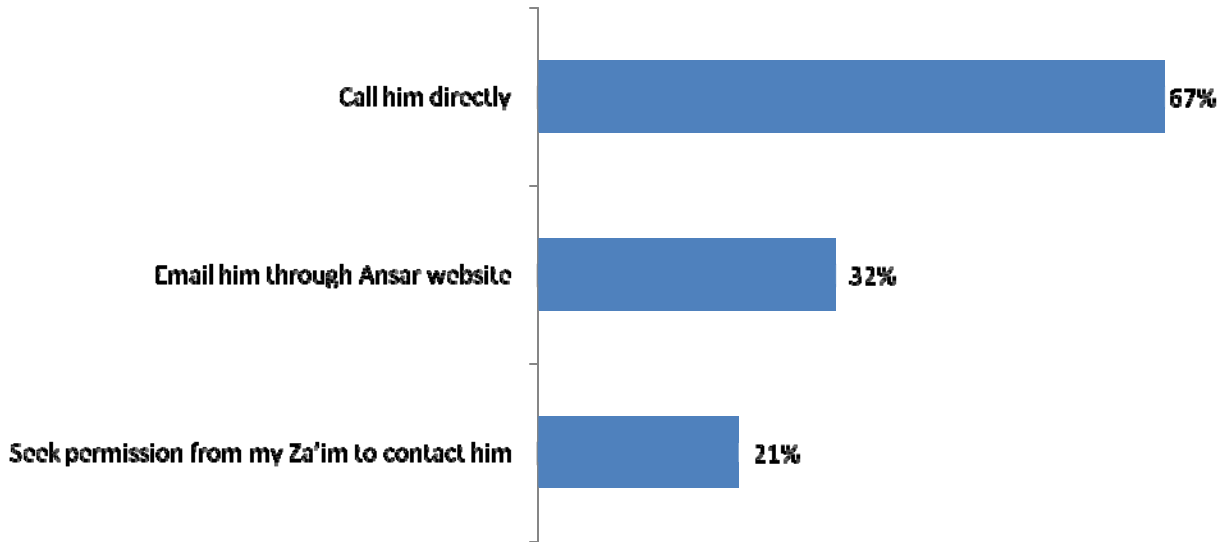


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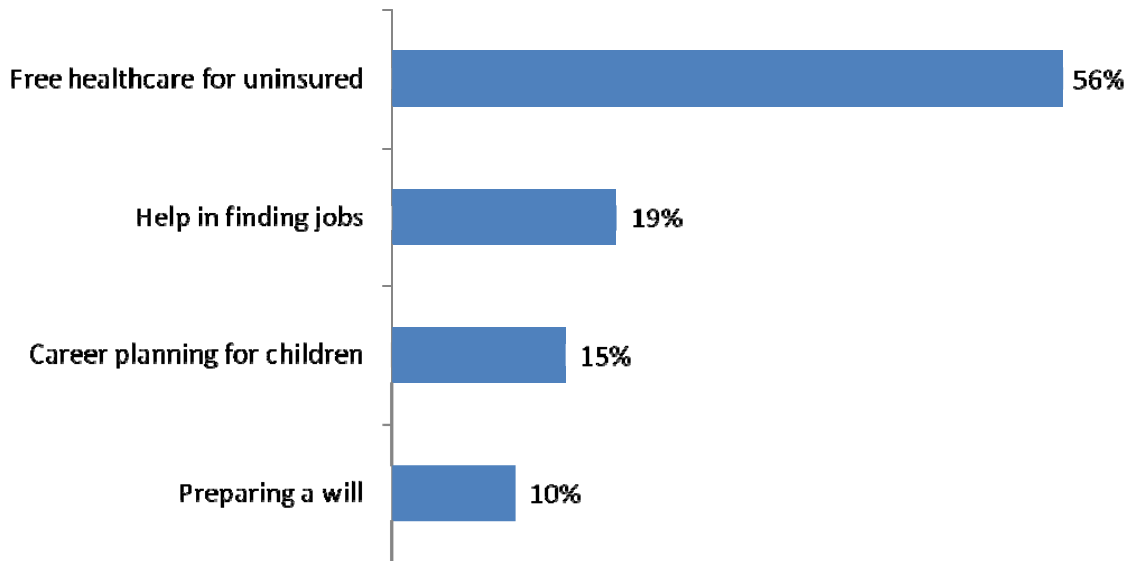




**If I had to contact Şadr, Majlis Anşārullāh, USA, I would...**  
(Multiple choices were allowed)



Out of the following, which one of the following service is most needed by the membership?



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# Ta'lim Tests and Essay Competition Results

*Monas Chaudry, Qā'id Ta'lim*

By the grace of Allāh, tremendous efforts of Zu'amā and Muntazimīn Ta'lim, and great support of Nāzimīn, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA has been able to fulfill our beloved Ḥuḍūr's (may Allāh be his helper) direction—as expressed in National Āmilah meeting of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA held on July 2, 2012 at Harrisburg, PA—of meeting and exceeding the national target of 50% participation in Ta'lim test. A record number of Anṣār participated in Ta'lim tests of 2014—1,107 (43% of Tajnīd) in Ta'lim Test I and 1,303 (50.5% of Tajnīd) in Ta'lim Test II, Alḥamdulillāh.

My heartfelt gratitude to Zu'amā and their Muntazimīn Ta'lim who truly have worked tirelessly and have graciously tolerated my overbearing pestering. Please forgive my twice a week reminders in the final weeks—that at times would have seemed like annoying. Jazākallāh! May Allāh truly reward you, Āmīn.

Thanks to all the Anṣār as well who took the time to take the test and helped achieve this milestone.

Majlis and region rankings for Ta'lim Test I are as follows.

	Majlis	Participation	Region	Participation
<b>First</b>	Willingboro & York	100%	Southwest	64%
<b>Second</b>	Charlotte	93%	Central East	56%
<b>Third</b>	Lehigh Valley	90%	Gulf States	53%

A summary of participation in terms of participation percentage for Ta'lim Test II is as follows.

Participation (Goal)	50.0%	Number of Majālis with 100% participation	4
Participation (Actual)	50.5%	Number of Majālis with 70% and above	21
Total number of participants	1,303	Number of Majālis with 50% and above	38
		Number of regions with 50% and above	7

The table on the next page shows the Majālis rankings for Ta'lim Test II.

The following Anṣār received the first three positions in the 2014 essay competition of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. The topic of the essay was “Suppress your ego, enhance your worship.”

Position	Nāṣir	Majlis
1 <sup>st</sup>	Suhail Kauser	Dallas
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anwer Mahmood Khan	LA East
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ghulam Hussain Qamar Baloch	North Virginia

## *Khalīfatul Masīḥ Calling...*

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) has urged us to listen to his Friday sermons. It is imperative that we listen to Ḥuḍūr's sermons regularly in order to benefit from the advice of the divinely guided Khalīfatul Masīḥ. The translation/summary of Ḥuḍūr's Friday sermon is distributed to Anṣār weekly via email. Anṣār who are not able to listen to Ḥuḍūr's Friday sermon are urged to read these summaries on a regular basis. If you are not getting these summaries, you can subscribe to the mailing list of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA at <http://ansarusa.org/maillinglist/dada/mail.cgi> to receive the Friday sermon summary and other Anṣār communication via email.

Majlis	Participation	Majlis	Participation	Majlis	Participation
1 Charlotte	100%	25 Cleveland	65%	49 Chicago East	38%
2 LA Inland	100%	26 Dayton	57%	50 Minnesota	37%
3 Las Vegas	100%	27 Oshkosh	57%	51 Orlando	35%
4 Willingboro	100%	28 Georgia-Carolina	56%	52 Chicago Southwest	32%
5 North Virginia	89%	29 Research Triangle	56%	53 Silicon Valley	30%
6 Cypress-Houston	88%	30 Austin	56%	54 Portland	29%
7 Kentucky	86%	31 Bay Point	55%	55 Binghamton	25%
8 York	86%	32 Seattle	55%	56 Hartford	25%
9 Houston North	83%	33 Fitchburg	55%	57 Merced	22%
10 Detroit	82%	34 Zion	54%	58 Washington DC	22%
11 Richmond	80%	35 Baltimore	54%	59 Potomac	22%
12 San Diego	80%	36 Indiana	53%	60 Rochester	21%
13 LA East	78%	37 North Jersey	52%	61 Long Island	20%
14 Lehigh Valley	78%	38 Phoenix	50%	62 Tulsa	20%
15 Syracuse	75%	39 Sacramento	46%	63 Bronx	19%
16 Columbus	74%	40 Houston South	45%	64 Milwaukee	16%
17 Buffalo	73%	41 Miami	45%	65 Alabama-TN	16%
18 Fort Worth	73%	42 Central Jersey	44%	66 Pittsburgh	16%
19 Dallas	73%	43 Philadelphia	43%	67 Brooklyn	15%
20 New Orleans	71%	44 South Virginia	43%	68 Boston	12%
21 Bloomington	70%	45 Tucson	40%	69 Albany	11%
22 Chicago Northwest	67%	46 Central Virginia	39%	70 St. Louis	4%
23 Silver Spring	67%	47 LA West	38%		
24 New York	65%	48 Laurel	38%		

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

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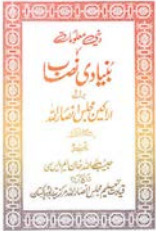
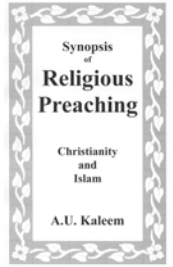
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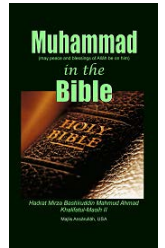
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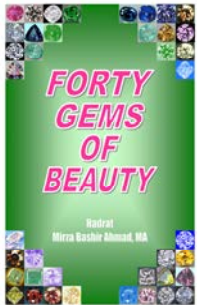
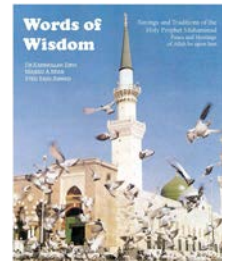
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# 2014 National Majlis ‘Āmila

Şadr Majlis

Dr. Faheem Younus Qureshi

Baltimore, MD

Dr. Faheem Younus is the youngest of the four children of Muhammad Younus Qureshi and Najma Younus of Lahore, Pakistan. His paternal grandfather, Muhammad Sadiq Qureshi, accepted Aḥmadiyyat around 1906 and his maternal grandfather, Sheikh Abdul Aziz, was a Companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). Growing up, he was surrounded by elders who would not tolerate anything less than 100% loyalty to Khilāfat or the system of the Jamā‘at.

He received his education from St. Anthony’s High School, Government College, and King Edward Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan. After graduating from KE in 1995, he immigrated to the U.S. where he earned his degree as an Infectious Disease Specialist from SUNY Stony Brook after five years of higher medical training. He now serves as the Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Maryland and Chief of Infectious Diseases and Prevention at the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health.

Around 2007, he finally recognized—and fell in love—with the free expression, encouraged in the American culture. What better time to talk about the beauties of Islām and Aḥmadiyyat then now—he thought—when Islām is getting hammered in the media due to the acts of a few. This pushed him into writing, which attracted media, and also allowed him to teach at colleges and universities.

By burning the midnight oil, he became a Huffington Post blogger and an award winning writer of the Muslim Writers Guild of America. By 2014, he has published over 100 articles in National newspapers like The Huffington Post, Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, Fox News, AOL News, New York Times, Economist, Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, and many others. He has represented Islām on major cable TV channels such as FOX, RT, and ABC News, and is a frequent radio guest on Sean Hannity and Maryland’s NPR affiliates. He has delivered well over 100 talks at institutions like the Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, University of Baltimore, and the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, USA. He has talked to audiences ranging from 10 to 10,000 in size.

Based on this work, in 2012, he was invited to join the Hoffberger Center for Ethics at the University of Baltimore as a Senior Fellow.

In 1997, he was called to serve as the Nāzim Khidmat-i-Khalq for Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA, in the Central Jersey Majlis. Since then, Allāh has blessed him to serve in departments of Tabliḡh, Waṣāyā, Publications, etc. He was elected as Şadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA from 2006-2010, National Secretary Ta‘līm in 2010, National Secretary Tarbiyat and President of the Baltimore Jamā‘at in 2013. In 2014, he was entrusted with the responsibility of Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA.

Dr. Younus is humbled by the many undeserving bounties of Allāh such as the prestigious Presidential Service Award (Gold) that he received in 2009 for his work with Muslim Youth in America. He also received an honorable mention at the 2011 Annual Volunteer Service Award by the Governor Martin O’Malley and was recognized in 2006 by the then Governor Robert Ehrlich for his services in the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. He has also won numerous writing awards.

A strong believer in the Islāmic philosophy of “servant leadership,” Dr. Younus serves on the Board of Directors of various non-profit organizations including University of Baltimore, Humanity First, and the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, USA. Previously, he served on the Board of Directors of Upper Chesapeake Health and Jāmi‘ah Aḥmadiyyat Canada.

Coming back full circle, he is now blessed with a beautiful family. With the immense help of his wife Aasilah Faheem—who has sacrificed her career as a physician to become a stay-at-home mother—he is raising a family of four children in Baltimore, MD. He keeps telling his children to strive for religious and educational excellence.



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**Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal**  
**Jalaluddin Abdul Latif**  
**Zion, IL**

Jalaluddin Abdul Latif accepted Aḥmadiyyat 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 Bai'at. 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 streets of Qadian.

During the past 40 years, he has held a number of offices in the Jamā'at including Local Qā'id and Regional Qā'id of Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, USA during 1972-1982. As Regional Qā'id, he arranged two of his favorite Ijtimā'āt 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 Anṣārullāh, USA. He has served as Za'im of New Jersey and Research Triangle Majālis. He has also served as Qā'id Waqf-i Jadīd, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. He is currently a member of Zion Jamā'at. Jalaluddin was most fortunate to have performed Ḥājj along with his wife in 2002.



**Nā'ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom**  
**Imran Hayee**  
**Duluth, MN**

Imran Hayee is from the progeny of Mian Nizam Din, the Companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). His father 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 also lived in Central Jersey and Silver Spring Jamā'ats where he worked in industry for about six years. Currently, he resides in Duluth, MN where he is a professor of electrical engineering in the University of Minnesota Duluth. He currently serves as Secretary Tabligh of Minnesota Jamā'at and Nā'ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. He has previously served as Qā'id 'Umūmī, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Muhtamim Tajnīd, Muhtamim San'at-o-Tijārat (Industry and Trade), and Muhtamim Atfāl of Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, USA. He has written many opinion editorials in Duluth News Tribune defending Islām and the honor of the Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him). He is happily married and has two kids—13 and 15—who also occasionally write in Duluth News Tribune.



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**Mu'awin Şadr (IT)**  
**Pervaiz Khan**  
**Detroit, MI**

Pervaiz Khan is the 5<sup>th</sup> in nine children of Mumtaz Ahmad Khan and Mubaraka Begum of Ahmadnagar (near Rabwah), Pakistan. His maternal grandfather, Altaf Hussain Khan of Shahjahanpur, UP, India, accepted Aḥmadiyyat around 1909 and his paternal grandfather, Wajid Ali Khan, followed his cousin, in accepting Aḥmadiyyat. Pervaiz's elder brother, Riaz Ahmad Khan, serves as a missionary in Burkina Faso. Pervaiz grew up in a very dedicated family, and as a child, he offered five daily Prayers in the mosque.

He received his education from Ahmadnagar Middle school, T.I. High School, Rabwah, Government College, Lahore, and Qā'id-i-A'zam University, Islamabad, Pakistan. He immigrated to Canada with his family and subsequently to the U.S., where he earned his degree in Computer Information Systems from University of Detroit. He currently works at Ford Motor Company as Senior Software Architect in Dearborn, MI.

During his studies at Government College, Lahore, he appeared on Pakistan's National TV (PTV), the only TV channel in Pakistan at the time, in its National Quiz competition "Jahan Numa," and during his time at Qā'id-i-A'zam University, he appeared six times in PTV's national Quiz program "University Challenge" and stood runner up.

In his childhood, once he found 700 Rupees in street and ran home and gave to his mother who immediately sent him with his elder brother to the President of the Jamā'at in Ahmadnagar to announce at the mosque loudspeaker so that the owner can claim his lost money. Incidentally, the money belonged to a non-Aḥmadī who used to fund programs against the Jamā'at. After 20 years of that incident, that person accepted Aḥmadiyyat and his son is now Tabligh secretary in the local Jamā'at.

He enjoys playing volleyball and currently plays as a substitute player in the "famous" Detroit team and is hopeful to make it to the team as a regular player with his hard work, one day.

