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ث	<i>th</i> , pronounced like <i>th</i> in English word 'thing.'	ظ	<i>ẓ</i> , strongly articulated z.
ح	<i>ḥ</i> , a guttural aspirate, stronger than h.	ع	' , a strong guttural, the pronunciation of which must be learnt by the ear.
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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>ṣ</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.'	ں	<i>ñ</i> , nasalized sound like <i>ant</i> in croissant.

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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

Sometimes life takes us through difficulties in order to make us *realize* what we have.

In 2015, we were struggling to have a certain Majlis represented at their regional Ijtimā‘. Despite all efforts, members were not committing. But at the last minute, two Anşār volunteered to represent their Majlis. They wanted to be good role models for their children. Since the Ijtimā‘ site was at the distance of two and a half hour, one-way drive, they left early in the morning.

In Majlis Anşārullāh, Alḥamdulillāh, we have a group of men who follow the Qur’ānic vision of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ: “Save yourself and your families from a fire (The Holy Qur’ān, 66 [Al-Tahrīm]:7).” We have role models.

After a long drive, what welcomed them was an empty parking lot and a mosque with closed doors. They must have thought they were the first ones and others would join them momentarily. But then they discovered that the Ijtimā‘ was actually next week! Disappointed, they started their return trip with mixed emotions. A bit of frustration, a little anger, and tons of fatigue, all simmering together.

Members of Majlis Anşārullāh work hard. Role modeling is not easy. Gaining nearness to Allāh is not easy. “Thou, O man, art verily laboring towards thy Lord, a hard laboring; then thou art going to meet Him (The Holy Qur’ān, 84 [Al-Inshiqāq]:7).”

Behind the curtains, the Majlis was in a frenzy. After realizing the error, all of us—from regional Nāzīm to Şadr Majlis—were feeling bad. But instead of allowing a “It-was-not-my-fault” sort of a defensive posture, the Majlis called them and sincerely apologized.

In Anşārullāh, when we make mistakes, not only do we turn to Allāh saying, “Our lord, do not punish us if we forget or fall into error (The Holy Qur’ān, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:287)” but also seek forgiveness from our fellow beings. Sometimes, it is better to be humble than to be right.

As both Anşār reached home, one of their family members remarked, “don’t worry. Allāh will bless you for your effort. By going to the Ijtimā‘—even if it was not the right day of the Ijtimā‘— you did your job.” But it was unlikely that they would go through the gruesome drive—again—a week later, to attend the Ijtimā‘. After all the distance was long, it was easy to find an excuse, and difficult to find the energy. So everyone turned to prayers.

Prayers. Nothing happens on this earth unless it is decreed in the heavens” the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) said. Majlis Anşārullāh is a group where you will find believers “who are humble in their prayers (The Holy Qur’ān, 23 [Al-Mu‘minūn]:3).”

Then it happened. As the actual date of the Ijtimā‘ approached, Allāh the Almighty infused the Majlis with renewed inspiration. Phones started ringing. Momentum started building. And finally on May 31, five, instead of two people, filled up a minivan and

surprised everyone at the regional Ijtimā‘! That night, they came home with prizes and a story to tell their families. They had demonstrated what they wanted their families to emulate.

This is what it takes to live the Qur’ānic mandate that Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ has given us: Save yourself and your families from a fire (The Holy Qur’ān, 66 [Al-Tahrīm]:7). Role modeling.

As you flip through the pages of this year-end issue of Al-Naḥl, you will see facts and figures, essays and pictures, but ultimately its stories like these that numbers cannot tell.

I believe similar stories are happening in Majlis nationwide. We, the Helpers of Allāh, find such role modeling profoundly inspirational.

It is the miracle of the Promised Messiah’s revivalist teaching that creates spiritual heroes in all times, in all lands. It is the effect of our Khalīfah’s constant role modeling that our members understand how to practice the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) in this age.

That’s what Majlis Anşārullāh has. Let’s value it.



Was-salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
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Anṣār Leadership Conference 2015

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The 2015 Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC) was held on Saturday, January 17 - Sunday, January 18, 2015 at Baitul Ḥameed Mosque in Chino, CA. The ALC is an annual gathering of Zu'amā, Nāzimīn, and National 'Āmila to review Majlis' planned activities for the coming year so everyone understands what targets are to be achieved during the year. The forum is used to engage in intellectual discussions on ways to become more efficient and productive in achieving Majlis' short and long term goals.

Over 110 delegates—including 17 Anṣār National 'Āmila members, 5 Nā'ib Qā'idīn, 12 Nāzimīn, 50 Zu'amā, and 8 representatives of Zu'amā—from 63 Majālis attended the event and spent the two days in an atmosphere of brotherhood discussing and planning various programs and goals of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for the year 2015.

This year's ALC—like last year's—had a renewed flavor of how the Majlis

wants to revitalize Anṣār into a unified, dynamic, and progressive auxiliary and how it is desired for Anṣārullāh, as an organization, to truly reflect the glory of its name and stand ready to lead and train the younger members of the Jamā'at, by personifying the vision and expectations of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper). A new tone and guidelines were set for all to follow.

Throughout the event, the schedule was followed, to the minute, and sessions were kept interactive so as to positively engage all present.

Different combined and parallel sessions were held throughout the program led by Ṣadr Majlis, Nā'ib Ṣadrān, and various Qā'idīn. Various ways to improve the Majālis' overall performance were discussed in detail and many Zu'amā offered their invaluable input.

In his remarks during various sessions, Ṣadr Majlis highlighted the purpose of the ALC and the

expectations from the attendees. He reviewed the achievement status of last year's goals and talked about the 2015 goals based on corrective actions incorporated to remove deficiencies of 2014.

Ṣadr Majlis informed the members that in his meeting with Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ, Ḥuḍūr had endorsed and blessed Majlis' direction and efforts and advised us to continue on the path that we started, with renewed vigor and dedication.

Among many other things, the ingredients to a successful meeting, increasing participation in Ta'lim test, and improving Friday sermon listening were discussed. Anṣār were encouraged to be proactive in Jamā'at activities.

Volunteers from Los Angeles area Majālis worked hard to make this event successful. The results of a survey taken at the end of the event is presented on the next few pages.



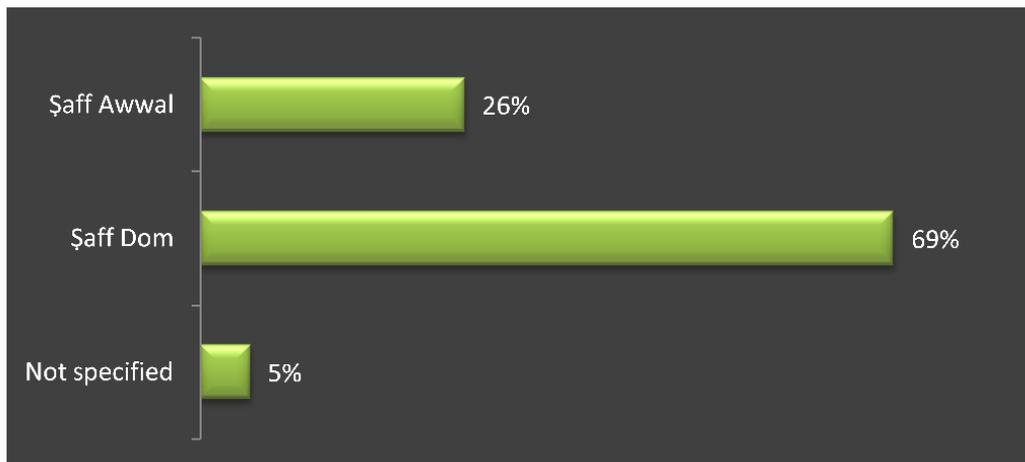
A group discussion at ALC

Anṣār listen to a presentation at ALC

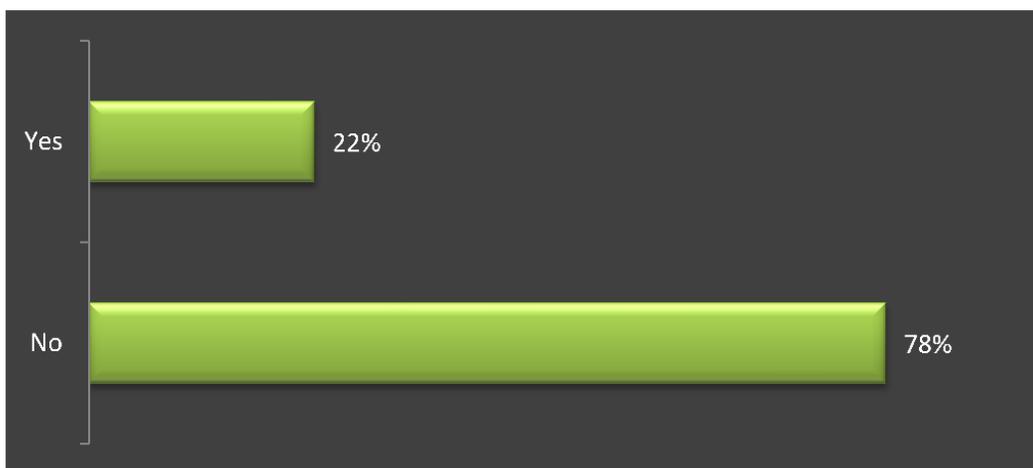
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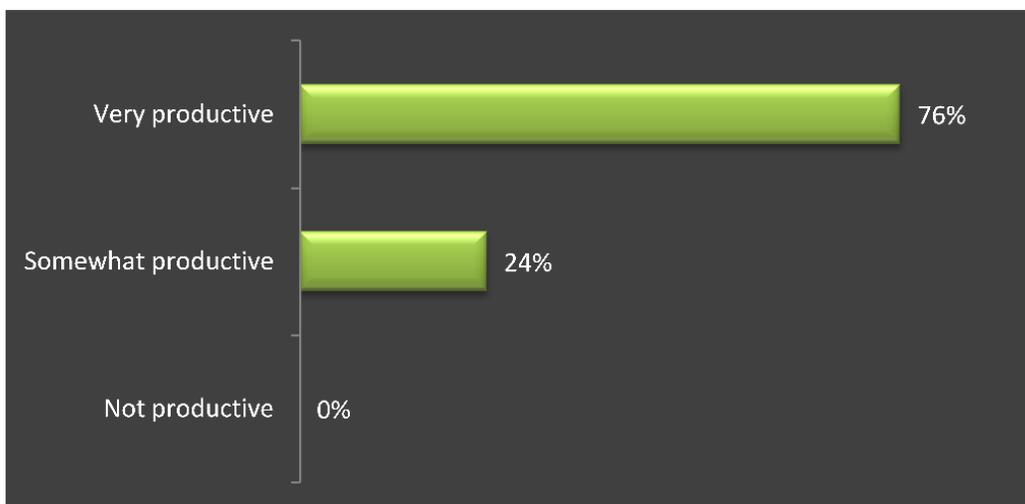
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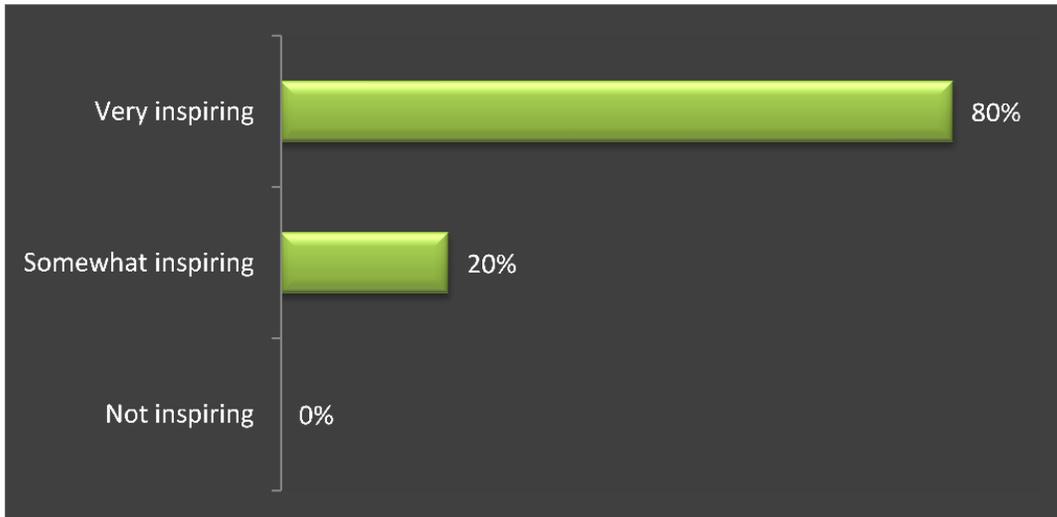
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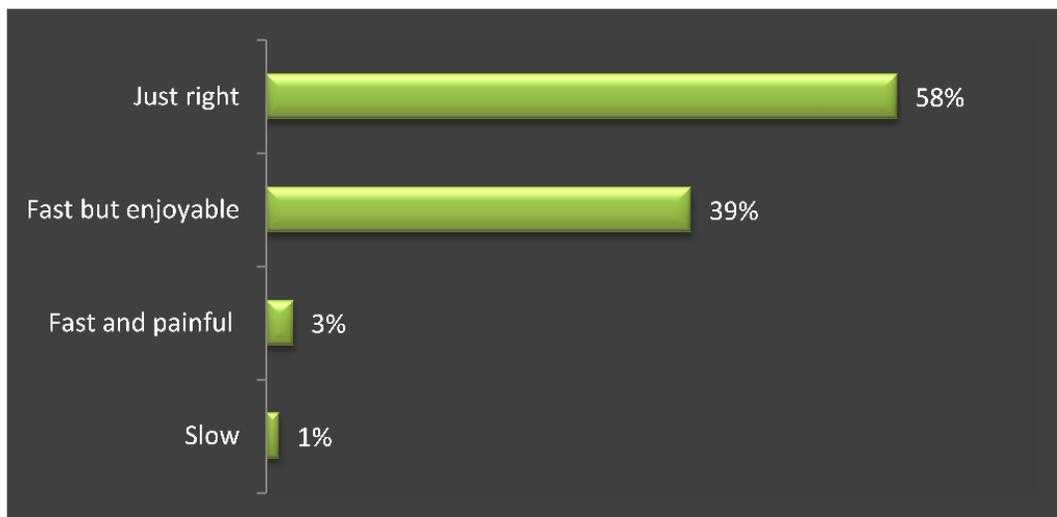
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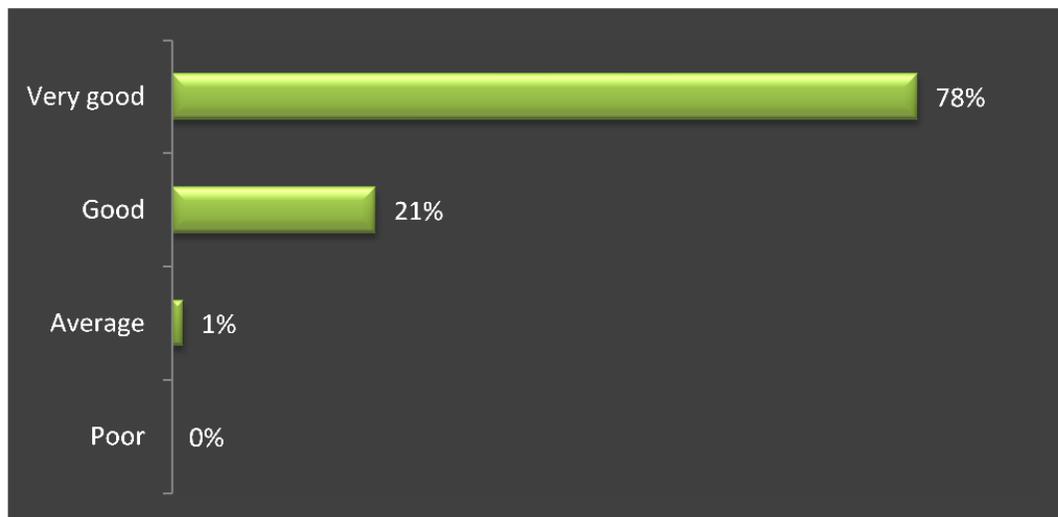
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What do you think about the speed of the program?



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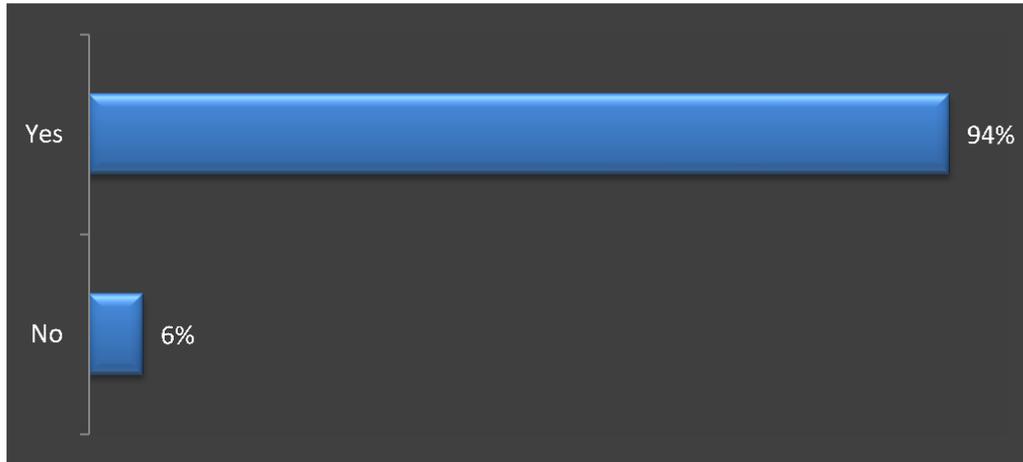


ALC participants gather for a group photo at Baitul Hameed Chino, CA

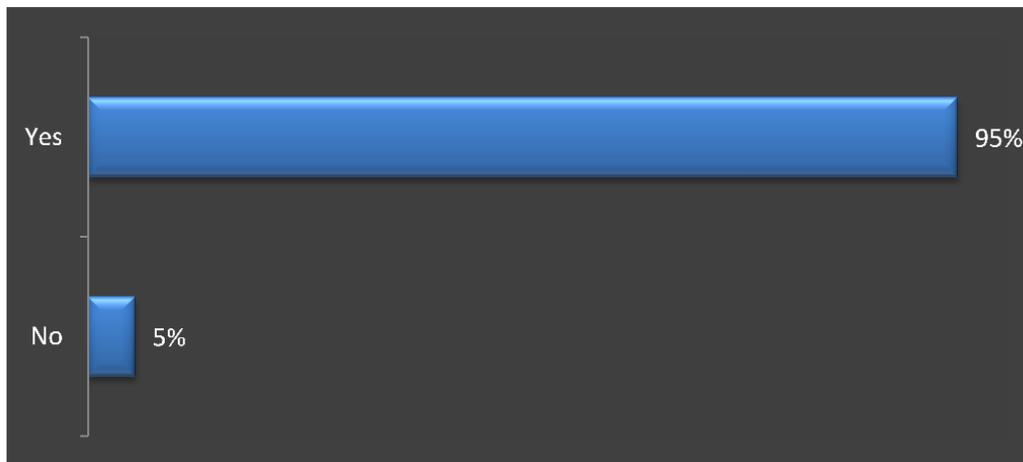
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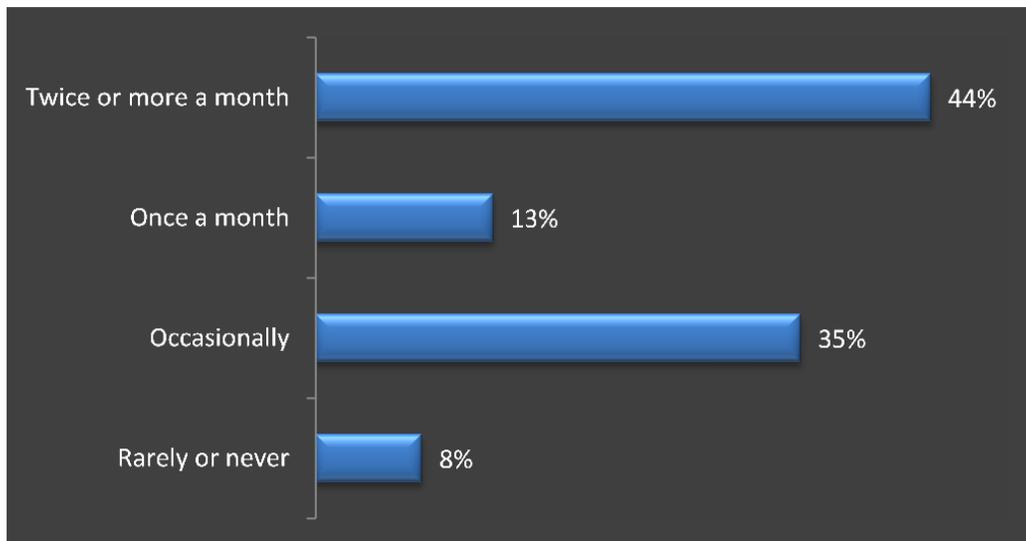
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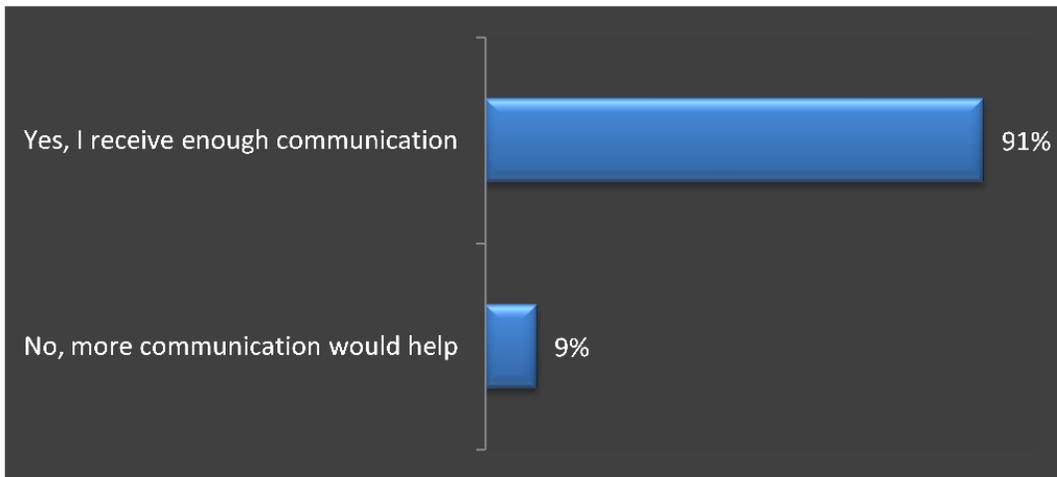
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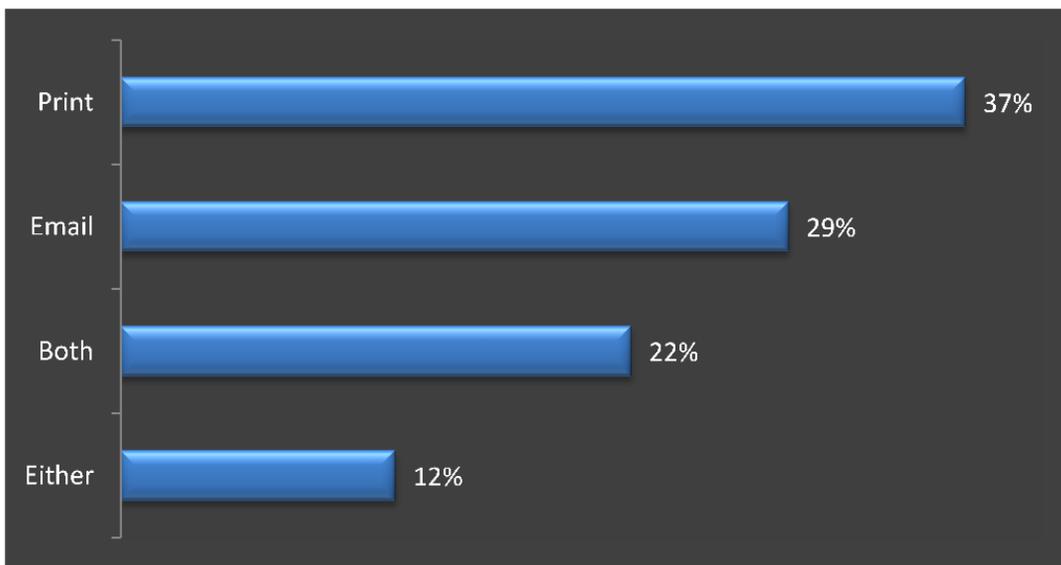
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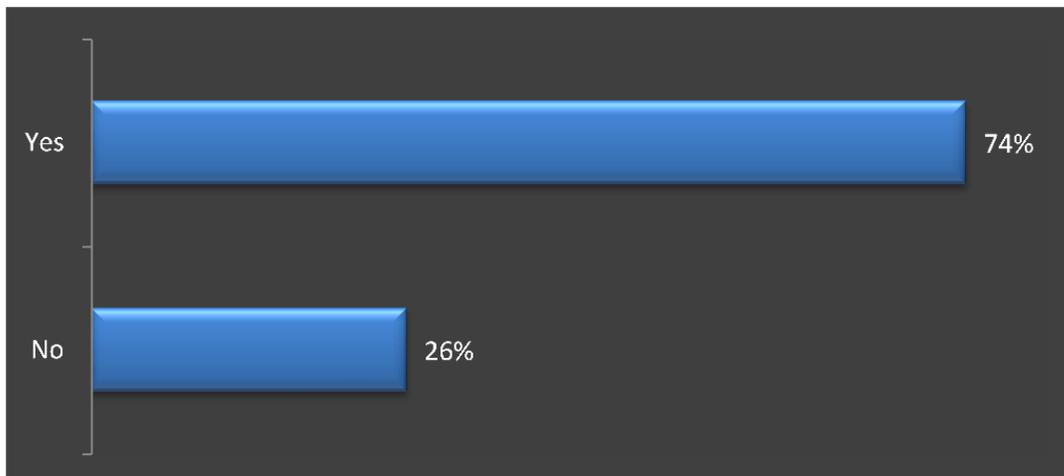
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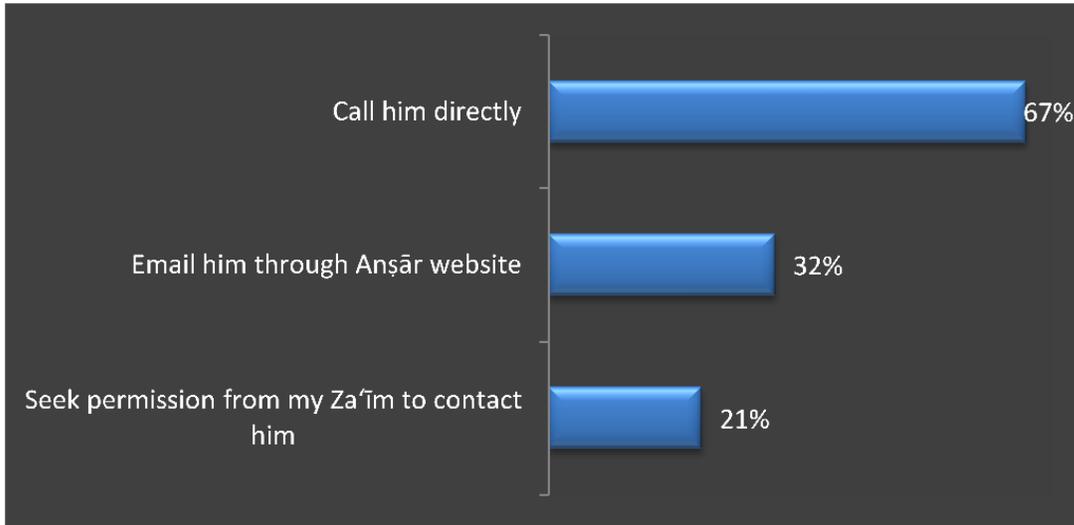
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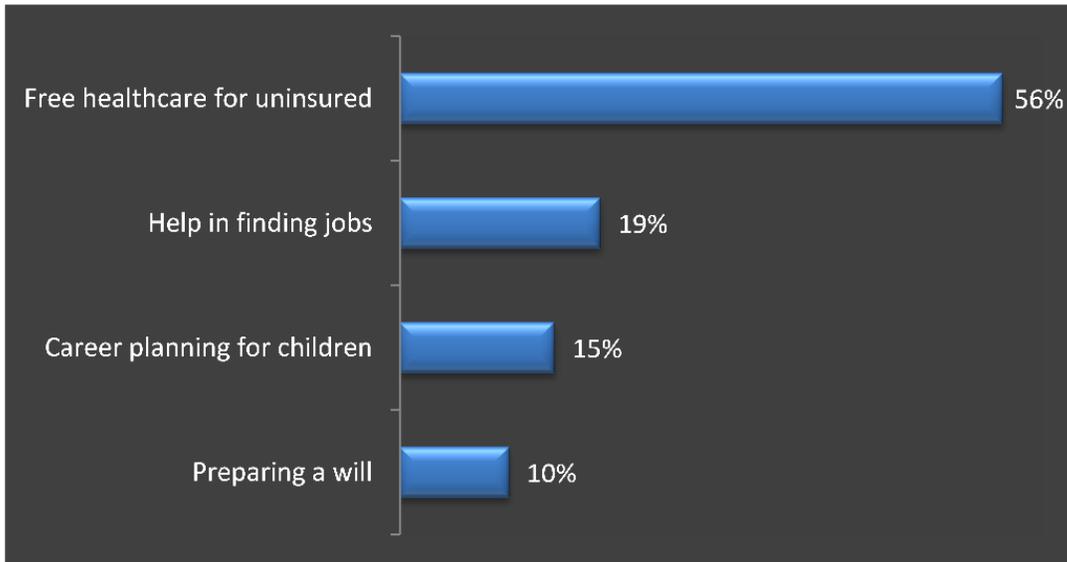
I use text messaging.



