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And thy Lord has inspired the bee, saying, 'Make thou houses in the hills and in the trees and in the
trellises which they build, 'Then eat of every kind of fruit, and then pursue submissively the paths
prescribed by your Lord.' There comes forth from their bellies a drink of varying hues. Therein is a
cure for men. Surely, in that is a Sign for a people who reflect. (The Holy Qur'an, 16 [Al-Naḥl]:69-70)
Alḥamdulillāh, this word “brothers” defines the heart of our annual report for the year 2017. These upward moving graphs are not just a statistic; they are a measure of our brotherhood, our obedience to the Aḥmadiyya Khilāfat.

Anṣārullāh delegation goes to meet Ḥuḍūr

On December 1–2, 2017, a delegation of 98 officeholders of Majlis Anṣārullāh USA visited London to meet Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper). Ḥuḍūr gave valuable instructions to the Majlis, essentially binding us into a spiritual brotherhood. Here are some of the salient points:

• Regarding the composition of our group, Ḥuḍūr said: Involve more non-Pakistanis in Anṣārullāh.
• Regarding the participation of Anṣār in financial sacrifice, Ḥuḍūr said: Increase participation of Anṣārullāh in Waqf Jadīd to 90%.
• Regarding Friday sermons, Ḥuḍūr asked us to remind members to listen to Ḥuḍūr’s Friday sermons.
• Regarding the problems faced in data collection (where some Anṣār refuse to submit their data), Ḥuḍūr said: Try newer ways (social science methods) to gather data from Anṣār.
• Regarding the Waṣiyyat campaign, Ḥuḍūr said: Remind non-Mūṣī Anṣār to read Al-Waṣiyyat three times as a way to inspire them towards joining the system of Waṣiyyat. Do not force anyone.
• Ḥuḍūr reminded more than one group members about keeping a beard.
• Regarding Tablīgh, Ḥuḍūr instructed us to improve our own character and Taqwā as a means to strengthen our Tablīgh.
• Regarding Anṣār Housing Project, Ḥuḍūr said: I think it is a good project and those who can afford, should buy a house there. Ḥuḍūr further stated that Ḥuḍūr had himself bought a house there.
• Regarding refugees, Ḥuḍūr said: Find them jobs and also give them loans to start their businesses.
• Regarding girls being more educated than boys, Ḥuḍūr said: It is a fact that girls are generally more educated than boys. But they are willing to marry a boy of somewhat lower education as long as the boy is caring. We need to remind our men that when it comes to selecting a spouse, an Aḥmadi girl is the right choice.
• Regarding whether a boy and girl can email/text or see each other before marriage, Ḥuḍūr provided a measured response that yes, it is allowed under parental guidance but these liberties can also cause problems. Therefore one should be cautious.

In the end, Ḥuḍūr graced the winning Majālis by giving them their awards, blessed each member with group photos and handshake.

Waṣiyyat Drive

Majlis Anṣārullāh USA revived Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ’s call for at least 50% of Chanda-paying Anṣār to join the system of Waṣiyyat. After Amir Jamā’at USA, respected Şāhībzādah Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad gave us a powerful reminder at the 2016 annual Ijtima’i, Nā’ib Șadr Șaff

2017—By His grace you became as brothers (3:104)

Anṣār gather for a group photo at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque during their UK trip on December 1-2 2017
Dom, Imran Hayee led this drive. By the grace of Allâh, nearly 200 Anšâr joined the system of Waşîyât in 2017. We will Inshâ’âllâh continue to work hard to achieve this goal in the coming year.

**Strengthening Monthly Meetings**

During a regional Ijtimâ’, an 84-year-old brother pulled a National ʿĀmila member aside and remarked, “I love what Majlis Anšârullâh has done with the new interactive format of the monthly meeting. Instead of listening to theory, we now learn practical tips during our meetings that we can use in our life. Please give my thanks to your team for a wonderful job.”

Much of the meeting is now on a multimedia format. A PowerPoint slide show with the audio of the Holy Qur’ān imbedded to help us improve our Arabic reading as well as video clips of Ḥuḍūr’s sermons so we always walk away with the right take home message.

Rizwan Alladin (Qāʿid Tarbiyat Nau Mubāʿīin [new converts]), Kareem Sharif (Qāʿid Taʿlim), Tahir Ahmad Soofī (Qāʿid Tarbiyat), and Munir Malik (Qāʿid Taʿlimul-Qur’ān) worked tirelessly with Nāʿib Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom, Imran Hayee to build this multimedia learning platform. Naveed Malik (Nāʿib Qāʿid Publications) designed the cover for the hardcopy book and Rafi Malik (Qāʿid Publications) helped with editorial review.

And yes, we are still publishing print version of the handbook. We recognize that not all Anšâr are comfortable with the multimedia format and pledge to take our senior brothers with us on this journey.

Maqbool Ahmad Tahir (Qāʿid ʿUmūmi) and Mujeeb Chaudhry (Nāʿib Qāʿid ʿUmūmi) dedicated long hours to track the progress of monthly reports and attendance at monthly meetings.

“I use the Anšâr Taʿlim-o-Tarbiyat book material to start conversations with my children at home. We discuss these scenarios at our dinner table. My children love it.” said a member from the East Coast.
Tabligh

Hundreds of Anṣār are regularly involved in supporting and organizing the local Coffee Cake and True Islām events. The department has registered 177 Dā‘īn and Anṣār brought 92 Tabligh guests to Jalsa Sālāna and National Anṣārullāh Ijtima’. Two guests accepted Ahmadiyyat at the Anṣār National Ijtima’. Our focus was to closely align our activities with National Tabligh department of the Jamā‘at.

Ta’lim

You may notice a dip in the total number of Ta’lim tests and draw the wrong conclusion.

We have actually made remarkable progress in this department. As a result of our Shūrā proposal in 2016, the system of Ta’lim tests was revamped to make it more meaningful. Qā’id Ta’lim and his team have done an amazing job in making the test more user friendly and increasing the learning potential of the tests. Just read some of these comments we have received from members nationwide:

“Extremely intelligent design and set up. May Allāh bless the designers.”

“It was helpful to increase my knowledge Jazākallāh.”

“Jazākallāh for the anti-cheating measures (scrambling of the order of questions as well as the answer choices).”

“Best one!! Very well put together. Questions are of serious nature; no jokes or trying to be funny. If you miss a question; you are given a link to an excerpt from the book; I loved this feature. Jazākallāh for all your hard work.”

“Ṣadr Şāhib and his team, especially Qā’id Şāhib Ta’lim and his team has Māshā’allah done terrific job. May Allāh bless you all abundantly. We are going to take the test today in our monthly meeting too, Inshā’allah.”

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“VERY INTERESTING AND REFRESHING.”

“In addition, members read multiple books of the Promised Messiah (alaihissalām) and enjoyed a new interactive “Kahoots” educational quiz at regional and National Ijtimāʿāt.”

Finance

At the time of this writing (January 10, 2018), Alḥamdulillāh we had crossed our collections. Against a budget of $781,000, Majlis Anṣārullāh USA, by the grace of Allāh, raised a record high of $789,221. Alḥamdulillāh, 2,482 brothers participated.

Qāʿid Finance, Zahid Mian along with his team of Mohammed Layeequddin Ahmed, Hisham Qureshi, and Dawood Munir worked tirelessly to reach the goal. May Allāh grant abundance to all of them, Āmin.

Taḥrīk Jadīd and Waqf Jadīd

Hassiem Babatu and Shiraz Mantara—our Taḥrīk Jadīd and Waqf Jadīd Qāʿidīn, respectively—rolled up their sleeves like previous years and helped the respective National teams in order to increase the participation towards these blessed schemes. Alḥamdulillāh, 2,415 Anṣār participated in the blessed scheme of Taḥrīk Jadīd, contributing over $1.2 million. At the time of this writing, over 2,200 Anṣār contributed towards the blessed Waqf Jadīd scheme as final numbers are being compiled.

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. Muʿāwin Ṣadr, Abdul Hadi Ahmed, Qāʿid Īthār, Basharat Wadan, and Nāʾīb Ṣadr, Dawood Munir oversaw the departments providing these services.

Last year, the Majlis spent over $50,000 in social services. See figures on next page.
Free Health Services

Our popular health hotline—716 800 1889—served 125 members in 2017 (see yearly figures on the right). The service attracts calls from as far as Asia, Europe, and Australia. Please remember Dr. Reyaz Haque and Dr. Tanvir Ahmad in your prayers for their selfless service.

Anşar Ṭāhir Scholarship

Anşar Ṭāhir Scholarship pays up to $4000 towards vocational training courses. During 2017, over $21,000 was awarded in scholarships to 7 Anşar to improve their chances in the job market by undergoing vocational training. Many of them have successfully gained employment. Thanks to the National ‘Āmila members who served on the committee to review these applications in a timely fashion.

Anşar Leadership Conference (ALC)

The 13th annual ALC was held in Houston. We expect approximately 100 officeholders to attend this annual event every year. Please see the trend of attendance over the past 6 years on the right. The ALC report can be found on page 64 of this publication.

Majālis visits

Keeping with the spirit of brotherhood, members of Anşar National ‘Āmila visited 68 Majālis during the year 2017. See yearly comparison on the next page.

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 (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 made periodic phone calls to Zu’amā. To encourage an open dialogue, Zu’amā joined a 30-
minute monthly conference call with Ṣadr Majlis. Almost 80% of Zuʿamā attend this monthly call.

Robocalls

“This is Majlis Anṣārullāh calling...” Remember this? Yes, a quick 30-second robocall allows us to directly reach out to members for maximum impact. Rasheed Reno continues to serve 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 Nāẓimīn Aʿlā. The calls are typically attended by over 90% of the concerned officeholders.