He is raising two children in Troy, MI with his wife Qudsia Shafaq, daughter of Mahmood Ahmad Lone. He serves his elderly parents in the neighboring town of Windsor, Canada. Pervaiz and his wife are both very committed to the Jamā'at and are raising their children according to the teachings of the True Islām, Aḥmadiyyat.

Pervaiz Khan received prestigious Presidential Service Award (Gold) in 2014 for his humanitarian work during Hurricane Sandy Relief. He served as Director Liberia Project and had an opportunity to visit Liberia to establish a vocational college. He currently serves as Director Domestic Teams and helps with fundraising and volunteer management. He has had the opportunity to server the Jamā'at in many capacities including the following:

Mu'tamid, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Canada  
Muhtamim, Waqār-i-'Aml (Dignity of Labor), Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Canada  
Qā'id, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Detroit  
Regional Qā'id, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Great Lakes Region  
Nāẓim A'lā, Natinal Ijtimā' of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA for three years



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

Munawar Saqib is the oldest son of Rafiq Ahmad Saqib, former professor of TI College Rabwah and Principle of Aḥmadiyya 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 and Naila.



Archives of Al-Naḥl can be found at [www.alislam.org/alnaḥl](http://www.alislam.org/alnaḥl)



**Qā'id 'Umūmī**  
**Maqbool Ahmad Tahir**  
**Detroit, MI**

Maqbool Ahmad Tahir, son of Muhammad Aslam Shakir of Windsor, Canada, was born in 1971, in Faisalabad, Pakistan. He earned his M.Sc. (Honors) in Plant Breeding and Genetics from Agriculture University of Faisalabad, Pakistan. In his younger days he played cricket and soccer. Nowadays, he plays volleyball and badminton regularly. Maqbool is married to Mubbashra Huma, daughter of Muhammad Akhtar Cheema of Australia. They are blessed with 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 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:

- 2012 to date: Qā'id 'Umūmī, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA  
2010 to date: Secretary Umūr 'Āmma (General Affairs), Detroit Jamā'at  
2010 – 2011: Nā'ib Ṣadr, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA  
2009 – 2010: Regional Qā'id, Great Lakes Region, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA  
2007 – 2009: Qā'id Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Detroit (Majlis won 'Alam-i-In'āmī.)  
2004 – 2005: Nā'ib Qā'id and Nāzīm Atfāl, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Windsor, Canada



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

Monas Ahmad Chaudry, son of Chaudry Muhammed IkramUllah of Multan and grandson of Babu Akbar Ali of Qādiān, 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-Aḥmadiyya, USA and Qā'id Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Los Angeles East.



*Listening to the Friday Sermon*

The Holy Prophet (may 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)

## Qā'id Ta'limul Qur'an (Education of the Holy Qur'an)

Syed Fazal Ahmad

Philadelphia, PA

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 Aḥmadiyyat in 1904/05 in Monghair, Bihar, India. Both of his grandparents were at the forefront of Tabligh in their villages and endured extreme persecution for accepting Aḥmadiyyat and for actively propagating Aḥmadiyyat. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 few 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 Jamā'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'an, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
- 2007 to date: Director, Hifz Qur'an, National Ta'limul Qur'an & Waqf-i-Ārḍī (short-term devotional) Dept., USA Jamā'at
- 2001 to date: Assistant National Secretary Waqf-i-Nau, USA Jamā'at
- 2004 to date: General Secretary, Philadelphia Jamā'at
- 2008-2010: Qāḍī, North East region, USA Jamā'at
- 2007-2010: Nā'ib Nāzim, North East region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
- 2003-2009: Za'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Philadelphia
- 2001-2007: Secretary Waqf-i-Nau, Philadelphia Jamā'at
- 2001-2007: Secretary Publication, Philadelphia Jamā'at
- 1987-1999: Amīr/President, Dubai, UAE Jamā'at
- 1985-1987: Za'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Dubai, UAE
- 1984-1987: Vice President, Dubai, UAE Jamā'at
- 1975-1979: Za'im, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Nazimabad, Karachi
- 1975-1979: Muntazim Aṭfāl, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Nazimabad, Karachi
- 1974-1978: Vice President, Aḥmadiyya Student Association, Karachi
- 1973-1975: Nā'ib Za'im, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Nazimabad, Karachi
- 1971-1973: Šā'iq, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Nazimabad, Karachi
- 1968-1971: Šā'iq, Majlis Aṭfālul-Aḥmadiyya, Chittagong, Bangladesh



## Qā'id Tajnīd (Membership)

Muhammad Shahid Mahmood

Detroit, MI

Muhammad Shahid Mahmood, son of Chaudhry Noor Muhammad, was born in March 1971, in Lahore Pakistan. He earned his B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Engineering and Technology Lahore, Pakistan in 1995. He immigrated to USA in 1997 and earned his master's degree in Computer Information Systems (CIS) from University of Detroit Mercy. Currently he is working as Sr. IT Engineer at Ford Motor Company. He is married and has three Waqf-i-Nau daughters. He has served the Jamā'at in various capacities.



**Qā'id Ithār [Eesaar] (Social Services)**  
**Syed Sajid Ahmad**  
**Fargo, ND**

Syed Sajid Ahmad, son of Syed Sajjad Haider, was born on August 11, 1948, in Gujrat, Pakistan. His grandfather, Syed Muhammad Yusuf (1908-1965) was the first person in the family to accept Aḥmadiyya Islām 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 Shuddhī movement, and as a soldier for the Furqan Force to liberate Kashmir. Syed Muhammad Yusuf moved to Rabwah after retirement and served in the Ṣadr Anjuman Aḥmadiyya offices as Mukhtār-i-Ām for the Jā'idād office. Syed Muhammad Yusuf arranged for sanitary and cleaning aspects of the Jalsa Sālanās at Rabwah.

Syed Sajid Ahmad earned his master's in experimental physics from 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 Aḥmadiyya Community in Pakistan as Nāzim Aṭfāl (Hafizabad), Nāzim Ta'lim (Gujrat), Mu'tamad Dīl' [District] (Gujrat), and Za'im Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya of the Faḍl-i-Umar Hostel. He had the blessing to start Khuddām branches at the University of the Punjab, New Campus 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 Islām in West Africa (1974-77) and taught at the Aḥmadiyya 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 Ṣāhibzādah Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad, now Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper); 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 of 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 44 papers, articles, and professional development courses.

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 for his services to the organization.

In the U.S., he served Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya as Qā'id West Coast Region (1978-85), Editor Tāriq, Nā'ib National Qā'id (1984-1986), National Qā'id, (1986-1988), and then as the first Ṣadr, Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, 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, Seattle Jamā'at during 1990-1991.

He has served the Aḥmadiyya 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-Hilāl. He has been Member of Qaḍā' Board, USA for numerous years and is a member of the history committee. He is currently serving as the National Secretary Publications of the USA Jamā'at.

He has served the St. Paul/Minnesots Jamā'at as its Secretary PR (2003), Secretary Waqf-i-Nau (2008-2010), Secretary Ta'limul-Qur'ān and Waqf-i-Ārḍī (short-term devotional) (2010-2013) and Secretary Publications (since 2013 to date). He served as the Za'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, St. Paul during 2003-2005.

He served Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA as Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal during 1994-1999 and has been editor Al-Naḥl (1993-2011), Qā'id Publications (2000-2011), Qā'id (2012-2013), and Qā'id Ithar in 2014.

He has published or edited Tāriq (English), Tāriq Jr. (English), Aḥmadiyya Gazette (English) and Al-Nūr (Urdu) previously, has co-authored the Ḥadīth book, Words of Wisdom, and compiled, edited the stories "Why Islām is my choice" and has translated booklet of stories "Points to Ponder" and "A Gift for the Queen." He has written and translated articles for a number of magazines and newspapers.



**Auditor**  
**Mohammad Dawood Munir**  
**Cypress-Houston, TX**

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 Nāzim, Central South region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA  
Za'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Houston  
National Mu'tamid, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA  
Qā'id, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Houston  
Za'im, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Dārul-Hamd, Lahore  
Za'im Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Dārus-Ṣadr Janūbi, Rabwah



Qā'id Tahrik Jadid  
Hassiem Abdullah Babatu  
Milwaukee, WI



Qā'id Waqf Jadid  
Ghayyur Mannan Khan  
Atlanta, Georgia



Nā'ib Qā'id Finance  
Hisham Ahmad Qureshi  
Boston, MA



Nā'ib Qā'id Health  
Mamoon Bukhari  
Buffalo, NY



Nā'ib Qā'id Finance  
Muhammad Shahid Mahmood  
Detroit, MI

## Qā'id Tarbiyat Nau Mubā'ī'n (New Converts)

**Waseem Ahmad**

**Indiana**

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 Aḥmadī from his paternal side who performed his Bai'at in 1906. His great-grandfather Mirza Abdul Majeed was among the first Aḥmadīs from his maternal side, converting in his early teens, for which he was forced to leave his house. Later on, Mirza Abdul Majid became the Deputy Superintendent police of Peshawar. He also served in Qādiān under Masood Ahmad Dehvi in Wakālat-i-Tabshīr 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, a Mūsiyah, who converted to Aḥmadiyyat in 2007 along with part of her family in Pakistan, amidst harsh anti-Jamā'at surroundings. They were blessed with a son Reyaan Ahmad in 2014. Waseem also has two children Sultaan Ahmad and Nailah Ahmad from his previous marriage. In order to maintain a healthy level of physical activity, he regularly practices as well as teaches Karate, and has won gold and silver medals at international, regional, and state competitions. His other hobbies include reading, gardening, motorcycle riding, and cooking.

Waseem earned his master's degrees in Geology as well as in Environmental Sciences and has completed the coursework towards a master's degree in Informatics. He received a gold medal from Peshawar University during his undergraduate studies. He migrated 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 Mu'tamid to the Qā'id Khuddāmūl-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 quarterly magazine Al-Nidā of Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya, Canada . He has served as the General Secretary of the Indiana Jamā'at since its inception in 2002. He serves as the Za'im of Indiana Majlis and the Humanity First Regional Coordinator for Midwest and Gulf Lake Region.



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## Qā'id Ishā'at (Publications)

**Rafi Malik**

**Columbus, OH**

Rafiuddin Malik, born in 1964, in Okara, Pakistan, is the eldest of the three sons of Rasheeduddin Malik and Naseem Malik of Markham, Ontario, Canada. 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 Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him). He is married to Saima Malik, daughter of Mobashir Latif Ahmad, Advocate of Lahore, Pakistan. He is blessed with two daughters, a son, and a granddaughter. Born as an Aḥmadī Muslim, Rafi became a Mūsi in 1986.

Rafi received his education at F. C. College, Lahore, Centennial College, Toronto, and Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio. He received his master's in Computer Science and MBA from Franklin University. He works for Nationwide Insurance as an IT professional. In the past, he has worked for Royal Bank of Canada as Systems Analyst. He is an avid reader of books on computer science.

Rafi has had the good fortune of serving the Jamā'at in Pakistan, Canada, and the U.S. in various capacities. He has served Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA as Qā'id Ishā'at, Qā'id Tarbiyat, editor of Al-Naḥl and electronic and print newsletters. He served Majlis Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya, USA as Muhtamim Tarbiyat and Qā'id of Columbus Majlis. He served Majlis Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya, Canada as Muhtamim Ta'lim. He has also served the Columbus Jamā'at as Vice President, Secretary Waṣāyā, and Secretary Ta'lim. In Pakistan, he served as Za'im, Majlis Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya, Dārul-Ḥamd, Lahore.



**Nā'ib Auditor  
Mazhar UL Haque  
Los Angeles, CA**

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 Aḥmadiyyat 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 Qādiān with his parents at the age of two in 1950 at the desire of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him) to populate Qādiān again, after partition of India. He matriculated from Qādiān. He migrated from Qādiān 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 Nāẓim Māl, South West Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

2010 to Date: Nā'ib Auditor, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

2005 to Date: Secretary Tahrik-i-Jadid, LA Inland Jamā'at

2000 to Date: Muntazim Māl, Majlis Anṣārullāh, LA Inland and LA East Majālis

2000 to Date: Additional Secretary Māl, LA Inland and LA East Jamā'ats



**Nā'ib Qā'id 'Umūmī  
Naveed Ahmad Malik  
Silver Spring, MD**

Naveed Malik was born in Dulmial, the village that at one time had the highest percentage of Ahmadis outside Rabwah in Pakistan. He grew up in Wah Cantt, an Army cantonment area close to Taxila. Sir Syed School Wah Cantt left the biggest impression on his personality, not just because of his stay there from kindergarten to F.Sc., but also because of the selfless and devoted teachers that were part of the faculty. It is there where Naveed got the opportunity to be part of the Young Speakers Society that helped groom his stage instincts regarding Speech, Tilāwat, and Na't competitions.

After getting out of High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism and his master's degree in Business Administration. He has worked in the Advertising industry in various creative capacities including copywriting, graphic design, art direction, etc. for several years before moving to the U.S. in 2003.

From his days in Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya he had the guidance from elders to dedicate his time to Jamā'at activities. He worked in local Majālis and Ḍil' (district) Rawalpindi under various offices. After coming to the U.S. he had the opportunity to work as Muhtamim Publications, Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya, USA for several years.

He has served as Nā'ib Qā'id 'Umūmī, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, a member of the Muslim Sunrise team, a member of the Ta'līmul Qur'ān Graphics Design Team, and additional Secretary Waqf Jadid of Silver Spring Jamā'at.

Naveed works for Department of State in Washington D.C.



**Nā'ib Qā'id 'Umūmī**  
**Asad Nawaz Chaudhry**  
Lehigh Valley, PA

Asad Nawaz Chaudhry, son of Major Tahir Nawaz Chaudhry, was born in Karachi, Pakistan. His great grandfather Chaudhry Taj Muhammad was the first to accept Aḥmadiyyat on his paternal side and Chaudhry Muhammad Hussain was the first Aḥmadi on his maternal side. As part of a military family, Asad spent his early childhood living in various cities in Pakistan. He migrated to the United States in 1981.

His early schooling was in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a B.S. in Biology. He went on to graduate from New York University College of Dentistry with membership in the National Dental Honor Society (OKU). Asad currently maintains an office in New Jersey & Pennsylvania. He enjoys his profession and strives to remain current on all the latest advances in dentistry. He was recently awarded a Fellowship in the International Congress of Oral Implantologists.

He is married to Saira, daughter of Aziz Ahmad Vance. They are blessed with two daughters and a son; the younger two are Wāqifin-i-Nau. He has served the Jamā'at in various capacities. Currently he serves as a member on the national team of Umoor-e-Kharija, Regional Secretary Taleem-ul-Quran/Waqf-e-Aardi, Za'im Anṣārullāh (Lehigh Valley), General Secretary (Lehigh Valley), Secretary Umūr Khārijah [External Affairs] (Lehigh Valley), and Director of News, MTA, USA.



**Nā'ib Qā'id Health**  
**Shamim Malik**  
Silver Spring, MD

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 Aḥmadi scholars who have been titled "Khalid-i-Aḥmadiyyat." His paternal grandfather, Malik Aziz Muhammad (Advocate) was one of the first members in his family to accept Aḥmadiyyat and remained Amīr Jamā'at 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, Canada 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 Jamā'at as Secretary Finance, Abu Dhabi chapter for more than six years. He served Majlis Anṣārullāh, Canada as Qā'id Māl (Finance) and National Auditor. He served as Qā'id Ṣihat-i-Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health), Majlis Ansarullah, USA for two years. Currently, he is serving the Research Triangle Jamā'at as Auditor and Secretary Public Affairs.



## Submitting Information for Majlis Anṣār Sultānūl-Qalam (MASQ) Awards

Information about publication, articles, etc. including electronic version of publications to be considered for Sultānūl-Qalam awards can be submitted at <http://ansarusa.org/content/submission-msq-award>

National 'Āmila Meeting on January 18, 2014 at Baitul Ikrām Mosque in Dallas, Texas



National 'Āmila of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA held a planning meeting on January 18, 2014, a day prior to Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC), at Baitul Ikrām Mosque in Dallas, Texas.