If I had to contact Şadr, Majlis Anşārullāh, USA, I would...



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



Ijtimā' 1-1-1-1—A Manifestation of the Power of Prayers

Mansoor Bhatti, Nā'ib Qā'id Publications



From 13 attendees at national Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA in 1982 to 1000+ in 2014 was a landmark achievement which many people thought was good enough, but with the efforts of our relentless Helpers of Allāh—whose faith in the bounties of Allāh and the blessings of Khilāfat through the power of prayers knows no bounds—the Majlis continued to set higher goal for the next Ijtimā'.

While thanking Allāh for the blessings, the Majlis did not stop there; knowing that Allāh's blessings has no bounds; it is infinite so why must we limit it to a number that has potential to grow. It is all a matter of Tawakkal (trust in Allāh)—the core belief that if you beseech Allāh He will accept your prayers. The Majlis announced a new, seemingly impossible, target of 1111 attendees for 2015. Lo and behold! Almighty Allāh

blessed the 2015 gathering with 1161.

The 34th National Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA was held at Baitur-Raḥmān Mosque, Silver Spring, MD, on Friday, September 18 to Sunday, September 20, 2015. As is customary, the 23rd Majlis Shūrā of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA was also held during this time.

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. Over 100 rooms at two nearby hotels were also reserved for Anṣār to stay on their own expense. Special arrangement for Tahajjud, congregational Fajr Prayer, and Dars were made at the hotels. 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.

The central theme of Ijtimā' 1-1-1-1 was "Our Children," a very real topic, very complicated and sensitive, but one that every Nāṣir has to deal with on a daily basis, either as a father or a grandfather.

This year, Majlis Shūrā started on Friday morning at 9:30 A.M., continued through several marathon sessions, and ended by 7:30 P.M. the same day allowing Shūrā delegates to fully participate in and enjoy the Ijtimā'. Simultaneously, the Ijtimā' registration was in progress and continued throughout the day.

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

sports competitions, interactive workshops, service oriented booths, and a grand BBQ lunch on Saturday. A special blessing this year was the live address by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) to the simultaneous concluding sessions of national Ijtimā'āt of UK and USA that was shown live via a video link. Following are some of the highlights of the various Ijtimā' activities.

The opening session of the Ijtimā' was presided over by respected Amīr Jamā'at, USA, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar. The session started at 3:30 P.M. 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. In his welcome address, introducing the theme of the Ijtimā', Ṣadr Majlis talked about challenges of raising children in this society where the environment is very hostile not only for their moral training but also to instill true belief and love of Almighty Allāh. He quoted the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) who also said that raising children in this society is like growing roses in a desert. He shared three principles or best practices with fathers. First principle: how to always show children by example about the right priorities and how to give precedence to faith over worldly affairs. Second principle: we as fathers do not talk ill about Khilāfat and the system of the Jamā'at even if we have genuine grievances with some of the Jamā'at members or officeholders. We should keep our children's hearts and minds pure so they can grow as roses in this desert. Third principle: we find good and positive things in the system of the Jamā'at and talk to our children about that on a regular basis. Ṣadr Majlis said that by following these three principles, Almighty Allāh will help us to protect their morals and beliefs in this harsh environment. He then mentioned the hard work that went into planning the event. He also explained the logic behind the different interactive sessions that have been planned, in some cases being held simultaneously, and also explained the changes made this year to ensure that Anṣār actively participate in all the sessions and also enjoy the sumptuous food while

socializing to enhance brotherhood and love for each other.

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 talked about the attributes of Allāh and how that creates humility in us. He also said that the Promised Messiah used to say "if you understand my 'claim,' then you have achieved what I am here to bring to you". Respected Amīr said that among various things, his claim is to be Messiah and Mahdī of the time and once we understand that and accept his status, then we all become united. He later mentioned that that was the reason we had taken time to gather under one roof. He highlighted the reasons for holding such events on a regular basis and how this year's theme was so relevant to the needs of the Jamā'at. He also emphasized the need for Anṣār to be more active and to remember that they are the role model for the generations that follow them thus any weakness on their part not only is bad for them but will also affect the future leaders of the Jamā'at. He wished all Anṣār a successful and blessed Ijtimā' before leading in silent prayers.

After the opening session, the first interactive session titled "A safety net for our children" was conducted by Iqbal Rana. This revolved around training of the children, praying for them, having them involved in the Jamā'at, giving them the identity that they can be proud of, shielding them for the harmful effects of the modern westernized culture that surrounds them, round the clock. The effect of social media and peer pressure is tremendous and overwhelming for most children and they need to be able to openly communicate within their families without fear of reprisals or shame. If that openness is not developed, these children will talk to somebody and that somebody may not be a desirable person.

Next, there was a presentation and Q&A by Dawood Munir, National Auditor of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, about the importance of Living Will, the intricacies of Medicare and Social Security, and how these could be used as an effective tool to improve our life by maximizing the gains and avoiding

the pitfalls. Many Anṣār took active part in asking questions to clear their concepts and this proved to be a very informative and useful session by any standard.

After Maghrib and 'Ishā' Prayers, a very interesting panel discussion was held, the first of its kind, with former Ṣadrān of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. The following Ṣadrān participated: Dr. Masoud Ahmad Malik, Dr. Karimullah Zirvi, Nāsir Mahmood Malik, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa. This was a very informative, and occasionally a hilarious, session as the former Ṣadrān shared their experiences, achievements, frustrations, and challenges for the benefit of the organization. They also answered questions from the attendees of the session.

As always, the next day started with Tahajjud, Fajr Prayer, and Dars. This was followed by various sports competitions. For those not competing or bucking up their teams, this was an opportunity to catch up on sleep. A lavish breakfast was then served with a variety of options to choose from.

The morning session was all about educational competitions that included individual competitions of Recitation of the Holy Qur'ān and Impromptu Speech whilst the General Knowledge was a team competition between groups made up from different regions.

This was followed by a Health Talk session coordinated by Dr. Lutfur Rahman, Qā'id Dhahānat wa Ṣiḥat Jismānī (Intellect and Physical Health). A panel of Anṣār doctors answered questions from the audience. Different aspects of health were emphasized.

After lunch, the proverbial group photo was organized. This year there were two redeeming features. One, a drone camera was used to take snapshots and video. Two, each Nāsir was provided a framed copy of the photo before the end of the Ijtimā'.

After Zuhr and 'Aṣr Prayers, there were two simultaneous interactive discussions, one led by Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa titled "Helping our children with marriage" and the other "Practical tips about raising our children" by Yasin Sharif, Qā'id

Tarbiyat.

The moderators emphasized that these topics were critically intertwined and both had reached a point where they could not be sidelined. The facts had to be admitted to, ground realities had to be accepted, and solutions had to be found for solving these issues within the ambit of the Jamā'at.

Next, the outdoor sports competitions were held that included volleyball, 100-meter race, horseshoe toss. Simultaneously, a team of doctors provided basic assessment of health including BP, BMI, and acupuncture for those interested in getting a checkup.

A lively and enjoyable BBQ then followed. Food was in abundance and the variety was a feast for the eye and the appetite.

After Maghrib and 'Ishā' Prayers, Rehan Amir narrated his interesting

journey to Ahmadiyyat which was followed by the annual report presented by Şadr Majlis.

On the final day of the Ijtimā', in his closing address, Şadr Majlis mentioned about how we can improve the standards of our prayers for our children. First is to strengthen our belief in Allāh with such a conviction that we know for sure that He will protect our children and their morals no matter how harsh the environment is around them. Second, he mentioned that we should remain steadfast and continue to pray for our children no matter how long we have to wait. Giving up is not a choice. Third, he said that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) has given us the recipe that we should pray for each other and each others' children. By doing so, Almighty Allāh will bring us closer together and promote love and

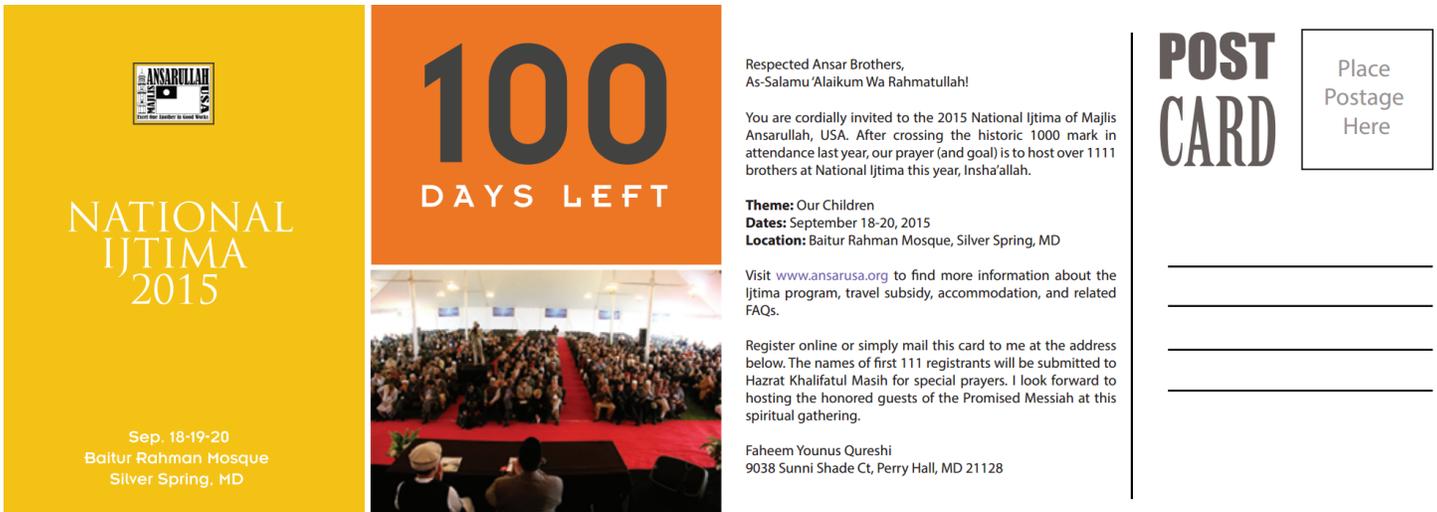
harmony in us.

The most salient feature of the Ijtimā' was the historic address by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) to the simultaneous concluding sessions of national Ijtimā'āt of UK and USA that was shown live via a video link. The English translation of the address is presented on the next page.

A list of ranked positions for various competitions and awards presented at the Ijtimā' is made available on page 20.

A survey was conducted on the final day of the Ijtimā'. The survey results are presented on pages 21-27. Testimonials of some participants are presented on page 27.

The names of the first 111 members who registered for the Ijtimā' are listed on page 28-29.



The image shows a postcard for the National Ijtimā' 2015. The left side is yellow with the text 'NATIONAL IJTIMA 2015' and 'Sep. 18-19-20 Baitur Rahman Mosque Silver Spring, MD'. The top left has a small logo for 'ANSARULLAH USA'. The middle section is orange with '100 DAYS LEFT' and a photo of a large gathering. The right side is white with an invitation text, details, and a 'POST CARD' label with a 'Place Postage Here' box.

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

You are cordially invited to the 2015 National Ijtimā of Majlis Ansarullah, USA. After crossing the historic 1000 mark in attendance last year, our prayer (and goal) is to host over 1111 brothers at National Ijtimā this year, Insha'allah.

Theme: Our Children
Dates: September 18-20, 2015
Location: Baitur Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD

Visit www.ansarusa.org to find more information about the Ijtimā program, travel subsidy, accommodation, and related FAQs.

Register online or simply mail this card to me at the address below. The names of first 111 registrants will be submitted to Hazrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ for special prayers. I look forward to hosting the honored guests of the Promised Messiah at this spiritual gathering.

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

POST CARD Place Postage Here

A personal invite was mailed to every Nāşir 100 days prior to the Ijtimā'.

Concluding Address by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) at National Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh UK/USA 2015

Translation:

This year, as you know, Majlis Anṣārullāh is celebrating jubilee at the completion of 75 years of its establishment. Accordingly, programs have been arranged in different countries by Majlis Anṣārullāh. In most places, this jubilee was celebrated in these programs. In this regard, Majlis Anṣārullāh, UK also invited Presidents and representatives from other countries to attend this year's Ijtimā'. So, for this reason, at this time, representatives of Anṣārullāh from Europe and certain other countries are here in attendance today. It is good to celebrate jubilee for it also directs attention to several matters, its celebration creates special attention to the completion of some important projects, pledges are made, heed is paid to thanking God and we take stock of our situation.

It is good if we are keeping these things in mind as we celebrate 75 years. Otherwise, it is of no use if it is only to make a splash or to show exuberance. However, there are many such members of Anṣārullāh who limit themselves only to merrymaking at the jubilee. They think that they are done after celebrating the jubilee. Even many officeholders, who are trying to help in the Ijtimā' programs and the jubilee with such fervor, will become slack after a few days. If we are to celebrate a temporary happiness then what is its use? In the life of communities, 75 years is not such a thing that it should be considered a great success and we sit down after hailing happiness and announce that our organization has existed for 75 years. There may be many organizations in the world who have celebrated 75 or even 100 years but gradually they forget the goal for the achievement of which they were created; because of selfish considerations or falling a victim to the interests of the members, they go away from their basic purpose. If they were created for the good of the world, then after some time the world is deprived of their benefit even though

they have hefty budgets and seem powerful but they have become hollow from inside because they are drawn far away from the real purpose. Only the selfish people are benefiting from the income or large budgets. If it is an organization of countries, only the powerful countries are benefiting from it or other countries are allowed to benefit as long as the interests of the big countries are not affected. The real purpose is not for which they were created but their interest becomes the actual purpose. The spirit with which they claim to run the organization is forgotten. The paramount example of such worldly organizations is the UNO. It has completed its 70 years and they are celebrating it. Many critics have pointed out in their columns that it has lost more than what it gained by diverging from its purpose. This is the condition of the worldly organizations, but the spiritual organizations are based upon achieving the will of Almighty Allāh. Their happiness is not the outward happiness of the world nor it should be. We have to achieve that happiness; so for that, every generation of Anṣār has to keep their purpose alive with continuous struggle.

When Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) established Majlis Anṣārullāh, he kept in view the prayer of Ḥaḍrat Ibrāhīm (may peace be on him) in which there is a prayer for sending such a prophet as is described in the Holy Qur'ān:

“And, our Lord, raise up among them a Messenger from among themselves, who may recite to them Thy Signs and teach them the Book and Wisdom and may purify them; surely, Thou art the Mighty, the Wise.” (The Holy Qur'ān, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:130)

This is what he considered. That he should be the one who recites His verses and who teaches the injunctions of Shari'ah and its wisdom and the one who purifies. This is what was prayed for the Messenger that was sent in the person of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him).

Then referring to Sūrah Jumu'ah, he also mentioned the coming of such a prophet and the true servant of the Prophet Muḥammad—among the Ākharīn (the latter ones)—who should be the one who will carry forward the work of the Holy Prophet. In this regard, like other subsidiary organizations, he assigned the responsibility to Anṣārullāh that their job was also to do Tablīgh, teach the Holy Qur'ān, state the wisdom of Shari'ah, impart good training, remove the worldly weaknesses of the community, and move them forward.

These are the purposes for which Anṣārullāh was established. At the completion of 75 years, we have to see how far we have fulfilled these responsibilities. How far have we achieved these goals? Have we tried to give the true message of Islām to the world while doing justice to our Tablīgh duty? Have we fulfilled the duty of getting ourselves educated and transferred the same to the next generations? Have we fulfilled the duty of imparting the wisdom behind the injunctions of Almighty Allāh or have we engaged ourselves in educating our children only in the worldly education? Have we played our part in improving the economic and financial conditions of the Jamā'at or have we engaged ourselves in begging for help especially after arriving in these countries, instead?

So, after completing 75 years, Anṣārullāh organizations here and in the whole world should assess how much part each one of us has taken in fulfilling its purpose. At this time, American members are also listening to this message directly—and members at other places may also be listening—as Ijtimā' is being held there as well. Just being a member of Anṣārullāh is not the purpose but to sacrifice your being, your wealth, and your time to achieve its purposes is the real goal. It is then, that the next generation comes to accept the responsibilities and it will continue so. Only then we will be firm to our foundations and only then we will be the ones who achieve the will of Allāh.

Only then we shall be counted among the helpers of the God's messenger for the revival of Islām in the current times, and in reality we will be able to count ourselves among those who raise the slogan of "Naḥno Anṣārullāh."

We find this slogan in the Holy Qur'an in regard to Ḥaḍrat 'Īsā's (may peace be on him) companions. A verse was also recited about it. But when they were thrown into hard times and faced difficulties—history tells us that these hardships were inflicted upon Christians, especially the Unitarian Christians for about three hundred years at different times and in different situations—despite hardships, they kept on protecting their purpose. When after three hundred years, the governments accepted Christianity and though Christianity started spreading at a large scale, they started turning away from its basic teaching. They lost their purpose and forgot their Creator God. They put aside the basic message and teaching of Ḥaḍrat 'Īsā that taught the unity of God, and engaged themselves in Shirk (associating other entities to God). Today, the world thinks that Christianity has made great progress. What to do with such a progress that has the purpose of being affected by the dazzle of this world and doing away with the remembrance of Almighty Allāh. This is due to forgetting this basic teaching—that eminent scholars say, for example, about homosexuality that showing leniency it should also be made a part of the religious teaching now. Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. This is the vision of these world mongers about the religion. As if religion is not revealed to God's apostles; rather worldly forums and organizations and so called dealers of the religion can, according to the needs, interfere in the religion and change the injunctions of Almighty Allāh. Such thoughts and deeds invite the wrath of Allāh. These matters tell that these people are falling in the deeps. There were those Christians who proclaimed "Naḥno Anṣārullāh" and pledged to act upon the decrees of God and they swore to try in every way to establish the unity of God. And here are the people who are engaged in Shirk and fell into the moral lows and they continue to fall.

Their aim is only to earn the material and mold the religion in their favor rather than follow it. Almighty Allāh has mentioned about those real Christians in the Holy Qur'an:

"And when Jesus perceived their disbelief, he said, 'Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allāh?' The disciples answered, 'We are the helpers of Allāh. We have believed in Allāh. And bear thou witness that we are obedient. Our Lord, we believe in that which Thou hast sent down and we follow this Messenger. So write us down among those who bear witness.'" (The Holy Qur'an, 3 [Āl 'Imrān]:53-54)

These were the people who proved to be the true disciples; who announced their belief in Allāh that: we believed in Allāh; we are among the obedient; we will act upon the injunctions of Allāh; and will show obedience; material interests and considerations will not take us away from religion. Announcing their aversion to Shirk, they announced their belief in God. They said that they accepted those words and the teaching brought down by His Messenger. These were the people who cared more about the next world rather than this one. They were concerned about the achievement of Allāh's will. They announced to follow Allāh's messenger and carried out their pledge. When they said, 'Naḥno Anṣārullāh,' they did become the helpers of Allāh. So preserving these words, Almighty Allāh has determined the ways of preferring faith over this world for us. Those words have been described by which we can become the helpers of Allāh.

To understand who the Anṣārullāh are, we need to understand the word "Ḥawārī" (disciple) in the verse. It is important to understand it. It is a very important word. The perception of Anṣārullāh increases with the understanding of this word. It is only after understanding this word that the meaning of "the helpers of Allāh" becomes clear. If the meaning of this word is clear, it is then that one—having understood the spirit of 'Naḥno Anṣārullāh'—raises this slogan. We need to understand the deepness hidden in the meaning of the word Ḥawārī. There are many meanings of Ḥawārī. One of the

meanings is: the one that makes the clothes clean and sparkling after washing them. Another meaning of it is: if he is tested, he should be devoid of vices and defects. Another meaning is: the one who is completely faithful and clean. Another meaning is: such a person who is sincere in his advice and should uphold faithfulness. Another meaning is: truthful and faithful companion. Another meaning is: a faithful and chosen companion of the Prophet, companion with a distinguished relationship. Another meaning is: the one who has special and a strong relation which will never be broken. Only that person who possesses these qualities will be called a true Ḥawārī and only then he could do justice to 'Naḥno Anṣārullāh.' So, everyone can assess himself by keeping these things in view. And that how much he is truthful in raising the slogan of 'Naḥno Anṣārullāh.'

Helpers of Ḥaḍrat 'Īsā (may peace be on him) were called Ḥawārī because they actually possessed these qualities or were those who pledged to achieve those qualities and would try to do so. They cleansed the dirt of their hearts, created Taqwā, and became the source of cleansing the dirt of others' hearts. And then, Allāh kept them clean from vices due to their increased faith and fulfilling of their pledges. But when these qualities died and they started feeling proud of their worldly progress, and they started becoming complacent in inculcating goodness in next generations, engaged in Shirk (associating other entities to God) instead of Unity of God, then Almighty Allāh deprived them of the spiritual blessings.