Revamping the Website

AnsarUSA.org is our home in the cyberspace. Muʿāwin Ṣadr Pervaiz Khan and his team do a marvelous job of timely updates and consistent styling. We routinely have members and non-members reach out to us through the website for a variety of reasons. Well over 1000 members have used the site to get Majlis related information.

Al-Naḥl

We have gone to printing just the year-end issue of Al-Naḥl based on growing segment of the Majlis moving fully online. Rafi Malik, Qāʿid Publications, spearheads not only this magazine, but also our print and biweekly electronic newsletters, and many other publications in between.

International scholars of Islam Ahmadiyya have consistently praised the quality and content of Al-Naḥl.

Anṣār Connection (e-newsletter)

An e-newsletter was launched to share first person stories of righteousness a few years ago. You can find the archives of these newsletters on our website. Over 1,500 Anṣār open these newsletters every month.

Anṣār Newsletter (print)

Six issues of the bi-monthly hard copy newsletter “Anṣār” were published for the benefit of members who are not Net-savvy.

National Ijtima‘

After much prayers, we set the goal of 1424 Anṣār for the National Ijtima‘ 2017. The goal was inspired by verse 24 of chapter 12 of the Holy Qurʿān, “And those who believe and do good works will be admitted into Gardens through which rivers flow, wherein they will abide by the command of their Lord. Their greeting therein will be ‘Peace’.” The Ijtima‘ was attended by 1432 Anṣār, Alḥamdulillāh.

Testimonials

This is what some of the attendees had to say about 2017 National Ijtima‘:

“First time experience. Was impressive and enjoyable. Tremendous brotherly love all around. Thank you for wonderful experience.”

“My first time... This is amazing... I am different from the experience... I feel changed; my eyes were closed, now they are open, ‘I can see’.”

“One sentence—Very Great.”
Imām Azhar Hanif conducting a workshop about joining the system of Waṣiyyat on Saturday, at National Ijtīmā‘

Members enjoying leisurely time during lunch break at National Ijtīmā‘
“Workshop topics were great but could not hear properly due to open area and other activity close by (was not in proper setting).”

“Rishta Nātā: No action (zero, great opportunity lost). Big Ijtima’āt is a great opportunity for Rishtas. Only way is: 1) Website for Rishta kids 2) Big idea: on the registration card, identify boy or daughter of marriageable age. Let people meet each other by seeing the registration card.”

“Keep doing what you are doing. It helps a lot. All in time Allāh will see it and will show to everyone.”

“Could include skipping jump rope in sporting activities; has immense health benefit and does not require much (cost and space).”

“I have been attending Anṣār Ijtima’āt for a number of years now and truly find them uplifting both from a spiritual perspective as well as brotherhood perspective. I had a very crazy and stressful work week right before Ijtima’ and almost didn’t come. I had to change my travel plans at the last minute but am really glad I did. Once I was at the Ijtima’, I became immersed in the atmosphere and my worldly stresses faded. Alḥamdulillāh!”

“Rishta Nātā program should be improved by allowing direct contact between prospective candidates with limitations, and quicker responses and less bureaucracy.”

Regional Ijtima’āt

Alḥamdulillāh, 13 regional Ijtima’āt were held nationwide. Our regional Nāẓīmin A’lā have lifted the Majlis significantly with their hard work. Pictures from regional Ijtima’āt are included on pages 81-85 of this publication.

We are thankful to every Nāṣir, every Za’īm, every Nāẓīm A’lā, and every ‘Āmila member for striving—and not just sitting at home—to accomplish all that Ḩaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ expects from us. May Allāh grant them and their families all the good in this world and the hereafter Āmīn.

Members at Northeast regional Ijtima’ā held on May 14, 2017 in Albany, NY

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 Ijtima’ 1-1-1-1 by Ḩaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper), Sep. 20, 2015]
The 36th National Ijtima‘ of Majlis Anşarullah USA was held at Baitur-Rahmān Mosque, Silver Spring, MD, on Friday, September 22 to Sunday, September 24, 2017. As is customary, the 25th Majlis Shūrā of Majlis Anşarullah USA was also held during this time. The central theme of the Ijtima‘ was “Our God.”

Additional Wakīlut-Tabshīr, respected Abdul Majid Tahir traveled from London to grace the event, representing Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper).

Among the highlights of the Ijtima‘ 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.

Ijtima‘ sessions were held in a marquee at the outside grounds of the mosque. Shūrā sessions were held in Anşar Hall. Meals were served in a separate marquee, next to the main marquee. Fajr and Tahajjud Prayers were offered in the men’s Prayer hall; all other Prayers including Jumu‘ah Prayer were offered in the outside marquee. Lajna Hall and women’s Prayer hall were used for accommodation. Rooms at two nearby hotels were also reserved for Anşar to stay on their own expense. Special arrangement for Tahajjud, congregational Fajr Prayer, and Dars were made at the hotels. Sports activities took place at the outside grounds of the mosque.

Majlis Shūrā started on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. and ended by 7:30 P.M. Opening session started with the recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān followed by last year’s approved proposals and implementation reports which were presented by Shūrā subcommittee chairmen and secretaries. New proposals that were not selected for discussion and those selected for discussion were presented to the Shūrā body. Four subcommittees—General, Tablīgh, Finance, and Tarmiyat—were formed for deliberations on proposals that were approved by Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper). Ṣadr Majlis also appointed a chairman and a secretary for each of the subcommittees. The subcommittees met and deliberated on their respective proposals after the opening session on Friday; all committees prepared comprehensive reports with recommendations.

After Jumu‘ah Prayer and opening session of National Ijtima‘, a special session was presided by Nā‘īb Amir and Missionary in-charge, respected Imām Azhar Hanif to hold Ṣadr and Nā‘īb Ṣadr Saфф Dom elections.

Final session of Shūrā started at 5:30 P.M. The chairman of each of the aforementioned subcommittees presented their reports. The recommendations were deliberated by the Shūrā body which will be sent to Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) for approval. Final Shūrā session ended at 7:30 P.M. Over
180 Shūrā delegates attended the Shūrā proceedings.

Opening session of the Ijtima’ started after Jumu’ah Prayer, at 3:00 P.M. Šadr Majlis Anšārullāh USA, Faheem Younus Qureshi offered welcome remarks. Nā‘ib Āmīr and Missionary in-charge, respected Īmām Azhar Hanif delivered the opening address. The session concluded with remarks by Āmīr Jamā’at USA, respected Šāhibzādah Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad.

Next, the following parallel interactive workshops were held.

- Inviting Mankind to God by Abdul Ghayyur Mannan Khan of Atlanta
- Supplication (Du’ā)—A Path to God by Bashir Ahmad of Milwaukee
- Qur’ān—Bringing the word of God into our lives (Urdu) by Munir Malik of Phoenix

The day ended with Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ Prayers and dinner.

On Saturday, educational competitions were held in the morning session. Anšār Health Hotline Team—that consists of Dr. Tanvir Ahmad and Dr. Reyaz Haque—gave an overview of the department and its progress over the last several years. This was followed by Zuhr and ‘Aṣr Prayers and lunch. Šadr Majlis met with new convert brothers.

In the afternoon session, Dr. Erfan Ahmad of Cleveland Majlis related his remarkable story of converting to Ahmadiyyat.

Additional Wakilut-Tabshīr, respected Abdul Majid Tahir—who represented Ḥadrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) at the Ijtima’—delivered an inspiring speech on the blessings of Khalīfat. He expounded the elevated position of the Khalīfah in the eyes of God and the importance of the Jamā’at to cling to this blessing of Allāh.

Next, the following parallel interactive workshops were held.
- Existence of God—An answer to Atheism by Dr. Nasir Ahmad
- Trusting God—Join Waṣiyyat by Īmām Azhar Hanif
- Modern Idols—Rizwan Alladin
- Helping refugees (Urdu)—Hadi Ahmad and Team

In the evening, Šadr Majlis, Faheem Younus Qureshi gave an update on the progress of Anšār Housing Complex.

At day’s end, Additional Wakilut-Tabshīr, respected Abdul Majid Tahir graciously met with National Ḥāmil of Majlis Anšārullāh USA and answered members’ questions.

In the final session of the Ijtima’ on Sunday morning, Šadr Majlis presented the annual report. In his concluding address, Āmīr Jamā’at USA, respected Šāhibzādah Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad reminded Anšār about the importance of the divine scheme of Waṣiyyat and the blessings attached to it. Respected Āmīr Jamā’at said that the U.S. Anšār were still behind in fulfilling the desire of Ḥadrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) for 50% of Chanda-paying members to become Mūṣīyān. He said that Anšār not only need to come forward themselves but also must help their children and spouses in good deeds.

Free services including health tests and completing a living will were also offered. Free health screening was offered throughout the event. Homeopathic clinic was also open on Saturday and Sunday. 200 members were served between the two clinics.

Anšār participated in various educational and sports competitions. Prizes were given to recognize the performing individuals and Majālis. A list of ranked positions for various competitions and awards presented at the Ijtima’ is given on page 15.

A sumptuous BBQ dinner was arranged on Saturday afternoon. Transportation to and from various airports was provided to the members traveling from distant Majālis. Shuttle service for the members staying at the hotels was also provided.

A survey was conducted on the final day of the Ijtima’. The survey results are presented on pages 16-23.
Earlier in the year, after much prayers the goal of 1424 Anṣār was set for the 2017 National Ijtima’. The goal was inspired by verse 24 of chapter 12 of the Holy Qur’ān, “And those who believe and do good works will be admitted into Gardens through which rivers flow, wherein they will abide by the command of their Lord. Their greeting therein will be ‘Peace’.” The Ijtima’ was attended by 1432 Anṣār, Alḥamdulillāh. Anṣār officeholders at all levels were involved in the discussion for deciding a goal for the National Ijtima’. The following screenshots of Majlis Anṣārullāh USA’s WhatsApp group gives a glimpse of such discussions.