National 'Āmila of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and Regional Nāzimīn at 2014 ALC



National 'Āmila Meeting on September 13, 2014 at Masjid Mahmood in Detroit



National 'Āmila of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and Regional Nāzimīn at the 'Āmila meeting held on September 13, 2014 at Masjid Mahmood in Detroit



National 'Āmila of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and Regional Nāzimīn with Anṣār of Detroit Majlis on September 13, 2014 at Masjid Mahmood in Detroit

## 2014 Regions

No	Region	Majālis	Nāzim
1	Central East	Central Jersey, Lehigh Valley, North Jersey, Philadelphia, Willingboro	Abdur Rahim Latif
2	Central West	Bay Point, Oakland, Sacramento, Silicon Valley	Musawwir Momen
3	Great Lakes	Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Detroit (Toledo), Indiana, Kentucky, Pittsburgh	Naseem Ahmed Khan
4	Gulf States	Austin, Cypress Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston North, Houston South, New Orleans, Tulsa	Suhail Kauser
5	Headquarters	Baltimore, Laurel, Potomac, Silver Spring, York	Khurram Bashir
6	Midwest	Chicago East, Chicago West, Kansas, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Oshkosh, St. Louis, Zion	Abubakar Bin Saeed
7	New York	Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island, New York	Muhammad Arshad Janjua
8	Northeast	Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Buffalo, Fitchburg, Hartford, Rochester, Syracuse	Muhammad Zafar Iqbal
9	Northwest	Portland, Seattle	Atta Karim Chowdhry
10	Southeast	AL-TN, Charlotte, Georgia-South Carolina, Miami, Orlando, Research Triangle	Hazeem Kunumal Pudhiapura
11	Southwest	Los Angeles East, Los Angeles West, LA Inland, Las Vegas, Phoenix, San Diego, Tucson	Zafar Abdul Basith
12	Virginia	Central Virginia, North Virginia, Richmond, South Virginia, Washington DC	Basharat Ahmad Wadan

# 2014 Regional Nāzimīn

## Nāzim Central West Musawwir Momen Silicon Valley, CA

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. Both his paternal great-grandfathers accepted Aḥmadiyyat while his mother accepted Aḥmadiyyat at an early age.

Musawwir was educated 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 Nāzim of Central West Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Za'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Silicon Valley, and Secretary Waqf Jadīd of Silicon Valley Jamā'at.



## Nāzim Great Lakes Naseem Ahmed Khan Detroit, MI

Naseem A. Khan, Son of Abdul Sattar Khan, was born in 1967 in Lahore, Pakistan. His grandfather, Khan Mir Khan, migrated from Afghanistan and settled in Qādiān. He had the opportunity to meet the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) in 1907. He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1909 at the hands of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ I (may Allāh be pleased with him) and later became the personal bodyguard of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him) for many years. Ahmad Noor Kabuli, who helped in the burial of Ḥaḍrat Ṣāhibzādah Abdul Latīf Shahīd (may Allāh be pleased with him), was Naseem's father's maternal grandfather. Another great-grandfather, Syed Sardar Ahmad Shah, accepted Aḥmadiyyat at the hands of the Promised Messiah.

Naseem completed his early education up to college in Lahore, Pakistan. He completed his Physical Therapy training in Karachi, Pakistan in 1992. In 1994, he moved to Detroit where he currently practices Physical Therapy. By the grace of Allāh, he has had the opportunity to serve as Qā'id Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Detroit, Regional Qā'id Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Great Lakes Region, Secretary Umūr 'Amma (General Affairs) Detroit and Secretary Ta'lim of the Detroit Jamā'at.



## Nāzim Gulf States Suhail Kausar Dallas, TX

Suhail Kausar is son of Sheikh Amir Ahmad, who was the first in the family to accept Aḥmadiyyat. 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 Jadīd of Model Town, Lahore Jamā'at till he migrated to the U.S. in 1997. Currently, he serves as President of Dallas Jamā'at, National Assistant Secretary Tarbiyat, and Nāzim, Gulf States Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.



**Nāzim Midest**  
**AbuBakar Bin Saeed**  
**Milwaukee, WI**

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 Saeed. He works in the Health industry.

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



Currently: Tarbiyat Secretary, Milwaukee Jamā'at  
2011 – 2012: Qā'id Tahrik-i-Jadid, Majlis Anṣarullāh, USA  
2010 to date: Regional Nāzim, Midwest region, Majlis Anṣarullāh, USA  
2010 to date: Nā'ib Za'im, Ṣaf Dom, Milwaukee Majlis  
2002 – 2006: Qā'id, Majlis Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya, Milwaukee  
2006 – 2009: Regional Qā'id, Midwest region, Majlis Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya, USA  
2009: Nāzim-i-A'lā, National Ijtimā' of Majlis Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya, USA  
2001 – 2006: Secretary Ta'lim, Milwaukee Jamā'at

**Nāzim Southwest**  
**Zafar Abdul Basith**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

Zafar Basith is the third son of Mohammed Abdullah who is well known as Abdullah B.Sc. of Hyderabad. His grandfather Mohammed Osman, after accepting Aḥmadiyyat, sent all five of his sons to Qādiān for studies. Two of his uncles, Mohammed Ahmed Anwar and Mohammed Ahmed Hyderabadī, devoted their lives and stayed in Rabwah. His father had the good fortune to serve the Jamā'at throughout his life.

Zafar has also been blessed to serve the Jamā'at in several capacities from early childhood. He considers it a great blessing to have had the opportunity to perform the Hajj as a youth and also spend several days in Qādiān. While he served as Qā'id Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya, Hyderabad, his Qiyādat was blessed to attain the 'Alam-i-In'āmī recognition for two consecutive years. After moving to the U.S. in 1983 he served as Secretary Tarbiyat of Los Angeles Jamā'at. After the Los Angeles Jamā'at was expanded, he served as the General Secretary for LA West Jamā'at as well as Za'im Anṣarullāh. Currently, he serves as Secretary Waqf Jadid and Property of the LA West Jamā'at.

He has a degree in Accounting, and has worked in various fields. He worked in some reputable organizations like Toyota Financial Services, Nissan Corporation, CBS, Montreal Engineering Company, and some aerospace corporations. Currently he works for the Water and Power Community Credit Union; he plans to retire and looks forward to starting his own business, Inshā'allāh.



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Nāzim Headquarters  
Khurram Bashir  
Potomac, MD

**Nāzim Northeast**  
**Muhammad Zafar Iqbal**  
**Syracuse, NY**

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 Aḥmadiyyat as a high school student and served under Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) in Qādiān.

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. Anṣār 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.

He received his Matriculate Certificate from T. I. High School, Rabwah in 1964 and Intermediate Certificate from T. I. College, Rabwah in 1966. He earned his medical degree with honors from University of the Punjab at Nishtar Medical College, Multan, Pakistan in 1971. He served in Pakistan Army from December 1971-April 1975. He worked as a Registrar in Surgery at DHQ Hospital, Faisalabad, Pakistan from September 1975-June 1976. He practiced medicine in Iran from July 1976-December 1980. He immigrated to the U.S. in April 1981 and completed his post graduate training in Radiation Oncology from July 1981-June 1985 and is currently practicing Radiation Oncology in Syracuse, N.Y.



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 Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him). His other Jamā'at services include:

1999 to date: Nāzim Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA Northeast Region

2013 today: President, Syracuse Jamā'at

2012 to 2013: Za'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Syracuse

2010 to 2013: Secretary Ta'limul Qur'ān/Waqf-i-'Ārdī (short-term devotional), Syracuse Jamā'at

2011 to 2013: 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, Aḥmadiyya Muslim Medical Association Northeast Region

2001 to date: Chapter President, Aḥmadiyya Muslim Medical Association Rochester/Syracuse

2003 – 2004: Finance Secretary, Syracuse Jamā'at

2000 – 2003: Vice President, Rochester, Jamā'at

1998 – 2003: Za'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Rochester

1991 – 2002: Regional President, Aḥmadiyya Muslim Medical Association Northeast Region

1992 – 2003: Secretary Ta'lim & Tarbiyat, Rochester Jamā'at

## *Offering Supererogatory Prayer for Suffering Aḥmadīs*

Addressing Aḥmadīs of all the Jamā'ats around the world in his Friday sermon of December 3, 2011, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) drew attention to the Aḥmadī brothers who are enduring hardship and persecution. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his helper) 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 helper) said that each Aḥmadī should offer two *Nafl* (supererogatory Prayer) daily, solely for those Aḥmadīs who are going through any torment due to their belief in Aḥmadiyyat and are deprived of their civic and religious rights through vicious laws. Anṣār are encouraged to say *Labbaik* to the call of our beloved Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his helper) and offer two *Nafl* daily and pray to Almighty Allāh that the atrocities against Aḥmadīs may be removed, Āmīn.

**Nāzim Virginia**  
**Basharat A. Wadan**  
**Central Virginia**

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 Aḥmadiyyat at the hands of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

Basharat married to Dr. Zahida Choudhary, daughter of Choudhary Noor Ahmad, former Amīr Dīl' Mirpur Khas, Sind, Pakistan. Basharat is blessed with two daughters and one son— one son and one daughter are blessed to be Wāqifin-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 Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya 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 immigrated to the U.S.

He received a medal from Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) in 1980. He stood 1<sup>st</sup> in an essay competition of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Pakistan in 1981 and received the first prize of Rs. 700 from the hands of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ 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-Āmila of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, Karachi at the time. From 1964 to 1988, he served in various capacities including Nā'ib Mu'tamid, Nā'ib Nāzim Ṣihat-i-Jismānī ((Intellect and Physical Health)), Za'im Ḥalqa, Nāzim Waqār-i-'Aml (Dignity of Labor) Dīl', and Assistant Secretary Iṣlāḥ-o-Irshād of Karachi Jamā'at. He was also a member of Sīrat Council, Karachi Jamā'at (1967-1970). He was Joint Secretary of Aḥmadiyya Inter Collegiate, Karachi (1968-1970) and attended many meetings with Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him). He had the honor of serving as Nā'ib Nāzim Langar Khāna (hospitality) at Jalsa Sālāna at Rabwah in 1981 and Nā'ib Nāzim 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, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (may Allāh shower His mercy upon him) instructed Basharat to devote more time to the Jamā'at in the U.S. Basharat complied and since 1994 he has been serving the Jamā'at in a various capacities including the following.

- Regional Nāzim, Virginia Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
- Regional Nāzim, Headquarters Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh USA
- Za'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Washington D.C.
- Secretary Jā'idād (Property), Washington D.C. Jamā'at
- Secretary Tarbiyat, Washington D.C. Jamā'at
- Secretary Tablīgh, Washington D.C. Jamā'at



Nāzim Central East  
Abdur Rahim Latif  
Central Jersey



Nāzim New York  
Muhammad Arshad Janjua  
New York, NY



Nāzim Northwest  
Atta Karim Chowdhry  
Portland, OR



Nāzim Southeast  
Hazeem K. Pudhiapura  
Atlanta, GA

# Central East Regional Ijtimā'

*Abdur Rahim Latif, Nāzim Central East Region*

The regional Ijtimā' of Central East Region was held on Saturday, August 30, 2014 at Al-Naşr Mosque in Willingboro, NJ. Members from Willingboro, Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, Central Jersey, and North Jersey Majālis attended the Ijtimā'. By Allāh's Grace, the Ijtimā' was also attended by Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA, Faheem Younus Qureshi. The day started with breakfast, followed by a brief opening ceremony and educational competitions.

A very engaging interactive Tarbiyat discussion on 'Marrying Our Children' was chaired by Hammad Malik of Central Jersey Majlis. A barbecue lunch was prepared by the host Majlis after Zūhr and 'Aşr Prayers.

Sports competitions, including volleyball and table tennis, were held after lunch, followed by a presentation by Za'im of North Jersey Majlis, Khalid Ahmed, on wills and probates. In closing, Şadr Majlis addressed the

attendees of the Ijtimā', informing of the different services available to the members and inviting all to meet him again at the National Ijtimā' in a month.

A total of 115 members attended the Ijtimā'. The Majlis with the most attendees was Willingboro with 57 members. The Ijtimā' was enjoyed by all. May Allāh bless all those who worked to arrange the Ijtimā' as well as those who attended.



# Central West Regional Ijtimā‘

*Musawwir Momen, Nāzim Central West Region*

Central West Regional Ijtimā‘ was held on August 23, 2014 at Baitul Baseer Mosque in Milpitas, CA. There were 41 members in attendance from the four Majālis in the region. The educational competitions were very competitive, especially the Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān competition. Thirteen members participated in the Impromptu Speech competitions. After the educational competitions, we explored how to go online to the ansarusa.org website and access the various resources. Then we proceeded with an interactive presentation on

personal finance needs. The session was a great success with numerous questions fielded by the presenter.

For lunch we served Greek food, which was a change from the norm, and members enjoyed the different menu.

After lunch, there were entertaining horseshoe toss and volleyball competitions. The volleyball competition looked good, possibly fielding a championship team at the National Ijtimā‘.

After a brief break for tea and refreshments, a three-minute video

message from Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA was played in which a personal invitation was extended to all members to attend the National Ijtimā‘. Finally, our guest representative, Qā‘id Ta‘lim, Monas Chaudhry, did a wonderful job in explaining Şadr Majlis’ goals to Anşār; goals of brotherhood and importance of ‘saving ourselves from the fire’, along with reinforcement of message of attending the National Ijtimā‘. The Ijtimā‘ concluded with prize distribution and silent prayer lead by Qā‘id Ta‘lim.

# Gulf States Regional Ijtimā‘

*Mahfooz Sheikh, Nā‘ib Nāzim Gulf States Region*

Majlis Anşārullāh, Gulf States Region held its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regional Ijtimā‘ on April 26-27 at Baitus Samee Mosque in Houston. The Ijtimā‘ began with a keynote address by Qā‘id Tarbiyat, Yasin Sharif. After the opening session, educational competitions were held. Anşār brothers participated in Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān and Impromptu Speech competitions. Qā‘id Tarbiyat conducted an interactive Tarbiyat workshop following the competitions. Regional Missionary, Imām Zafarullah Hanjra, spoke on the topic of ‘What are the fires of this society.’

Sport competitions were held in the evening that included darts, table

tennis, horseshoe toss, basketball, and volleyball. After Dinner and Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Prayers, a Mushā‘rah (poetry session) was held. About 20 Anşār attended the Mushā‘rah.

The second day started with Tahajjud followed by Fajr Prayer. The official program started in the morning with Religious and General Knowledge competition. This was a team event and Anşār brothers were divided among six teams. Next on the program was an interactive session on the topic of ‘How to start a small business.’ Various ideas, requirements, and tips were shared in this session.

Qā‘id Tarbiyat chaired the final

session. Award certificates were distributed to participants of various competitions. Qā‘id Tarbiyat emphasized our responsibilities and the four goals set by Şadr Majlis. At the end, Regional Nāzim thanked brothers for attending the Ijtimā‘. Ijtimā‘ ended with silent prayer.

A survey was conducted in the final session to get feedback from members. A group photo was taken at the end. All food was prepared at the mosque. Responsibilities were assigned weeks in advance. There were 82 members in attendance at the Ijtimā‘.

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

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# Great Lakes Regional Ijtimā'

*Naseem Khan, Nāzīm Great Lakes Region*

Great Lakes Regional Ijtimā' was held on June 7-8 in Detroit, Michigan. There were 80 members from across the region in attendance. The Ijtimā' was also attended by Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA, Faheem Younus Qureshi.

The Ijtimā' started around 11:00 am on Saturday morning. Regular format was followed with recitation of the Holy Qur'an, Poem, and opening

address. Educational competitions started after lunch. Individual competitions included Recitation of the Holy Qur'an, Impromptu Speech, Observation and Recall; the sole team competition was Religious Knowledge.

The sports competitions began later in the evening. These included horseshoe toss, Shot put, darts, basketball, and recreational volleyball and badminton.

Most of the Anşār stayed overnight at the mosque and participated in Tahajjud Prayer in the morning. After breakfast, the final session started, chaired by Şadr Majlis and followed by a very interesting Q&A session with Şadr Majlis. The Ijtimā' ended at lunchtime and Zuhr Prayer.



# Headquarters Regional Ijtimā‘

*Khurram Bashir, Nāzīm Headquarters Region*

The Headquarters Regional Ijtimā‘ was held on Sunday May 11, 2014 at Baitur Raḥmān Mosque in Silver Spring, MD. One hundred members from Baltimore, Laurel, Potomac, Silver Spring, and York Majālis attended. The Ijtimā‘ started at 10:30 A.M. with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān by Hafeezullah Khan. It was followed by the Anṣār pledge. The educational competitions for the Ijtimā‘ started at 10:45 A.M. and continued till noontime; competitions included Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān and Impromptu Speech. Members from across the region participated with great fervor.

In the afternoon, Mazhar Mansoor conducted the Tarbiyat workshop on “Changing Habits, Achieving Dreams.” The workshop was about empowering members so they feel enabled in reassessing and changing their ingrained habits for achieving success in their spiritual and worldly pursuits.

The sports competitions were held

after Ṣalāt. Competitions included table tennis and volleyball. Anṣār members from different Majālis gathered together to form the two teams to compete against each other. Members expressed great interest in the game. All participants and spectators were served fresh fruit and juice.