So we should remember that the passage of years or celebrating jubilee is of use only if we do not let these virtues die, we never let our spiritual states become low, when we increase our religious knowledge, when we do not forget our education when we announce that we will fulfill the pledge of faithfulness and sacrifice—that we have made with our Prophet—under all circumstances. And no temptation of this world will sway us from our purpose. Allāh had no covenant with the followers of the Messiah of Moses that the teaching that they are following would remain

intact in its original form till the end of the world. But with the followers of the Messiah of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him), Allāh has promised that the teaching brought by the Holy Prophet—and the one that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), after a long time, had to show to the whole world with all of its beauty—is the teaching that will now last till the end of the world. So, if the Christians forgot their teaching—and the continuity of the Ḥawārīs was broken—then that was their destiny. But the followers of the Holy Prophet’s Messiah and his community will excel and prosper till the end of the world, Inshā’allāh. So the community will always continue to receive those Ḥawārīs who will raise the slogan of ‘Naḥno Anṣārullāh.’ But Aḥmadīs of all ages who are included in the organization of Anṣārullāh need to assess if they are trying to be a part of this beautiful end that is destined for the real followers of the Holy Prophet and Muslims. Are we purifying ourselves? Are we cleansing the dirt of our hearts? Are we learning the wisdom of the Holy Qur’ān, adopting it, and acting upon it? Are the standards of our sincerity rising higher? Are we paying attention to the training of our generations? Do we—according to our pledges of Bai’at—consider our relationship with the Promised Messiah to be above all worldly relationships? Do we, in religious as well as worldly matters, give our opinions and pieces of advice—by believing in the presence of God—with honesty and faithfulness? So if we keep these standards in view, our assessment will be clear to us.

This is a favor from Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau’ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) to the members of the Jamā’at that he gave the name ‘Anṣārullāh’ to your organization, so that at this age when a human is mature in every respect, he should become a useful being for the Jamā’at because of his experience and capabilities. Presenting his example, he should become a source for the training of the young generation. The words ‘Anṣārullāh’ should keep us reminding that we have to become helpers of Almighty Allāh. We have to present every sacrifice for God and for

the propagation of His religion. We have to act upon the injunctions of Almighty Allāh, and telling its wisdom and importance to the next generations, give advice and make sure it is acted upon. To send the message of religion to the ends of the world, we have to become the helpers of the Promised Messiah. There is no doubt that God has promised to the Promised Messiah: “I will make your Tabligh reach the ends of the earth.” He will Inshā’allāh make it happen and He is making it reach to the ends of the earth. But if you put your effort in it, you will be the ones to reap Allāh’s blessings. Definitely, this is also a promise of Almighty Allāh that when he will cause the message to reach the ends of the earth, He will surely bring its good results as well.

Finally, according to the rules of Almighty Allāh, He and His messenger (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) will be victorious. But how fortunate would we be if we become a part of this victory. Remember, when Almighty Allāh said that Allāh has penned that He and His messenger will be victorious. So when and where Almighty Allāh, in His view, will need helpers for this work, He according to His promise, will keep on providing Anṣār to the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and his successors. It depends on you how big a part of it you become by creating the qualities of Ḥawārīs in yourself. Moving forward, if you understand the spirit of ‘Naḥno Anṣārullāh,’ you will be the recipients of the blessings of Almighty Allāh.

As I said that the religious and spiritual decline started with spread of Christianity. But when the glad tiding was imparted to us by the Promised Messiah, after receiving it from Almighty Allāh, that 300 years will not pass when Aḥmadiyyat will be in majority in the world, it was also assured that due to the attachment to the system of Khilāfat Almighty Allāh will keep on showering His blessings. There will Inshā’allāh be no religious decline. Instead, a spiritual progress would be seen. The progress of the Jamā’at of the Promised Messiah will not be due to getting the worldly kingdoms and decline of religion but because of giving precedence to faith over material considerations. Kings

will not be proud of their Kingdoms but they will be the ones who will seek blessings from the Promised Messiah’s clothes. They will adopt his teaching. That time will also arrive when the kings will be helpless but accept Muḥammad’s Messiah. Though many of us will think it to be a wishful thinking or maybe our opponents think it so or think it to be a boastful claim that what kind of slogans are being raised by this small Jamā’at. But when we glance over the history and beginnings of our Jamā’at then looking at the blessings of Almighty Allāh, our faith is strengthened. There is no worry about how it will happen, but it will Inshā’allāh certainly happen.

Every day, by showing seemingly small successes, He strengthens the fact that these small successes, considered small by the world, could not be achieved with our resources and efforts. These victories—considered small by you—according to us and our resources are big achievements, and we are happy with these successes. The world deems these as small successes, but whatever these successes are, as I stated, are not the result of any of our efforts; these are only and only due to Allāh’s blessing. He possesses all power. Whenever He wishes, the victories—that are considered big by the world—He will bring them to our feet, Inshā’allāh. But what is important to us is that every year that passes by should be pointing to the assessment that our true aim is to progress in faith and how far we have achieved it. If we are not pacing forward and we are standing at the same point, then we are Anṣārullāh only by name. We need to look at the standards of our prayers, sacrifices, and practical conditions of our morals. We need to look at our efforts that we are applying toward the propagation of faith. I mentioned the new converts in my sermon. A person converted from infidels, rather the whole village consisted of idol worshippers that converted to Aḥmadiyyat. Unity of God was so entrenched in his heart that he said that he had no belief in God but now the situation is that unity of God is so strongly rooted in his heart that before he used to think that he could not reach God without the idols or that

they would do everything for him but now the unity of God is so firmly set in his heart and his attention is so much focused toward Allāh, and his heart is so purely aligned with God that he is at work in his farm and a voice reminds him that it is time to pray. It tells him to stop working and offer the Prayer. This is the condition of those people that Almighty Allāh, in the form of Anṣārullāh, is bestowing upon the Promised Messiah.

Take stock of your situation as to what you are. I was reviewing the state of a national Majlis; Ṣadr Majlis told me proudly: our members were slack in Prayers. Only 10% used to Pray in congregation. We started a campaign for three months and improved to 17%. I could not comprehend fully and I thought—because of the way he described it—that he was saying 70%. Even that is not an extraordinary achievement, as far as Anṣārullāh are concerned. But 17% is utterly a shameful matter, even after a campaign! If you do not even remember the basic purpose of your creation—or will not remember it—that Almighty Allāh has drawn attention towards, in the Holy Qur’ān, then how will you justify you being Anṣār? If you will not purify yourself and follow the Holy Qur’ān, how will you train others? So, if after the passage of 75 years, we came down to 15 or 20% from 80 or 90% attendance in congregational Prayers, it is a decline, not a progress. It is a worrisome matter. It is time to ponder over it. However, now the Jamā’at is spreading. If people at one place will show laziness, Almighty Allāh will produce true worshippers at another place. As I said and gave an example, and there are many examples, when Almighty Allāh says that He and His Messenger will be victorious, He creates resources for that. According to the promise with the Promised Messiah, He is also providing for this. He is providing the worshippers and providing the ones to carry forward your message. How and what kind of people is He bestowing? How He creates fervor and spirit in them? How they present themselves to spread the message of Muḥammad’s (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) Messiah? How Almighty Allāh corrals the noble natured people close to us

and then makes them do the Tabligh work.

I present a few incidents here. Dilayi Muhammad, a Muslim of Ivory Coast came to a city, and by chance offered Friday Prayer in an Aḥmadiyya mosque and got introduced to Jamā’at Aḥmadiyya for the first time. During his stay in the city, he continued to visit there regularly and took part in Jamā’at’s programs enthusiastically, contributed financially as well but did not take the formal Bai’at. Then he went back to the Capital city of Abidjan but kept himself in touch continuously. He took part in the arrangements of Jalsa Sālāna Ivory Coast in 2014 but still did not do Bai’at. He came to France in connection with a contract in 2015. Almighty Allāh provided him the opportunity to visit there. Before leaving for France, he obtained the address of the France mission house as well and kept communication with the members of the Jamā’at. During his stay in France, he came to know about the Jalsa Sālāna Germany. He took three days leave, went to Germany, and attended the Jalsa. He said that the spiritual atmosphere and brotherhood that he observed and felt in those three days could not be described. Then he also mentioned my speeches which touched his heart immensely. He said that he was feeling a spiritual change in his heart. Taking part in the Jalsa, he did Bai’at. Now he says that according to our wish, he will work for the progress of Aḥmadiyyat in Ivory Coast and will spread the message in every possible way. This is the spirit of Anṣārullāh.

Then a seventy-two year old gentleman from Gambia, a Nāṣir in the senior part of Anṣārullāh, says that after listening to the broadcast of the programs on Jamā’at Radio, he did research about the Jamā’at and accepted Aḥmadiyyat. After doing Bai’at, he has become a very zealous Dā’ī Ilallāh. Despite his age, he walks 18 to 20 kilometers daily for Da’wat Ilallāh and propagates enthusiastically. Though he is illiterate, he gets the Jamā’at’s leaflets, listens to them first, keeps them fresh in mind, and after that, distributes them as well. Especially for the Muslims, he emphasizes the reading

of the pamphlets about the advent of the Promised Messiah and Khatm-i-Nubuwwat. Alongside, he also asks them to pray to God for His guidance. During this period, ever since he became Aḥmadi, he may have distributed about 2500 pamphlets. Due to his Tabligh, Allāh’s blessing, His favor, prayers, and continuous hard work, this lone person has converted 700 people to Aḥmadiyyat so far.

Again in Gambia, there is a gentleman, Sheikh Javed, who accepted Aḥmadiyyat last year. He was a Muslim trader of the Holy Qur’ān. He was given training for six months and appointed as a part-time Mu’allim (teacher). After that, he says that in a dream, he saw that a very beautiful and spiritually lit entity says to him that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) has said to excel in your prayers and work further. So, he has started Tabligh with more enthusiasm. For Tabligh, he travels many kilometers for many hours on foot. New Jamā’ats are being formed with his efforts. He also has given the message of Aḥmadiyyat and converted more than 200 people to Aḥmadiyyat. And those who are joining now, with Allāh’s blessing, are also being involved in financial sacrifices, and through that they are regularly connected. These are the people who are joining late but feeling their loss of time, are getting better in their prayers as well as in Tabligh work. May Almighty Allāh continue increasing their faith and sincerity. And those who are weak among us—and Aḥmadiyyat has reached their homes for decades rather from the times of their forefathers—should try to bring themselves up to that stage where the Promised Messiah wants to see us.

I talked about the congregational Prayers, but what is the standard that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) sets in this regard. Congregational Prayers are mandatory for a man, a healthy man. It is necessary to perform it. He says for his Jamā’at members that everyone should try to get up for Tahajjud Prayer. Anṣār age is such that you need to pay special attention to it. You should do it rather than be happy that 15% are offering congregational

Prayers. If only the ‘Āmila members, from local to central levels, pay attention to congregational Prayers, 35 to 50% of attendance will increase merely because of that. If Anṣār present their model in this regard, Khuddām will automatically follow their example and become active. When they themselves don’t act, how the others will accept the advice? At one occasion, advising his Jamā’at, the Promised Messiah said that Allāh is very benevolent. The ocean of His benevolence is very deep and it will never deplete. Its seeker and solicitor has never been deprived. So you should get up during nights and beg for His blessing. Once, the Promised Messiah said that Almighty Allāh has said in the Holy Qur’ān: “I will keep those people who have followed you dominant over those who refused to accept you until the Day of Judgment.” The promised Messiah says that that this satisfying promise was made with Ibn Maryam (son of Mary), born in Nazareth. But I give you glad tiding that Almighty Allāh has also given the glad tiding—addressing in the same words—to the person coming with the name of Ibn Maryam, that is, the Promised Messiah. The Promised Messiah says that you, who—associating with me—want to be included in this great

promise and great blessing, should think if they could be such people, who at the stage of Nafs Ammāra (raw self) are treading the path of disobedience and sin. No not at all.

So, it is incumbent upon us that we should improve in our behavior and deeds and adopt Taqwā (righteousness) to achieve the benefit of the help and love of Almighty Allāh.

If we really want to receive the true benefit at the completion of 75 years of the organization of Anṣārullāh or we are celebrating to be thankful to God, we need to listen to the one sent by Him and act upon it. Make your hearts pure for Him. There is success in trying to excel each other in good deeds. So become part of those triumphs that Allāh has promised with the Promised Messiah.

As I said, the Ijtimā’ is also being held in the U.S. and maybe in other countries as well. Everywhere, Anṣār should understand their responsibilities and raise their standards of worship. Representatives of different countries are attending. They should also note and tell their Anṣār. I think, everywhere Anṣār in the world must be listening. Pay attention to your practical states. As you apply the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān to yourself, caring about the next generations, keep them attached

to the blessing that Allāh has given us in the person of the Promised Messiah. Then try to get ahead of each other in good deeds. Born Aḥmadīs should be engaged in their efforts to move ahead of the new Aḥmadīs and the new Aḥmadīs should be striving to leave born Aḥmadīs behind. Becoming the real Anṣār, American Anṣār should be trying to leave the British Aḥmadīs behind. The Anṣār in Britain should be trying that they have to leave every Nāṣir, every person living in the rest of the world behind and excel in good deeds. Likewise, Anṣār of Germany, Canada, Indonesia, Ghana, Nigeria, Pakistan, India, Ivory Coast, and Anṣār of other countries should try to achieve the will of God, to justify their being Anṣār. We have to excel in good deeds. We have to excel in the training of our children. When this spirit is created, only then you will be able to justify the celebration of the diamond jubilee. May God make these 75 years to be a landmark for the spiritual and practical advancement in the future and Anṣārullāh, in reality, may justify being the helpers of God. May Allāh do so, Ameen. This year, Anṣārullāh UK’s attendance is about 330 or 340 more than the last year. The guests have increased your attendance.

Guidelines for Group Photos

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.

Award Winners of National Ijtimā' 2015

Educational Competitions Awards

Recitation/Memorization of the Holy Qur'ān

- 1st Naeem Ullah (Central East region)
2nd Mohammed Faythai (Great Lakes region)
2nd Kaleem Bhatti (Headquarters region)
3rd Chairul Bahri (Central East region)

Impromptu Speech

- 1st Zahid Mian (Southwest region)
2nd Abdul Lateef Oresanya (Gulf States region)
3rd Nasir Bukhari (Great Lakes region)

Religious & General Knowledge

- 1st Southeast region (Mahmood Ahmad, Chairul Bahri, Zafar Suraleigh, Razzaq Qurashi)

Sports Competitions Awards

Darts

- 1st Arshad Rahim (Southeast region)
2nd Qamar Zafar (Gulf States region)
3rd Qudrat ullah Ayaz (Midwest region)

Horse Shoe Toss

- 1st Iqbal Ahmad (New York region)
2nd Mohammad Mahmood (Virginia region)
3rd Mahmood Ahmad (Midwest region)

Table Tennis (Şaff Awwal)

- 1st Ahmad A Manzoor (Midwest region)
2nd Lutaf Ullah Salim (Headquarters)
3rd Hameed Nasim (Gulf State region)

Table Tennis (Şaff Dom)

- 1st Iqbal Rana (Southwest region)
2nd Muhammad Atique (Virginia region)
3rd Baba Trawalley (Southeast region)

Basketball Hoops

- 1st Saleem Mahmud (New York region)
2nd Fazal Mahmud (New York region)
3rd Hanif Raza (New York region)

100-meter (Şaff Awwal)

- 1st Baba Trawalley (Southeast region)
2nd Abdul Hayee (Virginia region)
3rd Saleem Qadir (Virginia region)

100-meter (Şaff Dom)

- 1st Tahir Rajpoot (Southwest region)
2nd Ahmad Mubarik (New York region)
3rd Abdul Rehman Navaio (Virginia region)

Volleyball

- 1st Great Lakes (Naseem Khan [Captain], Maqbool Tahir, Rehman Ghani, Usman Mangla, Naveed Ahmed, Sharjeel Malik, Zahid Munir)
2nd Southwest (Iqbal Rana [Captain], Ismail Dar , Zahid Mian , Zia Rehman , Yasir Khan , Bashir Ahmad , Mateen Sheikh)

Finance Awards

Meritorious Service in Finance

- Mansoor Ahmad Khan (Chicago NW)
- Abdul Latif Mahmud (Cypress-Houston)
- Muzaffar Ahmad Chaudhary (Fitchburg)
- Mazhar Haque (LA Inland)
- Choudhary Fazal Ahmad (North Virginia)
- Munir Ahmad Malik (Phoenix)
- Muhammad Ikram Chaudhary (Silver Spring)

Service to Local Majlis in Finance

Northeast Region

- Muzaffar Ahmad (Albany)
- Ahmad Kusi (Hartford)

Gulf States Region

- Muhammad Altaf Malik (Austin)
- Khawar Cheema (New Orleans)

Midwest Region

- Javaid Iqbal Chughtai (Bloomington)
- Arif Qureshi (Zion)
- Tanveer Ashraf (Minnesota)

Headquarters Region

- Mushtaq Ahmad Chaudhry (Laurel)

Southeast Region

- Mutaher Ahmad Chaudhry (Miami)
- Zia Rahman Azam (Research Triangle)

Central East Region

- Maudood Ahmad Bhatti (Philadelphia)
- Naseem Mahmood Bajwa (Lehigh Valley)

Southwest Region

- Ahmad Masood (Las Vegas)

Virginia Region

- Gulzar Ahmad (South Virginia)

Administrative Awards

Service to Local Majlis Award

Alpha Bah (Zion)

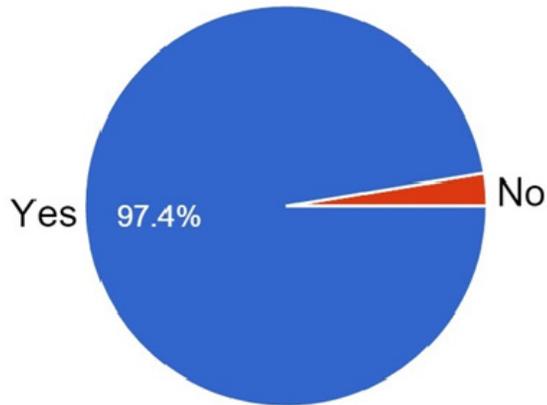
Best Dā'ī Ilallāh Award

Aleem Abdul Rahman (LA Inland)

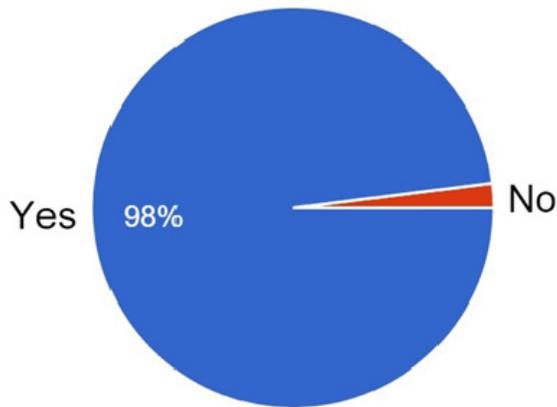
Life Long Service Award

Choudhary Fazal Ahmad (North Virginia)
Syed Sajid Ahmad (Minnesota)
Kalim Ahmed Rana
Syed Fazal Ahmed (Philadelphia)

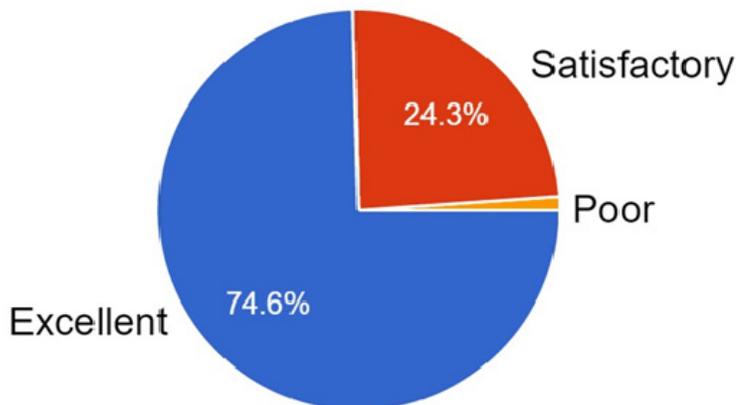
I was spiritually uplifted by this year's National Ijtima.



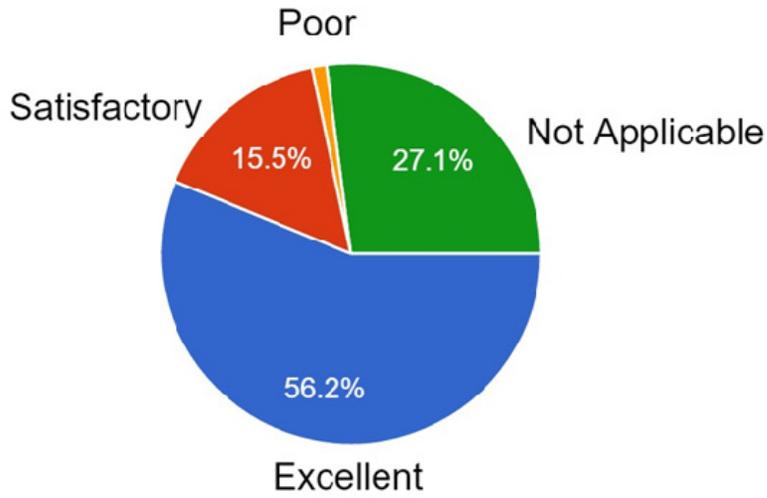
Based on my experience, I will recommend others to attend next year's Ijtima.



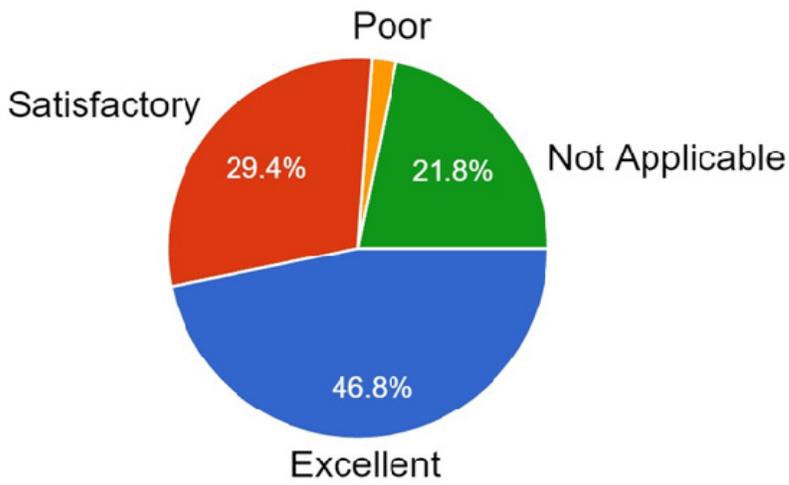
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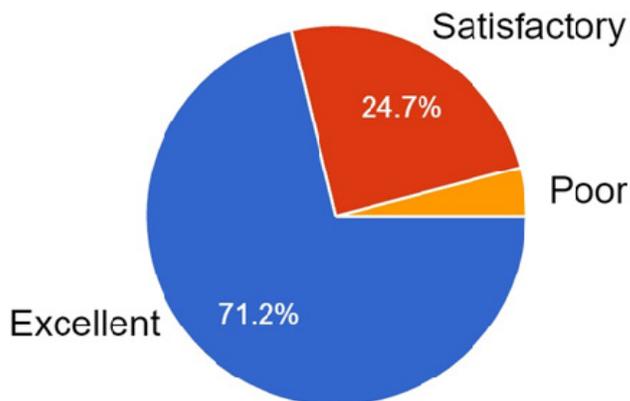
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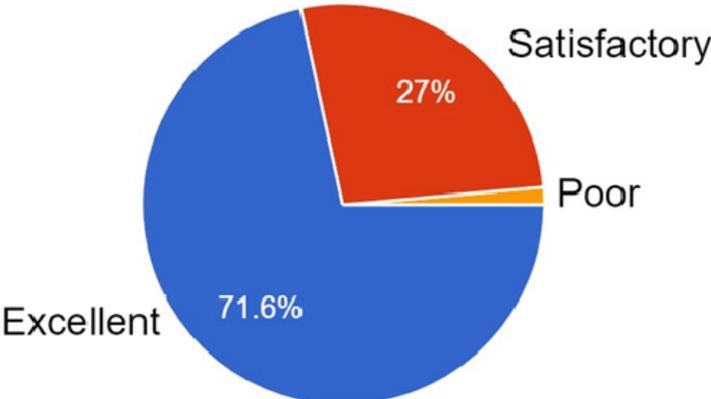
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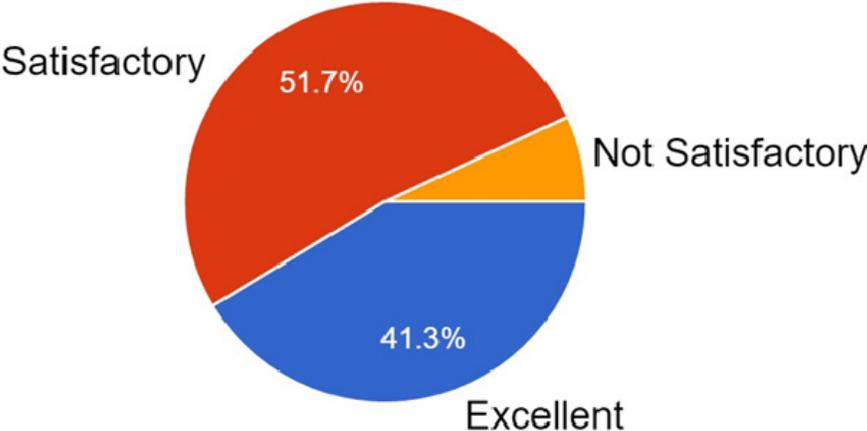
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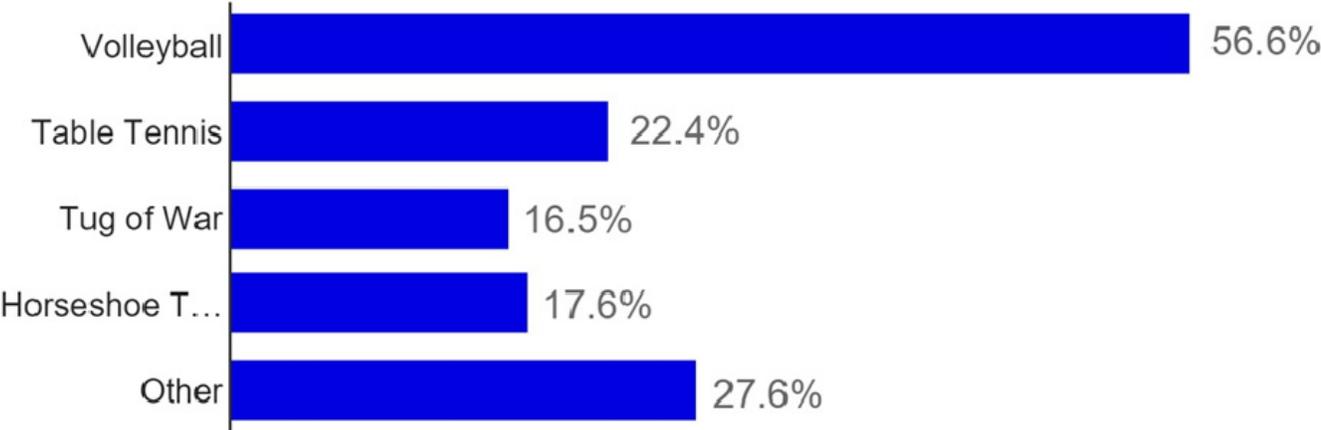
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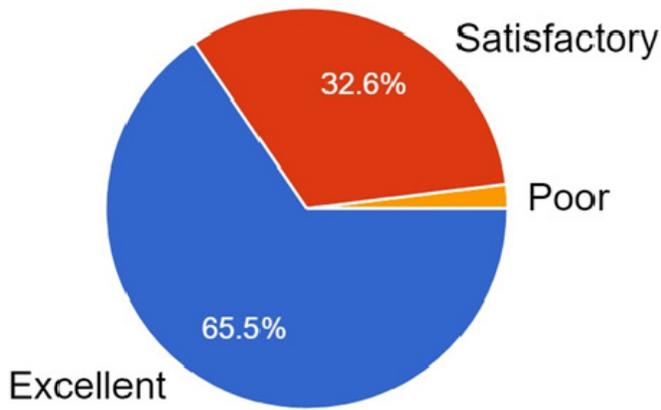
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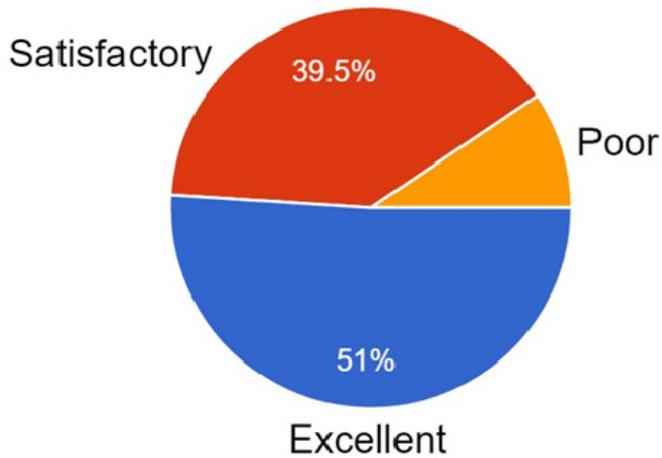
Which sports competition(s) did you enjoy the most?