Jazakallah for not just your contributions towards this exercise, but your thought process.

So far we have:

9 votes for 1424 as our attendance goal.

6 votes for 1500.

5 votes for 1413.

If you have not contributed your thoughts regarding this, I request again. Plz let us know.

Saddar Sahib standard monthly meeting criteria should be 50% of the Tajneed. I know even 50% was tough target in this regard if our Tajneed is around 3000 what about 50% which I think 1500??

Ahmad Mubarak NY
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10:47 PM

Kareem Shareef
1424
11:46 PM

Jan 11, 2017

Imtiaz Rajayki
1424
12:57 AM
Award Winners of National Ijtima‘ 2017

Educational Competitions Awards

Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān
1st Mushabir Majoka (Rochester)
2nd Abdul Lateef Oresanya (Cypress-Houston)
3rd Abdul Raff (Phoenix)
3rd Dr. Naeeem Ullah (Philadelphia)

Impromptu Speech
1st Ahsan Mahmood Khan (LA East)
2nd Gulzar Ahmad (South Virginia)
3rd Abdul Lateef Oresanya (Cypress-Houston)

Religious & General Knowledge
Southwest region (Ahsan Mahmood Khan, Iqbal Rana, Monir Ahmad Malik, Luqman Jalal)
2nd Central East region (Khalil Maqsood Ahmad, Khalil Mahmood Ahmad, Mir Maqbool Ahmad, Abdul Saboor, Ahsan Shemaz)
3rd Great Lakes region (Mansoor Qureshi, Dr. B. K. Ahmad, Ata ul Quoom, Syed Erfan Ahmed, Mushabir Ahmad Malhi)

Sports Competitions Awards

Horse Shoe Toss
1st Matar Aliee Bah (Fort Worth)
2nd Zia Ullah Wahla (Laurel)

Darts
1st Haleem Chaudhary (Baltimore)
2nd Naeem Thakir (Long Island)
3rd Qamar Zafar (Austin)

Table Tennis (Ṣaff Awwal)
1st Lutaf Ullah Salim (York)
2nd Majeed Malik (Charlotte)
3rd Khalid Khan (Brooklyn)

Table Tennis (Ṣaff Dom)
1st Iqbal Rana (LA East)
2nd Anwar Rafiq (Dallas)
3rd Mirza Fateh Ud Din (Oshkosh)

100-meter (Ṣaff Dom)
1st Muzaffar Qureshi (Atlanta)
2nd Nuserullah Qureshi (Atlanta)
3rd Shahzad Asif (Houston North)

Tug of War
1st Headquarters region (Mushabir Bajwa, Shaoukat Chaudhry, Naveed Wahla, Jasarat Wahla, Zahid Wahla, Ijaz Bajwa, Maqsood Butt, Ahmad Bhatti, Ehtesham Zia, Kazim Wahla, Khaliq Cheema)

Volleyball
1st Great Lakes region (Rehman Ghani, Naseem Khan, Maqbool Tahir, Sharjeel Malik, Usman Mangla, Naeem Ahmed, Tayyab Rizwan)
2nd Virginia region (Abdul Hayee, Humayyun Mirza, Muhammad Mahmood, Muzzamil Gondal, Imran Saeed, Suleman Chaudhary, Muhammad Dawood)

Finance Awards

Service to Local Majlis in Finance

Midwest Region
• Javed Iqbal Chughtai (Bloomington)
• Tanveer Ashraf (Minnesota)

Virginia Region
• Gulzar Ahmad (South Virginia)
• Ch. Fazal Ahmad (North Virginia)

Southeast Region
• Mutahar Chaudhry (Miami)

Northeast Region
• Mushaffar Chaudhry (Fitchburg)

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• Mazharul Haq (LA Riverside)
• Badar Mansoor (LA Inland)
• Amir Ayubi (Tucson)

Administrative Awards

Best Dā‘ī Ilallāh Award
• Rashid Mohamed Alladin (Long Island)
• Ishmail Nasir Hashim (Laurel)

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

[Concluding address at Ijtima‘ 1-1-1-1 by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper), Sep. 20, 2015]
2017 Ijtima’ Survey Results

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

The programs and culture of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA is helping in my spiritual growth.

Based on my experience, I will recommend others to attend next year’s Ijtima’.
Anṣār Hotline (refugees, scholarships, visiting the elderly) [Saturday]

Story of a convert [Saturday]

Existence of God—An answer to Atheism [Saturday]
Health Tests (diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, etc.)

Food quality

Food setup/distribution
Ijtimā‘ Program

Transportation

Accommodation
Stage and Displays

How were the sports competitions conducted?

Which one of the following changes you plan to implement in your family after returning home from this year’s Ijtimā’
“And those who believe and do good works will be admitted into Gardens through which rivers flow,”

(14:24)
Interactive workshops
Interactive workshops
Anṣār Ijtimā‘—a venue for brotherhood and camaraderie
Ṣadr Majlis meets with new convert brothers
Anṣār traveling to and from ʿIjtimāʿ
A remarkable collection of rare copies of the Holy Qur'ān was at display during the Ijtimāʿ—a courtesy of Khalid Ahmad, Za'īm of North Jersey Majlis
98 Anṣār visit their Imām

Mansoor Bhatti, Pittsburgh

98 Anṣār from USA—mostly 2018 Zu'amā, Nāẓimīn ’Ālā, and National ’Āmilā members of Majlis Anṣārullāh USA—visited London to meet their beloved Imām, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allāh be his helper). Members traveled on their own—majority paying for their travel themselves—and congregate at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque for Jumu‘ah Prayer behind Khalifatul-Masih. Delegation members, treated as special guests, were given priority in the first two rows just behind Ḥuḍūr. The delegates were excited at this blessed opportunity and one could see the exuberance and happiness radiate from their faces.

The host had made Tāhir Hall totally available for the guest. It was partitioned; one side had 100 mattresses with brand new sheets, comforters, and pillows while the other half had provision for sit in meals. Shuttles were available to take delegates to Faḍl Mosque for all Prayers, including Tahajjud. Offering Prayers behind Khalifatul-Masih was a memorable spiritual experience.

In waiting for the main event, that is, meeting with Ḥuḍūr, the program was packed with a visit to Jāmi‘ah Aḥmadiyya and Makhzan-e-Tasaweer (Jamā‘at’s official image library), and dinner with Amīr Jamā‘at UK, respected Rafiʿ Ahmed Hayat. The trip to Jāmi‘ah Ahmadiyya was very special as we got to meet and understand the new breed of missionaries being trained to fulfil the prophecy of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him): “I will cause thy message to reach the ends of the earth.” We saw highly motivated and very educated youth who understood the importance of their mission and the heavy responsibility they carried on their shoulders. They were happy that Ḥuḍūr personally supervised many of their activities and facilities including emphasis on good meals and interactive training.

Makhzan-e-Tasaweer is in a separate building where not only rare pictures—capturing the history of the Jamā‘at—are being saved for posterity but also the context of the importance of this is being saved. An effort is being made to collect not only the pictures of all the companions of the Promised Messiah but also their life histories, important events, and challenges they faced. This department also complies with request for pictures from Jamā‘at members from across the globe. They are also creating social media materials and saving the history on secured servers at locations where they can be accessed even if, God forbid, everything is lost in the center.

Finally, the climax of the trip was the meeting with Ḥuḍūr which lasted over an hour. Ḥuḍūr asked each Nāṣir to give their name and the office in Majlis Anṣārullāh. Ḥuḍūr offered his invaluable advice on many aspects of the Majlis the detail of which can be found on page 4 of this publication. Ḥuḍūr graciously blessed the delegates with handshake, group photos, and Majlis’ awards.

The farewell dinner was a sumptuous meal with exchange of gifts at all levels of the Majlis. Each ‘Āmila member of Majlis Anṣārullāh USA had brought a gift for his UK Majlis’ counterpart and this was reciprocated. Majlis Anṣārullāh UK also gave each delegate a full set of the Holy Qurʾān with word-by-word English translation in bold Yassarnal-Qurʾān style text and beautiful glazed paper print and elegant binding.

The U.S. Anṣār were greatly touched by the host Majlis’ great affection and professionalism and will cherish this memorable trip for a long time.
Group photos of Anşar officeholders with Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his helper)
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Group photo of Anşar officeholders with Amîr Jamî’a’at UK, respected Rafiq Ahmed Hayat
Waiting for Jumu'ah Prayer

Aboard a shuttle
Za’īm of Detroit Majlis, Nasir Ahmed Bukhari receiving ‘Alam-i-In’āmī

Za’īm of Houston North Majlis, Nasir Hafeez Malik receiving 2nd place award
Za‘īm of Dallas Majlis, Mubashir Ahmad receiving 3rd place award

Za‘īm of LA Inland Majlis, Fawad Jawad Khan receiving 3rd place award
Nāʿīb Sadr, Dawood Munir receiving best medium Majlis award on behalf of Zaʿīm of Cypress-Houston Majlis, Muhammad Naeem Javaid

Mahmood Rana of Boston Majlis receiving 2nd place medium Majlis award on behalf of Zaʿīm of Boston Majlis, Karim Sharif
Za’im of Tucson Majlis, Arif Muhammad Quraishy receiving 3rd place medium Majlis award.