The final session started at 3:30 P.M. with a Tarbiyat workshop on the verse from the Holy Qur‘ān “O ye who believe! Save yourselves and your families from Fire.” (The Holy Qur‘ān, 66 [Al-Taḥrīm]:7). Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Faheem Younus conducted the workshop from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. The workshop was spiritually uplifting for all and left all participants with an acute recognition that as members of Majlis Anṣārullāh, we have a great responsibility towards our families and ourselves. It was followed by announcements for the results of various educational and sports competitions.

Missionary in charge and Nā‘ib

Amīr, Imām Naseem Mahdi, addressed the Ijtimā‘ gathering and reminded them of their responsibilities as members of Majlis Anṣārullāh. Ṣadr Majlis gave the concluding remarks and then led the Ijtimā‘ gathering in the silent prayer. The Ijtimā‘ program ended at 5:05 P.M.

## Competitions Results

### **Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kaleem Bhatti (York)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hameed Bhatti (York)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mansoor Ahmad Khan (Potomac)

### **Impromptu Speech**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mansoor Ahmad Khan (Potomac)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Yasin Sharif (York)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Halim Chaudhry (Baltimore)

### **Table Tennis**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laeeq Khan (York)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lutafullah Salim (York)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Halim Chaudhry (Baltimore)

# New York Regional Ijtimā‘

*Muhammad Arshad Janjua, Nāzīm New York Region*

The New York Metro region held its annual Ijtimā‘ on June 8, 2014 at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque in Queens, NY. The participants were honored to have Nā‘ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom, Imran Hayee at the Ijtimā‘, as the representative of Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. The program started just before 10 A.M. with recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān, followed by the Anṣār Pledge and an Urdu Poem. After a brief welcome address by Regional Nāzīm, Arshad Janjua, the opening address was delivered by Nā‘ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom.

Educational competitions included Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān and Impromptu Speech. Many members participated in these competitions. Following this session, an interactive discussion was moderated by Dr. Shahed Ahmad, the local President of Brooklyn Jamā‘at. Another interactive discussion on “Exploring Ways to Implement Islāmic Practices in Our Homes” was moderated by Nā‘ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom. Both discussions were entertaining and appreciated by all the

participants.

The sports competitions were held after Zuhr Prayer and lunch. Sports included table tennis, horseshoe toss, basketball, and volleyball. Many members participated in these events.

The final session started at 4:00 P.M. with recitation of Holy Qur‘ān, followed by the prize distribution. The final address was delivered by Nā‘ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom who reminded the members about their responsibilities as Anṣār. He concluded the Ijtimā‘ with silent prayer.

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# Midwest Regional Ijtimā‘

The regional Ijtimā‘ of Midwest region was held on May 17, 2014 at Bait-ul-Jaamey Mosque in Chicago.



# Northeast Regional Ijtimā'

*Masood Ashraf, Regional Muntazim 'Umūmī*

The Northeast regional Ijtimā' was held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 in Albany, NY. Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal, Jalaluddin Abdul Lateef, attended the Ijtimā' as the representative of Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. The program started with recitation of the Holy Qur'ān by Mubashir Ahmad Majoka of Rochester Majlis, followed by the Anṣār Pledge led by Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal. Tahir Khokhar recited a few couplets of an Urdu poem. Regional Nāzīm of Northeast region, Dr. Zafar Iqbal addressed the gathering and laid out ground rules and program for the day. In his comments, Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal reminded members to be stewards of their families and inspire and learn from their children and lead them in a right direction because we are going to be held accountable.

This year, based on a directive from the center, only two competitions were held which included Recitation of the Holy Qur'ān

and Impromptu speech. Regional Nāzīm explained the format change to members in detail. Members participated in both of these competitions with enthusiasm and number of participants performed very well. An interesting individual competition of Religious Knowledge quiz was also held. The Quiz consisted of 30 questions which were on secular and religious topics. Some of the questions were taken directly from the syllabus of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. After a short break, an interactive Tarbiyat session was held on the topic of "Ways to implement Islāmic practices in our homes." The session was led by Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal. He gave a very emotional and personal presentation with members taking an active part in it. The session lasted for more than an hour. Before lunch, Regional Nāzīm gave a 10-minute overview of the new website of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. Lunch was followed

by Zuhr and 'Aṣr Prayers led by Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal.

In the afternoon, sports competitions were held; due to time constraints only two competitions were held which included volleyball and musical chairs.

The Final session was started with the recitation of Holy Qur'ān, followed by the prize distribution ceremony. Regional Nāzīm thanked the local Za'im and President of the Jamā'at for their hospitality; He also recognized the local youth for their help and support. The Anṣār pledge was led by Nā'ib Ṣadr Awwal followed by silent prayer. The total number of Anṣār who attended the regional Ijtimā' was 44.

The following members—including Khuddām and Aṭfāl—were recognized by Regional Nāzīm for their hard work: Ibraheem Rahman, Danial Rahman, Muzaffar Ahmad, Danial Sahi, Haroon Sahi, and Tahir



# Northwest Regional Ijtimā'

*Waseem Ahmad, Za'im Seattle Majlis*

The Northwest region held its annual Ijtimā' on June 14, 2014 at Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community Center of Seattle. A total of 19 Anṣār from Portland and Seattle Majālis attended the Ijtimā'. Special guests included Imām Mubasher Ahmad and Qā'id Ta'līm, Monas Chaudhry. After registration and breakfast, the Ijtimā' program began at 10:30 A.M. with recitation of the Holy Qur'ān. After silent prayer, the educational

competitions started that included Recitation of the Holy Qur'ān, Impromptu Speech, and General Knowledge. Both Majālis were well represented in the competitions.

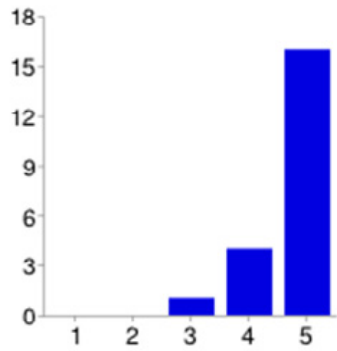
After 'Aṣr and Zuhr Prayers and lunch, an interactive Q&A session was conducted which covered different topics of importance concerning issues faced by parents. The issues were discussed candidly with critical feedback from senior members. After

this session, sports competitions were held that included basketball, Memory Recall, message relay, and tug of war. The final session included prize distribution and remarks by key guests. The final address was given by Imām Mubasher Ahmad, who closed the session with silent prayer.

A survey was also conducted to seek the impressions of the Ijtimā' attendees. The charts on the next two pages depict the survey results.

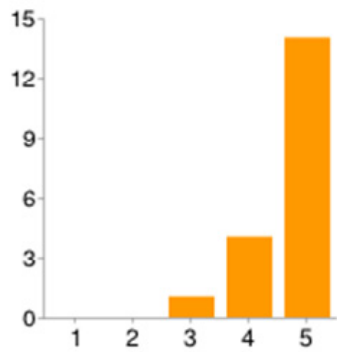


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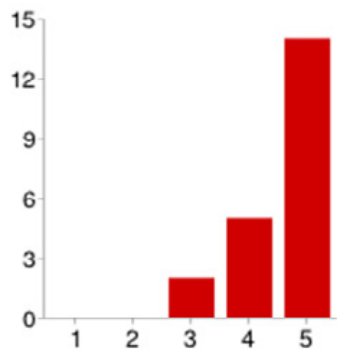
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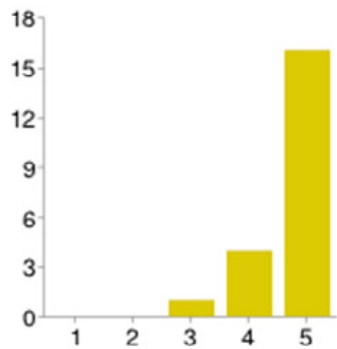
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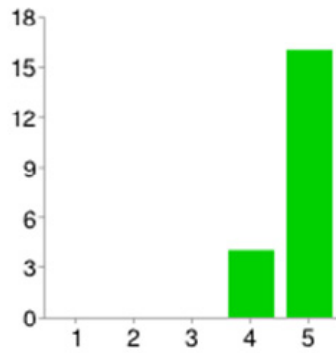
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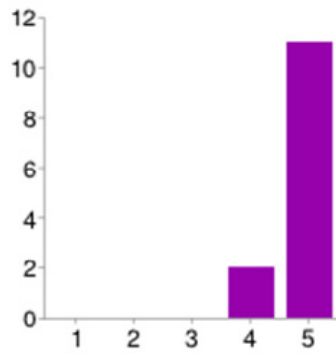
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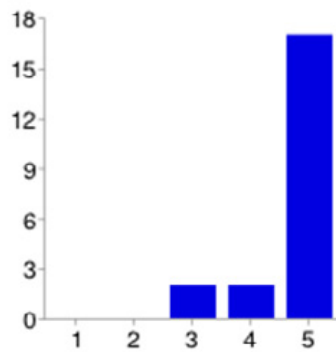
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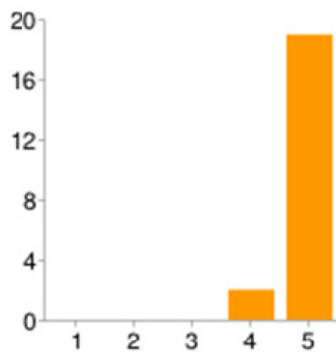
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5	19	90%

# Southeast Regional Ijtimā‘

*Hazeem Pudhiapura, Nāzim Southeast Region*

The Southeast Regional Ijtimā‘ was held on April 5-6, 2014 at Indian Springs State Park. Indian Springs State Park is a 528-acre Georgia state park, about an hour south of Atlanta. The Anṣār Ijtimā‘ was organized along with the regional Ijtimā‘ of Khuddām and Aṭfāl to make it more of a family gathering.

The Ijtimā‘ participants were honored to have such distinguished guests as Missionary in charge, Imām Naseem Mahdi, and National Secretary Rishta Nātā, Farooq Padder. Habeeb Shafeeq represented Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA; he chaired various Ijtimā‘ programs.

Fifty-two Anṣār members attended the Ijtimā‘ from Atlanta, Charlotte, Miami, Orlando, and Research Triangle Majālis. The programs were well organized, engaging all participants from start to finish. Special emphasis was laid on punctuality of sessions, with ample

time for socializing and relationship building. The Ijtimā‘ programs included competitions of Recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān, Impromptu Speech, and General Knowledge.

A group discussion on health and fitness was also conducted. Zaheer Khan organized the General Knowledge competition that was full of excitement. Dr. Naseer Humayun and Dr. Anwer Kashif moderated the health discussion. National Secretary Rishta Nātā, Farooq Padder, organized a special session on Rishta Nātā. Another group session on “Best Practices to utilizing Social Media” was organized by Zulfiqar Khan.

The sports competitions included volleyball, horseshoe toss, table tennis, tug of war, and Cricket. In addition to regular sports competitions, a walking race and a 2K “marathon” were organized for some good runners in Majlis Anṣārullāh. A Talqīn-i-‘Amal (exhortation to act)

session with Imām Naseem Mahdi was extremely informative and motivational.

Diāfat was well organized by the Diāfat team of Atlanta lead by Muddessar Ahmad. This year, a special emphasis was laid on healthy foods. Regional Qā‘id, Majlis Khuddām ul-Aḥmadiyya, Dr. Mobusher Ahmad, ensured that the overall Ijtimā‘ logistics and Ijtimā‘ Gāh arrangements were handled properly. All Anṣār of the Southeast region enjoyed the brotherhood and friendliness that was felt during the Ijtimā‘.

Many workers were recognized during the closing ceremony. Imām Naseem Mahdi gave an inspiring closing address which left a lasting impression on all participants. May Allāh bless everyone involved in making the Ijtimā‘ a great success for us and our families. Āmīn.





# Southwest Regional Ijtimā'

The regional Ijtimā' of Southwest region was held on June 14-15, 2014 at Baitul Hameed Mosque, Chino, CA.



# Virginia Regional Ijtimā‘

*Basharat Ahmad Wadan, Nāzīm Virginia Region*

The regional Ijtimā‘ of Virginia region was held on Sunday, September 28, 2014 in Triangle, VA. Sixty-five members were in attendance. The opening session of the Ijtimā‘ was chaired by Dr. Khalid Ahmad Ata, who attended the Ijtimā‘ as the representative of Šadr Majlis Anšārullāh, USA. The session started with the recitation of The Holy Qur‘ān by Nasrullah Zahid of South Virginia Majlis, followed by the Anšār pledge led by Dr. Khalid Ahmad Ata. Next, Sheikh Muhammad Arshad of South Virginia Majlis recited a poem. The Regional Nāzīm of Virginia region, Basharat Ahmad Wadan, then welcomed the participants of the Ijtimā‘. In his opening address, Dr. Khalid Ahmad Ata reminded Anšār about their responsibilities. The session ended with silent prayer.

The sports competitions began shortly after and were coordinated by Zamir Ahmad Mirza, the Regional Nā‘ib Nāzīm. Competitions included table tennis, musical chairs, Arm Wrestling, Walking, darts, and

volleyball. Next, lunch was served followed by Zuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers. Educational competitions were held that were coordinated by Munawar Ahmad Malik, Regional Nā‘ib Nāzīm. The competitions included recitation of The Holy Qur‘ān, Impromptu Speech, and Recitation of Urdu Poem. After educational competitions, a Tarbiyat workshop was held on the topic of “How we can save our families from fire.” Regional Missionary, Imām Irshad Ahmad Malhi, headed this panel. Next, a Talqīn-i-‘Amal (exhortation to act) session was held where Imām Irshad Ahmad Malhi addressed the audience.

The concluding session of the Ijtimā‘ started at 4:10 P.M. and was chaired by Dr. Khalid Ahmad Ata. The session started with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān by Nasrullah Goraya of Richmond Majlis followed by an Urdu poem recited by Mahmood Ahmad Gil of South Virginia Majlis. The Regional Nāzīm presented his annual regional report. He admitted that this year’s progress of the Majālis

were not satisfactory and this affected the regional progress. This is because the progress of the region is linked directly to the progress of individual Majālis. He advised the Zu‘amā to read the sermons of Ḥadrat Khalīfatul Masīh and follow their directives, especially for the auxiliaries. Neglecting the instructions of Khalīfatul Masīh will not improve our progress, but will weaken it. Following his address, the prize distribution ceremony was held. Finally, Dr. Khalid Ata gave a concluding address and led Anšār in pledge and silent prayer.

Nāšir of the Year award was given to Sher Ali Khan Basharat of North Virginia Majlis. Meritorious Service Awards were given to the following members: Ijaz Ahmad Qamar of South Virginia, Munawar Ahmad Malik of South Virginia, Zamir Ahmad Mirza of Central Virginia, Ch. Fazal Ahmad of North Virginia, Irshad Ahmad Siddiqui of Central Virginia, and Mirza Abdul Jabbar of Central Virginia.



## *Listening to the Friday Sermon*

The Holy Prophet (may 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)

# 2014 Zu‘amā

## **Rashid Ahmad** **Za‘im 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 Khalīfatul 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‘līm-ul-Islām College in Lahore. He received his bachelor’s degree from Ta‘līm-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‘līm-ul-Islām College, Rabwah and Prefect and Auditor of Fazl-e-Omar Hostel, Ta‘līm-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‘im of Boston Majlis (2010 to date) and Secretary Ta‘līm of Boston Jamā‘at (2012 to date).



## **Fouzan Pal** **Za‘im Central Virginia Majlis**

Fouzan Pal, son of Mansoor Pal, was born in 1971. He moved to the U.S. over 20 years ago and has been living in the Washington D.C. metro area since then. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Electrical Engineering and is currently working in the Information Technology industry.

Fouzan is married with three children and is an avid tennis fan; he even likes to try his hand at playing tennis every now and then. Fouzan has been a member of the Virginia Jamā‘at for over 10 years. In addition to serving as the Za‘im Anṣārullāh of Central Virginia Majlis, he is serving as Secretary Public Relations, Virginia Jamā‘at.



## **Mir Ahmed Afzal** **Za‘im 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 Aḥmadiyyat at a very young age; he wrote “Shahnāma-e-Aḥmadiyyat,” a poetry book consisting of 322 pages, for the propagation of Aḥmadiyyat, 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 Jamā‘at, and building Baitul Jaamay Mosque of Chicago West Jamā‘at.

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



**Abdul Saboor**  
**Za'im Chicago Southwest Majlis**

Abdul Saboor was born in 1969 in Faisalabad, Pakistan. His father, Chaudhary Abdul Shakoor, served as a missionary in several countries in Africa and in various positions in Tahrik Jadid, Rabwah. Abdul Saboor received his early education in Rabwah, Pakistan and Liberia, West Africa and earned his MBBS degree from Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore. He moved to the United States and did his residency at University of Illinois in Chicago Christ Hospital in Internal Medicine. He has worked as a physician for State of Illinois since 2003.