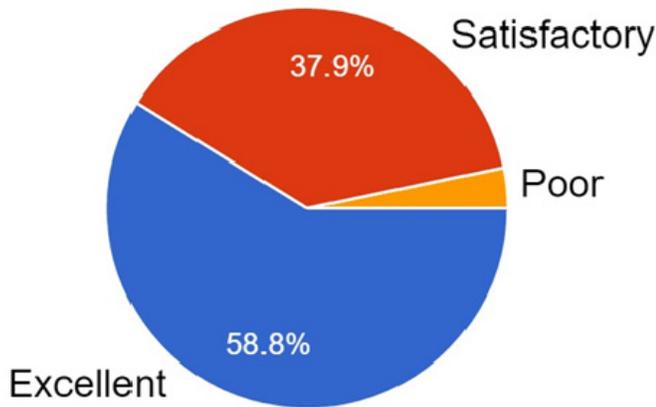
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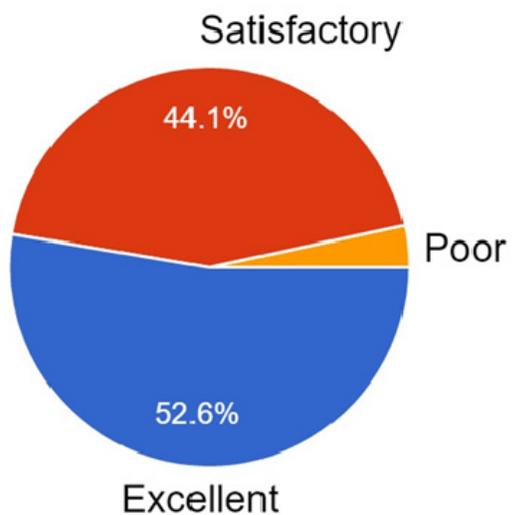
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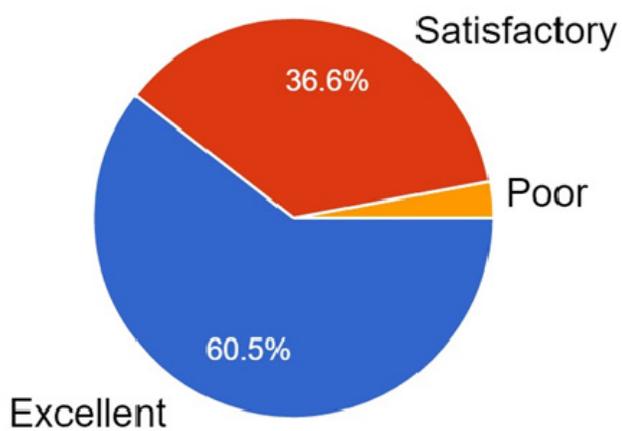
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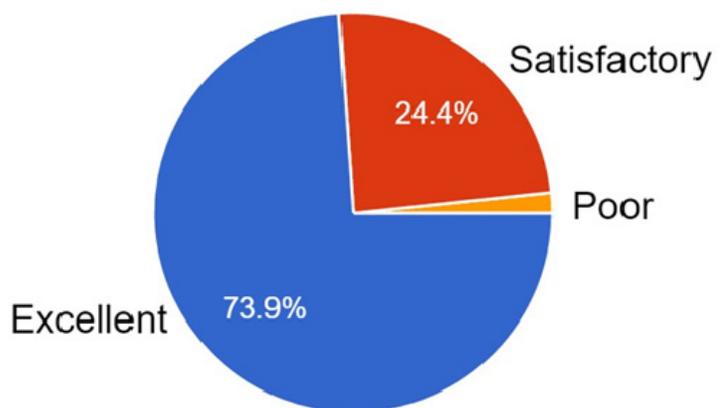
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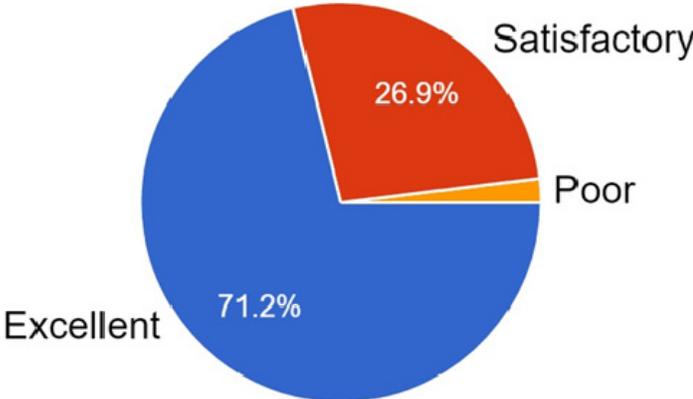
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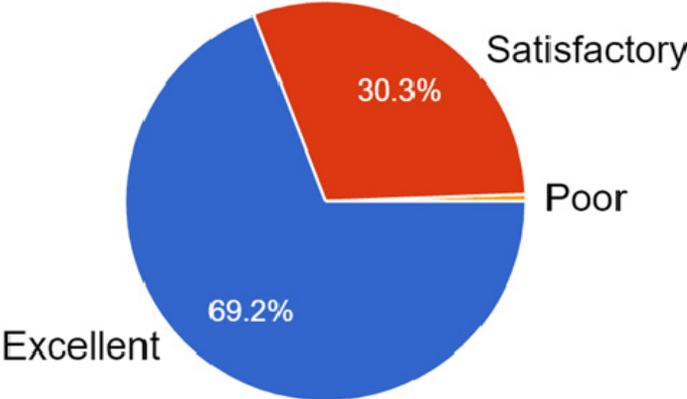
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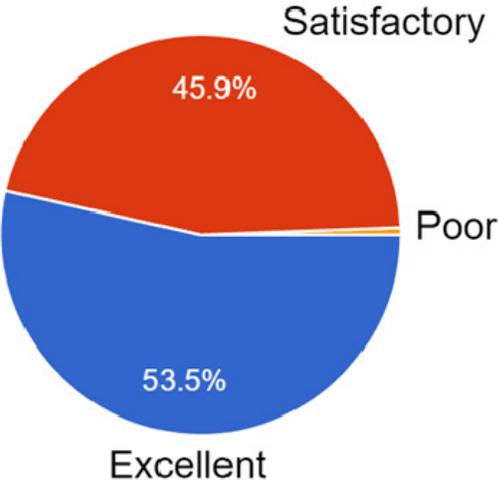
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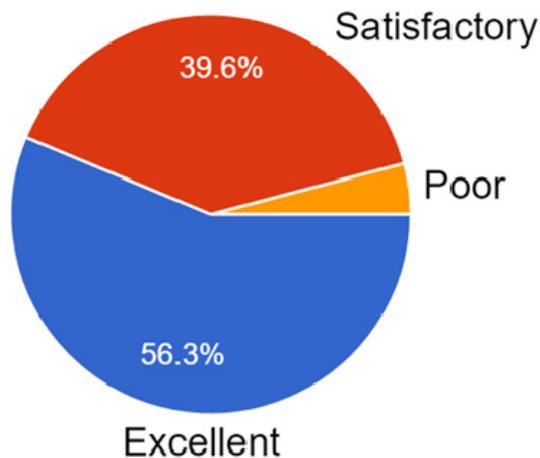
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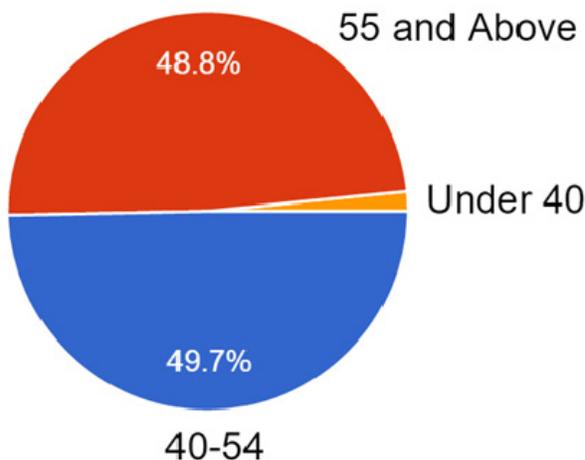
Impromptu Speech



General Knowledge



My age is



Ijtimā' Participants' Testimonials

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.

"Overall the Ijtimā' was excellent and a great spiritual experience. The theme was important and there were many good speeches on timely topics."

"Great effort, two days are not enough."

"Please next year need more time for team sports like volleyball. Anṣār are not weak, we can spend more time in the fields. Thanks."

"All things were excellent. Although I belong to local Jamā'at, my general impression is that Ijtimā' is

overall excellent. Alḥamdulillāh."

"Māshā'allāh this was probably the best Ijtimā' that I have ever attended."

"Concerning the workshop on marriage. I think a boil was lanced when we began the discussion about marriage between African American Aḥmadīs and Pakistani Aḥmadīs. I was glad to see that we are having this discussion among ourselves."

"Ḥuḍūr's (may Allāh be his helper) address is going to be the highlight of Ijtimā'. Have this always with UK Ijtimā' dates."

"BBQ was excellent! Māshā'allāh for more than 1000 people, it was nicely prepared and presented.

Jazākallāh Ijtimā' team."

"This year's Ijtimā' was highly motivational. May Allāh reward all the organizers."

"We need to try and encourage people to travel to Ijtimā' at their own expense."

"It was my first Ijtimā' in the U.S. Was very nice in all sides. Educational, sports, food, accommodations were very organized."

Māshā'allāh another excellent Ijtimā' Alḥamdulillāh! Very current day program, very well organized, plenty of time for socialization and brotherhood."

First 111: The names of the first 111 members who said Labbaik to the call of Şadr Majlis to register for Ijtimā‘ 1-1-1-1 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 (thanks to many of the Anşār National ‘Āmila members and Ijtimā‘ organizers who were among the first 111 registrants but are not included in this list for obvious reasons.)

No.	Member	Majlis	No.	Member	Majlis
1	Qudrat Ullah Ayaz	Milwaukee	32	Abdu Ahad Khan Chaudhary	LA - East
2	Waseem A Nisar	Chicago Southwest	33	Abdul Latif Oresanya	Cypress - Houston
3	Sayed Naiem Ahmad	North Virginia	34	Ziaullah Ranjha	LA - West
4	Bashir Ahmed Malik	North Virginia	35	Amir Shakur Malik	Houston - South
5	Anwar Ahmad	South Virginia	36	Fasasi A. Sanusi	New York
6	Bilal Hayee	Washington DC	37	Naveed Ahmad	North Jersey
7	Adnan Asim Pasha	Long Island	38	Abdul Rashid Fouzi	Baltimore
8	Anwar Kashif	Miami	39	Naveed Malik	Silver Spring
9	Faheem Ahmed	LA - Inland	40	Abdul Hafeez	Central Jersey
10	Iftikhar Sheikh	Cypress - Houston	41	Naseem Ahmed Khan	Detroit
11	Bilal Abdul Latif	Potomac	42	Rashid Ahmad Iqbal	Central Virginia
12	Hisham Qureshi	Boston	43	Muzaffar Ahmad Chaudhry	Fitchburg
13	Mobarak Ahmad Badoella	LA - Inland	44	Abdul R Minhas	Willingboro
14	Hammad Munir Malik	Central Jersey	45	Nasir Bukhari	Detroit
15	Arif Ahmed	Georgia-SC	46	Sohail Mushtaq Chaudhry	Silver Spring
16	Muhammad Rashid Shms	Boston	47	Jawad Ahmad Malik	Silver Spring
17	Daud Ahmad	Zion	48	Mansoor Qureshi	Detroit
18	Mohammad Muzaffar Khan	Central Jersey	49	Naseem Waseem	Lehigh Valley
19	Mohammad Fatahi	Indiana	50	Mubashar Tariq	Kentucky
20	Mohamed Ahmed Shabooti	LA - West	51	Musa Malik	Silver Spring
21	Yahya Nasheed Muhammad	Philadelphia	52	Abdul Hayee	South Virginia
22	M.Mahmud Ahmad Surahman	LA - West	53	Kalimullah Khan	Laurel
23	Abdul Rauph Ogunbiyi	Cypress - Houston	54	Sohail Ahmed	Silver Spring
24	Imran Jattala	LA - Inland	55	Mutaher Chaudhry	Miami
25	Syed Tanvir Ahmed	Detroit	56	Wajeel Bajwa	Orlando
26	Moyenuddin Sirajee	LA - East	57	Nasir Jamil	Baltimore
27	Tariq Mahmood	Central Virginia	58	Mubarak Masood Butt	Central Jersey
28	Shafqatullah Khan	Seattle	59	Rafi Ahmed	Brooklyn
29	Asif Malik	Silver Spring	60	Mohammed Saqib	Washington DC
30	Nasirullah Ahmad	Milwaukee	61	Novid Aslam	Central Virginia
31	Waseem Ahmad	Seattle	62	Tanveer Zafar	South Virginia

No.	Member	Majlis	No.	Member	Majlis
63	Jaleel Akbar	Central Virginia	88	Munawar Ahmad	Dallas
64	Usman Ahmad Mangla	Detroit	89	Jamil Malik	San Diego
65	Zahid Mian	LA - West	90	Maqbool A Bhatti	Columbus
66	Naeem Ahmed Malik	Brooklyn	91	Nasir H Malik	Houston - North
67	Usama Virk	Silver Spring	92	Choudry Fazal Ahmad	North Virginia
68	Javed Choudry	Potomac	93	Rafiq Ahmad	Philadelphia
69	Tariq Mahmood	Washington DC	94	Mazher Ahmad	Central Jersey
70	Mukaram A Khan	Silver Spring	95	Tahir Khan	Silver Spring
71	Shoaib Basit	Central Virginia	96	Naeem Ahmad Chaudari	Syracuse
72	Ahsan Shemaz Syed	Columbus	97	Asim Ahmad Ansari	LA - Inland
73	Zafar Mahmood Ahmad Zafar	Research Triangle	98	Mahmood Ahmad Bhutta	New York
74	Khalil Mahmood Malik	Philadelphia	99	Mubashir Ahmed	Chicago Northwest
75	Javed Bhatti	York	100	Saeed Ahmad Malik	Laurel
76	Ismail Cudjoe Anani	Chicago Southwest	101	Arshad Choudary	Dayton
77	Mubashar Ahmad Nasir	Philadelphia	102	Shahed Ahmed	Brooklyn
78	M. Ajmal Shahid	Philadelphia	103	Badar Mansoor	LA - Inland
79	Ata ul Mujeeb Chowdhry	Central Virginia	104	Muhammad Butt	North Virginia
80	Iqbal Rana	LA - East	105	Zafar Ul Islam	Washington DC
81	Khalid Ahmad	North Jersey	106	Ahmad Khan	Central Jersey
82	Khalid Ahmed	Chicago Northwest	107	Mir Ahmed Naser	Chicago Northwest
83	Naseer Tahir	Dallas	108	Shukrullah Malik	Chicago East
84	Zubair Latif	Fort Worth	109	Sheikh, Abdul Rahim	LA - West
85	Hamid Ahmad Chaudhry	Silver Spring	110	Rashid Khawaja	Potomac
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87	Mubarik Ahmed	South Virginia			

Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is offering Anṣār Ṭāhir Scholarship to Anṣār for up to \$4,000 per year per applicant for a maximum of two year training (maximum amount is \$8,000 per applicant). The scholarship is for vocational training of Anṣār to improve their employability. The scholarship will be granted on “first come, first serve” basis. There is no deadline for the application. In most cases, payments will be made directly to the training institution. Applications should be submitted through the local Za’im Anṣārullāh. Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

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

Direct inquiries to: Tahir.Scholarship@ansarusa.org or 856-495-6421.































2015—A Year of Hard work, Humility, and Prayers

Annual Report by National ‘Āmila and Regional Nāzimīn

Over 100 servant leaders of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA had gathered at Baitul Ḥameed mosque in Chino, CA for their annual refresher course, also known as the ALC. It was the January of 2015. Facing big targets, they felt like a child standing at the bottom of a mountain and wondering, “How am I ever going to be able to climb that?”

But it is amazing how Allāh the Exalted instills energy when we need it the most. The ALC ended. Everyone came home. And before leaving, we all agreed on the formula to climb the mountain: work hard, be humble, and pray. This was the formula shared with us by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) in his Friday sermon of January 3, 2014. It was tried and tested.

Now a year later, Alḥamdulillāh, with so many of those lofty goals met,

we feel like standing on top of the mountain. A godless person may attribute this success to chance—but we attribute it to sincere hard work of our God fearing members. A worldly organization may boast at this triumphant moment—but we further bow down in our humility to our Allāh who is the fountainhead of all goodness. A short sighted person may call it the result of “good strategy” but we know this was the result of fervent prayers.

With this background, let’s go over the facts and figures and count the blessings of Allāh on Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.

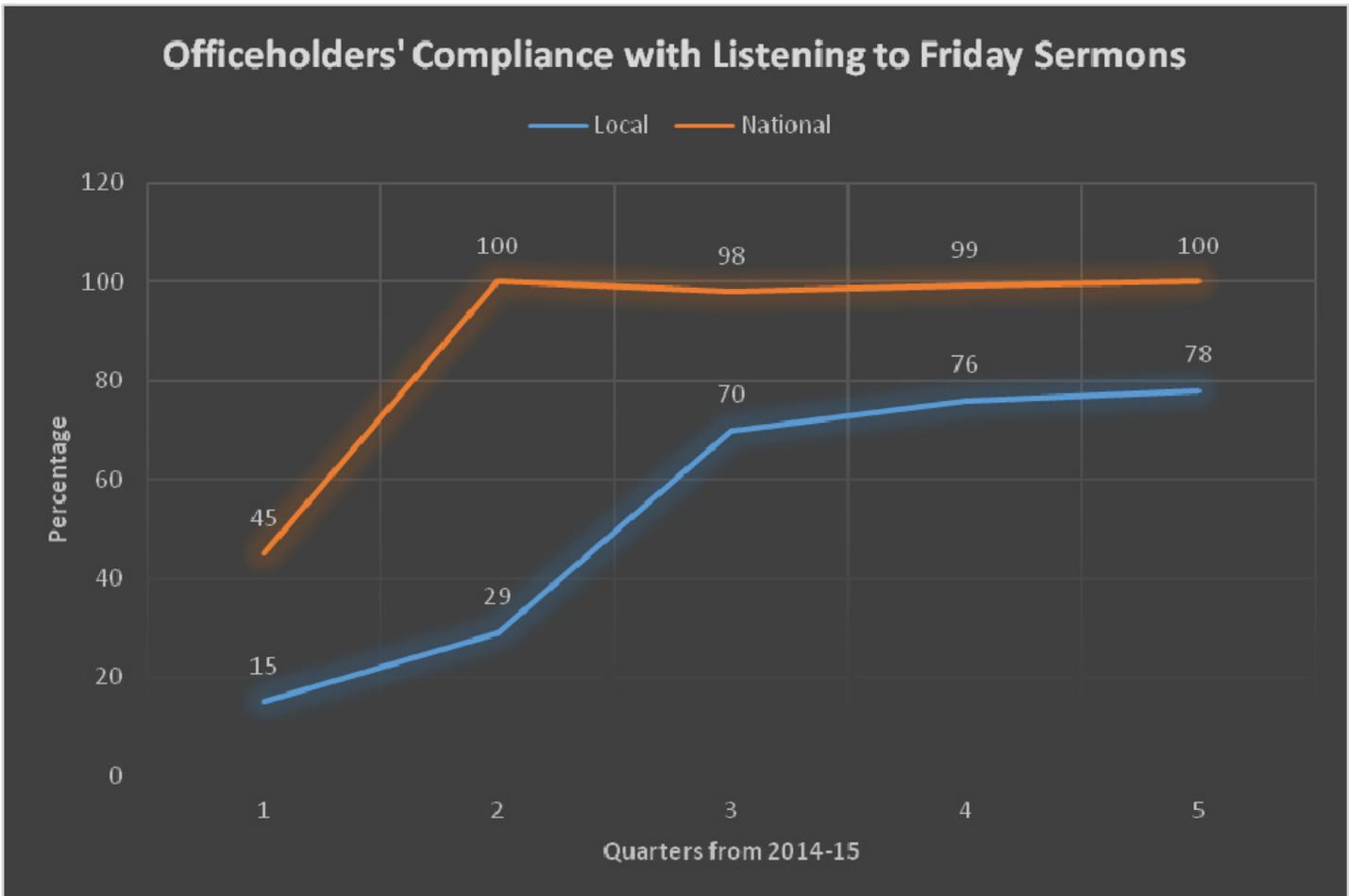
Listening to Ḥuḍūr’s Friday sermons

During the year 2015, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA’s officeholders

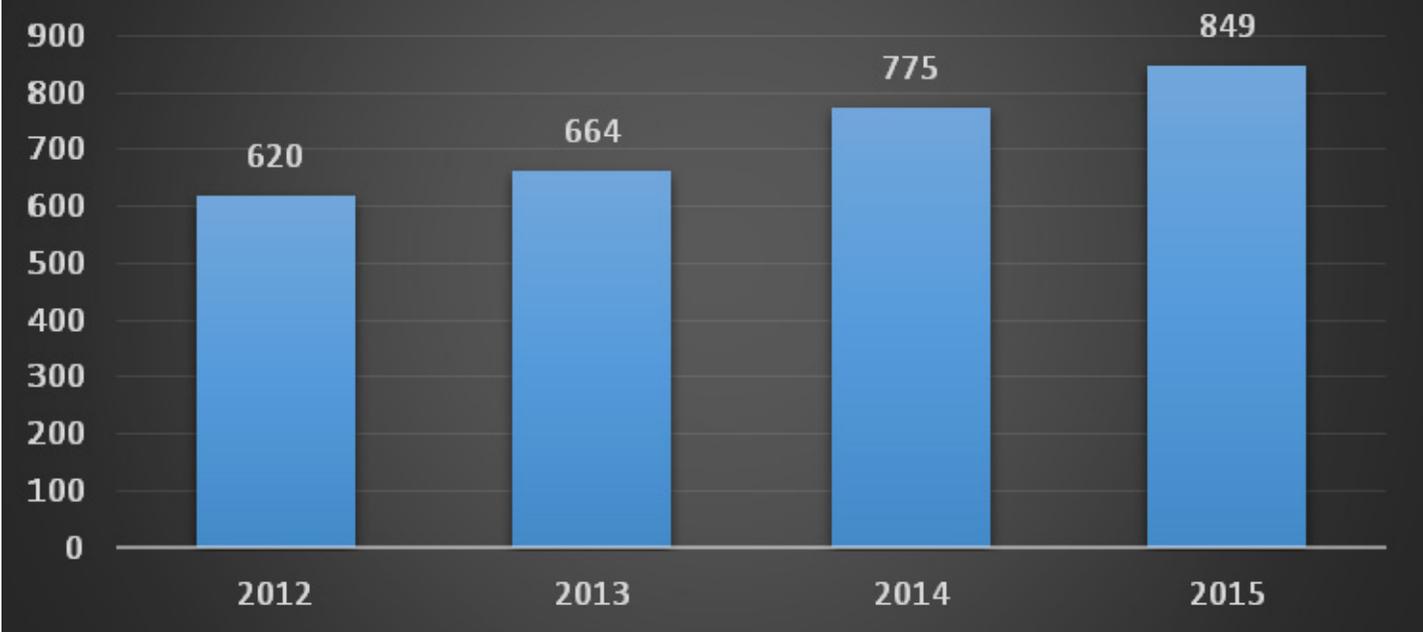
continued to improve with their listening of Ḥuḍūr’s Friday sermons. Though easy on the surface, getting this data in real life was a daunting task. Qā’id Tarbiyat, Yasin Sharif, and Nā’ib Qā’id Tarbiyat, Tahir Soofi, worked tirelessly to gather this data under the guidance of Nā’ib Ṣadr, Imran Hayee. By the end of 2015, almost 100% of National officeholders were reporting and listening to Ḥuḍūr’s Friday sermons. For local officeholders, that number was close to 80% reporting and over 90% listening.