Wali Shaikh, Za’im of Silicon Valley Majlis receiving 3rd place medium Majlis award on behalf of Za’im of Bay Point Majlis, Mohammad Javed Khan.
Zaīm of Hartford Majlis, Mansoor Ahmad Khan receiving most improved medium Majlis award

Rafi Ahmad, Zaīm of Syracuse Majlis receiving 1st place small Majlis award
Ansar Khan of Pittsburgh Majlis receiving 2nd place small Majlis award on behalf of Za‘īm of Pittsburgh Majlis, Sohail Hussain.

Asad Nawaz Chaudhry, Za‘īm of Lehigh Valley Majlis receiving 3rd place small Majlis award.
Nāżim A’lā of Gulf States region, Iftikhar Ahmad Sheikh receiving outstanding Nāżim award

Nāżim A’lā of New York region, Mahmood Ahmad Bhutta receiving outstanding Nāżim award
Qā’īd Ta‘īm, Karim Sharif receiving outstanding performance award

Qā’īd Finance, Zahid Mian receiving outstanding performance award
Mu‘āwiṣ Ṣadr (Special Projects), Abdul Hadi Ahmad receiving special recognition award for organizing the National Ijtimā with selfless dedication and devotion from 2014-2017

Tajnīd Updates

Has any of your contact information—mailing address, phone number, or email—changed? Please report any changes at the following link or email to Qā‘id Tajnīd.

On our website: ansarusa.org/tajnid-update
Via email: qaid.tajnid@ansarusa.org
My London Trip in pictures and words...

Zahid Mian, Qā’id Finance

After Fajr Prayer, a few of us decided to run from Faḍl Mosque to Baitul Futūh. It was cold, but perfect for running.

A few of us went to London on Sunday for sightseeing. We were walking through St. James Park near Buckingham Palace when it was Asr time. The ground was wet, so it was not possible to offer Salāt in congregation. We decided to offer individual Prayer by taking turns sitting on the benches. Then we found this bench on which we could all sit. Za’īm LA West, Ibraheem Naeem led the congregational Prayer.
Our group in front of Big Ben and Westminster (under construction). It is true that it always rains in London.

On our last day in London, a few of us decided to drive to Stonehenge. “A rock by any other name would look just as good.”
How many Anṣār can you fit in a tube? It wasn’t easy, but all of us kept up with each other as we navigated the tube system. At first, we tried taking selfies but it was impossible to get everyone. A good Samaritan standing by took this picture. At least three times because the blue poles were difficult to avoid.

One of our hosts explains how to properly roll an Afghani cap.
This is the best picture. It captures the poignant moments of our lives. On Sunday after Fajr, we all recognized that this would be our last time with Sadr Sahib, as Sadr Majlis. This hug between Sadr Sahib and Za'im LA Inland, Fawad Khan lasted long enough that I was able to take a group selfie. This picture is so bitter sweet!

Sadr Sahib is always smiling—even when he is chastising you he is smiling.
Waṣiyyat—Answering the Divine Call

Imran Hayee, Nā‘īb Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom

Thirteen years ago, our beloved Imām, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allāh be his helper), expressed a wish for 50% of Chanda-paying members to enter the system of Waṣiyyat (The Will). Although, today we still fall short of fulfilling this noble wish of our Imām, by the Grace of Allāh we have made significant progress towards fulfilling this goal.

Alḥamduillāh, many Anṣār said Labaik to the call and joined this blessed scheme ever since we started a concerted effort in response to the reminder about Ḥuḍūr’s desire by Amīr Jamā’at USA, respected Ṣāḥibzādah Mīrza Maḥfūr Aḥmad at the 2016 National Ḥijṭāmā’ of Maḥjīls Anṣārullāh USA.

Regarding efforts towards this initiative, in response to a monthly report submission of Maḥjīls Anṣārullāh USA, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his helper) graciously responded:

“May Allāh tremendously bless your efforts in achieving the goal of fifty percent of Anṣār joining the system of Waṣiyyat and enable you to achieve this target. May Allāh accept your deeds and reward you all in the best.

May Allāh always enable you and your fellows to serve more than before in the cause of religion.

Give my Salām to your Maḥjīl Ḍāmil and other volunteers. May Allāh be your Guardian and Helper.”

Many Anṣār throughout the USA continue to pay heed to the call of their beloved Imām by joining the system of Waṣiyyat. The following testimonials show how members are becoming inspired and joining this blessed scheme.

Zā’īm Maḥjīl Detroit

“The February Anṣār meeting in Detroit started off at its appointed time. As a Zā’īm, I usually brief the presenters ahead of time and today was no different except that I had requested our Muntaẓam Tāribiyat to linger on the topic of Waṣiyyat for a few minutes. He expanded on the topic by a narration of his own experience when he had signed up for the blessed scheme of Waṣiyyat. Later in the discussion I had the blessed opportunity to convey my experience followed by our local Jamā’at President adding words of encouragement. Before we could move on to the next agenda item all of sudden three hands went up and expressed interest in signing up for Waṣiyyat.

We were all in awe of the Almighty for his blessings and grace. Needless to mention that the members were given the relevant documentation immediately and are currently being followed up. This has now become a regular agenda item in our meetings with hopes and prayers that the momentum will continue to grow. It is indeed a fortress of prosperity that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) has provided for us which undeniably will lead us to salvation. The message is indeed out there, all we have to do is to latch on to it.”

Nāẓīm A’lā Northeast region

The closing speech of our beloved Amīr Jamā’at USA at the National Ḥijṭāmā’ today moved me so much that I decided that I will not leave the headquarters today without doing it. I don’t know why we are waiting. Please, think and yet think again and do your Waṣiyyat.

Zā’īm Maḥjīl Buffalo

I have completed my Waṣiyyat application and submitted at Ḥijṭāmā’. Please pray for me and my family to fulfil all the requirements and to stay on the right path.

Zā’īm Maḥjīl Houston North

Ṣāḥib Ṣāhib, got this message yesterday from a Nāṣir who is in charge of Waṣiyyat: Māshā’āllāh two of our Anṣār brothers filled in Waṣiyyat form yesterday (9/30/17). We worked for last one week to get the forms filled (with example and sample form) and had discussions and were able to complete the application yesterday. Alḥamduillāh. Requesting prayers.

Zā’īm Maḥjīl LA Inland

One member from LA Inland signed Waṣiyyat today at Waṣiyyat booth at the National Ḥijṭāmā’. Another member is ready to sign. Please pray.

Zā’īm Maḥjīl Dallas

One Nāṣir of Dallas Maḥjīls signed Waṣiyyat form today. This is second in the week. Expecting one more Nāṣir to sign this week. Inshā’āllāh, we will turn in these forms to Waṣāyā department at the National Ḥijṭāmā’.

Secretary Waṣāyā Columbus Jamā’at

Our Maḥjīl was already at about 50% in terms of Mūṣīyān vs. Chanda-paying members and we were not getting more Anṣār to sign up for Waṣiyyat at this point. Having heard the reminder by respect Amīr Jamā’at USA at 2017 National Ḥijṭāmā’, a Nāṣir of Columbus Maḥjīls came to me right after the end of the Ḥijṭāmā’ and expressed his desire to complete the Waṣiyyat form. By the Grace of Allāh, he has since applied for Waṣiyyat, along with his wife. He recently told me that he has already started seeing the blessings of Almighty Allāh—he was working at a local store and now he has started his own business. He attributes these blessings to having joined the blessed system of Waṣiyyat, Alḥamduillāh.
One Nāṣir along with his wife signed Waṣiyat form today in Dallas. Expecting another Nāṣir to sign before the National Ījtimā’.

Tahir Soofi, Qa’d Tarbiyyat

Alhamdulillah, we have one more from Zion Majlis. That is 8 I believe since the beginning of the year that has joined Waṣiyat.

Za’im Majlis Bay Point

Finally, got Bay Point Majlis on board; two Anṣār brothers filling out and signing the Waṣiyat form today after Anṣār and Jamā’at general meeting. Please pray for all of us out here.

Zahid Mian, LA West

Two members of LAW signed up for Waṣiyat over the weekend (a Nāṣir and a Khādīm).

Za’im Majlis Houston North

Alhamdulillah Alhamdulillah, one more Nāṣir signed Waṣiyat form today. Requesting Prayers.

Za’im Majlis Pittsburgh

Here is an interesting account of Waṣiyat from one of our Pittsburgh Anṣār. The brother filled out most of his Waṣiyat form and solicited almost all of the necessary signatures by the Friday before ʿĪd-ul-Fiṭr just a little over a month ago. He gave the form to our Murabbi Ṣāḥīb and said he would fill out the rest in a few days. But then he frantically called Murabbi Ṣāḥīb around the time of ʿĪd, in the early morning, asking him to fill out the rest of his form as soon as possible. When asked why there was such a dire rush, he explained that in the night he had a dream in which he saw Ḥudūr pass by him, and upon noticing the brother, Ḥudūr asked him if he had completed the Waṣiyat form. The brother responded by saying that he had to check on a couple of details and was in the process. Ḥudūr symbolically asked him to stop saying anything more by putting his index finger next to his mouth. Then Ḥudūr said that he should fill out the form without any delay. Hence, the rush to complete his form when he awakened from the dream. Alhamdulillah, it is Allāh Who brings His servants to His threshold. We just need to do our part in encouraging our brothers.