He is married to Wajiha Rehman, daughter of Col. Wali ur Rehman Chaudhary of Ottawa, Canada and great granddaughter of Bhai Abdur Raheem Qadiyani, a companion of the Promised Messiah. He has two sons ages 8 and 12. He has two brothers and two sisters. Abdul Saboor held his first Jam'at office at age 17 as Nazim Atfal in Rabwah. He has been a member of Chicago Jam'at since 1998 and has served as Za'im Chicago Southwest since 2013.



**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. He has two boys ages 16 and 13. He has served as Qa'id, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmediyya, Columbus (2007 to 2009). He is currently serving as Za'im of Columbus Majlis and Vice President and Secretary Property of Columbus Jam'at.



**Masood Ashraf**  
**Za'im 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-Islam 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 Jam'at for 22 years and now Fitchburg Jam'at for last four years. He served as Qa'id, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmediyya, Boston for four years. The Majlis won Alam-i-In'ami in 2007. He has served as Na'ib Nazim Finance, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmediyya, USA and as Regional Qa'id, Northeast region, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmediyya, USA. Currently, he serves as Za'im of Fitchburg Majlis and General Secretary and Secretary Ta'limul Qur'an of Fitchburg Jam'at.



**Anwer Kashif**  
**Za'im Miami Majlis**

Anwer Kashif, son of Shaikh Bahadur Ali, was born in Karachi, Pakistan. He earned his MBBS degree from Dow Medical College, Karachi and then migrated to the U.S. where he completed his residency program in New York in Internal Medicine.

Anwer is married to Alina, daughter of Rafique Sanuri, Rtd. Wing Commander, and great granddaughter of Hadrat Abdullah Sanuri, companion of the Promised Messiah. They have two children, a daughter Aunzela and son Ahsan.

In Pakistan, he served as Nazim Ta'lim. In Miami, he has been serving as Secretary Tahrik Jadid and Waqf Jadid for about 12 years.



**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 Nā'ib Şadr, Lajnah Imā'illāh, LA East. They are blessed with three sons. One of his sons, Usama Muzaffar, is serving as Qā'id, Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, 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 Jamā'at in various capacities, having held his first Jamā'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 Jamā'at.



**Mahmood Ahmad Bhutta**  
**Za'im New York Majlis**

Mahmmod Ahmad, son of Pir Mohammad Akhtar, longtime Finance Secretary of the Ali Pur Chatta Jamā'at, Pakistan, was born in 1965, in Ali Pur Chatta, Punjab, Pakistan. His grandfather, Mian Allah Wadahya Mūṣī of Madrasa Chatta, District Gujranwala, Pakistan was the first person in the family to accept Aḥmadiyyat during the time of the Promised Messiah.

Mahmood is married to the daughter of Rasheed Ahmad Farooqi of Rabwah. They are blessed with two children, Bareerah (12) and Mabroor (9). Mahmood graduated from Government College, Gujranwala, Pakistan and immigrated to USA in 1999 and since then has been part of the Queens Jamā'at. Mahmood is a Horologist by profession.

Mahmood has held many Jamā'at offices throughout his life, starting at the age of 12. Currently, he serves as Secretary Umūr 'Āmma (General Affairs) of the Queens Jamā'at and Za'im Anşārullāh.



**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 Aḥmadiyyat 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 Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, 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'an Manuscripts. His collection ranges from the very rare full facsimile copies of the personal Holy Qur'an of Ḥaḍrat Uthmān (may Allāh be pleased with him) and Ḥaḍrat 'Alī (may Allāh be pleased with him) to the Mughal era of India. He has around 14 very rare manuscripts of the Holy Qur'an. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (may Allāh be his support) was very pleased to hear about his unique collection.



**Abdul Hameed Khan**  
**Za'im North Virginia Majlis**

Abdul Hameed Khan, son of Abdul Quddus Khan, was born in June 1948. He hails from Khyber Pukhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan (formerly Frontier Province). His Grandfather, Mohammed Ilyas Khan, was a pioneer Aḥmadi of the province and his father, Abdul Quddus Khan, served as Amīr Jamā'at of Peshawar and of the Province for four years until his demise in 1979. He has four brothers and four sisters, most of them are living in the US or Canada.

Hameed earned his Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1971 from University of Peshawar, Pakistan. He worked in various capacities in the areas of Civil Engineering and Project Management in the Middle East and Pakistan. He migrated to the U.S. in 2010 and is presently working as an Advisor in a consulting company in Virginia. He is married to Shamim Khan, daughter of Dr. Abdul Latif of Sargodha, Pakistan. They have two sons, Noaman and Farhan, both are married and living in North Virginia.

Hameed has been involved in Jamā'at activities in different capacities since young age. He has served as Qā'id Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, Dil' Peshawar for two years.



**Munir Ahmad Malik**  
**Za'im 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 Aḥmadiyyat at the hands of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him).

Munir is married to Fauzia Malik, daughter of Dr. Ahmad Ghulam Muhammad and granddaughter of Ḥaḍrat Hāfiẓ Ṣūfi 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 Khalīfatul Masīḥ 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'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Phoenix
- 2004 - 2008: Nāẓim South West Region, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA
- 2002 - 2008: Za'im, Majlis Anṣārullāh, Phoenix
- 2009 to date: Secretary Waqf-i-Jadīd, Phoenix Jamā'at
- 2001 - 2006: Secretary Ta'lim and Tarbiyat, Phoenix Jamā'at
- 2004 to date: Secretary Umūr-i-'Āmma (General Affairs), Phoenix Jamā'at
- 2004 to date: Secretary Property, Phoenix Jamā'at
- 1989 - 1999: President, Phoenix Jamā'at
- 1986 - 1989: 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'id Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, Model Town, Lahore
- 1970 - 1974: Secretary Ta'lim and Tarbiyat, Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, Lahore
- 1962 - 1966: Za'im Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, Islamia Park, Lahore



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**Dr. Ahmad Krishan Dard**  
**Za'im Research Triangle Majlis**

Ahmad Krishan Dard, son of Matiullah Dard of UK, was born in 1962 in Lautoka, Fiji Islands. He is married to Amtul Quddus, daughter of Latif Ahmad Sinouri of Rawalpindi, Pakistan. They are blessed with five children; three are in college and two are in school.

Ahmad earned his B.Sc. in Chemistry from the University of London in 1983 and Ph.D. in Polymer Engineering from University of Manchester in 1986 while serving as a Part-Time Lecturer in Polymer Engineering. He then continued as a Post-Doctoral fellow sponsored by the USAF and began as Laboratory Manager in a Global Chemical Company based in England. While employed, he also earned an Executive MBA specializing in Strategic Global Management & Finance from University of Birmingham 1993. He has worked in England, Belgium, Germany, Austria, and Japan in a wide range of technical and business roles ending up as Senior Vice President of a large chemical company located in North Carolina. Currently he resides in Cary, North Carolina and has a consultancy in Technical, Marketing and Business Development for small startups.



He has had the opportunity to serve the Jamā'at in various capacities, having recently held positions locally as General Secretary, Secretary Tabligh, Za'im Anṣārullāh, Research Triangle. He considers himself fortunate that Allāh Almighty has blessed his family to serve the Jamā'at as well. His wife, serves as National Nā'ib Secretary Finance, Lajnah Imā'illāh, USA, Secretary Nāṣirāt and Secretary Finance of Lajnah Imā'illāh, Research Triangle. One son is serving as Nāzim SE Region, Majlis Atfālul-Aḥmadiyya, USA and local Nāzim Atfāl and one daughter is serving as local Secretary Ṣihat-i-Jismānī (Physical Health) for Lajnah Imā'illāh, Research Triangle.

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**Rizwan Ahmad Sindhoo**  
**Za'im Richmond Majlis**

Rizwan Sindhoo is the son of Chaudhry Sultan Sindhoo and grandson of Munshi Ahmed Din, who accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1926. His family hails from a village west of district Gujrat, called Goleeki. Their village is best known for two honorable facts: Thirteen companions of the Promised Messiah are from this area and Ḥaḍrat Maulānā Ghulām Rasūl Rājaykī (may Allāh be pleased with him) studied in our village (Ḥaḍrat Maulawī Imam Din, a scholar of Persian, was his teacher).

Rizwan has three brothers and one sister. He lived in the United Kingdom from 1990 to 1999, and moved back to Pakistan to build a business importing and marketing contact lenses and a variety of cosmetic products. He was forced to immigrate to the U.S. in 2007 with his wife, as his business worth in the millions was looted and destroyed, his employees harassed, and he was left with no option but to leave. He married the daughter of Ṣāhibzādah Abdul Baseer of Topi in 2000.

He has lived in Richmond, VA since 2008 where he currently works for Bank of America. He has served the Jamā'at in various capacities since early childhood. He served as Nāzim 'Umūmī in 1987 for District Sheikhpura. Currently, he serves as Za'im Anṣārullāh, and General Secretary and Secretary Ḍiāfat of the Richmond Jamā'at.



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**Moyenuddin Ahmad Sirajee**  
**Za'im 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 Aḥmadiyyat. He is married to Gazala Sirajee, great-granddaughter of Abul Hasim Khan Chaudhury of Qādiān. 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 Jamā'at/Auxiliary office at the age of 14 in Chittagong, Bangladesh and later served as National Mu'tamid of Majlis Khuddām-ul-Aḥmadiyya, Bangladesh. He served as President of San Diego Jamā'at from 1999 to 2010. He currently serves as Za'im of San Diego Majlis and Secretary Waṣāyā of San Diego Jamā'at.



**Tahir Ahmad Tasneem**  
**Za'im Willingboro Majlis**

Tahir Tasneem was born in 1962, in Sialkot, Pakistan. After completing his education in 1984, he moved to Abu Dhabi, UAE and joined ADNOC (Abu Dhabi National Oil Company) working in their Materials Engineering Department. He moved to U.S. in 2002 and set up his own business.

Tahir is married and has a son and a daughter. He serves as Secretary Internal Affairs of the Willingboro Jamā'at and Za'im Anṣārullāh.



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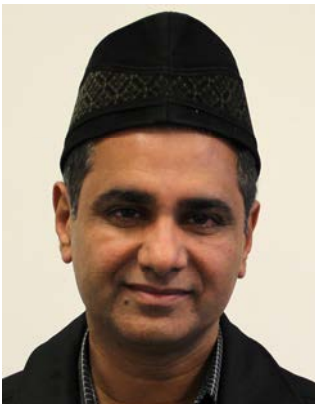
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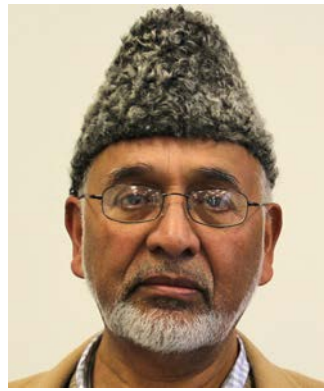
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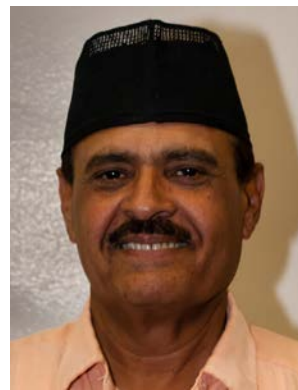
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## *The Review of Religions Subscription*

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) has stressed the need to increase the subscription of the Review of Religions magazine. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his helper) mentioned the low subscription of this very useful publication and advised to increase the number of subscribers.

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

*“As the members of our Jamā‘at are already aware that the principle purpose of my advent is to remove all the fallacies and the misconception which have been caused by Christianity, and to invite people to the true Islām. This objective has also been described by the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace be on 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-Hakam, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 1903)*

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

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# Local Ijtimā' of Central Jersey Majlis

*Abdul Nasir, Za'im Central Jersey Majlis*

A very successful local Ijtimā' of Central Jersey Majlis was held on Sunday, April 27, 2014, at Baitul Hādī Mosque in Old Bridge, NJ, in collaboration with Majlis Khuddāmul-

Aḥmadiyya, Central Jersey. The total Anṣār attendance was 41, which is 60% of the Majlis' Tajnīd. Alḥamdulillāh. Some members of the Majlis could not attend the Ijtimā' due

to health or personal reasons.

The Dīāfat team led by Mobashir Qamar provided delicious meal and snacks.



## *Prayer in Congregation*

Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah (may Allāh be pleased with him) has related that the Holy Prophet (may 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*)

## *Anṣār Chanda Literature*

The rate of Chanda Literature, for Anṣārullāh, has been set at \$10.00 per year. Members are urged to pay their share of Chanda Literature as soon as possible. May Allāh enable us to fulfill our obligations in a timely manner. Āmīn.

# Local Ijtimā' of Las Vegas Majlis

*Rehan Amir, Za'im Las Vegas Majlis*

The local Ijtimā' of Las Vegas Majlis was held on Saturday, May 3, 2014. We had the honor of five guests attending the Ijtimā' from Los Angeles

including Imām Syed Shamshad Ahmad Nasir, Regional Nāzim of Southwest region, Zafar Basith, Qā'id Ta'lim, Monas Ahmad Chaudry, and

respected Rashid Syed.

The participants of the Ijtimā' had a fun filled day of activities and interactive discussions.



The local Ijtimā' of LA Inland Majlis was held on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

# Local Ijtimā' of San Diego Majlis

*Moyenuddin Sirajee, Za'im San Diego Majlis*

San Diego Majlis held its second annual Ijtimā' on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at the local Ṣalāt Center. Several guests from nearby Majālis were also in attendance. Even though there were only six Anṣār from the local Majlis, a total of 22 members attended the Ijtimā'.

The opening session began with the recitation from the Holy Qur'ān, followed by Anṣār pledge and opening remarks by Qā'id Ta'līm, Monas Ahmad Chaudry. Each of the attendees was then asked to introduce himself. Following this, Imām Syed

Shamshad Ahmad Nasir addressed the audience and spoke about the responsibilities of a Nāṣir. Following this address, an interactive discussion was held on the topic of "Exploring ways to implement Islāmīc Practices in our homes." Qā'id Ta'līm then held the General Knowledge competition, in which everyone participated.

Following the Zuhr and 'Aṣr Prayers, and lunch, the educational competitions were held. Many members participated in these competitions, which included Recitation of Holy Qur'ān and Speech.

Following the educational competitions, the Basketball competition was held.

The final session began with the recitation of Holy Qur'ān. Then local President expressed his gratitude to Allāh and thanked everyone for attending the Ijtimā'. After the final remarks by Regional Nāzim of Southwest region, Zafar Basith, the Ijtimā' came to a close with the pledge and silent prayer.



## Write for the Al-Naḥl

Members of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA are urged to write for the Al-Naḥl.  
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The combined local Ijtimā' of Boston and Fitchburg Majālis was held on Sunday, May 11, 2014.



The local Ijtimā' of Dallas Majlis was held on Sunday, April 6, 2014.





The local Ijtimā' of Los Angeles East Majlis was held on Sunday, May 11, 2014.

# Local Ijtimā' of Phoenix Majlis

*Munir Malik, Za'im Phoenix Majlis*

The 8<sup>th</sup> local Ijtimā' of Phoenix Majlis was held on Sunday, May 11, 2014. The first session of the Ijtimā' started at 11:00 A.M. with the recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Shahzad Amjad followed by Anṣār pledge, led by Za'im Majlis, Munir Malik. In his opening remarks, Za'im Majlis welcomed the participants to the Ijtimā'. He emphasized the importance of fulfilling our obligations towards the Jamā'at, the young members, and specially the Khuddām who are ready to join Majlis Anṣārullāh. He elaborated paying our subscriptions in a timely manner. The session ended with silent prayer led by Za'im Majlis.

Next the sports competitions were held that included Table Tennis, Horse Shoe Toss, and Darts. Afterwards, a delicious BBQ lunch was prepared by Latif Ahmad. Zühr and

'Aṣr Prayers were led by Shahzad Amjad. This was followed by educational competitions that included Recitation of the Holy Qur'an, Impromptu Speech, and General Knowledge. Certificates were awarded to the winning contestants.

In his concluding remarks, Za'im Majlis thanked everyone for attending the Ijtimā'. He reminded members about the upcoming national Ijtimā', Majlis' goal to achieve the attendance of 1000, and the travel subsidy available for members who need it.

The Ijtimā' ended at 4:00 P.M. with silent prayer led by Za'im Majlis.