Strengthening Monthly Meetings

Ḥuḍūr gave us the task of focusing on our and our families’ reformation. With this inward focus, the Majlis designed, created, printed and



General Meeting Attendance/Month



distributed over 2000 copies of the Anṣār Ta'lim & Tarbiyat Handbook containing real life scenarios to be discussed in local meetings. Guidance from the Holy Qur'ān, Aḥādīth, and quotes of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and Khulafā' was included to guide discussions on the right path.

Syed Fazal Ahmad, Qā'id Ta'limul Qur'ān, Monas Chaudry, Qā'id Ta'lim, and Yasin Sharif, Qā'id Tarbiyat, worked tirelessly with Nā'ib Ṣadr, Imran Hayee, to create the handbook. Naveed Malik, Nā'ib Qā'id Publications, designed the covers and Rafi Malik, Qā'id Publications, helped with editorial review.

Maqbool Ahmad Tahir, Qā'id 'Umūmī, and Mujeeb Chaudhry, Nā'ib Qā'id 'Umūmī, dedicated long hours to track the progress of monthly reports and attendance at monthly meetings.

The result? We continue to see engaging conversations, better turn out, and focus on real issues.

Sometimes, the members find the Tarbiyat scenarios in the handbook to be vague and unclear. Isn't that how real life is most of the time?

Ta'lim Tests

Our Qā'id Ta'lim, Monas Chaudry,

made numerous phone calls, sent inspiring data-filled emails, and followed up with tenacity to get over 1360 tests done during 2015.

Interactive discussions on family related Tarbiyat matters were held at the regional and National Ijtimā'. These presentations were attended by over an estimated 1000 members.

Anṣār Chanda Participation

Financial sacrifice is another marker of spiritual progress. By the grace of Allāh, the number of Chanda participants increased to a new high of 2150 (while some reports were still trickling in at the time of this writing), thanks to the untiring efforts of Mu'āwin Ṣadr Munawar Saqib, Mohammed Layeequddin Ahmed, Hisham Qureshi, and Imran Mudassar. May Allāh grant abundance to all of them Amīn.

Taḥrīk Jadīd and Waqf Jadīd

Hassiem Babatu and Sarjo Trawalley—our Qā'id Taḥrīk Jadīd and Qā'id Waqf Jadīd—rolled up their sleeves like previous years and helped the corresponding National teams in order to collect the participations

towards these blessed schemes. Alḥamdulillāh, 2240 Anṣār participated in the blessed scheme of Taḥrīk Jadīd, contributing \$1,073,158. Similarly, 1832 Anṣār contributed towards the Waqf Jadīd scheme.

Services

In order to be true to our motto of "Helpers of Allāh" the Majlis embarked on a variety of initiatives to strengthen our commitment to serving humanity. Mu'āwin Ṣadr, Abdul Hadi Ahmed, oversaw the departments providing these services.

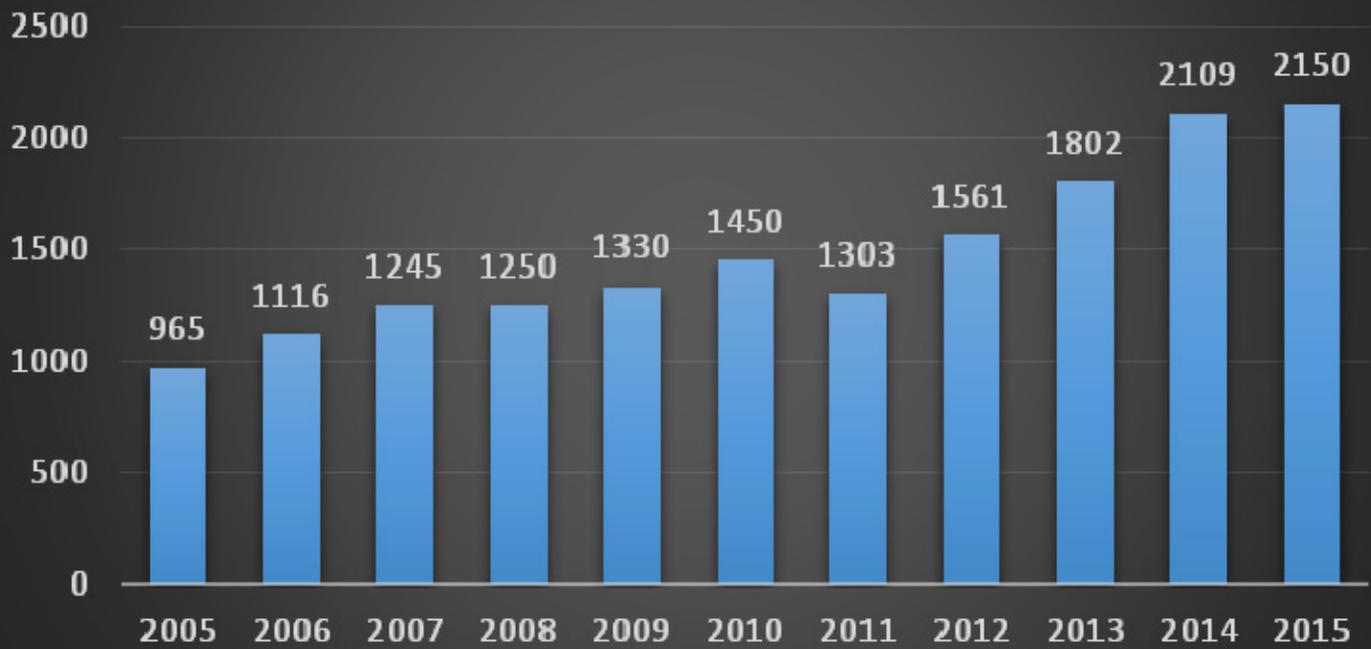
Free Health Services

The Majlis launched a health hotline—716-800-1889—where Dr. Lutf-ur-Rehman and Dr. Reyaz Haque served the needs of 50-100 members of the USA Jamā'at, annually.

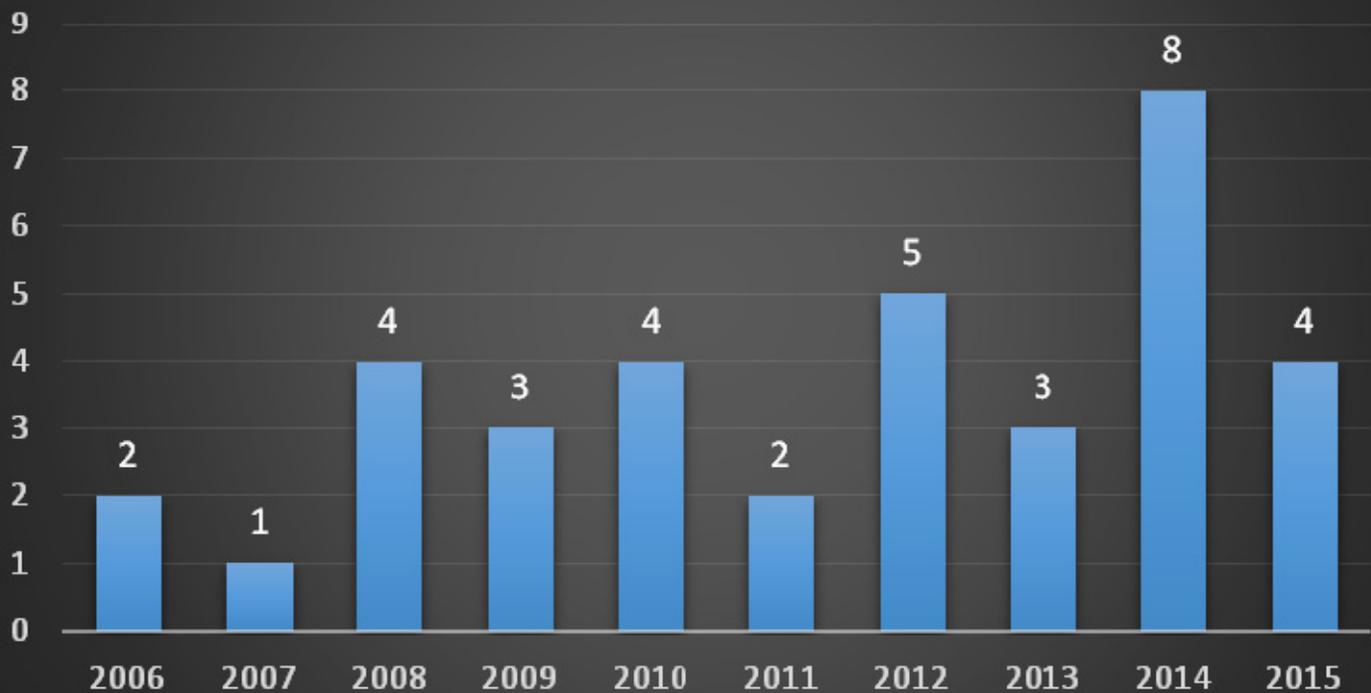
Free Living Will

For the second year in a row, at national Ijtimā', our accountants and notary public tag teamed to help members complete their living wills. What costs \$400-\$800 in the real world, was provided for free to nearly 150 members between the years 2014-

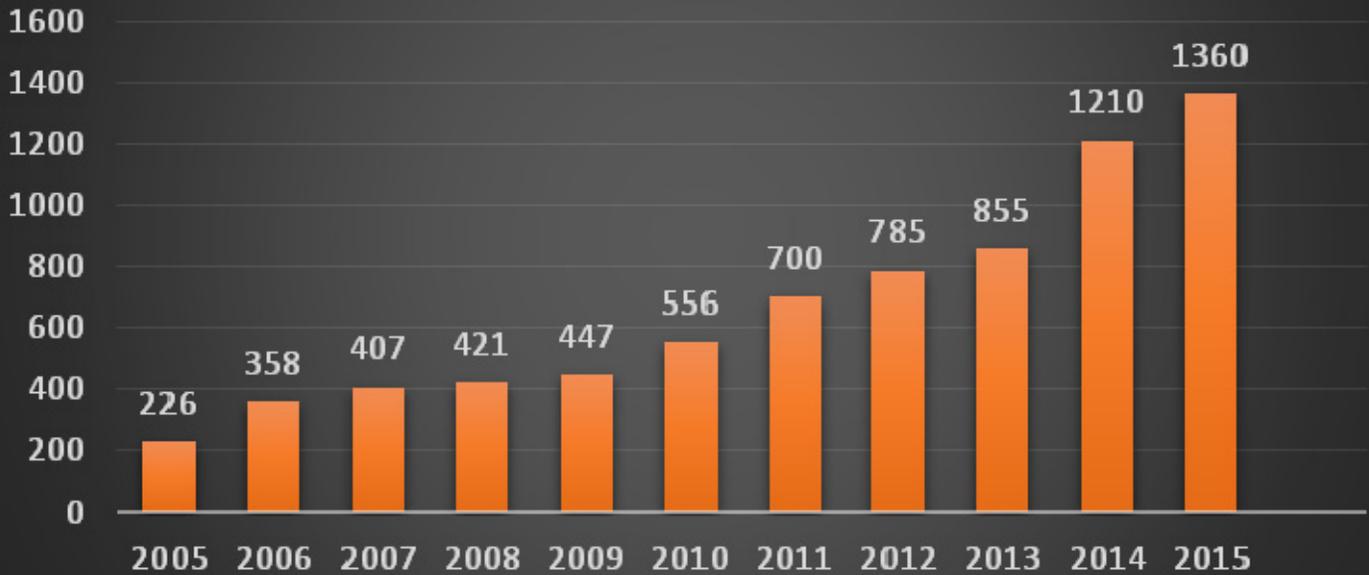
Chanda Paying Members



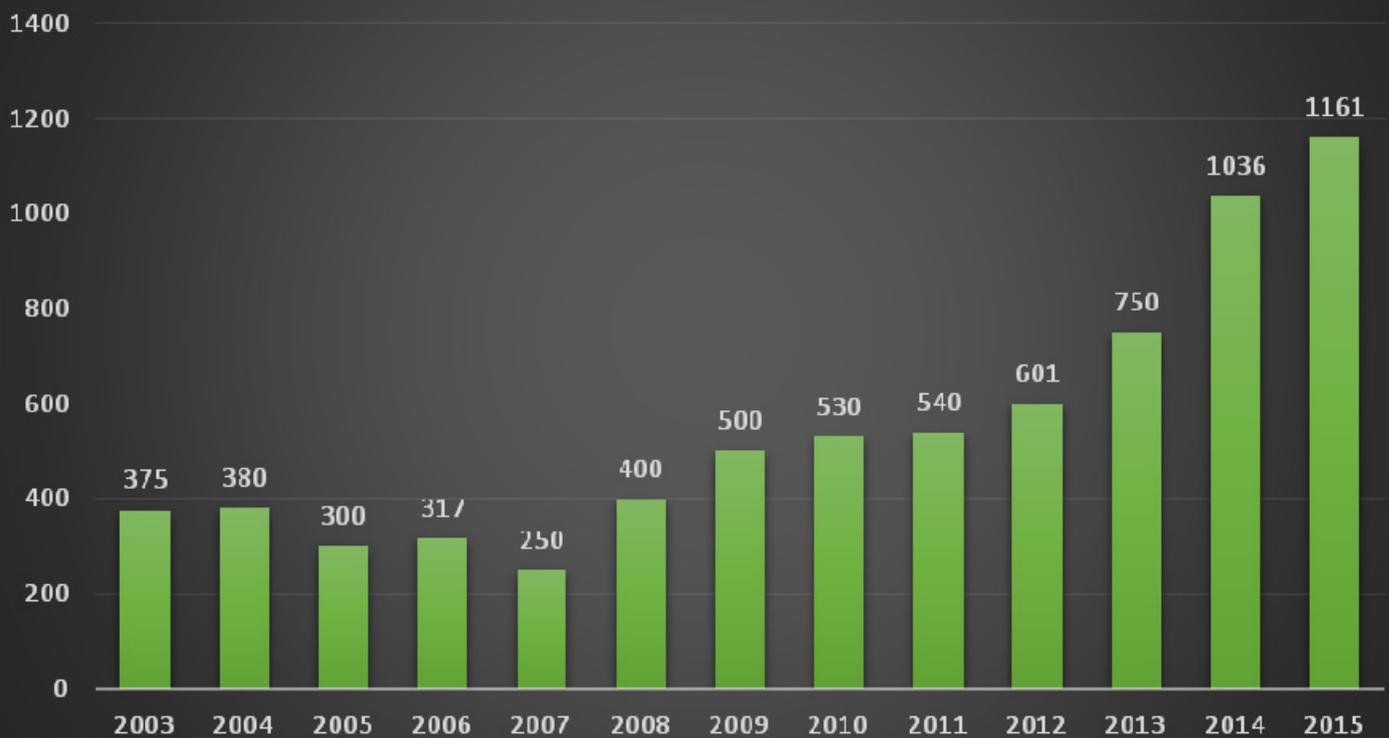
Anṣār Ṭāhir Scholarship Recipients



Ta'lim Tests Completed



National Ijtima Attendance



2015. Dawood Munir, Khalid Ahmad, and Halim Chaudhry were instrumental in making this initiative a success.

Anṣār Ṭāhīr Scholarship

Anṣār Ṭāhīr scholarship pays up to \$4,000 towards vocational training courses. During 2015, four more brothers received this scholarship towards their vocational training. Thanks to the ‘Āmila members who served on the committee to review these applications in a timely fashion.

Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC)

The 11th annual ALC was held in Chino, California. Over 110 Anṣār officeholders gathered to align their understanding of the National plan at the beginning of the year.

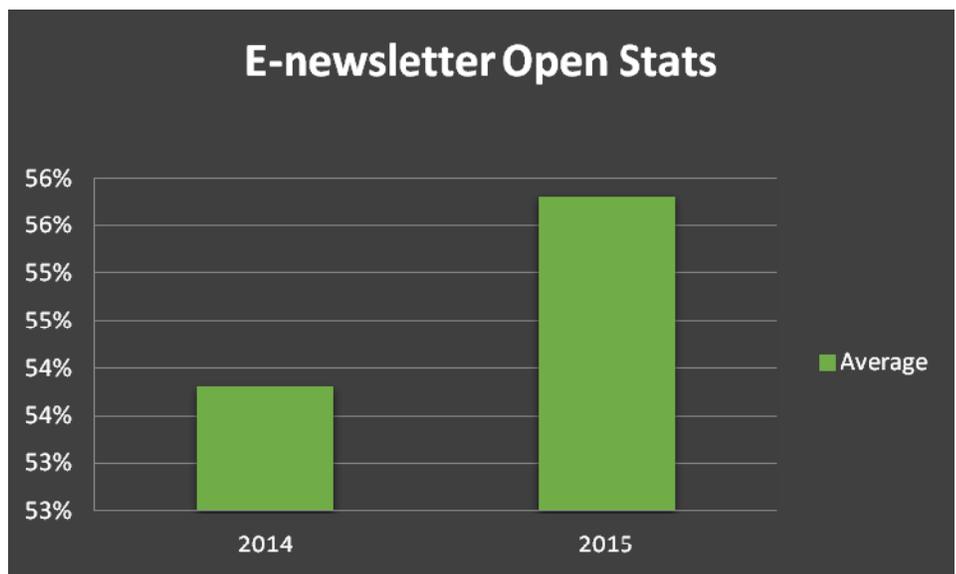
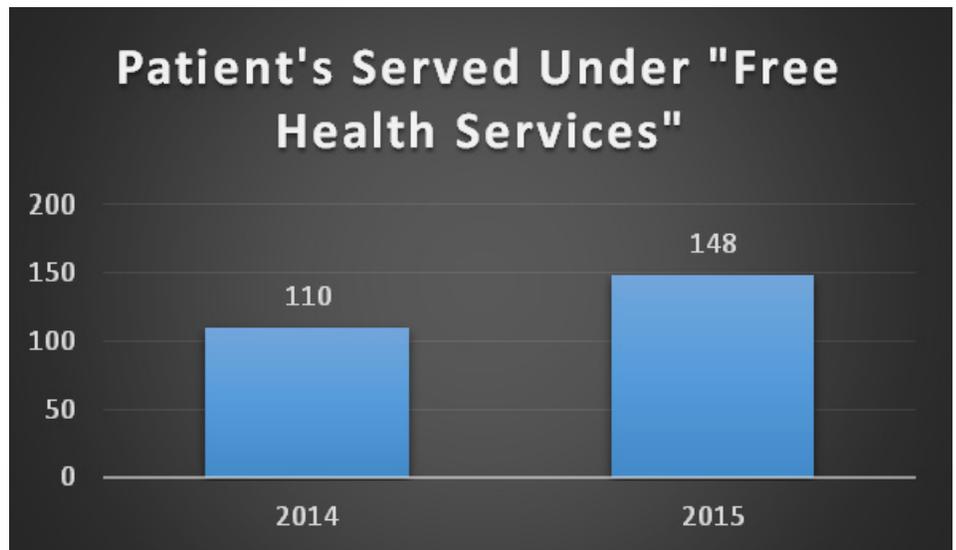
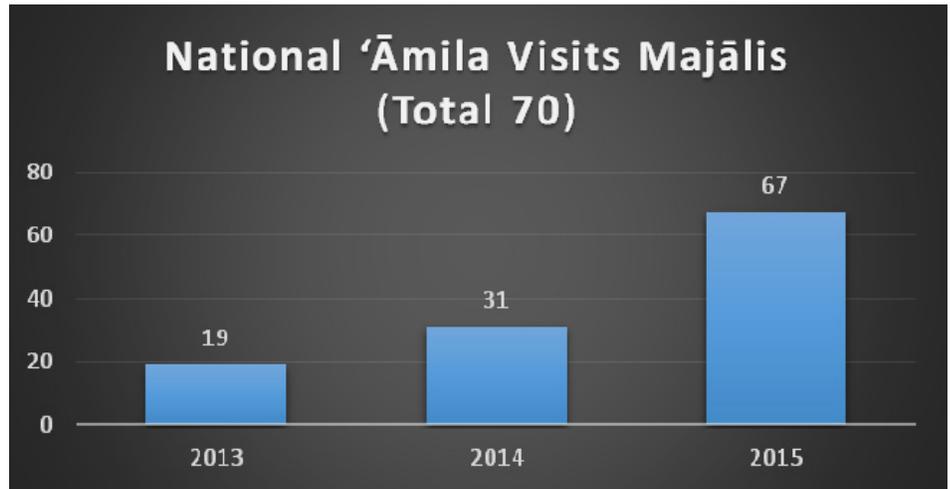
Our thanks to Faheem Ahmad, Za’īm of LA Inland Majlis, and his team for hosting the ALC and the support provided by LA East Majlis. Over the next 12 months, both of these Majālis set a high standard of excellence, culminating in winning the ‘Alam-i-In‘āmī for the year 2015.

Personal visits

During the year 2014, members of National ‘Āmila visited over 30 Majālis nationwide.

The experience was so beneficial, that in 2015 we inspired the whole National ‘Āmila of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA to visit local Majālis. One ‘Āmila member flew out of New York to a remote Majlis like Tulsa, OK, while another travelled from Los Angeles to Nashville, TN, and yet another went from Maryland to Bay Point, CA. By the time the year ended, Majlis ‘Āmila had Alḥamdulillāh traveled to 67 out of 70 Majālis. These visits were in addition to the regular visits made by the regional Nāzīmīn.

We are grateful to our Zu‘amā and local members who—at times—accommodated these visits even on weekday evenings. By extending their hospitality, they rekindled the values of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) who said: ‘Putting up a guest for one night is obligatory. If you find a guest at your door in the morning,



then this (hospitality) is (like) a debt that you (the host) owe him.” (Ibn Mājah)

Phone calls

‘Āmila members and Ṣadrān also made periodic phone calls to Zu‘amā. To encourage an open dialogue, every Za‘īm gets a monthly opportunity to jump on a 30-minute conference call with Ṣadr Majlis.

Robocalls

Life changes, and sometimes a message has to get to the grassroots, fast. That is why in 2015, the Majlis invested in nationwide robocall technology. We use it sparingly and received good reviews. In case you are wondering, Rasheed Reno has served as the voice of Majlis Anṣārullāh on

some of these calls.

Conference calls

The Majlis held a monthly conference call with National ‘Āmila and a separate conference call with regional Nāzimīn. 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 team spent over 500 man hours to completely upgrade the look and feel of the website. The traffic and engagement increased and at times, the website was the only one-stop-shop for critical information.

Mu‘āwin Ṣadr, Pervaiz Khan, and

Zahid Mian are to be thanked for their services.

Al-Naḥl (our flagship Anṣār magazine)

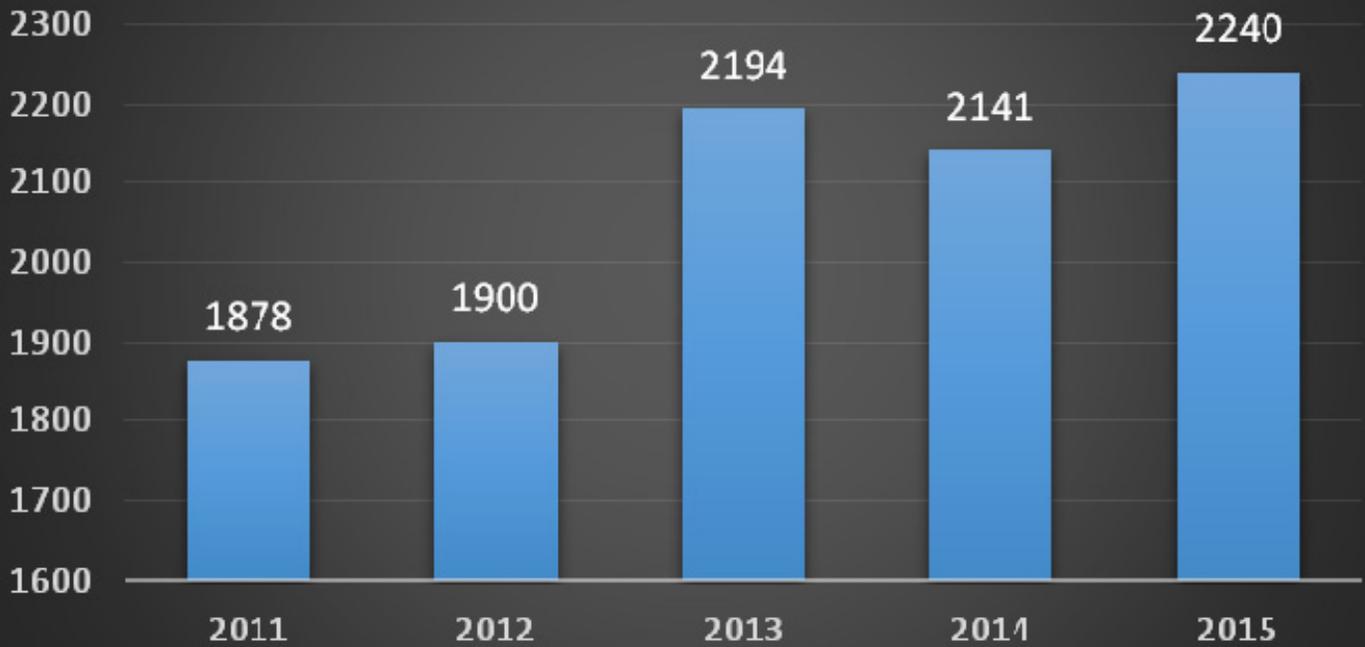
Two issues of Al-Naḥl (including the year-end issue) were published. This also included a special commemorative edition that was published on the 75th anniversary of Majlis Anṣārullāh. Rafi Malik, Qā‘id Publications, spearheaded not only this magazine, but also our print and electronic newsletters, and many other publications in between.