Faheem Younus Qureshi, Ṣadr Majlis

Chaudhry Ṣāḥib would get his social security check on the 5th of every month and promptly pay his Waṣiyat Chanda first. This month— as Allāh would have it—he became ill and was admitted in the hospital on November 5th. Next morning, November 6th, before going to the hospital, his respected wife first mailed his Waṣiyat Chanda and then asked Mjeee Chaudhry Ṣāḥib to take her to an ATM so she could check if enough funds were available for the check to clear. Once they reached the hospital, most of Chaudhry Ṣāḥib’s labs were OK. But within hours, he peacefully met his Maker. (Shared by Mjeee Chaudhry Ṣāḥib and Ata e Karim Ṣāḥib)

Imran Hayee, Nā’īb Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom

Another inspiring story just shared by one Nāẓīm A’lā: A couple of days ago, Nāẓīm A’lā Ṣāḥib made heartfelt appeal to a few individuals in his Majlis to do Waṣiyat. One of them was not ready to do Waṣiyat and apparently refused but specifically requested for prayers that may Almighty Allāh change his heart. The Nāẓīm A’lā Ṣāḥib says that he prayed hard that night that may Almighty Allāh change his heart. In fact, his heart was changed overnight and the following day this person was ready to sign the form. He came and asked for the form to sign. He filled out the form and signed it right away. Alhamdulillāh! Jazākallāhū, Nāẓīm A’lā Ṣāḥib for sharing this inspiring story.

Rizwan Alladin, Long Island

Alhamdulillāh, one Nāṣir and one lady filled out Waṣiyat forms today—it is Khilāfah Day and first day of Ramadān today—what a blessed day to join!

Mirza Ghulam Rabbi, New York

One more Nāṣir signed Waṣiyat in Queens, NY with Za’im Majlis’ effort. Please pray for him.

Za’im Majlis Bay Point

My wife and I signed up for Waṣiyat together in April 2008 when our beloved Imām, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) called for it. The Holy Qur’ān clearly mentions the concept of Waṣiyat: “Allāh has purchased of the believers their persons and their property in return for the Garden they shall have.” (9:111). This verse is amplified by the verse: “Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love.” (3:93)

Imran Hayee, Nā’īb Ṣadr Ṣaff Dom

The power of Respected Amir Ṣāḥib’s video: A Nāṣir from Minnesota Majlis who is originally from Ghana signed the Waṣiyat form right after watching Amir Ṣāḥib’s video. Not only that, but when he talked about the video with one of his cousins in Ghana, he also decided right away to do Waṣiyat because of the video’s powerful reminder of Ḥudūr’s decade-old wish. The power of the message of our beloved Imām in the video is amazing and its reach is literally international. Alhamdulillāh!

Faheem Younus Qureshi, Ṣadr Majlis

A 43-year-old Nāṣir in Baltimore Majlis who has two children and is struggling due to joblessness. He came to me after Jumu’ah Prayer and said: “Ṣadr Ṣāḥib please sign my Waṣiyat form.” Of course, I was immensely touched by his faith. At the same time, I saw another businessman in the distant. I ran to him and asked if he could get this brother a job. He said, “Ṣadr Ṣāḥib, consider it done.” I am trembling with the presence of Allāh as I write these words. Alhamdulillāh.

Za’im Majlis Detroit

Here in Detroit we held our local Ījtimā’. BK Ṣāḥib conducted a workshop and Q&A on Waṣiyat. One new member filled the form and one
member who was in the "I am not ready" state filled it as well. Alḥamdu’llāh. The new member was teary-eyed after listening to videos of respected Amir Şāhib and Şadr Şāhib.

Za'im Majlis Cypress-Houston

Cypress-Houston Majlis held monthly Anšar meeting today with the presence of respected Qa' id Tarbiyat, Tahir Soofi, with good attendance. One brother filled the Waṣiyat form. Another brother brought the filled form. A third brother took the form and will return the filled form next Friday, Inshā’āللāh. Requesting for prayers.

Za'im Majlis Silicon Valley

Alḥamdu’llāh Alḥamdu’llāh, after Saturday congregational Fajr Prayer at the mosque, our 77-year old member expressed his desire to join Waṣiyat. This is a 77-year old gentleman who rain or shine comes for Fajr and Jumu'ah Prayers driving on his own. Requesting for prayers.

Faheem Younus Qureshi, Şadr Majlis

Here is another uplifting Waṣiyat update: “Sorry for the late response. I’m in Austin where they have 5 forms in process. I’m working on a personal level with Zion with two that will be processing or have processed.”

Kamaldeen Muili, Nā'ib Qa'id Tarbiyat

About a week ago I asked two Anšar to consider joining the Waṣiyat. They said not now because they just came to the U.S. After a few words of encouragement, they promised to consider joining.

Faheem Younus Qureshi, Şadr Majlis

Happening now. A man came and said, “Baltimore Jamā’at has snatched away the love of this world from me.” Then offered his Waṣiyat form to be completed. Allāhu Akbar. Please share with your members.

Tahir Soofi, Qa'id Tarbiyat

Zion Majlis having our monthly meeting on a cold night. We have two applications for Waṣiyat submitted! Alḥamdu’llāh!

A Nāṣir

My elder sister is my mentor. She is married to a life devotee and still lives in Pakistan. Among all our siblings, she has the weakest financial condition. So, when my father passed away, my sister insisted on getting her (meager) share of her inheritance. Not because she wanted to gain something material, but because she wanted to pay her Waṣiyat!

My sister’s family cannot afford to cook/eat mutton. I thought to myself, “If she is surviving with such means as a Mūṣiṣah in Pakistan, then I too can survive in America. So I signed my Waṣiyat form.

Zahid Mian, LA West

Stories like these are easier to share in a smaller, more intimate gathering, but at the request of Za'im Şāhib, I'm sharing my story of how I signed up for Waṣiyat. Back in 2004/5, when Ḥudūr first drew our attention to the scheme of Waṣiyat, I didn’t give it serious consideration. I was the local Secretary Finance in Boston at the time, so it was awkward to ask other members to do Waṣiyat when I hadn’t given it serious consideration. Many of us gave the excuse that we were not at the spiritual state to join the blessed scheme, but for me it was also a financial constraint. At that time, I had two young kids and my wife and I had recently finished graduate school with almost $100K in student loans, plus another $50K or so in personal debt as a result of bad investments, and not to mention that the IT industry was still feeling the sting from the tech bubble. I was working three jobs (my day job, in the evenings and on the weekends). Basically, due to this situation I had no intention of signing up for Waṣiyat. I can still recall the days when my wife and I used to “laugh” about our bank balance going up on pay day and nearing zero just before pay day (at least I think it was laughter).

Then one day respected Imām Inamul Haque Kausar, who was the regional missionary of Northeast at the time, came to Boston for our Jamā’at ‘Āmila meeting. Once the members were seated around the table, he closed the door and handed each of us a Waṣiyat form and instructed us to complete the form. At first, we were all a little shocked, but once we realized that he was serious most of us completed the form. I tried one last time to get out of it by saying that my financial situation was very complicated due to loans and investments, etc., but Imām Şāhib said to forget the loans just put down what you think your assets are worth and move on. In the back of my mind I was a bit nervous, but it was like someone had just pushed me into the pool and now I had to either sink or swim. When I got home, I told my wife to sign up as well because at this point a few more dollars in Chanda wasn’t going to make a difference.

My wife’s Waṣiyat was approved shortly afterwards, but for some reason my approval got delayed by a few months. This gave me some “breathing room” and I began to plan out how to manage the finances. Soon thereafter things changed and before I knew it, I was completely out of debt (other than the mortgage which is the next thing I plan to get rid of, Inshā’āللāh).

Anyway, that was like 10 years ago and every day that passes, I’m grateful that Imām Şāhib “forced” me to take action. When Kausar Şāhib was leaving for Australia he visited our Jamā’at in LA West and I reminded him of that day and told him just how grateful I was for his strict observance to the call of our Khalīfa. Allāh knows best, but I’m pretty sure if he hadn’t taken the action that day Nā’ib Şadr Şāhib would be calling me today to nudge me into action.

My biggest fear was being able to fulfill the financial obligations, but as it turned out that has never been a major concern. One year I received a stock grant that was probably worth the equivalent of at least ten times all my previous Chanda donations. I had no idea if I was spiritually eligible for Waṣiyat and I still don’t know if I’m worthy of being called a Mūṣiṣ, but I do know that if you put your trust in Allāh and work hard, you will not be disappointed. It’s true that when Allāh rewards, He rewards without
measure. May Allah continue to shower His blessings on those that call out to Him. Amin.

Za'im Majlis Detroit

Explaining the result-producing strategy of Detroit Majlis, Za'im Majlis, Nasir Bukhari writes: as I am sure with many others, it all started with prayers. In one of our monthly meetings 2 of our Ansar brothers presented on Wasiyyah and the benefits they had derived from it. During that one meeting we had 3 hands go up expressing that they wanted to join. Next, having a “sales” team ever ready with tools—forms, stamp-pad, and answers to questions—was emphasized from the get go. Hence being ready to start the process at any time helped enroll members as well. Follow up and repetition of the message at every opportunity had its benefits, not just with enrollment but also helped my team and I get a grasp on conveying the message. Hence every gathering—whether Jama'at or Anasarullah—the four priorities of 2017 were discussed in detail. A couple of our team members attended an FAQs discussion with National Secretary Wasiyyah, Respected Khaled Ata to get clarity on various topics. Last but not the least follow up with members who had expressed interest was key. If relationships were not strong, they were strengthened as a byproduct. If they were strong, they were leveraged. Blending the entire Wasiyyah enrollment into our daily operations of Anasarullah provided consistency and adequate number of reminders. Playing the two video clips—respected Amir Jama'at USA's message and Sadr Majlis “I am not ready yet” counter—were very effective. Mixed with Allah’s blessings and constant prayers we saw results. Insha'allah, we are planning to continue using this momentum year-round. Prayers are requested.