## Educational Competitions

### **Recitation of the Holy Qur'an**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Akhtar Mahmood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Latif Ahmed

### **Impromptu Speech**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Akhtar Mahmood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Munir A. Malik

### **General Knowledge**

- 1<sup>st</sup> M. Anis Shaikh  
2<sup>nd</sup> Latif Ahmed

## Sports Competitions

### **Table Tennis**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shahzad Amjad  
2<sup>nd</sup> Latif Ahmed

### **Horse Shoe Toss**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Akhtar Mahmood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Abdul Waheed Khan

### **Darts**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bashir Mahmood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rizwan Ahmed



# Local Ijtimā' of Willingboro Majlis

*Tahir A. Tasneem, Za'im Willingboro Majlis*

Willingboro Majlis held its annual local Ijtimā' on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Al-Naşr Mosque in Willingboro, NJ. After breakfast, the formal session started at 10 A.M. with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān, followed by Anşār pledge. Za'im Majlis welcomed everyone in his opening remarks. Regional Nāzim of Central East region, Rahim Latif, chaired the

session.

The educational competitions included Recitation of the Holy Qur'ān, General Knowledge, and Impromptu Speech. Following these competitions, a lively discussion was moderated by Lutful Mannan about parents' respect. There were several Khuddām in attendance that made it more enjoyable and effective.

Towards the end, a friendly Volleyball match took place between Anşār and Khuddām. The Ijtimā' ended at 1:30 P.M. with closing remarks by Regional Nāzim, followed by Zuhr and 'Aşr Prayers. The final attraction was a BBQ that was enjoyed by all. A total of 34 members attended the Ijtimā'.



## STEADFASTNESS

Anas relates that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "When Allāh decrees good for a servant of His, He afflicts him quickly in this world; and if He decrees evil for him, He does not hasten to call him to account for his sins in this world but takes him to task on the Day of Judgment." He (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) also said: "High reward is for high Endeavor; and when Allāh, the Exalted, loves a people, he puts them to trial. Then for him who accepts the affliction cheerfully is His pleasure, and for him who evades or shirks it is His wrath." (Tirmidhī)



Members of Majlis 'Āmila of Dallas Majlis



Members of Majlis 'Āmila of Los Angeles East Majlis



Members of Majlis 'Āmila of Silver Spring Majlis



Members of Majlis 'Āmila of Washington D.C. Majlis



Members of Majlis 'Āmila of York Majlis



Members of Majlis 'Āmila of Willingboro Majlis



Anṣār of Chicago Northwest Majlis with Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Faheem Younus Qureshi, during his visit on April 20, 2014

Sitting, left to right: Mohammad Latif, Mohammad Rafi Ahmed, Imām Inamul Haq Kauser (Regional Missionary, Midwest Region), Munum Naeem (Nā'ib Amīr, USA Jamā'at), Faheem Younus Qureshi (Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA), Khalid Aziz Ahmed (Za'im, Chicago Northwest Majlis), Laiq Ahmad Munir, Abrar Hussain, and Mubashir Babar Ahmed

Standing, left to right: Muhammad Vickar Ahmed, Mir Ahmed Naser, Mumtaz Malik, Mansoor Khan, Muhammad Zakria, Nadeem Ahmad, Munawar Khan, and Tariq Javaid



Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis with Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Faheem Younus Qureshi, during his visit on March 2, 2014



Anşār of Silver Spring Majlis



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Members at Anşār General Meeting of New York Majlis held on February 2, 2014 at Baituz Zāfar Mosque



Members at Anşār General Meeting of Columbus Majlis held on March 15, 2014 at Baitun Nāşir Mosque



Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis gathered for congregational Tahajjud Prayer at Al-Naṣr Mosque on January 1, 2014



Anṣār of Los Angeles area Majālis with Amīr Jama'at Germany, Abdullah Wagishauser, on February 25, 2014 during his visit to Los Angeles



Anṣār of Dallas Majlis actively participate in the local Jamā'at's "Feed the Hungry" program



Anṣār of New York Majlis serving at the Senior Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center on May 14, 2014



Potomac Majlis' Anṣār participated in a soup kitchen on July 27, 2014, to help feed people during the month of Ramaḍān



Anṣār of LA West Majlis held a "Food for Homeless" event on July 28, 2014 to mark the end of the month of Ramaḍān



Anṣār of Dayton Majlis at a food distribution event held on July 19, 2014



Anṣār of LA West Majlis held a "Food for Homeless" event on July 28, 2014 to mark the end of the month of Ramaḍān



Anşār of Dayton Majlis offered information about Islām and Aḥmadiyyat to a pastor of a local church visiting the mosque, on January 12, 2014



Anşār of Dayton Majlis hosted guests from a local church and a Muslim friend and answered their questions about Islām and Aḥmadiyyat, on March 15, 2014



A Nāşir of Dayton Majlis attended seminar on “The Real Jesus” in Lutheran church in Kettering, Ohio and subsequently offered Aḥmadiyya view on many issues



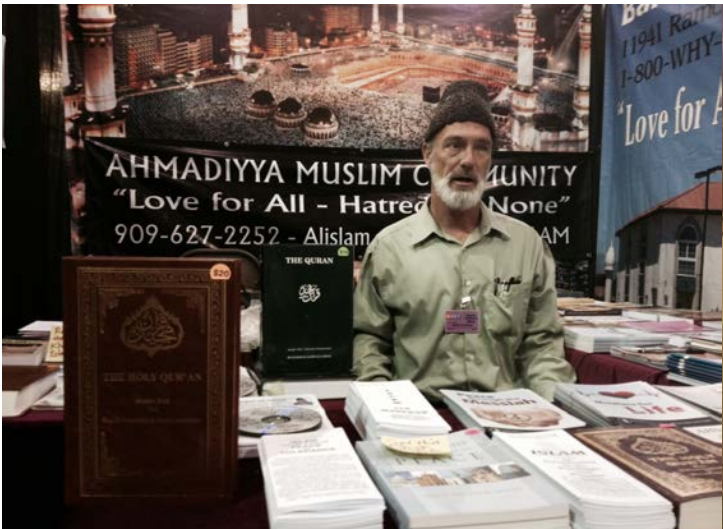
A Nāşir of Dayton Majlis answering questions about Islām to residents of a senior center, on October, 14, 2014



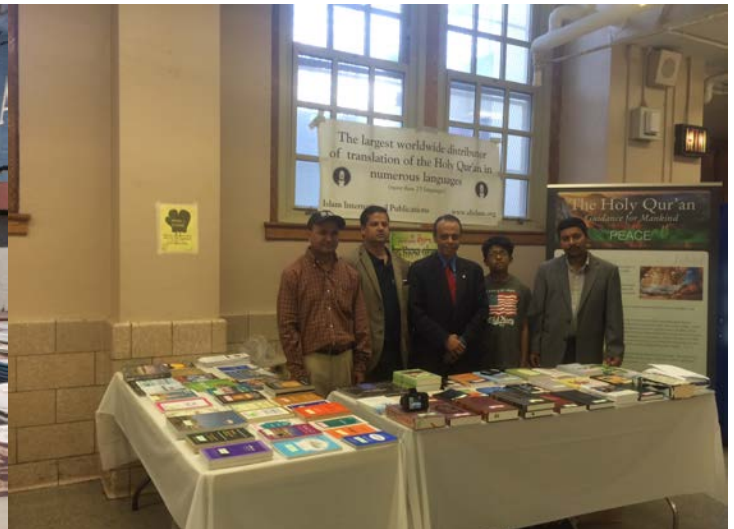
Anşār of Willingboro Majlis at a Tabligh Stall in a local flea market held on February 23, 2014



Anşār of York Majlis at a Tabligh Stall at a venue for “Race against Racism”



A Nāsir of LA East Majlis at the Qur'an exhibition in LA County Fair arranged by the Majlis on August 29-31, 2014



Anşār of New York Majlis at a stall at Book Expo America held in New York on May 29-31, 2014



Anşār of Syracuse Majlis with U.S. Rep. Dan Maffei during their visit to the representative's office



Anşār of Dayton Majlis and Imām Azam Akram with John Agenbrood, the Mayor of Springboro, Ohio, during their visit to the mayor's office on December 4, 2014



A Nāsir of Cleveland Majlis in discussion with visitors to a bookstall held at Cleveland State University on April 23, 2014



Anşār of Dayton Majlis at a bookstall held on Martin Luther King Day, January 20, 2014; members also participated in the MLK Day Parade, carrying a Jamā'at's banner



Muntazim Social Services of New York Majlis arranged a blood drive on June 15, 2014 at Baituz Zafar Mosque that helped collect 28 pints of blood from donors



Anṣār of York Majlis participating in a Waqār-i-‘Aml (Dignity of Labor) event held on November 23, 2014 at Hadee Mosque



Anṣār of LA East Majlis held a Kulū Jami’ā (potluck) lunch on November 27, 2014, a spectacle of brotherhood



Anṣār of Silver Spring Majlis enjoying a picnic held on June 14, 2014



Anṣār of Washington D.C. Majlis gather for a group photo with younger members during a picnic held on April 20, 2014



Za'im of Willingboro Majlis, Tahir A. Tasneem, with Şadr Majlis, having received the award of 'Alam-i-In'āmī for 2014



Za'im of York Majlis, Mubasher A. Satkahi, received the first position award for 2014 on behalf of York Majlis that stood first in the Medium Majālis category

# A Successful Anṣār General Meeting

*Muzaffar Siddiqi, Za'im LA East Majlis*

One of the most important tasks of a Za'im is to keep the Anṣār of his Majlis engaged in the activities of the local Majlis. The success of this effort can be gauged by the attendance and participation of Anṣār in the monthly general meeting.

Los Angeles East Majlis held its monthly general meeting on Sunday, September 14. Anṣār were reached out and requested to make every effort to attend the meeting. Alḥamdulillāh, 52 Anṣār attended the meeting which is 55% of the Majlis' Tajnīd. The topic of the meeting "Let us get real about our financial obligations" was discussed very actively. Anṣār took part in the interactive discussion sharing their real life stories how Almighty Allāh has blessed them more than 700 times for their small efforts.

After the meeting, Anṣār brothers enjoyed refreshments. May Almighty Allāh bless all the Anṣār of the Majlis and enable them to continue to participate in and benefit from the activities of the Majlis. Amīn.



# A Display of Brotherhood

A new Ṣalāt center has recently been established in the Atlantic City, NJ area. Six Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis decided to travel to Atlantic City to offer Jumu'ah Prayer with the local residents at the newly established Ṣalāt center as a show of brotherhood and encouragement.

Currently, the Ṣalāt center is started with only Jumu'ah Prayers. It is strongly hoped that by the grace of Almighty Allāh, the new Ṣalāt center may become a permanent mosque, Inshā'allāh.





## Anṣār Ṭāhīr Scholarship Helps a Nāṣīr Succeed

Ahmad Masood of Las Vegas Majlis completed his studies to become a Homeopathic Practitioner in recent years at Resonance School of Homeopathy in Reno, Nevada. He received the Anṣār Ṭāhīr Scholarship from Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA that helped him towards the cost of the program. Having completed his studies and program requirements he obtained the license for Advanced Practitioner of Homeopathy. He is currently practicing homeopathic medicine in Las Vegas.



Anṣār Ṭāhīr Scholarship is offered by Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for vocational training of Anṣār to improve their employability. The scholarship is offered 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 granted on “first come, first served” basis. There is no deadline for the application. In most cases payments are made directly to the training institution. Applications should be submitted through the local Za’īm Anṣārullāh. Applicants are selected based on the following criteria:

- The applicant is a bona fide member of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA in good standing.
- The applicant has identified a new or alternate career path and is capable and willing to undertake successful completion of the proposed training.

For more information, please contact Munawar Saqib, Qā’id Finance, at ansar@saqib.net or 856-495-6421.

## We are the Helpers of Allāh!

During the month of March, many Īthār [Eesaar] (Social Services) activities were carried out in various Majālis. A total of 1,282 man-hours were spent in Īthār activities and 43 members were helped in finding jobs.

On February 17, 2014, Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis visited a homeless shelter in Philadelphia—Our Brotherly Place—a place offering shelter to 150 homeless people. Anṣār of Philadelphia and Willingboro Majālis helped preparing and serving food at the shelter.

The shelter home also has a special arrangement for religious discussion, with 14 registered members who are interested in reading the Holy Qur’ān and interactive dialogue. During the visit, Za’īm of Willingboro Majlis led a discussion about the need of religion and offered an overview of Judaism, Christianity, and Islām and answered questions of the participants based on the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān and the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him).



### GIVING IN THE WAY OF ALLAH

Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah relates that a man came and asked the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him), “Which giving away in charity is more acceptable to God?” He (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) answered, “That which you give away while you are in good health, seeking wealth, fearing adversity, and hoping for prosperity. Do not delay spending in charity till you are in extremity to say: To So and So this, and to So and So that; for by then they already belong to So and So.” (Bukhārī and Muslim)

# A Nāṣir's Approach to a Healthy Lifestyle

*Rashid Syed, Los Angeles*

On February 2, 2014, I ran Surf City Huntington Beach Half Marathon, 13.1 miles, along with approximately 28,000 runners. I have been running for as long as I remember but I have been running half marathons since 2009. Not only does it help me stay healthy it also helps raise funds to benefit causes such as Alzheimer's Cure Research Foundation, American Liver Foundation, Cops for Kids with Cancer, and many more.

In 2005, I experienced lower back problem. The doctors advised for a back surgery to repair the bulge in my disc but I decided not to let the doctors cut open my back; instead, I started exercising more. That was the best decision I have ever made. I continued running and I am not sure what happened but my back pain disappeared. I have not seen a doctor for my back since 2005.

In 2008, the doctors found out that I had blockage in 3 arteries. After many examinations, the doctors decided not to do a bypass or place any stents. They decided to treat my condition with medication. After two months of rest, the doctors decided that it was safe for me to resume running. I was determined to treat myself with diet and exercise. I got more aggressive in running.

I am a living example of the fact that discipline, determination, motivation, watching diet, and doing a little exercise can cure many health conditions. Everyone experiences aches and pains with the age but at age 66, I feel pretty good about my health.

I would encourage my Anṣār brothers to keep a healthy lifestyle by doing exercise and eating healthy. However, if you are not in the best of health, please do not start running 13.1 miles based on my experience rather consult your physician or Qā'id Health (qaid.health@ansarusa.org) before you start running.

I am not a doctor but I would recommend the following best practices to keep a healthy lifestyle.

- Start with a 15-20 minute walk everyday and increase as you continue.
- Watch your diet and cut down on fatty food.
- Get a regular physical examination at least once a year and monitor your blood pressure, cholesterol, sugar, kidney, liver, etc.
- Get colonoscopy every 10 years after the age of 50.
- See an eye doctor once a year.
- Visit a dentist at least once a year.



Rashid Syed, former Za'im of LA East Majlis, has been running marathons for the past 10 years.

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## Departed Souls

The following U.S. Anṣār departed this temporary abode in 2014 on their journey towards eternal bliss in the next life, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. May their souls rest in peace. Āmīn. The information given for deceased individuals is provided by the family, friends, or local administration. Information about some individuals could not be obtained but will be included in the subsequent issues of this magazine 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://www.ansarusa.org/information-about-deceased-members>.

### Subaidar Abdul Ghafoor Khan

Subaidar Abdul Ghafoor Khan of Detroit Majlis passed away on January 12, 2014 at the age of 91.

### Sheikh Khushi Muhmmad

Sheikh Khushi Muhmmad of New York Majlis passed away on January

9, 2014, at the age of 97.

### Nuruddin Abdul Latif

Nuruddin Abdul Latif of Research Triangle Majlis passed away on April 13, 2014, at the age of 76.

### Niaz Ahmad Khan

Niaz Ahmad Khan of Chicago Northwest Majlis passed away on April 27, 2014, at the age of 88.

### Dr. Mehdi Ali Bashiruddin Qamar

Dr. Mehdi Ali Bashiruddin Qamar of Columbus Majlis was martyred in Rabwah, Pakistan on May 26, 2014, at the age of 50.

### Al-Ḥāj Aasim Zaki Bashiruddin

Al-Ḥāj Aasim Zaki Bashiruddin of Seattle Majlis passed away on June 22, 2014, at the age of 85.

### Wali Deen Ahmad

Wali Deen Ahmad of Philadelphia Majlis passed away on June 25, 2014.

### Abdul Hamid

Abdul Hamid of New York Majlis passed away on September 4, 2014, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. He owned the famous sweet shop, Shaheen Sweets, in New York. He was one of the early Pakistani Aḥmadīs in the U.S. and introduced Pakistani sweets in the U.S. He was a very devoted member of the Jamā'at.

### Salim Nasir Malik

Salim Nasir Malik of Central Jersey Majlis passed away on August 20, 2014.

### Mirza Mahmood Ahmad

Mirza Mahmood Ahmad of Chicago East Majlis passed away in 2014.