Anṣār Connection (e-newsletter)

The bi-weekly e-newsletter launched in 2014, to share first person stories of righteousness, continued to be published regularly. You can find the archives of these newsletters on our website. Over 1000 Anṣār open



Tahrīk Jadīd Participants



these newsletters.

National Ijtimā'

Abdul Hadi Ahmed and his team of nearly 50 Anṣār embraced the challenge of exceeding 1111 in 2015 National Ijtimā' attendance. Alḥamdulillāh, we hosted 1161 brothers.

Testimonials

This is what some of the attendees had to say about this year's National Ijtimā':

"Māshā'allāh this was probably the best Ijtimā' that I have ever attended."

"BBQ was excellent! Māshā'allāh for more than 1000 people, it was

nicely prepared and presented. Jazākallāh Ijtimā' team."

"It was my first Ijtimā' in the U.S. Was very nice in all sides. Educational, sports, food, accommodations were very organized."

Regional Ijtimā'āt

Alḥamdulillāh, 12 regional Ijtimā'āt were held nationwide. Our Regional Nāẓimīn have lifted the Majlis significantly with their hard work.

What next? Inshā'allāh!

During the year 2016, we plan to take 100 brothers—all Zu'amā, 'Āmila members, and Nāẓimīn to London and

seek guidance from Ḥuḍūr. Through interactive discussions and nationwide in-person visits we plan to further strengthen our brotherhood. Anṣār will travel for a Tabligh week in Merida, Mexico. There will be a renewed focus on increasing the attendance at the monthly meeting and increasing the number of Anṣār who are connected with congregational Ṣalāt and recitation of the Holy Qur'ān. The Majlis is also exploring housing options for members who prefer to sit in a mini "Peace Village" like community.

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.

The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) said: Allāh is very benevolent. The ocean of His benevolence is very deep and it will never deplete. Its seeker and solicitor has never been deprived. So you should get up during nights and beg for His blessing.

[Concluding address at Ijtimā' 1-1-1-1 by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper), Sep. 20, 2015]

A Journey Towards Listening to Khalīfatul Masīḥ's Friday Sermons

Tahir Soofi Ahmed, Nā'ib Qā'id Tarbiyat

I want to share a journey that Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA took over the last year and a half. It was truly a spiritually rewarding journey. The journey started when Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) approved the Tarbiyat subcommittee recommendation of Majlis Shūrā 2014 and asked for quarterly reports on data for officeholders of all auxiliaries whether they listen to Ḥuḍūr's Friday sermons regularly. Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, Dr. Faheem Younus Qureshi, then asked the Majlis' Tarbiyat team to come up with a mechanism to gather this data. At that time, our team did not know how or where to start but in the spirit of "We hear, and we obey" (The Holy Qur'ān, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:286), we prepared an online survey and started to collect the data in July 2014. After making many phone calls and emails, we only got about 30% response rate.

This trend continued for a few months when Ṣadr Majlis brought our team's attention to bump up the numbers. As a result, then Qā'id Tarbiyat, Yasin Sharif, put forward a Shūrā proposal in front of the Majlis Anṣārullāh Shūrā 2014 to come up with the ways to improve the response rate from Anṣār officeholders. In response to the recommendations for the proposal which were graciously approved by Ḥuḍūr, the Tarbiyat team implemented many improvements in the survey process.

In addition, a rigorous follow up was done at all levels. Ṣadr Majlis regularly followed up with all the regional Nāzīmīn and each regional Nāzīm followed up with his Zu'amā who in turn followed up with local Muntazimīn. This resulted in a big improvement in the response rate and by May 2015 the response rate reached close to 70%. However, the Majlis had made a promise to our beloved Ḥuḍūr that the Majlis would be able to achieve a response rate of 80%.

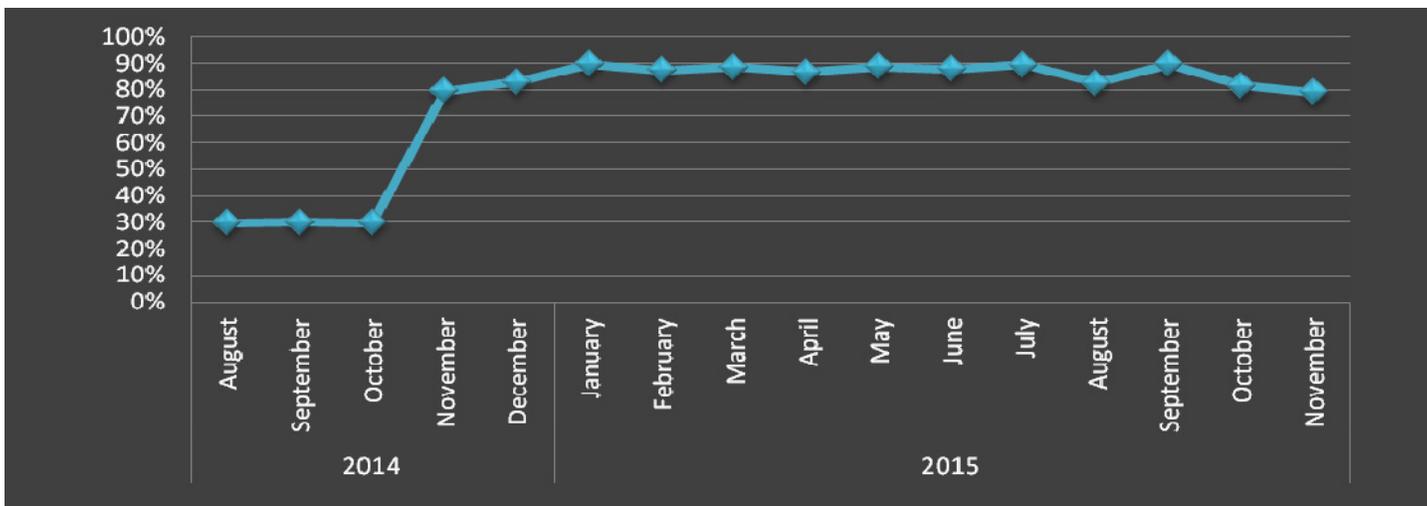
In spite of many struggles, somehow, the Majlis was not able to get to this number. Nā'ib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom, Imran Hayee, expressed his concern to Tarbiyat Team—Yasin Sharif and I—that we needed to improve on our efforts! I had my doubts about whether we would actually be able to reach to 80% but Nā'ib Ṣadr pressed forward and made us focus on the Majālis below 3 responses. That meant we had to work on 35 out of 70 Majālis—50% of them! This was too big of a task but with prayers and continued hard work, we moved forward.

We started to make phone calls to cell phone numbers, home phone numbers, we texted, we emailed and in some cases in-person requests were made with persistence. Finally, on June 28, 2015, on the 11th day of Ramaḍān, we achieved our target for the first time by achieving more than 80% response rate. We did not stop

and continued that exercise with prayers and in the following month we quickly reached to 78% in July 2015, just 2 days before 'Īd-ul-Fiṭr. Soon after Eid, we were able to hit 80%.

Therefore, in the month of Ramaḍān, we were encouraged to have experienced the belief in the unseen and the fact that Almighty Allāh rewards good intentions. We were at times tested but we had to keep the belief that we would achieve our target. We were able to achieve 80% response rate even in the third consecutive month making the quarterly result average to be above 80%. We have been at 80% consistently for 1 year. There were a handful of Majālis that always had 100% compliance without any second reminder from our team. I know that some would talk to us and say we know the reason of your call and we will comply and Alḥamdulillāh, they did. It was a nice feeling that many knew the reason of our phone calls and yet answered and promised to comply. It was very heartwarming!

Alḥamdulillāh! We are ever mindful of the two phrases, that "we hear, and we obey" and secondly, "belief in the unseen." Māshā'allāh, the officeholders of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA cooperated and they all helped in achieving our targets by simply obeying and we now have the firmer faith in the belief in the unseen.



Anṣārullāh Teams up to Establish Ṣalāt Centers

Riyaz Muhammad, Dallas

الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ
الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ٥

Explaining this verse (The Holy Qur'an, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:4), Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) says:

“Muslims have generally forgotten about the necessity of offering Prayers in congregation and this is one of the biggest reasons for divisions and dissension in the Muslim world. Almighty Allāh has placed many individual and communal blessings in this form of worship, yet Muslims have sadly forgotten them. Wherever the Holy Qur'an has instructed Prayers, it has instructed congregational Prayers; nowhere has the Holy Qur'an instructed the plain observance of Prayers without congregation.” (Tafṣīr-i-Kabīr, volume 10)

All Khulafā' have underscored the importance of congregational Prayers. Recently, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) has asked the U.S. Aḥmadīs specifically to focus on congregational Prayers. Ḥuḍūr said that people who have vehicles and live 15-20 miles from the mosques should come to mosque at least for Fajr, Maghrib and 'Ishā'. He also said that where people are residing far from the mosque, they should offer congregational Prayers in one of the Aḥmadī houses. If someone is living totally alone, then he should pray in his own house in congregation. (Friday Sermon, Jan 2, 2015)

As one of the pillars of Islām, it is incumbent on all Muslims. Aḥmadīs should especially pay attention to this important directive and the reminders from Khalīfatul Masīḥ V. It is in this connection that the Jamā'at's National

Tarbiyat Department has started the annual Ṣalāt Center Drive.

200 Ṣalāt Centers in 100 days

The department has set a goal of establishing 200 Ṣalāt centers in the last 100 days of every year, starting 2013. The work has been carried out through regional Tarbiyat Secretaries, local Tarbiyat Secretaries, Presidents, Anṣārullāh Zu'amā, and other motivated individuals who took it as their passion to establish congregational Ṣalāt. Alḥamdulillāh, with the prayers and hard work of everyone directly and indirectly involved, we have been able to consistently achieve above our target of 200 Ṣalāt centers each of the last three years.

What is a Ṣalāt Center?

A Ṣalāt Center is any place where two or more brothers can offer Prayers in congregation. We do have many mosques and mission centers across the country. But not every member is living in distances that enable them to pray at these centers on a daily basis. So we focused on setting up Home Ṣalāt Centers—these are individual homes, where the host will welcome a brother who can reach for Prayers at least twice a week. The Prayers could be offered in a room, in a corner, a basement, or wherever is convenient for the host. The guest will come right on time for the Ṣalāt and will leave soon thereafter—specifically will not stay for coffee or snacks, thus respecting the host's time and space.

Anṣārullāh—The Helpers of Allāh

Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) said: “Ṣalāt cannot be acceptable before Allāh the

Almighty unless it is offered in congregation (by males) except that a person is sick or disabled.” (Sabīlur Rashād, vol I, 1946)

This year 1111+ members of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA came together at their annual Ijtimā' on September 18-20. During the Friday sermon on September 18, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) emphasized the importance of Congregational Ṣalāt and stated:

“We should bear in mind the Promised Messiah's desire that Prayers should be offered in congregation and that our mosques should be full of worshippers. Today by the grace of Allāh mosques are being built everywhere, but sometimes I receive reports that they are not full of worshippers as they should be. Aḥmadīs in Pakistan, India, and other countries should also strive in this regard.”

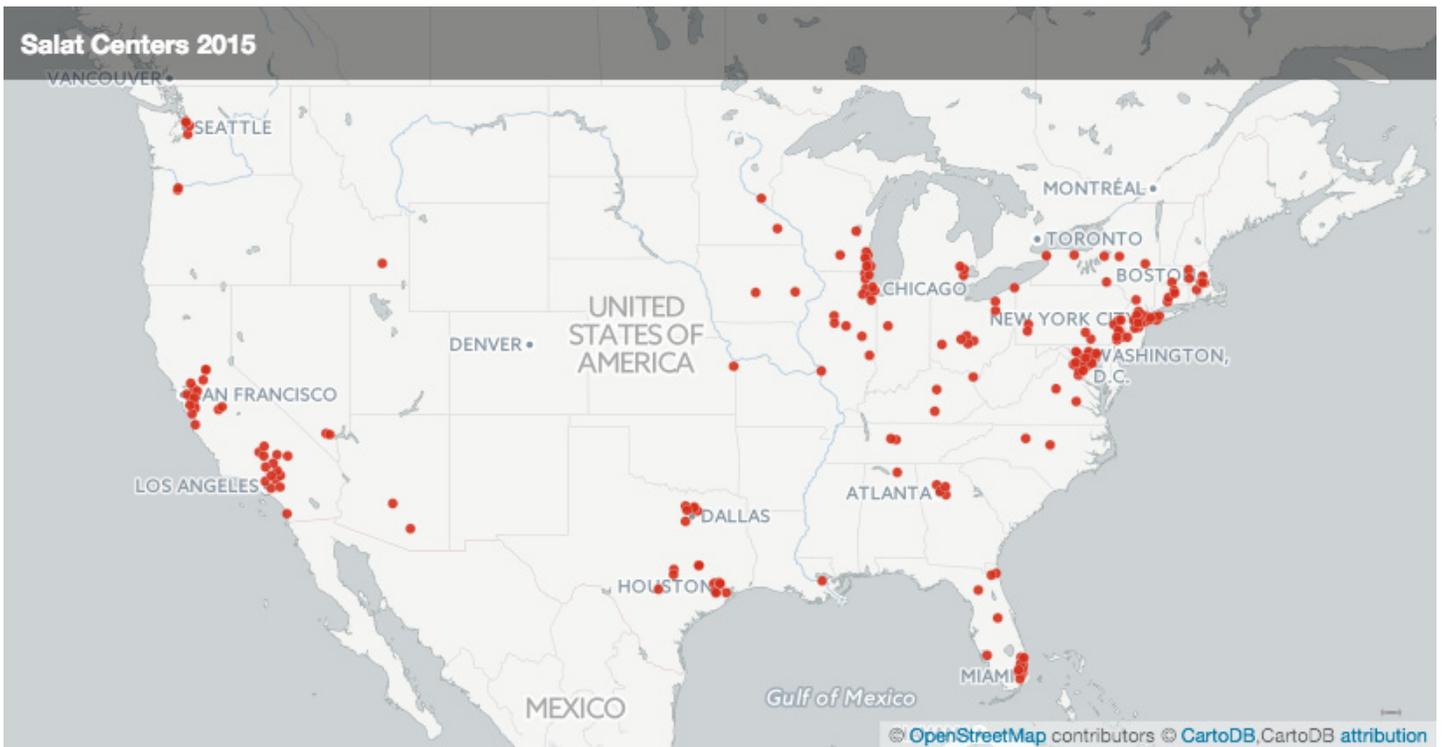
Again, on September 20, while addressing Anṣār in the simultaneous concluding session of the Ijtimā'āt of Anṣārullāh UK and USA, Ḥuḍūr emphasized the same message and said: “Prayer in congregation is a must for all men.”

Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA took heed of these directives and specifically focused on Ṣalāt Centers, with Nā'ib Ṣadr Imran Hayee, leading the effort. This was especially helpful since every member of Majlis Anṣārullāh represents a household and needs to realize his role to “save yourself and your families from a fire (The Holy Qur'an, 66 [Al-Taḥrīm]:7).”

Alḥamdulillāh, with the help and special interest of the Zu'amā across the nation, we have established 219 Ṣalāt Centers by the end of 2015. Inshā'allāh, we will be able to focus on improving attendance at these centers and establish new centers in the days and years to come.

The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) said: Congregational Prayers are mandatory for a man, a healthy man.

[Concluding address at Ijtimā' 1-1-1-1 by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper), Sep. 20, 2015]



Hundreds of Şalât centers have been established across of the U.S. for members to offer Şalât in congregation wherever they reside at a distance from a mosque.

Tabligh Efforts in 2015

Muzaffar Siddiqi, Qā'id Tabligh

The main goal of the department of Tabligh was to distribute 5,000 copies of book “World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace”—a compilation of speeches and letters by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) —to government officials, academia, press, and libraries.

Alḥamdulillāh, Majlis Anṣārullāh distributed 7,017 copies of this book, exceeding the set target for the year, to Federal and State legislators, County and City officials, Media and Academia. Some were delivered in person to these dignitaries during meeting with them and some were mailed to them with cover letters.

Alḥamdulillāh, there was great feedback for this outreach activity. Few testimonials from legislators are included on the following pages.

Another goal of the department was to participate in the Jamā'at's Tabligh efforts. This was achieved at

many fronts. Some of the Tabligh activities held by various Majālis under this initiative are briefly described in the following.

- Interfaith meetings with faith and community leaders were held. Islāmic teachings about different aspects of faith and social life were presented to attendees along with teachings on these aspects by other faiths. This has helped us to create a strong bond with other faith and community leaders to work for greater good.

- Tabligh Booths: Majālis held Tabligh booths at different city level festivals, Colleges, and Flea Markets. *Muslims for Peace*, *Muslims for Loyalty*, *Peace through the Messiah* and *True Islām* flyers were distributed along with other small pamphlets to introduce Islām

and Ahmadiyyat to thousands of visitors. Questions were answered by Ansar volunteers and word of truth was spread.

- Tabligh Events and Blood drives. Multiple events were held by members in coordination with local communities to introduce peaceful and beautiful teachings of Islām. Special events were held after Paris and San Bernardino massacres to condemn these horrific events and to convey true and peaceful teachings of Islām. Press conferences and media presentations were held to clarify the peace loving stance of the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at on such horrific incidents. Blood drives at our Mosques were held and members donated blood for the victims.

Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him), referring to Sūrah Jumu'ah, mentioned the coming of such a prophet and the true servant of the Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him)—among the Ākharīn (the latter ones)—who should be the one who will carry forward the work of the Holy Prophet. In this regard, like other subsidiary organizations, he **assigned the responsibility to Anṣārullāh that their job was also to do Tabligh**, teach the Holy Qur'ān, state the wisdom of Shari'ah, impart good training, remove the worldly weaknesses of the community, and move them forward.

[Concluding address at Ijtimā' 1-1-1-1 by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper), Sep. 20, 2015]

Send your comments or suggestions to al-nahl@ansarusa.org

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August 27, 2015

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Dear Muzaffar:

Thank you for sending me a copy of World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace. I appreciate your kindness.

Reading is one of my favorite things to do. It is useful and educational. I look forward to learning more about this important issue and welcome your addition to my library.

Thanks again for sharing a copy of this book with me. You have been very thoughtful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Mike Enzi".

Michael B. Enzi
United States Senator

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Dear Mr. Siddiqi,

Thank you for sending me the complimentary copy of His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad's book, "World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace." It looks to be a very interesting read, and I look forward to diving into the text.

Mirza Masroor Ahmad speaks with eloquence as to reasons we need global cooperation to prevent outbreaks of violence. We were honored to have him visit Capitol Hill in 2012, and I hope he continues to spread his message world-wide.

Thank you again for your gift.

Sincerely,

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Dear Muzaffar,

Thank you for the wonderful book that you sent to my office. I appreciate you thinking of me.

If I can be of future assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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JOHN MOOLENAAR
Member of Congress



April 1, 2015

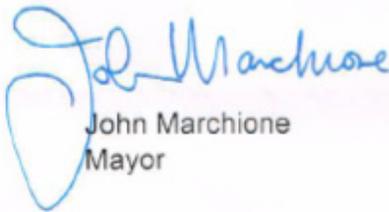
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Dear Mr. Ahmed,

Thank you for the gift of the book: World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace. I enjoyed reading about the history regarding this text, and I appreciate you sharing your beliefs with me. I am thankful for organizations that promote understanding and acceptance in a professional manner. This is especially important for the city of Redmond, where we are fortunate to have thriving, cultural diversity.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is undertaking a project with admirable goals, which include working to promote peace globally. I wish you much success.

Sincerely,



John Marchione
Mayor

My Memorable Journey to Rabwah

Imran Hayee, Nā'ib Şadr Şaff Dom

During my visit to Pakistan in December 2015, I had a chance to visit Rabwah. I have been to Rabwah before but this time it was special as the purpose of my trip was to visit the institute of special education, a newly opened school by Naẓārat Ta'lim (Directorate of Education) for children with special needs. During the first day of my trip, I visited the school and interacted with many children who were either deaf, blind, or mentally challenged. Some of them had a speech disorder or paralyzed body parts. All those kids had some kind of mental or physical disability but each one of them had dreams to become doctors, engineers, teachers, lawyers, detectives, or athletes, as the normal kids do.

In the school, I met a brilliant young child whose name was Husnain. He could not walk but had a fervent desire to become a policeman so that he could teach a lesson to the bad guys. He was a wonderful music composer as well. He sang a song for me after warning me that I would not understand it because it was in English. I really did not understand the words of the song but I was extremely moved by the confidence and talent behind his melodious voice. I met another child with a physical growth disorder. He wanted to become a Murabbī as well as an athlete. He was such an animated child that I am convinced that he would overcome his physical disability with his enormous determination and enthusiasm. The conviction in his voice reminded me of what Ḥaḍrat Muşliḥ Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) has said many times that spiritual power can achieve what physical power cannot.

I also had the honor to meet Helen Keller during my visit. It was not her actual name but she was certainly no less than Helen Keller in her achievements. She was a teacher in this school and in spite of being blind she had not only learned Braille but also completed her bachelor's degree in Braille at a very young age and now is teaching Braille to the

blind children in the school. She was among the 10+ teachers of the school including a trained physical therapist, a medical nurse, and a psychologist. Some of these teachers were not fully trained yet to deal with the children of special needs, still they were providing care and training to the children with utmost hard work and commendable dedication.

The school was indeed impressive, perhaps not in infrastructure, but definitely in spirit. Nāẓir Ta'lim, Mirza Fazal Ahmad put it in this way that he sensed an immediate need to initiate something for the special needs children in Rabwah. According to him, many parents approached Naẓārat Ta'lim and expressed their desire to have such a facility where their kids could go and learn to live purposefully. Considering the seriousness of the need, Naẓārat Ta'lim could not wait for a specially designed building which would need money as well as time. Instead, they started this school in a three story house donated by Anjuman Aḥmadiyya which does not fulfill all the requirements for such a facility but serves the purpose well, for the time being, giving relief to many parents with disable children. Currently, this building houses about 90 students with different disabilities. To expand the facility further, a specially designed building will be needed for which Naẓārat Ta'lim has already secured a piece of land and is currently working on building design. Once the design is finalized, the only remaining hurdle will be the funds needed to construct this building.

This brings me to the purpose of my visit to this school on behalf of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA. Naẓārat Ta'lim needed two custom built buses to transport the children to and from their homes. Without these busses, it was simply impossible for many of the children to enroll in the school because they lived at far off distances and parents had no means to provide transportation. Naẓārat Ta'lim approached Majlis Anşārullāh, USA early last year sharing their needs; a

million dollars for the school building, seventy five thousand dollars for the two busses and twenty thousand dollars for the smartboards for all the classrooms of the school. After seeking permission from Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper), Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA shared those needs with national 'Āmila of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA. The members of Majlis 'Āmila unanimously approved funds for the two busses to present as a gift to our children on the 75th anniversary of Majlis Anşārullāh demonstrating yet again that we are indeed the helpers of Allāh.

Naẓārat Ta'lim invited Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA to visit the school and formally recognize our donation. Şadr Majlis asked me to visit Rabwah for this purpose during my routine trip to Pakistan in December 2016. This turned out to be one of the most memorable trips I have ever made to Rabwah, providing me an opportunity to visit the Institute for special education and meet many adorable children each one of whom touched my heart in a special way.

On the second day of my visit, there was a formal program arranged by Naẓārat Ta'lim, which was attended by many children, their parents, and teachers from the school. This program was arranged in the auditorium of the newly built Nuşrat Jahān College (NJC), which is another impressive project by Naẓārat Ta'lim. NJC currently offers bachelor's and master's degrees in many disciplines of science and art. By taking advantage of my presence in Rabwah, Naẓārat Ta'lim had also arranged a seminar in which I gave a talk on optical fiber communication to science students and faculty. I was equally pleased to meet and interact with young and bright scientists of NJC who attended my talk and asked many intelligent questions.

There are a variety of ways, many of us could help Naẓārat Ta'lim, Rabwah, in its noble projects serving our common heritage—our children. It is not only the monetary help which they need to accomplish their projects,

but they also need experts in various fields who could train the teachers and staff of the institute of special education. They can also take advantage of doctors, engineers, or scientists who could arrange a seminar for the students and faculty of

NJC, either by visiting Rabwah or remotely using their excellent auditorium facility with well-equipped audio/video setup.

I would like to close by sharing the message of Şadr Majlis Anşarullāh, USA, which I also conveyed to Nazārat

Ta'lim, as well as the teachers, parents and students of the special needs school: "our gift of busses to our children carries no desire of any reward nor thanks from anyone but prayers".