Şalât Centers

Haḍrat Khalifatul-Maṣīḥ V (may Allah be his helper) has been constantly emphasizing the importance of congregational Şalât. The Majlis continues to focus on having our Ansar brothers to offer Şalât in congregation—with their families—preferably at mosque and in case of large distance, at Şalât center. Majlis’ department of Tarbiyat assisted the National Tarbiyat department of the USA Jama'at in creating and re-activating Şalât centers. Alhamdulillah, many Majlis and individuals have made strides in this regard. In many Majlis, members have started coming to mosques and Şalât centers daily especially to offer Şalât in congregation, in many cases for more than one Prayer in a day, including Fajr.

Tarbiyat department of Majlis Anasarullah USA is continuing to work with Zu'am to make progress in this very important aspect of faith.

A beautiful poem shared on An sarar WhatsApp group by Saiyed Burhanuddin Qaderi, Za'im of Chicago Southwest Majlis
Saying Labbaik to the call of Ḫuḍūr

Rizwan Alladin, Long Island, NY

My Darling Children Faraan, Aleena, and Ateeqa:

As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāhi Wa Barakātuhū

Perhaps you may remember, back in 2017, when I was home a lot. You may recall that I was laid off from my job and I continually reminded you all that we needed to be extra conscientious about our prayers as that steady stream of income that we were all blessed to have was now gone. During that period, you all were so supportive of my efforts in defining the next chapter of my career, restricting yourselves from some of the finer amenities of life. I will never forget that, and especially the patience and partnership of your Ammān.

During this challenging period, on Friday, November 3, 2017, Ammān and I were listening to the live sermon of our beloved Imām, Ḫuḍūr Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper). You all were already off to school. Towards the end of the sermon, beloved Ḫuḍūr transitioned the topic from the success of Tāḥrīk Jadīd to about a new appeal for funds—for the construction of additional space at Baitul Futūḥ. Ḫuḍūr was gracious enough to open this appeal to the global Aḥmadiyya community. At the time, I had intended to take part in some small way, as Ammān and I were watching every penny.

That evening, an emergency meeting of Majlis ‘Āmil of Majlis Anšūrullāh USA was called to address beloved Ḫuḍūr’s appeal. We discussed how much of Majlis Anšūrullāh’s national funds should be offered, but then Ṣadr Majlis Anšūrullāh, Faheem Younus Qureshi moved the discussion to our own pockets. You see, in less than a month’s time, one hundred of us were about to embark on an unforgettable journey to meet our beloved Imām. To further show our spirit of Labbaik to Ḫuḍūr’s appeal to support the Baitul Futūḥ Expansion project, we did not want to arrive there empty-handed. Instead, there and then I realized that I needed—that WE needed—to answer this call, keeping in mind mimmā razaqgāhum yunuffūn (“spend out of which you have been provided” [2:4]). One figure popped into my mind—a rather large one—considering how much we had left of our savings. Then, a smaller amount, one that was less than half than the original, popped in. The bank account still showed that Almighty Allāh provided us enough to pay the larger amount, and the money was Paypal-ed over a few minutes later.

I don’t know how this story will end for us. Only Almighty Allāh is All-Knowing. What I do know is that when Ṣadr Ṣāḥib handed that >$150,000 check on behalf of the delegation to beloved Ḫuḍūr, this humble one was overjoyed that we had done something significant to show our obedience to the call of our Imām, to demonstrate our faith in our living God. “We” was not just referring to my Aṣār brothers who accompanied me on the trip—“we” also included Ammān and my three darling children.

Insha’allāh, by the time you read this letter, I pray that you will all be witnesses to and recipients of Almighty Allāh’s Divine Favor for the humble sacrifices that your beggar father made on behalf of his family. May Almighty Allāh grant you opportunities to make even worthier sacrifices in the service of the Aḥmadiyya Jamā’at and not let my meager efforts go for naught. Āmin.

With love and Salām,
Your Abbā
Serving Our Brothers and Communities

Basharat Ahmad Wadan, Qāʿid Īthār

By the Grace of Allāh, the department of Īthār has been working to serve our brothers and communities with the help from local Majālis. Some of the initiatives in this arena in 2017 have been the following:

- Visiting the sick and elderly
- Helping refugees/immigrants
- Helping Ansār with training/jobs
- Feeding the hungry
- Ansār Tāhir Scholarship

In a meeting with officeholders of Majlis Ansārūllāh USA during their UK trip, Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) advised to find our refugee brothers jobs and also give them loans to start their own businesses. Majlis Ansārūllāh USA has been helping our refugee brothers and their families in the following areas.

- Visiting and welcoming refugees and immigrants.
- Helping them in settling down—assisting them in how to get enrolled in schools, call utilities for hookup, buying household items, helping them fill forms, etc.
- Settlement in home (providing help in acquiring furniture, appliances, etc.)
- Helping in obtaining driver’s license.
- Helping with driving practice.
- Assisting adults in obtaining driving lessons.
- Providing/arranging for a ride to Jumʿah Prayer and other Jamāʿat/Majlis activities, and for other necessities in case no public transportation is available and they do not have their own transportation.
- Assisting in job search.
- Identifying their skills and guiding them in professions most suitable to them.
- Plugging children into the educational and higher educational system—encouraging them to apply for Ansār Tāhir scholarship.
- Encouraging them to take English as a second language course (local Majlis subsidizing such a course/class to incentivize them, where needed).

Alhamdulillāh, many Majālis are involved in serving their brothers as well as local communities in various capacities. A few stories from local Majālis are presented in the following.

Georgia-Carolina Majlis

“A single Aḥmādī mother with two boys arrived from Sri Lanka as a refugee in Georgia a few months ago. Her older son who is now 12 has an eye defect which has necessitated 21 surgeries. She was initially helped by an NGO but now is on her own. She has just gotten a job in a plant which makes cardboard boxes for pharmaceuticals. The job pays about minimum wage. She does not have a car and so gets to and from work by a van which charges her weekly rates. As soon as her older son turned 12, the apartment building management asked her to rent a 2-bedroom apartment to be in compliance with the regulations. The Majlis helped her with the security deposit and partial rent for move in. Now the new place does not have any washing machines and so we will probably need to help her get some used washing machines. Her situation is still pretty close to hand to mouth and still is in need of all of our prayers.”

“A refugee who arrived from Sri Lanka to Georgia a few months ago was in need of $2,000 in order to purchase a car to be able to go to work. The car cost was $3,000 but he had saved $1,000 and needed additional $2,000. This request was met fully by the National Īthār department. Jazākumullāh Aḥsanal Jazā.”

In the Georgia area we have refugee families and by the Grace of Allāh the local Majlis has taken care of most of the financial help in different ways, adding up to a total of about $28,000.”

Baltimore Majlis

“A refugee Nāṣir from Pakistan/Sri Lanka needed a car to be able to go work. The Nāṣir was having financial trouble which prompted him to seek help from the Majlis. Zaʾīm Baltimore reviewed and recommended his application to the National Īthār Department. The department approved and met his request for the $3,000 fully.”

Fitchburg Majlis

“One refugee family in the Majlis for the last six months needed assistance in every area. The local Majlis helped provided for them regularly in many ways. Now by the grace of Allāh, they have settled down and are more stable.”

Columbus Majlis

We have several refugee families who have recently arrived in Columbus. The Majlis has been assisting them in various areas including: taking our brothers to Jumuʿah and programs of Jamāʿat and Majlis as well as to National Ijtimāʿ, helping them with driving practice and exam for driver’s license, assisting with training programs and Ansār Tāhir Scholarship application process, completing their tax returns, etc.

Hurricane Relief in Florida and Texas

There were special Īthār activities in the month of September in Orlando and Miami Majālis in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Three weeks of rigorous cleanup work was organized by two Ansār members of Miami and Orlando Majālis as chief organizers of Humanity First. Members from different parts of the country came to help. In Jacksonville (Orlando Majlis), a disaster relief camp was established by a young Nāṣir, who could not attend his first National Ijtimāʿ because of his responsibilities for
Another relief camp was established later in Naples (Miami area). In both places, 42 people worked tirelessly for more than 872 hours. Former Šadr Anšārullāh, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa and Nāẓīm Alā of Southeast region were actively involved in these Īthār activities. In Houston area Majālis, houses of some Anšār were flooded and their families had to evacuate. Members helped these brothers and their families in evacuation and cleaning efforts and served meals.

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A Spirit of Brotherhood

Tanveer Iqbal, Houston North

Hurricane Harvey was an extremely destructive Atlantic hurricane that became the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Wilma in 2005. In a four-day period, many areas received more than 40 inches (100 cm) of rain as the system set in over eastern Texas and adjacent waters, causing catastrophic flooding. The resulting floods inundated hundreds of thousands of homes, displaced more than 30,000 people, and prompted more than 17,000 rescues. (Wikipedia)

Unfortunately, a few Jamā’at members in Houston were adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey. The house of Za’im Majlis, Houston North, was flooded with more than 6 feet of water. Three of his cars also got flooded. He, along with his family, had to be evacuated by boat. His house became inhabitable after the hurricane. Significant amount of help was needed to tear down the drywall, move furniture and belongings, and many other tasks. By the grace of Allāh, local Anšār quickly came together to help. Most helped with the cleaning effort. A few Anšār brought hot meals. The spirit of helping a Nāṣīr of our Majālis was prominent. With the help of Anšār brothers, the recovery effort sped up. May Allāh bless all the Anšār brothers who showed their commitment to help one of our own. Āmin.
Rahman Shareef, Muntażim İthār of Pittsburgh Majlis mentors children at school every Thursday

Rahman Shareef, Muntażim İthār of Pittsburgh Majlis volunteers every week at Jubilee Soup Kitchen
Members participated in Hurricane Irma relief effort in Orlando Majlis
Anṣār of Detroit Majlis serving at a food pantry

Anṣār of LA Inland Majlis packaging food for Feed the Homeless drive
Anṣār of LA Inland Majlis participated in the annual walk for the hungry and homeless on October 14, 2017
Zamir Mirza, Nā'īm A’lā Virginia region volunteers in Houston in a relief effort
Anṣār visiting respected Abīd Hanif in Boston Majlis

Nāʿīb Ṣadr, M. Dawood Munir and Zaīm Chicago East, Bashir Ahmed visiting former Zaīm Chicago East, Mir Ahmad Afzal
Nā‘ib Ṣadr, M. Dawood Munir visiting an elderly Nāṣir

Qā‘id Īthār, Basharat Wadan with Muhammad Sharif Odeh, Amīr Jamā‘at Alḫmadiyya Kababir with a Nāṣir who recently had a heart bypass surgery
Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC) is an annual gathering of Zu'amā, Nāẓimīn Ālā, and National Āmila members to review plans for the coming year so that everyone can understand 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.