## Wali Deen Ahmad

Wali Deen Ahmad of Philadelphia Majlis passed away on June 25, 2014, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.

Wali Deen Ahmad was a pious, steadfast, and passionate Aḥmadī . He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in the early 1990s. He was introduced to Aḥmadiyyat through late Nā'ib Amīr, Munir Hamid, and Bilal Abdus Salaam at Super Sunday Tablīgh outing in the center city. He started coming to Nāṣir Mosque and within a short time of a year or so, accepted Aḥmadiyyat. He was a very diligent Aḥmadī, steadfast and focused. He very clearly understood that saying Prayers regular at the mosque is of utmost importance, and thus he moved his residence next to Nāṣir Mosque. It was he who kept this mosque open for all Prayers.

Wali Deen Ahmad had great passion for Tablīgh and to address the issues of youngsters. He understood the importance of Aḥmadiyya Khilāfat and attended all Jamā'at programs in spite of his ailment.

He was employed by the city as an engineer, specializing in steam boilers machinery. He was the Secretary Property of the Philadelphia Jamā'at for a long time. He executed his responsibilities with extreme diligence and responsibility.

Wali Deen Ahmad would ever be remembered by the Aḥmadīs of Philadelphia, and to all his next to kin, as a loving, passionate, and helpful soul always ready to serve the Jamā'at and the mankind. May Allah elevate his status in the paradise and grant patience to the bereaved family, Āmīn.



# Şübedār Abdul Ghafoor Khan

*Sherali Khan Basharat, Virginia*

My dear and respected father Şübedār Abdul Ghafoor Khan (Baba) was born in an Aḥmadi family of village of Maini, district Swabi, Khyber Pakhtoon Khwah, Pakistan on November 25, 1922. This village was part of the Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya, Topi. In 1942, his father Şübedār Khushal Khan (Shaheed) was martyred on his way back home after offering Jumu'ah Prayer at Topi. My father, who we called Baba, attended primary school in Maini. In 1935, his father admitted him in Ta'limul-Islām High School Qādiān, where he stayed in Boarding Taḥrīk Jadīd. In his student life, he was loved and famous for his excellence in sports.

During World War II in 1940, Baba joined the army. God Almighty had gifted him with numerous abilities. He progressed to the rank of Şübedār in a very short time. However, due to some personal reasons, he left the army and started his own business in Topi, a business center.

In 1947, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him) invited volunteers, especially those with army experience, for the security of Qādiān (Ḥifāzat-i-Markaz). Baba immediately trusted a well-known Hindu shopkeeper with his business and left for Qādiān. At the time of his departure, my mother was expecting her first child, me. Despite the fact, this man of great faith left her in the hands of his Lord, Allāh the Almighty, with very little provisions.

In Qādiān, he worked very closely with Ḥaḍrat Şāḥibzādah Mirzā Nāşir Aḥmad (Khalīfatul Masīḥ III) and Captain Baba Sher-Wali. Under their directions, my father was able to save lives of Muslims surrounded by the mobs of the enemy. Under the directions of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II, Baba became number 175 of the 313 Darveshān of Qādiān. Later in 1948, as directed to come back to Pakistan, he returned with the last group from Qādiān. Upon his return, he found that the Hindu shopkeeper had to escape his life and the shops were looted and nothing was left. That was the most difficult time in his life. By the Grace of Allāh, Baba somehow managed to start a small shop again and after some difficulties the business once again picked up.

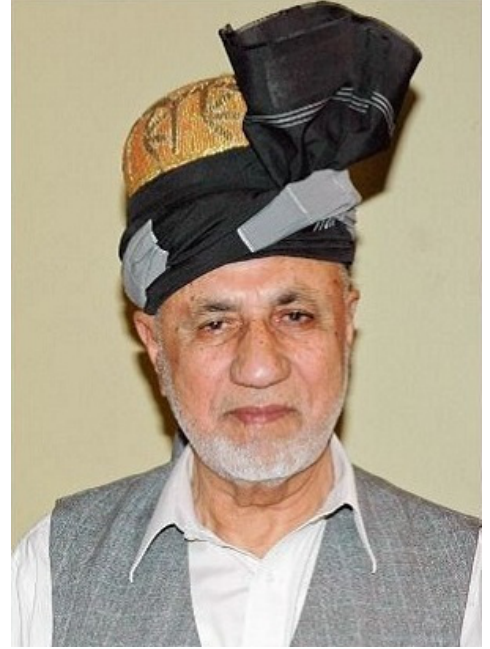
Baba was very particular with paying Chanda in a timely manner. I was a very small child but sometimes I used to sit with him in his shop. One day, I noticed a small container where he put some coins. The container was marked "Chanda Taḥrīk Jadīd." As a child, I wondered what this container was for. My father explained to me the scheme of Taḥrīk Jadīd; he also mentioned that the money he put in that container was the profit from the first sale of the day. He successfully instilled in the hearts of his children the importance of paying Chanda punctually.

In 1954, when Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II was stabbed by an enemy, Şübedār Abdul Ghafoor Khan was called back to Rabwah to enhance the security arrangement of the Khalīfah of the time. My father once again handed his business to his nephew, late Faiz Mohammad Khan, and left for Rabwah. Baba served as in charge of Ḥifāzat-i-Khāş (Security of Khalīfah) until 1958. During this time, he performed his duties so well that he won a special place in the hearts of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II, the Promised Masīḥ's family, and Jamā'at's elders. Some incidents of that time that I wish to share with you now will support my statement.

One time, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II disciplined my father for an act based on an eyewitness account. My father stated that he was so sad that he refused to take his dinner. In the meantime, Ḥaḍrat Şāḥibzādah Mirzā Bashīr Aḥmad (may Allāh be pleased with him) conveyed to Ḥuḍūr all the facts. Upon that, Ḥuḍūr reversed his orders. Ḥuḍūr was informed that Şübedār Şāḥib had not eaten his dinner. Ḥuḍūr, out of sheer mercy and love, sent his own dinner for my father. My father returned the meal and responded that he was not hungry. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be pleased with him) replied back, "Tell Ghafoor, tonight you will sleep hungry and so will I." What a loving and wise reply! Upon hearing this, my father immediately repented and said Istighfār. He quickly sent a message inside the house asking for the dinner and ate it. Baba asked for Ḥuḍūr to be notified of the fact that he had eaten his dinner. Indeed, true was the prophecy of Muşliḥ Mau'ūd, "He will be meek of heart."

In a lighter moment, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II asked my father how come his father rose to the rank of Şübedār (a senior non-commissioned officer rank in the army) in his old age, but Baba became Şübedār at a very young age. Baba took advantage of the light moment and replied, "Ḥuḍūr, my father accepted Aḥmadiyyat late in his life; I on the other hand, was born Aḥmadi." Ḥuḍūr enjoyed this reply very much.

On another occasion, my father found himself at a crossroads and he passed the test with flying colors. The story was that Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II and his entourage were returning to Rabwah from Karachi via train (Chanāb Express). At that time the Rabwah Railway Station was not completely developed and there was no proper platform. Getting off the train was a difficult task, even for a young and healthy person. There was a special technique to getting off the train safely; one had to face towards the train car and hold the railing carefully before getting off. The protocol for Ḥuḍūr's



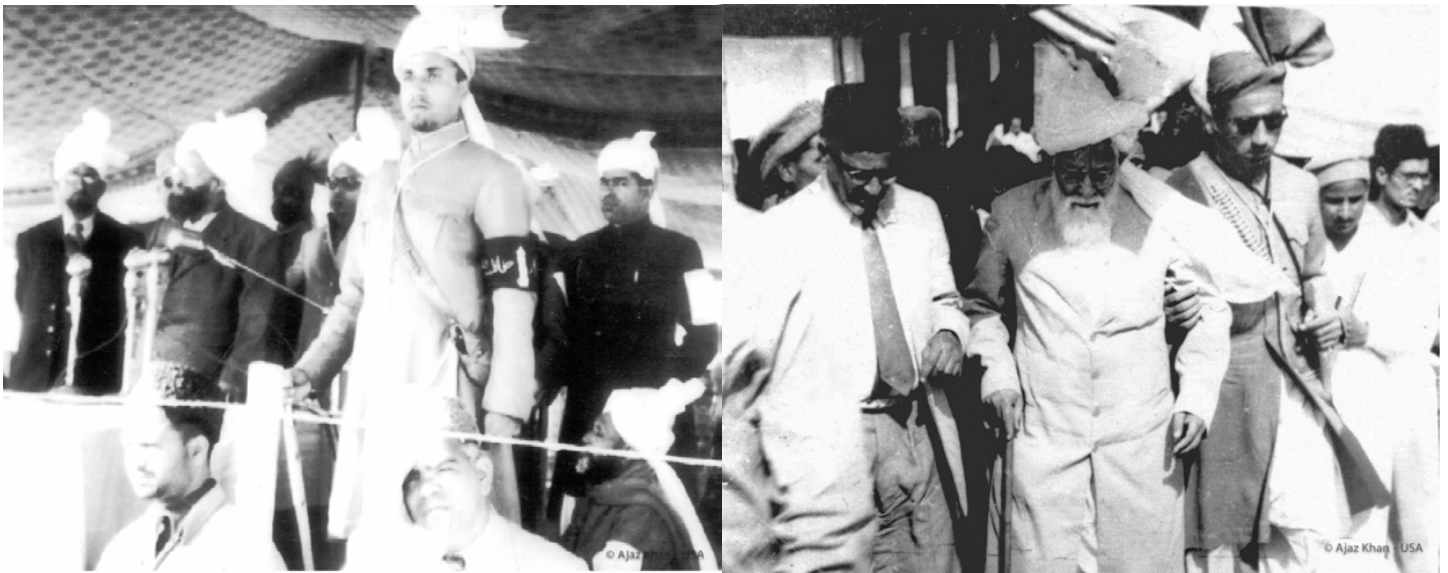
arrival was that first all the ladies, staff, and baggage would disembark from the train. The security staff was responsible for ensuring that everyone was off the train first. As a courtesy, the Railway Department allowed the train to remain at the platform until ҲуҶӯр departed it. Due to the 1954 stabbing incident, ҲуҶӯр had some difficulties in his movements. The Jamā'at prepared stairs for ҲуҶӯр just like the one used for airplane passengers getting off on tarmac. The stairs would be securely attached to the train for ҲуҶӯр to safely get off. My father stated that on that day, as the train arrived at Rabwah Railway Station, he was busy overseeing the ladies, luggage, and staff's departure when Ҳадрат Шāhibзādah Mirzā Bashīr Аҳмад hurriedly tapped on my father's shoulder, saying ҲуҶӯр was having trouble getting off the train and that he was needed there. When my father looked at ҲуҶӯр, he saw that there were no AirStairs and ҲуҶӯр was hanging from the train's railing trying to get off but was unable to move because ҲуҶӯр was facing the wrong way. ҲуҶӯр was facing towards the platform instead of towards the train car. ҲуҶӯр being upset with botched arrangements had already refused the help of many people. My father ran and grabbed ҲуҶӯр in his hands announcing that he had arrived and ҲуҶӯр should release the handrails. ҲуҶӯр being upset, asked my father where had he been all this time, and now to stay away from him. My father quickly thought to himself that although it was essential to obey the orders of the Khalifāh of the time, however, in that situation if he did as ҲуҶӯр had ordered and left, God forbid, ҲуҶӯр could have gotten hurt. Baba contemplated that he could later seek forgiveness for his failure to obey ҲуҶӯр's orders, but if something happened to ҲуҶӯр right then, he would not be able to forgive himself for the rest of his life. So my father then informed ҲуҶӯр that he was not moving until ҲуҶӯр was safely down. ҲуҶӯр, understanding the stubbornness of a Pathān, released his hands and safely descended, Alḥamdulillāh. Once ҲуҶӯр sat in his car, Ҳадрат Шāhibзādah Mirzā Bashīr Аҳмад came to my father and hugged him and kissed him on both cheeks.

My father, Шūbedār Abdul Ghafoor Khan, was blessed with many qualities and a life full of remarkable experiences. He was willing to sacrifice everything he owned for the sake of Аҳмаdiyyat, without hesitation. His inspiring sacrifices during the events that unfolded in June of 1974 in Topi, Pakistan, are explained in detail in his book "Sāniḥa Topī." From 1959 to 1974, he worked in Tarbela Dam, and afterwards, worked at Shahtaj Sugar Mill in Mandi Bahauddin. Upon retiring, my father moved to Hayatabad, Peshawar, and resided there until 2000 when he immigrated to the U.S. He settled in Detroit, Michigan and became an active member of the local Jamā'at.

He passed away at the age of 91 on January 12, 2014, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. He is survived by his wife, 6 children, 22 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. May Allāh grant him a place in the paradise and enable his progeny to emulate his many examples. Āmīn.



A group photo with Jamā'at Аҳмаdiyya Karachi 'Āmila  
Шūbedār Abdul Ghafoor Khan sitting to the left of Ҳадрат Khalīfatul Masīh II



Şübedâr Abdul Ghafoor Khan standing on duty beside Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II at Jalsa Sālāna 1957, while Ḥuḍūr delivers a speech

Şübedâr Abdul Ghafoor Khan accompanying Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (on the left)



A group photo of Jamā'at members from Topi with Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy on him) at the occasion of Jalsa Sālāna, Rabwah 1973. Şübedâr Abdul Ghafoor Khan is sitting on the left side of Ḥuḍūr.

# Niaz Ahmad Khan

*Khalid Aziz Ahmed, Za'im Chicago Northwest Majlis*

Niaz Ahmad Khan of Chicago Northwest Majlis passed away on April 27, 2014, at the age of 88, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.

Niaz Ahmad Khan was a very devoted member and always attended Jamā'at events despite his illness. His acceptance to Aḥmadiyyat is very inspiring. At the age of 20, he happened to go to Qādiān on a business trip. While he walked in the streets of Qādiān, his first impression about Aḥmadi Muslims was very appealing. He was very happy to note that every one in Qādiān greeted him with "As-Salāmu 'Alaikum" and as soon as Adhān was called for Zuhr Prayer he noticed that people closed their businesses and started hurrying to the mosque. He found Aḥmadi Muslims to be very fair and honest in business dealings. He was so much impressed by witnessing the true Islāmic teachings that Aḥmadi Muslims were practicing in their daily life that he said to himself: "This is the true Islām." His love for Islām led him to inquire more about Aḥmadiyyat and finally he accepted the "true Islām."

I have known him since I was a teenager in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. He was a very humble, polite and courteous to all. He was very active and punctual in the Jamā'at activities whether he was with Satellite Town Rawalpindi, Detroit, or Chicago Jamā'at. He left a very devoted family behind, Māshā'allāh. His five sons, four daughters, sons and daughters-in-law, and grandchildren are all dutifully serving the Jamā'at. Mohammad Ahmad Khan is Nā'ib Za'im, Munawar Khan is long serving General Secretary, Mansoor Khan is Muntazim Finance and has long served as Secretary Finance, Mubarak Khan is Muntazim Tarbiyat Nau Mubā'i'in (New Converts) and you always find Mukarram Khan happily working in Baitur Raḥmān Mosque.

Niaz Ahmad Khan will be very much missed and long remembered. May Allāh rest his soul in peace and grant him special place in the paradise, and grant patience and strength to the grieved family to bear this great loss, Āmīn.



# Salim Nasir Malik

Salim Nasir Malik of Central Jersey Majlis passed away on August 20, 2014, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. He was born in 1936 in Qādiān, India to Maulānā Zahoor Hussain (Mujāhid Bukhārā—the first Aḥmadi missionary to the then Soviet Union). After completing his M.A. and LL.B. degrees from University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, in 1963, he worked as an attorney for eight years.

He arrived in the U.S. in 1971. Initially, he settled in New York and then moved to New Jersey. During his career of 22 years at The Prudential Insurance Company of America, he held progressive positions of Sales Representative, Sales Manager, and General Manager. He retired as a marketing executive in 1994.

Salim Nasir Malik was a dedicated Nāṣir who served Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA and the Jamā'at in many capacities over the years. He served as Qā'id Ta'līm from 2000 to 2005 and then as Qā'id Ta'līmul Qur'ān in 2006. He also served as the Za'im of the Central Jersey Majlis in 2002-2003. In 2008, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.

For several years, he served as Qādi in Dārul-Qaḍā', Ṣadr Anjuman Aḥmadiyya, Pakistan. In the U.S., he served the community as Secretary Tabliḡh and General Secretary of the New York Jamā'at, as Secretary Tabliḡh, Secretary Umūr 'Āmma (General Affairs), and Secretary Umūr Khārijah (External Affairs) of the Central Jersey Jamā'at.



## Anṣār News

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# Nuruddin Abdul Latif

Nuruddin Abdul Latif of Research Triangle Majlis passed away at the age of 76 on April 13, 2014 in Research Triangle, NC, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.