Fragrance of Brotherhood

Suhail Kausar, Nā'ib Şadr Şaff Awwal

Mutual love and emotions of brotherhood experienced amongst the members of Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community can only be traced back to the *Awwalīn* when the blessed believers of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) were bonded in deep love and affection with each other under the wings of *Reḥmatullil Ālamīn* (mercy for all the worlds), a title bestowed by God Almighty, the Knower of everything including what is in the hearts. Islāmic history has preserved unlimited inspirational stories of this unparalleled affinity and ever readiness to sacrifice for fellow believers which has no other explanation except a miracle which can only be shown by a Prophet most beloved of God. In fact, such emotional bond between the believers is a manifest sign of the truth of the Prophet, who is supported by God Almighty with such beautifully radiating phenomenon.

It reminds me of the words of our Late Nā'ib Amīr, Munir Hamid, (may Allāh elevate his status in heavens), who expressed his feelings and experiences during one of his visits to Willingboro Jamā'at by saying that the words spoken by the pious and righteous believer throw spiritually stimulating vibrations directly impacting the hearts of the people sitting in his company. That is why so much emphasis has been laid on seeking to be in the company of the righteous. We are blessed to get lot of these opportunities of benefitting from the company of our righteous brothers and meeting with Anşār members by visits to their local Majālis providing us with some of those prized moments.

I am honored and humbled to have been blessed with the opportunity of visiting many Majālis of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA in 2015 as part of the prescribed plan for national 'Āmila members to visit the members of individual Majālis. This was a unique experience I went through as this humble servant was accorded immense love and respect

during my visits. Their affection and enthusiasm was so evident by high quality of hospitality by all the members I visited, that it can only be defined as true expression of brotherhood emitting sweet fragrance.

It was quality time for me sitting in the warm company of some of our elder brothers, who feel excited and enthused by sharing each other's company narrating their inspirational stories. I have felt a great desire especially among the elders who have plenty of available time to spend quality time with their brothers-in-faith. They have worked hard during their active career life in serving their families and the Jamā'at and it is their desire to spend their leisure time in the company of the righteous as much as they can.

A couple of those stories are worth sharing which highlights the high standards of honesty and integrity displayed by one of our elders.

A brother narrated his experience of traveling to Rabwah for Jalsa Sālāna where he met another brother assigned on serving food reserved for sick people. Although he earnestly wished to serve him the food, but humbly expressed his inability by saying that this food can only be served to sick members only. "You cannot be served unless you feel yourself to be suffering from illness." He thus humbly requested him to go to the food serving area meant for healthy members.

A brother narrating an experience with an elder Jamā'at member mentioned that he was asked to get him two and half tickets for train, two for the couple and half for their young daughter who was only a few days older than the age limit which exempts from buying ticket. I told him, "Who can find out about your daughter's actual age?" His response was a firm no to this suggestion, expressing, "Can you hide from God, Who knows everything?"

This is how our brothers strove to save themselves from even the slightest of the falsehood by walking on those fine paths of righteousness,

which the Imām of the age wanted us to do. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) has exhorted us in one of his Friday sermons that we should always be mindful to save ourselves even from the minor vices, failing which we slip into committing bigger sins.

Sharing these inspirational experiences not only spreads the fragrance of brotherhood, but also catalyzes enviable desire amongst all of us to strive for such blissful experiences in order to invoke the pleasure of Allāh.

Majlis Anşārullāh, USA has, therefore, initiated a program of 'Stories of my Elders' to bring out those inspirational stories by video recording and uploading them on the YouTube channel of the Majlis. All Anşār brothers are being encouraged to share those stories which not only help all of us to personally learn more about our brothers and their forefathers, but this also becomes a soft reminder to narrating brother about his responsibility to carry their spiritual journey further to next levels.

Visiting Majālis to meet our Anşār brothers personally is not only a required responsibility for national 'Āmila members, but it is also a great blessing and faith invigorating experience. The objective of these visits is a two-way communication and interaction between the members serving the Majlis at the national level and Anşār brothers at their individual Majlis.

It provides opportunity to explain the objectives and planned programs prepared in light of Ḥuḍūr's directives and expectations for result-oriented implementations. It inspires and motivates the members as to how their efforts and hard work may not only elevate the grading of their Majlis towards achieving 'Ālam-i-In'āmī, but can also be source of blessings for all of them. These visits also provide a forum of interaction whereby the members of the local Majlis visited can have a better understanding about the rationale and approach behind the planned activities.

Information about the services being offered to benefit the members like medical, job placement services, and Anşār Ṭāhir Scholarship for diversification of skills is shared with the members so that the members can fully utilize the available facilities.

The visits to Majālis and meeting the members personally provides valuable information and understanding to the visiting ‘Āmila members about the issues and challenges the local members face. Therefore, this becomes an effective

means for aligning national as well as local goals and their implementation.

Most of all, we achieve better understanding of each other and the entire Majlis Anşārullāh members are knit into a family of brothers sharing each other’s happiness and concerns.



Anşār of Fitchburg Majlis with Qā’id Waqf Jadīd, Sarjo Trawalley, on March 19, 2015



Anşār of Syracuse Majlis with Sarjo Trawalley, Qā’id Waqf Jadīd and Nā’ib Regional Nāzim of Northeast region, on March 22, 2015



Anṣār of Philadelphia Majlis with Ṣadr Majlis on March 19, 2015



Anṣār with Ṣadr Majlis during his visit to LA West Majlis April 6, 2015

Front Row: (L-R): Jallaluddin Ahmad (President of LA West Jamā'at), Zafar Basith (Regional Nāzim of Southwest region), Faheem Younus Qureshi (Ṣadr Majlis), Zahid Mian (Za'im of LA West Majlis), Azim Anṣāri (President of LA Inland Jamā'at)

Second Row: Amer Aziz, Yousaf Ahmad, Mohamad Shabooti, Saleem Choudry, Shafiq Jaskani, Nasir Karamat, Taha Ahmad, Saud Khan, Amjad Malik

Third Row: Amman Khan, Naveed Ahmad, Ibrahim Naeem, Bashir Haque, Abdur Rahim Sheikh, Zaheer Malik, Zia Ranjah



Anşār of York Majlis with Nā'ib Şadr Şaff Dom, Imran Hayee, Qā'id Tarbiyat, Mohammad Yasin Sharif, Qā'id İthār, Basharat Ahmad Wadan, and Regional Nāẓim of Headquarters region, Khurram Bashir, on August 20, 2015

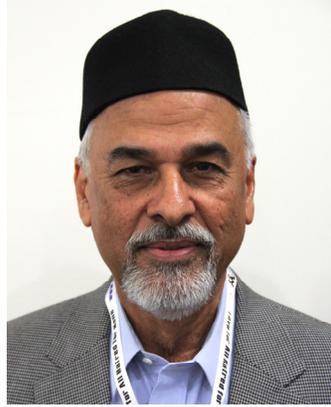


Anşār of Dayton Majlis with Qā'id Publications, Rafi Malik, on May 2, 2015

2015 National Majlis 'Āmila



Şadr Majlis
Faheem Younus Qureshi
Baltimore, MD



Nā'ib Şadr Awwal
Suhail Kausar
Dallas, TX



Nā'ib Şadr Şaff Dom
Imran Hayee
Minnesota



Mu'āwin Şadr (Finance)
Munawar Ahmad Saqib
Willingboro, NJ



Mu'āwin Şadr (IT)
Pervaiz Khan
Detroit, MI



Mu'āwin Şadr (Special Projects)
Abdul Hadi Ahmed
Silver Spring, MD



Qā'id Umūmī
Maqbool Ahmad Tahir
Detroit, MI



Qā'id Ta'lim
Monas Ahmad Chaudry
Los Angeles, CA



Qā'id Ta'limul Qur'ān
Syed Fazal Ahmed
Philadelphia, PA



Auditor
M. Dawood Munir
Houston, TX



Qā'id Publications
Rafi Malik
Columbus, OH



Qā'id Taḥrīk Jadīd
Hassiem Abdullah Babatu
Milwaukee, WI



Qā'id Health
Lutufur Rehman
Tennessee



Qā'id Tarbiyat
Mohammad Yasin Sharif
Harrisburg, PA



Qā'id Tabligh
Muzaffar Ahmad Siddiqi
Los Angeles, CA



Qā'id Tarbiyat Nau
Mubā'i'in, Rizwan Alladin
Long Island, NY



Qā'id Waqf Jadid
Sarjo Trawalley
Boston, MA



Qā'id Īthār
Basharat Ahmad Wadan
Fairfax, VA



Qā'id Tajnīd
Muhammad Shahid Mahmood
Detroit, MI



Qā'id Finance
Syed Imran Mudassar
Milwaukee, MI

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.

2015 Regions

No	Region	Majālis	Nāzim
1	Central East	Central Jersey, Lehigh Valley, North Jersey, Philadelphia, Willingboro	Abdur Rahim Latif
2	Central West	Bay Point, Merced, 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	Mahfooz Sheikh
5	Headquarters	Baltimore, Laurel, Potomac, Silver Spring, York	Khurram Bashir
6	Midwest	Bloomington, Chicago East, Chicago Northwest, Chicago Southwest, 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	Ahmad Krishan Dard
11	Southwest	Los Angeles East, LA Inland, Los Angeles West, Las Vegas, Phoenix, San Diego, Tucson	Zafar Abdul Basith
12	Virginia	Central Virginia, North Virginia, Richmond, South Virginia, Washington DC	Ijaz Ahmad Qamar

2015 Regional Nāzimīn



Nāzim Central East
Abdur Rahim Latif
New Jersey



Nāzim Central West
Musawwir Momen
San Jose, CA



Nāzim Great Lakes
Naseem Ahmed Khan
Detroit, MI



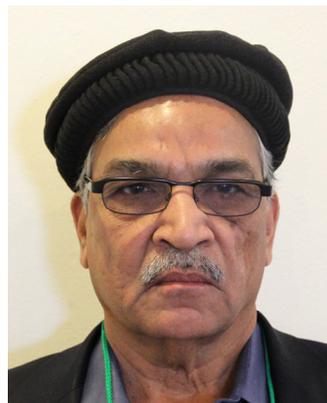
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Mahfooz Sheikh
Dallas, TX



Nāzim Headquarters
Khurram Bashir
Silver Spring, MD



Nāzim Midwest
AbuBakar Bin Saeed
Milwaukee, WI



Nāzim New York
Muhammad Arshad Janjua
Long Island, NY



Nāzim Northeast
Muhammad Zafar Iqbal
Syracuse, NY



Nāzim Northwest
Atta Karim Chowdhry
Vancouver, WA



Nāzim Southeast
Ahmad Krishan Dard
Cary, NC



Nāzim Southwest
Zafar Abdul Basith
Los Angeles, CA



Nāzim Virginia
Ijaz Ahmad Qamar
Lorton, Virginia



Group photo at Central East regional Ijtimā' held on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at Baitul Hādī Mosque in Old Bridge, NJ



Group photo at Great Lakes regional Ijtimā' held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Baitun Nāsir Mosque in Columbus, OH



Group photo at Gulf States regional Ijtimā' held on Sat-Sun, April 18-19, 2015 at Baitus Samee Mosque in Houston, TX



Group photo at Headquarters regional Ijtimā' held on Sun, May 17, 2015 at Baitur Raḥmān Mosque in Silver Spring, MD



Group photo at Midwest regional Ijtimā' held on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at Bait-ul-Jaamey Mosque in Chicago



Group photo at Northeast regional Ijtimā' held on Sunday, May 31, 2015 in Albany, New York



Group photo at Northwest regional Ijtimā' held on Sunday, May 3, 2015 in Seattle, WA



Group photo at New York regional Ijtimā' held on Sunday, May 10, 2015 at Baituz Zafar Mosque, Queens, New York



Group photo at Southeast regional Ijtimā' held on Sat-Sun May 30-31, 2015 at Baitul Ata Mosque in Atlanta, GA



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2015 Zu'amā



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Mubashir Ahmad Zahid



Za'im Albany
Muzaffar Ahmad



Za'im Austin
Maqbool Ahmad



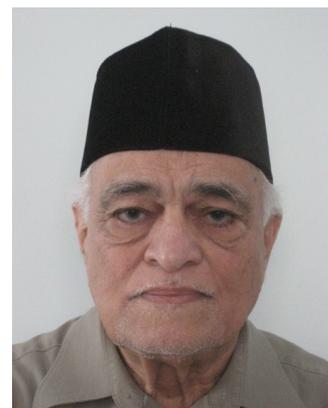
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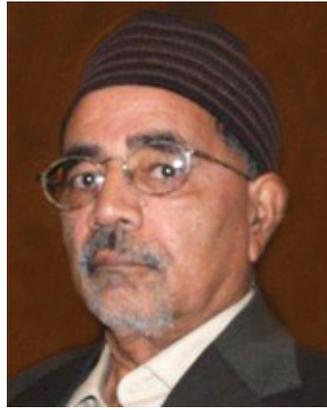
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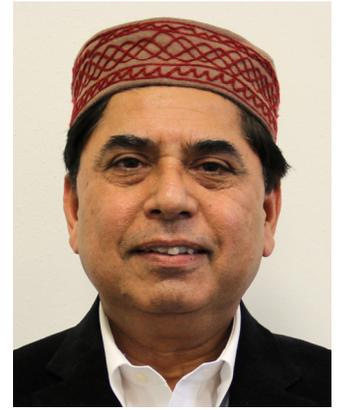
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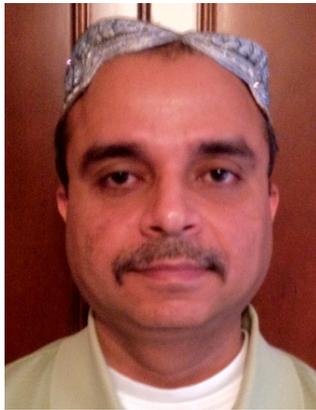
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Za'im Cleveland
Akbar Shah



Za'im Columbus
Ahsan Shemaz Syed



Za'im Cypress-Houston
Iftikhar Ahmad Sheikh



Za'im Dallas
Mubashir Ahmed



Za'im Dayton
Abdul Qudoos Shahid



Za'im Detroit
Nasir Ahmed Bukhari



Za'im Fitchburg
Masood Ashraf



Za'im Fort Worth
Zubair Latif



Za'im Georgia-Carolina
Ghayyur Mannan Khan



Za'im Hartford
Hassan Mansoor Bajwa



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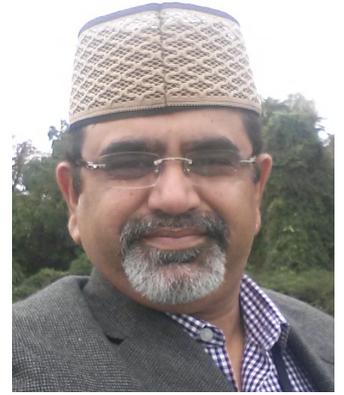
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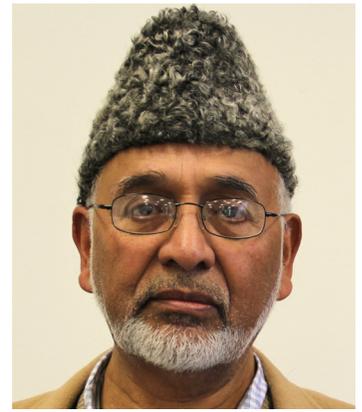
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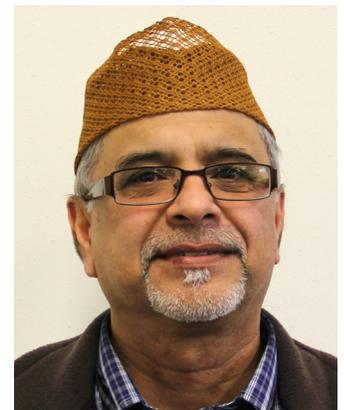
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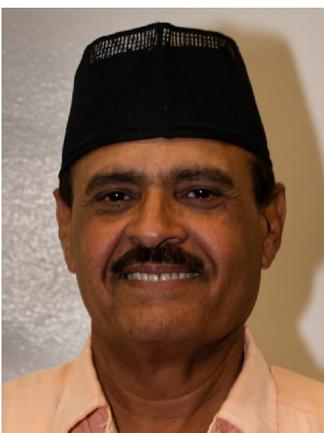
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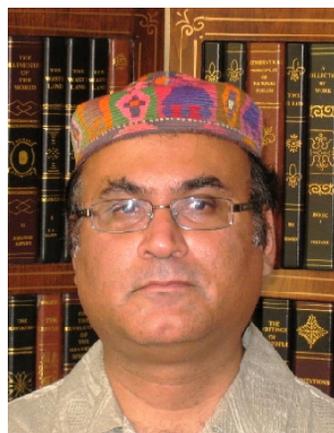
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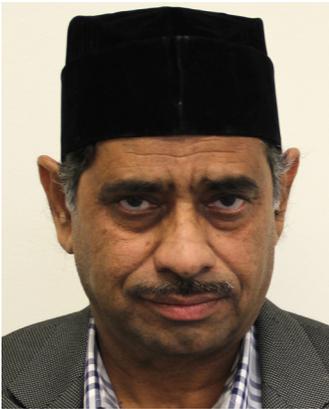
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Za'im Tucson
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Qaisar Jalil Qayyum



Za'im Washington DC
Bashir Ahmad Chaudhary



Za'im Willingboro
Tahir Ahmad Tasneem



Za'im Willingboro
York



Za'im Zion
Saeed Anjum



Local Ijtimā' of Chicago Northwest Majlis was held on April 5, 2015 at Bait-ul-Jaamey Mosque



Local Ijtimā' of Dallas Majlis was held on April 5, 2015 at Baitul Ikrām Mosque



Combined local Ijtimā' of Houston North and Houston South Majālis was held on March 8, 2015 at Baitus Samee Mosque

- Local Ijtimā' of LA Inland Majlis was held on May 3, 2015 with a record number of Anṣār in attendance, a 10% increase from the previous year.
- Phoenix Majlis held its 9th local Ijtimā' on May 9, 2015 with an excellent attendance of 79% of the Tajnīd. Another outstanding aspect of the Ijtimā' was that all of the attending Anṣār participated in all of the educational and sports competitions.



Local Ijtimā' of Las Vegas Majlis was held on May 2, 2015 at Bait-ut Tauhīd Mosque



Local Ijtimā' of LA East Majlis was held on May 9-10, 2015 at Baitul Ḥameed Mosque



Local Ijtimā' of New York Majlis was held on April 5, 2015 at Baituz Zafar Mosque



Local Ijtimā' of LA West Majlis was held on June 7, 2015 at Baituz Zafar Mosque



Majlis 'Āmila of Dallas Majlis



Majlis 'Āmila of LA East Majlis



Majlis 'Āmila of Las Vegas Majlis
Left to Right: Tanveer Khokhar (Muntaẓim Ta'lim & Tarbiyat), Dr. Rehan Amir (Za'im Majlis), Luqman Jalal (Muntaẓim Tabligh), Ahmed Masood (Muntaẓim Finance)



‘Āmila members of New York Majlis with Imām Daud Hanif and local Jamā’at President, Nazir Ayaz



Majlis ‘Āmila of Philadelphia Majlis



Majlis 'Āmila of York Majlis



Anṣār of LA East Majlis



Anşār of Dallas Majlis



Anşār of York Majlis



Anşār of New York Majlis gather for a group photo at their March Anşār monthly meeting.



Anṣār of York Majlis with National Secretary Publications, Syed Sajid Ahmad, during his visit to Harrisburg, PA



Members of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA with Amīr Jamā'at Mauritius and Šadr Majlis Anṣārullāh, Mauritius at Jalsa Sālāna Mauritius 2015



Anşār of Fitchburg Majlis at a Tabligh stall at local flea market on September 12



Za'īm of Dayton Majlis at a Tabligh stall promoting Ḥuḍūr's book on May 17, 2015



Flyer distribution and discussion at Cypress College Tabligh Booth by LA East Anşār on Nov. 28, 2015



Above: A Nāşir of LA East Majlis at LA County Fair Tabligh stall



Right: Za'īm of York Majlis in discussion with a local citizen during a visit to Mexico



Anṣār of Dayton Majlis actively took part in the MLK Day parade and Tabligh booth on January 19, 2015



Anṣār of Central Jersey Majlis participated, while observing fast, in a 4th of July BBQ arranged by the local Jamā‘at exclusively for guests due to Ramaḍān



Anṣār of New York Majlis participated in the 4th of July activities



Anṣār of York Majlis participated in a 4th of July BBQ arranged for guests



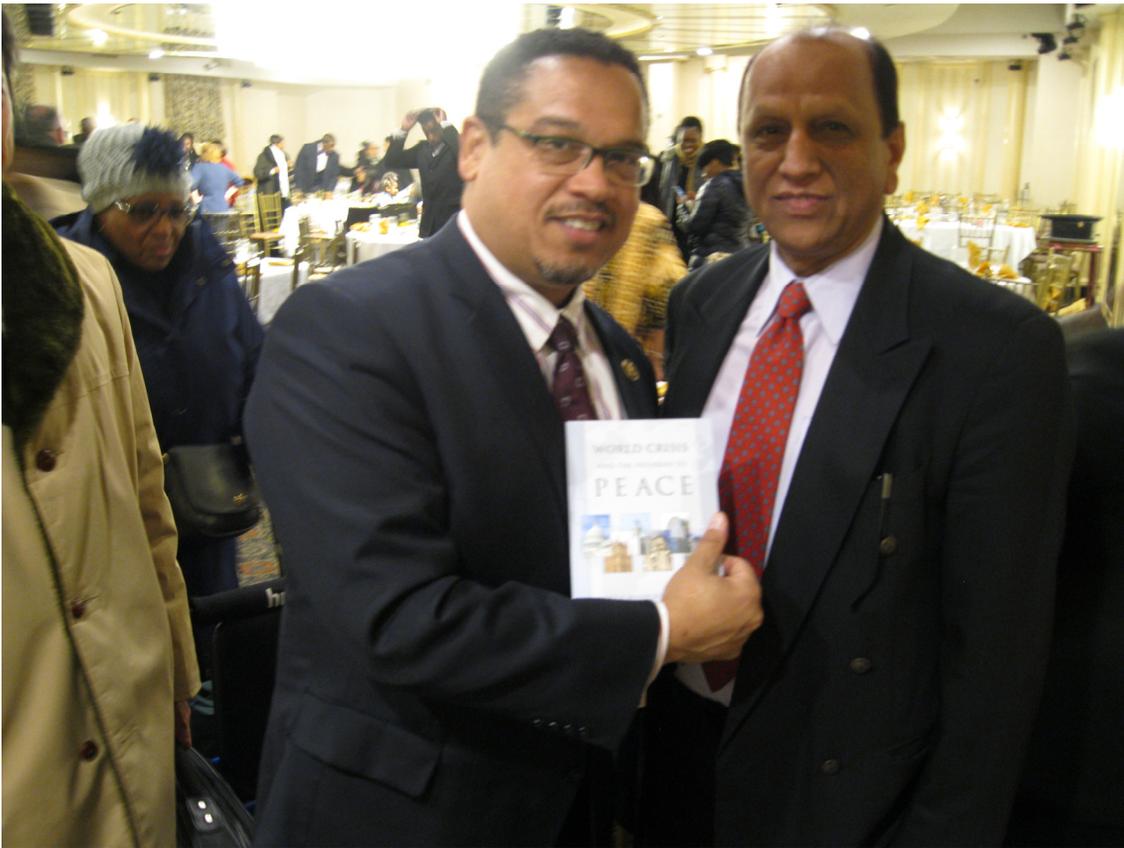
Anṣār of Dallas Majlis participated in the Independence Day parade conducted by the City of Irving, TX on July 4, 2015. “Muslims for Loyalty” leaflets were given to the onlookers.



Anṣār of LA East Majlis participated in the Independence Day parade in Corona, CA on July 4, 2015.
800 bottles of cold water were distributed to the spectators.



Anṣār of LA Inland Majlis participated in the Independence Day parade conducted by the City of Ontario, along with other members of the Jamā'at on July 4, 2015. Lajna members designed a float that reflected the “Muslims For Loyalty” campaign. By the Grace of Allāh, the float was awarded the “Most Patriotic Red, White and Blue Award.” The Jamā'at was presented a trophy and an award banner. 90 Jamā'at members Men, Women, and children participated in a two-mile parade along with the float.



A Nāṣir of New York
Majlis presenting
Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul
Masīḥ V's book to the
Muslim congressman,
Keith Ellison



Anṣār of Dallas Majlis
with Dallas Mayor Mike
Rawlings on his second
term inauguration
on Jun 27, 2015



Anṣār of Central Jersey Majlis with Owen Henry, Mayor of Old Bridge, NJ, at 911 memorial ceremony

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Anṣār of Central Jersey Majlis participated in the Annual Community Day to which the local Jamā'at was invited to by the Old Bridge Mayor's Office on September 26, 2015





Anṣār of LA East Majlis prepared more than 1700 Tabligh packages that were sent to various U.S. State Representatives.



17 Anṣār of New York Majlis participated in a walkathon held on September 2, 2015



Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis attending their weekly Qur'ān class



Anṣār of LA East Majlis offering Prayer with other Jamā'at members during a picnic held on February 21, 2015

Anṣār of New York Majlis regularly volunteer for Feed the Hungry program at the SNAP Center which is a social services agency providing for the needs of senior citizens residing in the borough of Queens. Along with other services they are delivering 2700 meals a month. On February 11, 2015, 8 Anṣār of New York Majlis volunteered and spent about 10 man hours and prepared 372 meals. The director of the program highly appreciated members' efforts.





Phoenix Majlis actively participate in the feeding the homeless initiatives. In the second quarter of 2015, the Majlis collected 500 lbs of nonperishable food items and delivered to United Food Bank in Phoenix.



On March 28, 2015, approximately 150 packages of food were prepared to distribute among the needy homeless Near Pomona, California. Anṣār of LA East Majlis along with other Jamā'at members helped to prepare And Distribute packages that included sandwiches, granola bars, bag of chips and a bottled water.