This year ALC was held on Jan 14-15, 2017 at Baitus-Samee Mosque, Houston, TX. About 100 members from 65 Majālis attended this event. The ALC, as always, was a spiritually uplifting experience spread over a weekend filled with knowledge, motivation, self-reflection, and socialization to enhance brotherhood, which is critical for the success of any organization.

Program started on Saturday at 9:00 A.M. with recitation of the Holy Qur‘ān. After the pledge, Śadr Majlis, Faheem Younus Qureshi offered his opening remarks. In light of Chapter 4 Verse 96 of the Holy Qur‘ān, he discussed how striving means leaving homes to come to ALC, mosque, Šalāt center, Ījtimā’, local Majlis meetings, etc. and that the prevalent culture of excuses needed to become the culture of response.

An interesting icebreaking session focused on creating brotherhood was held. Importance of the System of Waṣiyyat and how to inspire Anṣār to join this blessed scheme was discussed by Nā‘īb Śadr Šaff Dom, Imran Hayee.

Qā‘idin presented their annual departmental goals.

Qā‘id Tarbiyat, Tahir Soofi talked about the importance of collective objectives over individual ones.

Qā‘id ‘Umūmi, Maqbool Tahir discussed the election process for Šadr and Nā‘īb Šadr Šaff Dom in detail along with other administrative tasks. He also talked about the effective use of Anṣārullāh WhatsApp chat group.

Our journey of going “door to door” was discussed by Qā‘id Finance, Zahid Mian with many inspiring stories.

Benefits of visits to local Majālis by Anṣār national Āmila members was discussed by Nā‘īb Šadr Awwal, Suhail Kausar.

‘Alam-i-In’āmī along with Majālis ranking for 2016 was announced. Many other learning sessions and discussions were held on Saturday before calling off the day at dinner meeting with local Anṣār.

On Sunday, respected Imām Mubashar Ahmad gave an inspiring speech on the topic of giving precedence to faith over worldly matters. He said that Islām however does not promote hermitism or a life of seclusion. All the genuine worldly needs have to be satiated within reasonable accommodation but not as a priority over faith. The ultimate goal has to be the faith, any worldly pursuit that helps in attaining that goal and makes it easier to get there becomes holy in itself but any worldly pursuit that takes you away from it becomes a sin though it may not be a sin in itself.

The ALC program ended with concluding remarks and Du‘ā by Śadr Majlis at 12:00 P.M.
Anṣār National ’Āmila meeting in session at Baitus-Samee Mosque, Houston, TX on January 13, 2017

An ALC session on January 14, 2017
ALC 2017 Survey Results

Number of Surveys submitted: 83

Surveys by Ṣaff

- Ṣaff Awwal: 40%
- Ṣaff Dom: 59%
- Not specified: 1%

Was this your first ALC?

- Yes: 22%
- No: 80%
How productive was your ALC experience?

- Very productive: 94%
- Somewhat productive: 6%
- Not productive: 0%

How inspiring was your ALC experience?

- Very inspiring: 92%
- Somewhat inspiring: 7%
- Not inspiring: 0%
What do you think about the speed of the program?

- Just right: 46%
- Fast but enjoyable: 47%
- Fast and painful: 6%
- Slow: 0%

How were the overall logistical arrangements of ALC?

- Very good: 76%
- Good: 23%
- Average: 1%
- Poor: 0%
2017 Planning Survey Results
Number of Surveys submitted: 217

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My Za‘īm calls or talks to me related to an Anṣārullāh matter

- Twice or more a month: 38%
- Occasionally: 27%
- Once a month: 19%
- Rarely or never: 16%
I prefer to receive Anṣār communications in...

- Email: 48%
- Either: 24%
- Both: 20%
- Print: 8%

I use text messaging

- Yes: 88%
- No: 12%
I recite the Holy Qur'an

- Most days of the week: 56%
- Occasionally: 25%
- Rarely: 12%
- On weekends: 7%

I offer at least one Salah in congregation at home, Salah center, or mosque

- Most days of the week: 53%
- Occasionally: 21%
- A couple of times a week: 15%
- Once a week: 11%
I am more likely to attend if the next National Ijtima’ is held at

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Select one area in which Majlis Anşärullāh needs most improvement

- Tarbiyat or moral training of families: 42%
- None - all of the above working well: 15%
- Tabligh/Outreach activities: 14%
- Ithār/Social work: 13%
- Religious education of Ansar members: 12%
- Other: 4%

My participation in Majlis Anşärullāh would increase if

- I had more time: 38%
- Our Majlis had more brotherhood locally: 30%
- Nothing can change my participation level at this age: 20%
- My local Za‘īm personally called me and trusted me with a task: 11%
Through its programs and services, Majlis Anşärullâh is trying to address many of the issues Anşâr are actually facing in their daily lives.

![Bar Chart]

- Agree: 67%
- Disagree: 25%
- Neutral: 8%

ALC participants gather for a group photo at Baitus-Samee Mosque in Houston, TX on January 14, 2017
2017 National Majlis ‘Āmila

Şadr Majlis
Faheem Younus Qureshi
Baltimore, MD

Nā‘ib Şadr Awwal
Suhaïl Kausar
Dallas, TX

Nā‘ib Şadr Şaff Dom
Imran Hayee
Minnesota

Nā‘ib Şadr
M. Dawood Munir
Houston, TX

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

Mu‘āwin Şadr (Special Projects)
Abdul Hadi Ahmed
Research Triangle, NC

Qā‘id Umūmi
Maqbool Ahmad Tahir
Detroit, MI

Qā‘id Tarbiyat
Tahir Soofi
Zion, IL

Qā‘id Ta‘limul Qur‘ān
Munir Ahmad Malik
Phoenix, AZ

Qā‘id Publications
Rafi Malik
Columbus, OH

Qā‘id Tahrīk Jadīd
Hassiem Abdullah Babatu
Milwaukee, WI

Qā‘id Tarbiyat Nau
Mubā’īn, Rizwan Alladin
Long Island, NY
Qā'id Īthār
Basharat Ahmad Wadan
Fairfax, VA

Qā'id Health
Syed Tanvir Ahmad
Detroit, MI

Qā'id Tajnīd
Muhammad Shahid Mahmood
Detroit, MI

Qā'id Finance
Zahid Mian
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Karim Sharif
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Qā'id Tablīgh
Mirza Ghulam Rabbi
Queens, NY

Qā'id Waqf Jadīd
Mooda Shiraz Mantara
Kansas City, KS

Auditor
Mansoor Ahmad Bhatti
Pittsburgh, PA

Special Member
Wajeeh Bajwa
Orlando, FL

Special Member
Syed Sajīd Ahmad
Fargo, ND
Qā'id Tajnīd, M. Shahid Mahmood with members at Baitul Jaamay Mosque in Glen Ellyn, IL during a visit to Chicago NW and Chicago SW Majālis on March 12, 2017

Qā'id Umūmī, Maqbool Tahir with members during a visit to North Jersey Majlis on March 25, 2017

Qā'id Umūmī, Maqbool Tahir talking about Anṣār initiatives during a visit to Willingboro Majlis on March 26, 2017
Qāʾid Taʿlim, Karim Sharif with members during a visit to Austin Majlis

Qāʾid Taʿlim, Karim Sharif with Anṣār during a visit to Houston Majlis
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Anṣār at Central West regional Ijtīmā‘ held on May 20, 2017 at Baitul Baṣeer Mosque in San Jose, CA

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Anṣār at Great Lakes regional Ijtima’ held on May 13, 2017 at Baitun Nāṣir Mosque in Columbus, OH

Anṣār at Gulf States regional Ijtima’ held on May 13, 2017 at Baitul Ikrām Mosque in Dallas, TX

Members at Headquarters regional Ijmā’ held on May 7, 2017 at Baitur Raḥmān Mosque in Silver Spring, MD
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Anṣār at 17th Southwest regional Ijtīmā‘ held on May 13-14, 2017 at Baitul Ḥameed Mosque in Chino, CA
2017 Zuʿamā

Zaʿīm Alabama-TN
Hammad Khan

Zaʿīm Albany
Noah Ahmad Quick

Zaʿīm Austin
Maqbool Ahmad

Zaʿīm Baltimore
Basit A. Khan

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Zaʿīm Brooklyn
Naeem Ahmad Janjua

Zaʿīm Buffalo
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Khalid Maqsud Ahmad
Za’īm Las Vegas
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Za’īm Laurel
Atif Zeeshan

Za’īm Lehigh Valley
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Za’īm Long Island
Hamid Ahmad