Nuruddin was born on July 14, 1937 in New York, NY to Oliver Seth Galloway and Eugenia Mae Johnson. His father worked as a Baker and cook and his mother was a homemaker and an aspiring journalist.

He graduated from George Washington High School in June 1955. He attended Baruch College of Business of The City College of New York, majoring in Accounting. After one year, he left school and went to work in the New York Public Library in the Reference Department, and that is where he fell in love with books.

In 1957, he went to work for the City of New York in the Department of Welfare as a Certified Accounting Machine Operator and remained there until 1961, when he left to attempt to study music formally. During those years, he worked and held various positions in operations until 1977 when he became a computer programmer. He worked as a computer professional until he retired in 2001.

He received a BA degree in Liberal Arts with majors in both Philosophy and Sociology from The City College of New York. In June 1983, he received a BBA degree in Management Information Systems (MIS) from Pace University in New York City. In 1974, he was blessed to marry respected Rabiah Amatul Haqq.

In search of truth, he became associated with the Nation of Islām and the Muslim Brotherhood. Around 1958, he became intrigued by the music and the personality of Yusuf Latif. In 1965, having read *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām*, *Aḥmadiyyat the True Islām*, *The Introduction to the Holy Qur'ān*, *Where did Jesus Die*, and other Aḥmadiyya literature received from Seth and Yusuf Alladin of Secunderabad, India, he became convinced that the message of Aḥmadiyyat was what was needed to save the world. He did Bai'at, under the auspices of Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him), at the Leroy Place mosque in Washington, D.C.

Nuruddin became active in the New York Jamā'at where he served, on and off, as the local Nāẓim Ta'lim and Tarbiyat of Khuddamul Aḥmadiyya. In 1967, he attended his first annual convention where he met Munir Hamid, who later became the first national Qā'id of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA. Nuruddin was asked to serve as the first national Ta'lim and Tarbiyat secretary of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA. He served in that capacity from 1967 to 1977. During those years, he co-edited a newspaper entitled *The Real Revolution* with Munir Hamid, Akbar Tshaka Aḥmadī, Jalaluddin Abdul Latif, Bilal Sunni Ali, and other Khuddām of New York, Philadelphia, and other Jamā'ats. The primary purpose of *The Real Revolution* was to present the claims and teachings of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), and secondly to serve as a tool by which the Khuddām could communicate the message of Islām and Aḥmadiyyat outside the movement. The title of the newspaper was inspired by Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd's book *The Real Revolution*.

As the Secretary Ta'lim of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA, he was instrumental in developing a three-tier educational program which included a two-year educational program based on the Aḥmadiyya literature that was available at the time. He also helped in developing the first Dā'in Ilallāh (callers to Allāh) program under the Waqf-i-'Arḍi (short-term devotional) program at the instruction of Munir Hamid, national Tabligh secretary at the time.

He served the New York Jamā'at, from time to time, as Ta'lim, Tarbiyat, and Tabligh secretary. He also served as the co-editor of the New York Jamā'at's local newsletter. During his last years in New York, he conducted Yassarnal Qur'ān and elementary Arabic grammar classes for members of the Jamā'at, including the new members. In the 1980s, he attended the New Jersey Jamā'at's meetings, where he also conducted Yassarnal Qur'ān classes for Aṭfāl. In 1996, a consulting job allowed him to move to North Carolina. He, with his wife Rabiah Latif, lived in Cary, NC and became a member of the Research Triangle Jamā'at where he served as Tabligh Secretary of the Jamā'at.

He had vast knowledge of the Bible and the Holy Qur'ān and have provided extensive material for a book *Son of God* which will be published soon. He was also known as Noor Ghazali as he had extensively studied Imām Ghazālī, a Muslim philosopher. After he accepted Aḥmadiyyat, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy on him) advised him to change his name to Nuruddin Abdul Latif. Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA awarded a lifelong service award to him in 2003 for being an excellent mentor and a teacher. In 2009, he received the Muftī Muḥammad Ṣādiq Lifetime Commitment Award from Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA.

Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA launched a webpage dedicated to Nuruddin upon his demise. Nuruddin was a Muṣī. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Rabiah Latif. May Allāh elevate his station in the paradise and grant patience and steadfastness to his family, Amīn.







Some memorable pictures of Nuruddin Abdul Latif

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- **Publication dues:** \$10 yearly; non-earning members: none

# Dr. Mehdi Ali Bashiruddin Qamar Shaheed

Dr. Mehdi Ali Bashiruddin Qamar of Columbus Majlis was martyred in Rabwah, Pakistan on May 26, 2014, at the age of 50, Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un. Dr. Mehdi was gunned down in front of his wife and two-year old son at the gate of Bahishti Maqbarah around Fajr time. He had arrived in Pakistan with his family a couple of days earlier to volunteer at Tahir Heart Institute in Rabwah.

The Shaheed left behind his wife and three sons, sixteen, six, and two. When the local newspaper interviewed the sixteen years old son, Abdullah Ali, in Columbus right after this sad incident, asking his reaction about the killing of his father, he very calmly responded, "I am disappointed" without any anger or vengeance. "He liked to tell me that no matter what people said I should do, I should always have strong faith in myself." Abdullah said in his first interview reflecting about memorable past moments with his father.

The funeral Prayer of our dear brother Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar Shaheed was offered on June 3 and June 4, 2014 at Baitul Islām Mosque in Maple, Ontario, Canada and was attended by thousands of members. Friends and family had come to pay their final respects to the Shaheed, from North America, Europe, and Pakistan. The burial took place on June 4th at Maple United Cemetery in Vaughan, Ontario, Canada.

Haḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) talked about this endeared and great martyr of Aḥmadiyyat at length in his Friday sermon of May 30, 2014, and offered his funeral Prayer in absentia. Ḥuḍūr mentioned that he had great love and devotion for Khilāfat and always keenly complied when exhorted towards good causes. He gave most generously to Jamā'at's financial schemes and donated a large sum towards the mosque in Columbus. Citing a letter by Dr. Noori of Tahir Heart Institute, Ḥuḍūr related that Dr. Mehdi Ali was extremely popular among the patients. The underprivileged came to him for treatment most eagerly. He treated each patient with personal care and interest. He had an extremely simple nature and would be dressed so simply that it would be difficult to point him out when among the patients.

Right after his martyrdom, many organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada including Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, MAALA, PMA, CAPA, and APNA paid tribute to Dr. Mehdi Ali. A great number of major media outlets including New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, CNN, Fox News, Aljazeera, Time, Dawn, BBC Urdu, and USA Today covered the news of Dr. Mehdi Ali's martyrdom condemning the killers of Dr. Mehdi Ali and commending his short but most fruitful life. Rep. Stivers from Ohio made a floor speech in the House of Congress calling on action by the Government of Pakistan and U.S. Department of State to bring Dr. Mehdi's killers to justice. Rep. Stivers called Dr. Mehdi Ali a cardiologist and a humanitarian who volunteered his services to care for patients at Tahir Heart Institute of Pakistan. He also mentioned that Dr. Mehdi Ali belonged to Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community which is a peaceful movement in Islām opposing "Jihād" and radical Islām.

In addition to being an accomplished cardiologist and generous humanitarian, Dr. Mehdi Ali was an excellent poet and a calligrapher. The calligraphy inside the Aḥmadiyya Mosque in Columbus, Baitun Nāṣir, will keep us reminding Dr. Mehdi Ali's talent in art and his love for the Jamā'at. Dr. Mehdi Ali had also written many poems in Urdu language showing his love for Khilāfat. After the demise of Dr. Mehdi Ali, his poetry has been compiled in a book form and recently published with the name of Berg-e-Khiyaal.

Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA launched a webpage dedicated to the martyrdom of Dr. Mehdi where all the news stories and other relevant information was archived. The page has since received over 20,000 hits.

Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, presented a resolution on behalf of National 'Āmila of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, to Dr. Mehdi Ali's brother after the funeral Prayer in Canada. Addressing Dr. Mehdi Ali Shaheed, an exemplary Nāṣir, Ṣadr Majlis wrote in an open letter, "You were a real Nāṣir my brother Mehdi Ali; a real helper of Allāh. We pledge to live by this legacy and continue to be the helpers of Allāh, no matter how many savages threaten us with their evil plans." The full text of the letter is included in the following pages of this magazine. Ṣadr Majlis also published a letter on Fox News addressed to Dr. Mehdi Ali, in which he addressed Dr. Mehdi Ali, "Your killers are morally dead. But you are so alive." This is so true today and will remain true forever.



## *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://www.ansarusa.org/information-about-deceased-members>.

# A Letter to an Exemplary Nāṣir: Mehdi Ali Qamar

Dear Brother Mehdi Ali Qamar,

As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

You may not remember me but we have met many times at Jalsah Sālāna and other Jamā‘at events.

I remember you as a rather quiet fellow who would offer a gentle Salam/wa ‘Alaikum as-Salam. I also remember you as someone who was ahead of me...in age, in experience, in accomplishments. But I never thought that you could leap this far ahead—instantly—leaving all of us behind.

Allāh has chosen you my brother to be a spiritual celebrity—a Martyr. You deserve (as hard as it may be for us) our congrats, not our sympathy. Despite the fact that our hearts are aching and our eyes are wet, we must remember that our reality is flawed. And it is flawed on many levels.

The world has declared you dead but we must remember: “And say not of those who are killed in the cause of Allāh that they are dead; nay, they are living; only you perceive not.” (The Holy Qur’ān, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:155) You can be sure that I believe that you are living; that is why I am writing you this letter.

People may have wept after seeing the pictures of your blood stained body lying in bright sunlight but why couldn’t they see the shade created by the wings of the angels? I am not making this up; Jabir bin Abdullah relates: “When my father was martyred, I lifted the sheet from his face and wept and the people forbade me to do so but the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) did not forbid me. Then my aunt Fatima began weeping and the Holy Prophet said, ‘It is all the same whether you weep or not. The angels were shading him continuously with their wings...’” (Bukhārī)

Relatives visiting your beautiful home in Ohio are already missing you...but can someone notify them of your prestigious new address, mentioned by the Holy Prophet? “Last night, two men (angels) came to me (in a dream) and made me ascend a tree and then admitted me into a nice and excellent house, the like of which I have never seen before. One of them said: ‘This house is the house of martyrs.’” (Bukhārī)

You were a real Nāṣir my brother Mehdi Ali; a real helper of Allāh. We pledge to live by this legacy and continue to be the helpers of Allāh, no matter how many savages threaten us with their evil plans.

You traveled to help the ailing in obedience to your Allāh and His messenger. Enjoy the company of “the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs, and the Righteous. And excellent companions are these.” (The Holy Qur’ān, 4 [Al-Nisā’]:70)

It is natural for us to shed tears; it is hard for us not to miss you. We can only imagine the anguish of your family. May Allāh grant them patience and swap their pain with pride. Āmin.

Your brother,  
Faheem Younus Qureshi



The funeral Prayer of Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar Shaheed was attended by thousands of Aḥmadīs from around the world at Baitul Islām Mosque in Maple, Ontario, Canada

# Resolution of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA: Commemorating the Martyrdom of Dr. Mehdi Ali Bashiruddin Qamar

WHEREAS, Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar joined the blessed group of “Martyrs of Aḥmadiyyat” on May 26, 2014 at the age of 50, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of what was going to be a three-week humanitarian trip at Tāhir Heart Institute.

WHEREAS, Dr. Qamar sustained 11 bullets by two unknown gunmen in front of the Bahishtī Maqbarah (a local graveyard) in Rabwah, Pakistan, while his wife and two-year-old son witnessed the gunmen’s brutality and the martyr’s heroism.

WHEREAS, Dr. Qamar served as the Za’im of Columbus Majlis from January 2006 to December 2007.

WHEREAS, Dr. Qamar was currently serving the Columbus chapter of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community, USA as Secretary Tahrik Jadid, and has continuously served the Columbus Jamā’at during the last decade, in various positions including the positions of Secretary Waqf Jadid and Secretary Ta’lim.

WHEREAS, Dr. Qamar was in his personal life an exemplar of human kindness, always treating his family, colleagues, patients, and others with the utmost in kindness, compassion, and patience.

WHEREAS, Dr. Qamar generously contributed in all financial campaigns including the fund raising campaigns for Tāhir Heart Institute, the Bait-un-Nāṣir Mosque in Columbus, Ohio, and the mosque in his ancestral neighborhood in Rabwah, Pakistan.

WHEREAS, Dr. Qamar held the Young Investigator Award by the American College of Cardiology, Physician Recognition Award by the American Medical Association, and was identified among America’s Top Physicians for the year 2003-2004 and America’s Top Cardiologists for years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

WHEREAS, Dr. Qamar was a founding physician member of the Gordon B. Snider Cardiovascular Institute at Fairview Medical Center (FMC) in 2011 and was honored as a Legendary Philanthropist by FMC in 2013.

WHEREAS, Dr. Qamar was a prolific poet and his upcoming book ‘Barg-i-Khial’ is anxiously awaited by his fans.

WHEREAS, Dr. Qamar was a skilled calligrapher whose works remain preserved on the center dome of Bait-un-Nāṣir Mosque in Columbus, Ohio.

**Therefore, National ‘Āmila of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA unanimously resolves that:**

We, despite our heartfelt grief, are forever inspired by Dr. Qamar’s character, valor, and martyrdom.

We send our condolences and a promise to offer relentless support to Dr. Qamar’s wife and children.

We pray that may Allāh grant patience and perseverance to Dr. Qamar’s family to bear this loss.

Humbly submitted on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014.

The Members of the National ‘Āmila of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

## TRUTHFULNESS

The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: “Truth guides to virtue and virtue guides to Paradise. A person persists in telling the truth till in the sight of Allāh he is named Truthful. Lying leads to vice and vice leads to the Fire; and a person goes on lying till in the sight of Allāh he is named a liar.” (Bukhārī and Muslim)

# Guidelines for Group Photos

*Syed Sajid Ahmad*

When taking group photos at events such as local and regional Ijtimā'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 Ijtimā'

Front row should have odd number of chairs—5, 7, 9, 11, etc. (if no chairs are being used then odd number of standing people). Nāẓim (if

attending) otherwise Za'im should be seated/standing in the middle; local President, if present, on the right, then right to the local President should be Nā'ib Za'im Ṣaff Dom; Nā'ib Za'im Ṣaff Awwal on the left to the Za'im, then Muntaẓim 'Umūmī. After that other 'Āmila members or elders can be seated.

## For regional Ijtimā'

Front row should have odd number of chairs—5, 7, 9, 11, etc. (if no chairs are being used then odd

number of standing people). Representative of National 'Āmila should be seated/standing in the middle; regional Nāẓim on the right, host Majlis' Za'im on the left. Zu'amā of other Majālis should then be on either side to fill the chairs and then elders. If a missionary is present, he should be seated right to the person sitting in the center (Za'im, regional Nāẓim, or National Representative). The protocol should also be followed for group photos taken at Majlis' other programs—such as general meetings.

## Sulṭānūl-Qalam Awards

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

1. Up to \$500 for a book publication by an independent renowned non-Aḥmadī publisher. To seek the award, the writer will send one copy of the publication to the Ṣadr and one to Qā'id Publications. The

award will depend upon the content and quality of the publication.

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

[msq-award](http://ansarusa.org/content/submission-).

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.

For further information, contact Qā'id Publications at [qaid.publication@ansarusa.org](mailto:qaid.publication@ansarusa.org).

## Precautionary Measures in Light of Financial Crisis

Discussing the probable worsening of the global financial crisis, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis (may Allāh be his helper), 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, Aḥmadīs should definitely stock dry food supply at home at all times as a precautionary

measure."

Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his helper) 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 helper)

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 helper) and take the suggested precautionary measures and pray to Almighty Allāh for His Mercy.

Guidelines provided for group photos must be followed at Majlis' events. Any group photo submitted that does not conform to these guidelines will not be published in Anṣār publications

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2. Send payment check to: Anṣār Books, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Aḥmadiyya Movement in Islām, 15000 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905, USA

# Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, is an auxiliary of the Aḥmadiyya Movement in Islām, Inc. USA,  
15000 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905, USA.  
It consists of Aḥmadī Muslim men above the age of 40.  
The Arabic expression Anṣārullāh literally means 'helpers of God'  
and is taken from the Holy Qur'an (61 [Al-Ṣaff]:15, 3 [Al 'Imrān]:53).

## Anṣār Pledge

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Ash-hadu • allā ilāha • illallāhu • waḥdahū • lā sharīka lahū •  
wa ash-hadu • anna muḥammadan • 'abduhū • wa rasūluh

(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 (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) •  
is His servant and messenger.)

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

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