Los Angeles West Majlis' Super Saturday

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, 17 members of LA West Jamā'at, mostly Anṣār, gathered at Baitus Salaam Mosque to offer Tahajjud and Fajr Prayers. After Dars, there was a light breakfast for members. Then more than 200 food packages were prepared to be delivered to the homeless in the downtown area of Los Angeles. It took about 20 minutes to prepare the packages, 20 minutes to drive to the area, and less than 10 minutes to distribute all the packages.



Anṣār of LA East Majlis distributed 40 blankets to the homeless in Corona, California on December 20, 2015.



Anṣār of LA Inland Majlis preparing and distributing food to the needy



Nisar Ahmad Khan (6th from left) was recognized by Houston North Majlis on January 4, 2015 for his services to the local Majlis. He has served as Muntāzīm Finance for 20 continuous years with utmost devotion and dedication.



NY Senior Day: Dinner for senior Anṣār was held at Baiutz Ḥafar, in Queens, NY on May 25, 2015. All senior Anṣār of the New York Majlis were invited. The program started with the recitation of Holy Qur'an followed by poetry by various members. Jokes and real life instances were shared. Imām Daud Hanif advised the senior members to be active in the Jamā'at related and social activities rather than staying at home. The program concluded with the silent prayers that followed by the an excellent dinner.

Running like 16 at the Age of 67

Rashid Syed, Los Angeles

On February 1, 2015, I ran, jogged, and walked my 10th Surf City Half Marathon, 13.1 miles, along with thousands of other runners. I have been running for as long as I remember but I have been running half marathons since 2005. 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.

And this year, I was fortunate to have other Ahmadi brothers running the marathon with me.

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 became 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 67, I feel pretty good about my health. If I can do it, anybody can do it.

I would encourage my Ansar 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. Here are some suggestions:

- Start with 15-20 minute regular walk each day and increase your walk and distance each week.
- Set a goal. Run or walk to a set destination each day. Have a good attitude and keep smiling.
- Buy good, light running/walking shoes (look for sales for good price).
- Keep increasing your time and distance until you reach a comfortable limit.
- Do not skip days while running; skipping means starting all over again, which is not easy.

If you are not in the best of health, consult your physician or Qā'id Health at qaid.health@ansarusa.org before you start running.



A Nāṣir Wins an Emmy Award

Members of Aḥmadiyya Community have previously won a Nobel Prize, Grammy Award, Rhodes Scholarship. Well, add to the list.

Our dear brother Hamid Sheikh who has a PhD in electrical engineering from the University of Texas, Austin was awarded an Emmy Award in Engineering (yes, there is such a category). He received his award on October 28.

For those of us who may not know Hamid much, here are the details. He is a devout Aḥmadī Muslim who has served the Jamā'at in various capacities for over two decades. He currently serves as the Tarbiyat Secretary for Dallas Jamā'at as well as the Gulf region, and teaches in Dallas Jamā'at Tahir Academy. We spoke to him via phone and here are his responses:

Anṣārullāh: So tell us about this great news.

Hamid: I graduated with a PhD in Electrical Engineering in 2004. Back when I started my PhD, I worked with my good friend and senior Zhou Wang, who was the lead researcher on the project, towards the development of Structural Similarity (SSIM) metric. Fast forward about 12 years, and our research team was selected to receive an engineering Emmy award. It is a very prestigious and rare award that I did not even know my professor had nominated the team for. Not only is it rare, it is also unusual award as almost everyone associates Emmy awards with acting & directing and not with the technology that enables television broadcast.

Anṣārullāh: When did you come to know about winning the Emmy for Engineering?

Hamid: Just out of the blue I got an email a few weeks ago that we were selected. Due to the terms and conditions of Emmys, I could not disclose it earlier. All through that period, I felt stunned, not knowing how to comprehend this big news. I couldn't even tell my wife right away.

Anṣārullāh: How does someone win this award? Like, is there a process for it?

Hamid: Well, again, I had no idea about it. The same paper had won a

Best Paper award many years ago. Now we are getting recognized for the same work due to its impact on the television industry. Like all awards, there is a process involved where someone nominates a company or an individual (or team) for their contributions, and the Emmy committee evaluates the nomination. This year, our professor decided to pursue it and nominated the team for it without even telling us. He figured it was such a shot in the dark that he didn't feel he needed to make a big deal by involving the rest of us.

Anṣārullāh: What exactly was your paper about?

Hamid: The research was on the topic of image and video quality. As humans, perception of quality is very natural. For example, when your TV stream gets all pixilated, you can almost immediately and unconsciously observe it and complain about it. However, to a computer, all pictures are equal: good quality ones and bad quality ones. Making a computer determine the quality of an image or video is very hard. "Quality assessment" technology tries to automatically determine if the quality of an image or video has been degraded during capture, recording, transmission, or display process. People had been working in this domain for 30+ years before us, but Alḥamdulillāh SSIM turned out to be hugely successful and game changing technology. Here is the exact detail:

Award for Zhou Wang, Alan Bovik, Hamid Sheikh, and Eero Simoncelli for Structural Similarity (SSIM) Video Quality Measurement Model

Structural Similarity (SSIM) is an algorithm for estimating the perceived quality of an image or video. Its computational simplicity and ability to accurately predict human assessment of visual quality has made it a standard tool in broadcast and post-production houses throughout the television industry. SSIM uses powerful neuroscience-based models of the human visual system to achieve breakthrough quality prediction



performance. Unlike previous complex error models that required special hardware, it can be easily applied in real time on common processor software. SSIM is now a widely-used perceptual video quality measure, used to test and refine video quality throughout the global cable and satellite TV industry, and directly affects the viewing experiences of tens of millions of viewers daily. [Source: 67th Engineering Emmy Awards press release]

Anṣārullāh: So many people chase these prestigious awards all their life but they don't win. Here you are who never had a "mission" to win an Emmy and yet you have won this award. Why and how?

Hamid: Only Allāh knows, and I don't know what to say or how to answer this question. During the weeks where I couldn't disclose this news publicly, I had good time to think about the exact same question, and I can only accept it as Allāh's will, and absolutely zero pursuit on my part. Mathematicians will tell you that it is not possible to get anything out of zero, but only Allāh can multiply zero into something so grand. It is the prayers of Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his helper) and my family and elders, and Allāh's reward for the service I did for the Jamā'at—the opportunity and

capacity for which also came from Allāh's Grace. But then there are so many people more devout and serving than me. So I am still speechless. It is nothing less than a miracle, you know. It is really a miracle. What else can you call it?

Anṣārullāh: Who did you tell about this award first?

Hamid: I told my wife, called a

friend, and then wrote a letter for prayers to Ḥuḍūr.

Anṣārullāh: What happens next?

Hamid: I guess, I will now go to California at the end of October for the ceremony. My mother is also coming. It is a really unbelievable moment. I still want to keep it low key but sharing with my Anṣār brothers for their prayers.

Anṣārullāh: Any other thoughts you would like to share with the readers?

Hamid: I am still struggling to find out Allāh's grand plan in this. I mean what is Almighty Allāh's purpose in me winning this award. That's the biggest question on my mind now. I request all the Jamā'at members to remember me in prayers.



2015 Ta'lim Tests

Monas Chaudry, Qā'id Ta'lim

It is the sheer grace and mercy of Allāh that He has helped the Majlis in achieving the national goal of 50% participation in Ta'lim test once again, Alḥamdulillāh. All glory to Allāh, I am reminded of this verse of Sūrah Al Naṣr, "Glorify Thy Lord with His Praise and seek His forgiveness." May Allāh forgive our shortcomings and cover up our faults.

My dear Nāẓimīn, Zu'amā, and Muntazimīn brothers have worked tirelessly to encourage members to participate in the Ta'lim test. May Allāh accept their efforts and reward them manifold. May Allāh soften up their hearts and minds towards me for so kindly putting up with my nagging and pestering.

I would like to thank Ṣadr Majlis and members of Majlis 'Āmila for praying for the success and supporting this noble endeavor. Jazākallāh!

Proclaiming the bounties of Allāh, I present the summary of Ta'lim Test I and II results in terms of participation:

Ta'lim Test I		Ta'lim Test II	
Number of Majalis with 100% participation	5	Number of Majalis with 100% participation	8
Number of Majalis with 70% and above	22	Number of Majalis with 50% and above	38
Number of Majalis with 50% and above	49	Number of Majalis at 40% and above but less than 50%	8
		Number of Majalis with less than 40%	23

2015 Majālis Ranking

'Alam-i-In'āmī

LA East Majlis
Za'īm: Moyenuddin Ahmad Sirajee
LA Inland Majlis
Za'īm: Faheem Ahmed

Large Majālis

1st LA East (Za'īm: Moyenuddin Ahmad Sirajee)
1st LA Inland (Za'īm: Faheem Ahmed)
2nd Dallas (Za'īm: Mubashir Ahmed)
3rd New York (Za'īm: Mahmood Ahmad)

Medium Majālis

1st Seattle (Za'īm: Waseem Ahmad)
1st Houston North (Za'īm: Nasir H. Malik)
2nd Cypress-Houston (Za'īm: Iftikhar Ahmad Sheikh)
3rd LA West (Za'īm: Zahid Mian)

Small Majālis

1st Fitchburg (Za'īm: Masood Ashraf)
2nd Phoenix (Za'īm: Munir A. Malik)
3rd Las Vegas (Za'īm: Rehan Amir)

Outstanding Nāzīm Awards

Region	Nāzīm
South West	Abdul Zafar Basith
Gulf States	Mahfooz Sheikh

Outstanding Qā'id Awards

Muzaffar Ahmad Siddiqi (Qā'id Tābligh)
Muhammad Shahid Mahmood (Qā'id Tajnīd)

Majlis	Points	Majlis	Points	Majlis	Points
1 LA - East	1079	25 Zion	649	49 Sacramento	439
2 LA - Inland	1079	26 Oshkosh	642	50 Bloomington	438
3 Dallas	1024	27 Miami	606	51 Pittsburgh	438
4 New York	929	28 Silver Spring	606	52 Washington	437
5 Seattle	916	29 New Orleans	600	53 Chicago East	433
6 Houston - North	915	30 Fort Worth	591	54 Albany	428
7 Fitchburg	867	31 Charlotte	567	55 Kentucky	425
8 Phoenix	843	32 Austin	563	56 Tucson	404
9 Cypress - Houston	842	33 Binghamton	562	57 Bronx	401
10 Las Vegas	830	34 Cleveland	544	58 Indiana	401
11 Chicago Northwest	826	35 Dayton	544	59 Long Island	399
12 Philadelphia	805	36 Buffalo	542	60 St. Louis	390
13 Willingboro	802	37 Bay Point	535	61 Potomac	375
14 Richmond	790	38 Boston	528	62 Hartford	371
15 Syracuse	789	39 South Virginia	503	63 Alabama-TN	341
16 Detroit	778	40 Georgia-SC	496	64 Brooklyn	331
17 Lehigh Valley	732	41 Research Triangle	496	65 Orlando	327
18 Central Jersey	712	42 Silicon Valley	495	66 Merced	313
19 LA - West	708	43 Houston - South	482	67 Chicago Southwest	303
20 York	670	44 Baltimore	480	68 Tulsa	272
21 San Diego	666	45 Columbus	472	69 Central Virginia	223
22 Portland	660	46 Milwaukee	472	70 Minnesota	110
23 Rochester	658	47 North Virginia	447		
24 North Jersey	653	48 Laurel	444		

Members are urged to read the letter from London reproduced here and follow the guidelines provided when traveling to London and requesting a Mulaqāt (audience) with Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper).

Private Secretary
Hazrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (aba)
London, 10 January 2016

Respected Amir Sahib USA:
Assalaamu `alaikum warahmatullaahi wabarakaatohu,

I hope you are doing well. Allah be with you.

Over the recent past, it has been noted that some individuals leave their country and come to London without having previously booked a Mulaqat, and then ask the PS Office to immediately grant them a Mulaqat. When they are asked if they have received verification from Amir Sahib and if they have received confirmation of a time for Mulaqat, then they say that they have informed their Sadr Jama`at and he has told them to proceed, the fax will be sent. In like manner, some Sadran Jama`at send the Mulaqat form directly to London without verification. Also, some Mulaqat forms do not contain any contact phone number.

Respectfully, please ensure that Sadran Jama`at and members of the Jama`at abide by these previous instructions of Huzoor-e-Anwar (aba) and make efforts to clearly distribute this guidance. Due to this, PS Office as well as those individuals who come for Mulaqat are presented with difficulties and are faced with grief.

Through announcements and circulars, please kindly remind Jama`ats once again that it is necessary for every individual who comes for Mulaqat that after sending to PS Office London the verification for Mulaqat and before starting the journey, to please call the following numbers for the PS Office (0044 208877 5555 and 0044 208877 5556) and book a time for the Mulaqat. Only after this should they finalize their travel. The Mulaqat time should be settled before starting the journey to London. The act of merely faxing of a verification letter does not itself book a Mulaqat. In the future, those individuals who come without following this due process will not be granted a Mulaqat.

It is our request to please clearly inform members of these matters. Additionally, aside from announcing the instructions of Huzoor-e-Anwar (aba) in Jama`ats, please also publish them from time to time in Jama`at publications and bulletins.

Jazaakumullaah ahsan al-jazaa`.

Wassalaam,
Khaaksaar,
Munir Ahmad Javed

Departed Souls

The following U.S. Anṣār departed this temporary abode in 2015 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 www.ansarusa.org/information-about-deceased-members.

Saif Ullah Cheema

Saif Ullah Cheema of North Virginia Majlis passed away at Ṭāhir Heart Institute on May 30, 2014 at the age of 64.

Rasheed Ahmad Sabir

Rasheed Ahmad Sabir of Silver

Spring Majlis passed away on January 21, 2015 at the age of 79 years.

Brother Hasan Abdullah

Brother Hasan Abdullah of Detroit Majlis passed away on January 30, 2015.

Brother Rashid Ahmad American

Al-Ḥāj Rashid Ahmad American of Milwaukee Majlis passed away on February 7, 2015 at the age of 91.

Habib ur Rahman (Sahir)

Habib ur Rahman (Sahir) passed away on February 22, 2015. He had been a longtime member of Detroit Majlis.

Abrar Khan

Abrar Khan of Dallas Majlis and his wife, respected Talat Khan, passed away in a tragic incident on April 23, 2015. The cause of their sudden death was a major fire at their home.

Abrar Khan was a dedicated member of Dallas Jamā'at and Majlis

Anṣārullāh Dallas who was suffering from chronic back pain for a while. Despite his physical challenges, he maintained a loving and giving nature and repeatedly served the local Jamā'at in Ḍiyāfat department and wherever else needed. He left behind two sons—Saqīb Khan, 17, and Shahaab Khan, 13. Both were in school at the time of the tragic incident.

Abdul Latif Shahid

Abdul Latif Shahid of New York Majlis passed away at Ṭāhir Heart Institute on April 1, 2015. He had served as a missionary in Ghana.

Khalifa Raziuddin Mahmood

Khalifa Raziuddin Mahmood of Central Jersey Majlis passed away on June 19, 2015. He is the father of Nasir Mahmood and Naseer Ud din Mahmood. He was the grandson of Ḥaḍrat Khalifa Rasheed-ud-Din (may Allāh be pleased with him), a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

Brother Hasan Abdullah

Brother Hasan Abdullah of Detroit Majlis passed away on January 30, 2015, Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un.

William Henry Warlick accepted the call of the Messiah delivered from the other side of the world in the 70s. He became Hasan Abdullah and remained devoted to his new faith till his last breath. He remained a key member of the Detroit Jamā'at.

Brother Hasan Abdullah had many qualities and was a devoted Aḥmadī Muslim. He loved the Holy Qur'an and would recite it regularly. He told one of the Jamā'at members that he recited portions of Chapter Al-Kahaf daily. He was extremely regular in attending Jumu'ah Prayer. He used to call Adhan in a very beautiful way that the Jamā'at members still remember. He would be the first one in the Mosque and would offer Nawāfil (supererogatory Prayer) and recite the Holy Qur'an before anyone arrived. Once he was ill and admitted to the hospital. He was discharged on Friday. He told his son that he wanted to go to the mosque before going home. Upon his insistence, the son brought him to the mosque. He offered Jumu'ah Prayer and then went to his home. After the mosque in Detroit was burnt, he offered his house for Jumu'ah Prayers and members of the Jamā'at used to gather at his house for Jumu'ah.

He was a recipient of the Lifelong Service Award of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. He remained dedicated to the service of Islām and humanity to his last breath. He would always welcome members of the Jamā'at to his home and his excitement would be evident from his broad and warm smile. Not too long ago, when some of the Detroit Jamā'at members had the blessing of visiting and praying with him, he continuously recited Sūrah Fātiḥah in his melodious voice.

According to his wishes, his funeral and burial was held in Muslim tradition and he was buried in the Aḥmadiyya portion of Mt. Hope Cemetery near Detroit on Thursday, February 5, 2015. May Allāh bless him and elevate his status in the hereafter. Āmīn.



Brother Rashid Ahmad American

Our dear respected brother Al-Ḥāj Rashid Ahmad American of Milwaukee Majlis passed away on February 7, 2015 at the age of 91, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) led his funeral Prayer in absentia on Friday, February 13, 2014 at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Brother Rashid Ahmad was born in 1923 in East St. Louis, Illinois. He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1947 in Chicago. At the time, Imām Bengali was the missionary in Chicago. There were other converts in Chicago as well who had accepted Aḥmadiyyat through Ḥaḍrat Muftī Muḥammad Ṣādiq (may Allāh be pleased with him). One of his earlier friends, Brother Abid Haneef—who himself is a convert to Aḥmadiyyat—recalls that Brother Rashid Ahmad was one of the most effective members of the community when it came to Tablīgh and was known for his honesty. He was affectionately called “Mr. Tablīgh” by his companions for his unshakable services to the spread of Islām and Aḥmadiyyat.

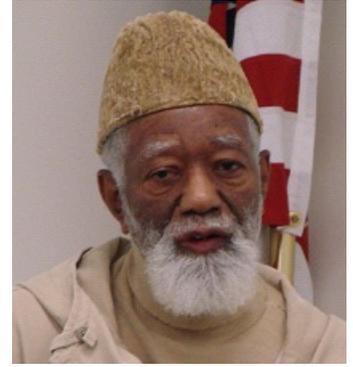
Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) indicated his desire around 1948 for American Aḥmadīs to come to Rabwah, Pakistan, and dedicate their lives to study for the propagation of Islām. Brother Rashid Ahmad leapt at the opportunity and was fortunate to be selected for the honor. Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd himself welcomed him at the railway station of Rabwah. He stayed at Rabwah for five years and having been trained under the aegis of Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd, he became the first American missionary of the Jamā‘at. His friend Abid Haneef recalls, “He was our national hero...everyone wanted to be Rashid Ahmad!”

Brother Rashid’s journey to Pakistan was nothing short of a miracle. He was arrested in the Middle East on his way to Pakistan and accused of spying! When he finally reached Pakistan, he had no idea where to go, in a completely foreign country with a different language. Yet he persevered and with Allāh’s support had the honor of studying and serving by the side of Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd. During his stay at Rabwah, he was also able to attain good grasp of Urdu and Punjabi languages.

Brother Rashid Ahmad was always actively involved in the Jamā‘at’s as well as Majlis’ activities throughout his life. He especially attended the National Ijtimā‘āt of Majlis Anṣarullāh, USA till his very senior years. He was very passionate about Tablīgh and served with great zeal. He regularly appeared on the live weekly TV program Islām Live on Milwaukee Public TV for 20 years. To satiate his thirst for Tablīgh, he was actively involved with the local Tablīgh stall till his last days.

Brother Rashid Ahmad had the blessed opportunity to perform Ḥajj. He served as missionary in Chicago and St. Louis Jamā‘ats. He served as president of the Milwaukee Jamā‘at for a long period of time. He has also served as Amīr Jamā‘at USA. He was the first recipient of the Muftī Muḥammad Ṣādiq Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented by Majlis Khuddāmūl-Aḥmadiyya, USA at their annual Qā‘idīn Refresher Course (QRC) in 2007.

Majlis Anṣarullāh, USA launched a webpage in his memory at www.ansarusa.org/stories/rashid-ahmad



Resolution on the Demise of Brother Rashid Ahmad American

Today, on February 10, 2015, the National ‘Āmilah of Majlis Anṣarullāh, USA submits a condolence resolution on the sad demise of Rashid Ahmad American who has served as the Amīr of the USA Jamā‘at.

He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1947 in Chicago. With a deep desire to dedicate his life under the blessed guidance of Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) he undertook an arduous journey to Rabwah and stayed there for five years.

His universal response of ‘Jī Ḥuḍūr’ to every direction of Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd was a reflection of his unconditional obedience to Khilāfat.

He had a deep passion for Tablīgh and regularly appeared on live weekly TV program about Islām on Milwaukee Public TV.

His undiluted enthusiasm in attending Jalsa, Ijtimā‘, and Jamā‘at events could not be deterred by his old age and his radiating presence would not go unnoticed even by members who did not know him well enough.

His last speech at Jalsa Sālāna USA 2014 was a reflection of the purity of his thoughts with resolute devotion to Khilāfat and the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at.

He was a spiritual icon for many and will therefore be remembered as a sincere, devoted, and compassionate member of the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at.

May Allāh the Exalted grant him high status in paradise! Āmīn.

We are the members of the National ‘Āmilah of Majlis Anṣarullāh, USA

Mansoor Pal

Fouzan Mansoor Pal, Central Virginia

On the eve of November 2, 2015, my father, Mansoor Pal, breathed his last and completed his journey back to Allāh. He had a prolonged struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was a Mūṣī. I write the following memoir to reminisce about his personality with those who were acquainted with him, and to introduce him to those who didn't have an opportunity to get to know him. Regardless, I hope that this narrative inspires all readers to pray for him.

My father was born in Ranchi, India and lived most of his early life in Sialkot. He spent most of his early working career in Saudi Arabia.

Due to restrictions in Saudi Arabia, we did not have the good fortune of being part of the Jamā'at ecosystem during my childhood years. In fact, my first real interaction with the Jamā'at was after the age of fifteen when I moved to the U.S. While such detachment would typically have resulted in disassociation with the Jamā'at, I strongly believe that I remain today an active member of the Jamā'at due to the fervent prayers of my father and the grace and mercy of Allāh.

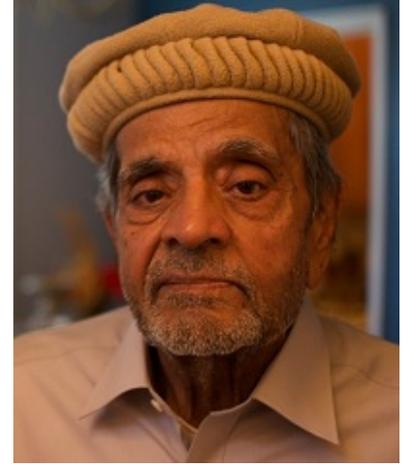
Jamā'at members who knew my father typically use words such as "timid," "patient," "quiet," and "harmless" to describe his personality. He was a man of few words, often minding his own business and not engaging in discussions around politics or current affairs that are typically the subject of many informal gatherings. Even regarding Tarbiyat of his children, he would take the approach of expressing his like or dislike through indications or signals rather than direct lectures or actions. In spite of his serene personality, I clearly recall spikes of emotions, all of which were directed against ideas or persons who criticized the Jamā'at in any way. He had great love for the Holy Qur'ān. During his healthy life he would spontaneously recite verses in support of his statements. Even during the early part of his Alzheimer's, he would complete verses of Sūrah Fāṭīhah if one recited a part thereof—this was during a time when he did not recognize his own children, did not know day from night, or have any recollection of where he was. Later on, as the disease progressed, his ability to speak sensibly gradually diminished. But even in this state, his eyes would often fill up with tears upon hearing the recitation of Holy Qur'ān.

During his healthy life, he was physically very active and never wanted to delay anything till the next day. He would do many house chores himself without being asked. In fact, after I got married, my wife would often tease me that I had it so easy since my father would do all the grocery, mow the lawn, take care of the car repairs, etc.

I recall many instances of sacrifices he made, putting the interest of others—his family and strangers alike—over his own. He was not wealthy, but when it came to spending in the way of Allāh, he was very generous. In addition to obligatory and voluntary Chanda, I often saw him giving cash or other form of assistance to anyone in need. In the days following his demise, our family heard from so many people—many of whom we did not even know had acquaintance with my father—mentioning that he had given them a ride to the hospital, installed MTA dish at their house, or helped them in one way or another.

Many people who knew my father here in the U.S. remember him for his MTA dish installation work—a passion that resulted from a genuine concern for the well being of Aḥmadī households. He strongly believed that MTA was a definitive way to save Aḥmadī households from the ill effects of the society and to attach children and adults alike to Khilafat. Even in his sixties, he would not hesitate to climb roofs to install MTA dish at members' houses. In fact, I clearly remember one of our Virginia Jamā'at Āmila meetings where some members raised concerns about the safety of my father, asking the Jamā'at president to forbid him from going on roofs and instead have some young Khuddām to assist him whenever such an action was required. He was also one of the first to work at the satellite earth station at Baitur-Raḥmān.

Parents do a lot for their kids. I look back and wonder what was the most important gift he left for his kids—love and care, education, a good life. But ultimately it was the gift of Aḥmadiyyat that is most prized. He had received this gift from his father, Muhammad Din Pal, who had accepted Aḥmadiyyat during the time of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him), and had fulfilled his responsibility of passing it on to us.



Information about Deceased Members

Information about members who pass away is published in Anṣār newsletter with request for prayers for the departed souls and their families. Members are requested to provide information about deceased members at www.ansarusa.org/information-about-deceased-members.

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The Arabic expression Anṣārullāh literally means 'helpers of God'
and is taken from the Holy Qurʾān (61 [Al-Ṣaff]:15, 3 [Āl 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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