Za’īm Merced
Abdul Raqeeb Rasheed Wali

Za’īm Miami
Amin Ur Rehman Shaikh

Za’īm Milwaukee, Mohammed
Rayeesuddin Ahmad

Za’īm Minnesota
Abdul Rafique Jadran

Za’īm New Orleans
Tahir Mahmood Cheema

Za’īm New York
Ahmad Mubarak

Za’īm North Jersey
Khalid M. Ahmad

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Anṣār at Baltimore Majlis’ local Ijtima‘ held on April 02, 2017 at Baitus Ṣamad Mosque

Anṣār at Chicago NW and Chicago SW Majālis’ combined local Ijtima‘ held on April 9, 2017 at Baitul Jaamay Mosque in Glen Ellyn, IL
Anṣār at LA Inland Majlis' local Ijtimā’ held on April 23, 2017 at Baitul Ḥameed Mosque in Chino, CA

Anṣār at LA Riverside Majlis' local Ijtimā’ held on April 2, 2017 at Baitul Ḥameed Mosque in Chino, CA
Anṣār at Las Vegas Majlis’ local Ijtimā’ held on March 5, 2017

Members at Pittsburg Majlis’ local Ijtimā’ held on April 23, 2017
Anṣār at Syracuse Majlis’ local Ijtimā’ held on April 23, 2017, with 100% attendance—11 out of 11 Anṣār attended the Ijtimā’

Anṣār at Tucson Majlis’ local Ijtimā’ held on April 16, 2017
Anṣār at Willingboro Majlis' local Ijtimā' held on April 23, 2017

Members at Zion Majlis' local Ijtimā’
Anṣār of Columbus Majlis gather for a group photo after monthly meeting held on April 9, 2017 at Baitun Nāṣir Mosque

Anṣār of LA Inland Majlis at January 2017 monthly meeting
Anṣār of Long Island Majlis at monthly meeting held on February 19, 2017

Anṣār of North Jersey Majlis at monthly meeting held on February 5, 2017
Group photo of York Majlis' Anṣār at their first monthly meeting of the year held on January 20, 2017

Group photo of Seattle Majlis' Anṣār at monthly meeting held on April 2, 2017
January 2017 monthly meeting of North Jersey Majlis in progress

Anșār at Willingboro Majlis’ Dā‘īn meeting held on February 5, 2017
Anṣār engaged in a discussion during monthly meeting of LA Riverside Majlis held on February 12, 2017

Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis discussing Tarbiyat issues in a meeting held on February 12, 2017
Anṣār of Detroit Majlis actively participate in CCTI events

Members of Pittsburg Majlis participating in a CCTI event held in January 2017
A group of Willingboro Majlis’ Dā’īn in discussion with visitors from a local rotary club, at Baitul Naṣr Mosque

Anṣār of Detroit Majlis participating in Detroit Jamā’at’s Prayer Day
Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis attending a media training workshop at Baitul Naṣr Mosque on February 25, 2017

Anṣār of LA Riverside Majlis attending Dā‘īn Class on January 22, 2017
Ṣadrān of Majālis Anṣārullāh of various countries with Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīh V (may Allāh be his helper) at 2017 U.K. Jalsa Sālāna; Naveed Malik, Nā‘ib Qā'id Publications represented Ṣadr Majlis Anṣārullāh USA

Anṣār of LA Inland Majlis participated in 4th of July parade arranged by the local Jamā'at that was awarded a trophy for the third year in a row
January 28, 2017—Anṣār of Central Virginia Majlīs visited Smithsonian Freer/Sackler Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. to see the traveling exhibition, *The Art of the Qur’an: Treasures from the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts*

In recognition of his Tablīgh and community outreach efforts over the past many years Mirza Mahmood Ahmād of Dayton Majlīs was presented the Ambassador For Peace award at the UN International Day of Peace event held in Columbus, Ohio on September 23, 2017.
Pittsburgh Majlis—January 19, 2017
Post-AnṣārʿĀmila meeting social time and review of lessons learned during ALC, at Zaʿīm Ṣāḥib’s home

Willingboro Majlis—Feb 05, 2017
Anṣār join Khuddām and Aṭfāl in their sports event
Willingboro Anṣār health check event—February 12, 2017

Willingboro Anṣār Joining the local Cricket team at a tournament held at Fort Lauderdale Florida - Jan 21, 2017
Boston Anṣār enjoying Bike Day with Khuddām and Aṭfāl

Houston North Anṣār Picnic—February 12, 2017
Another Year, Another Marathon

Rashid Syed, Los Angeles East

I have been running half marathons since 2005. By the grace of Allāh, I ran another half marathon—13.1 miles—on February 7, 2017, at the age of 69.

In March, I experienced pain in my lower back—my back problem of last 18 years had come back. The doctor suggested that I undergo back surgery as soon as possible due to bulged discs causing 90% blood flow blockage resulting in severe pain in my back and legs.

I had avoided back surgery for 18 years but this time it was unavoidable. Having had a surgery in March I was determined to bounce back and to continue my normal life and running. And by the grace of Allāh I was able to do that, Alhamdulillāh.

On October 8, 2017, I ran, jogged, and walked 10 miles in Huntington Beach, CA. It is God’s miracle. Even the doctor who performed the surgery was surprised to see my quick recovery.

Running and jogging helps you adopt an active and disciplined lifestyle. 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 69, I feel pretty good about my health. If I can do it, anyone can do it.

I urge Anṣār brothers to get out, start walking 15-20 minutes a day, regularly. Increase your walk to 25-30 minutes and continue until you are comfortable with the speed and distance. Do not start running until you have built speed. If you have a medical condition, you should seek advice from your doctor or contact Qā’id health at qaid.health@ansarusa.org before start running.

Leading by example—Imtiyaz Rajayki, Nāẓīm A’lā Southeast region showing his Cricket skills
2017 Majālis Ranking and Awards

Large Majālīs

1st Detroit (Za'im: Nasir Ahmed Bukhari)
2nd Houston North (Za'im: Nasir Hafeez Malik)
3rd Dallas (Za'im: Mubashir Ahmad)

3rd LA Inland (Za'im: Fawad Jawad Khan)

Most Improved Medium Majlis

Hartford (Za'im: Mansoor Ahmad Khan)

Most Improved Large Majlis

Georgia-Carolina (Za'im: Ghayyur Mannan Khan)

Medium Majālīs

1st Cypress-Houston (Za'im: Muhammad Naeem Javaid)
2nd Bay Point (Za'im: Mohammad Javed Khan)
3rd Tucson (Za'im: Arif Muhammad Quraishy)

Small Majālīs

1st Syracuse (Za'im: Rafi Ahmad)
2nd Pittsburgh (Za'im: Sohail Husain)
3rd Lehigh Valley (Za'im: Asad Nawaz Chaudhry)

Most Improved Small Majlis

New Orleans (Za'im: Tahir Mahmood Cheema)

Many Majālīs worked hard throughout the year to achieve the goals set by various departments of Majlis Anṣārullāh USA. The ranking of first 10 Majālīs in each of the three categories—large, medium, and small—is as follows.

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Outstanding Nāẓim A'lā Awards

Region Nāẓim

New York Mahmood Ahmad Bhutta
Great Lakes Naseem Ahmed Khan
Gulf States Iftikhar Ahmad Sheikh

Outstanding Performance Awards

Zahid Mian (Qā'id Finance)
Karim Sharif (Qā'id Ta'lim)

Special Recognition Award

Majlis Anṣārullāh USA recognizes Abdul Hadi Ahmad for organizing the National Ijtimā with selfless dedication and devotion from 2014-2017

If you have the love of the Holy Qur'an in your hearts, rest assured, no power in the world can overcome you.

Hadhrat Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him)
Departed Souls

The following U.S. Anṣār departed this temporary abode in 2017 on their journey towards eternal bliss in the next life, ʿInnā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rājīʿūn. May their souls rest in peace. ʿĀmin. 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

Naim Tahir Malik

Respected Naim Tahir Malik of Orlando Majlis passed away on February 5, 2017. He was the second son of Ḥadrat Maulānā Zahoor Hussain of Bukhārā, who was the first Āhmadi missionary in Russia. He served the Jamāʿat in various capacities throughout his life, including as a local Āmila member in Rochester, NY and then as Zaʿīm Anṣārullāh in Brooklyn Majlis from 2004-2007. In his youth, he had served as the President of T.I. College Students Union and was known as one of the best debaters in college. He is survived by his wife who lives in Orlando, and three children and six grandchildren that all live in New York. He was a devout Āhmadi who was always regular in his Prayers and fasting during Ramaḍān.

He was buried on February 7, 2017 in Maqbara-tus-Salām in Sykesville, MD.

Aminullah Khan Salik

Respected Aminullah Khan Salik of North Virginia Majlis passed away on February 28, 2017 at the age of 80. He was a life devotee and served as a missionary in USA, Liberia (West Africa), and U.K. Ḥadrat Muṣliḥ Mauʿūd (may Allah be pleased with him) himself suggested to send him to the USA as a missionary. He came to the U.S. at the age of 23, after graduating from Jamiʿah Ahmadiyya Rabwah in 1960.

He was a passionate caller to Allah and held many radio talks and newspaper interviews, a popular form of media in the U.S. in early 60s. He went back to Pakistan in 1966 and later was sent to Liberia and then to the U.K., to serve as a missionary.

He was a devout Ahmadi, a Mūṣī, a passionate caller to Allah, and had deep love for Khilāfat and family of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He was a poet and had several poems published in Jamāʿat’s publications.

He was the son of Abdul Majeed Khan of Verowal, India. His paternal grandfather respected Mohammad Khan was a companion of the Promised Messiah. He was the brother of respected Syeda Tahira Sidiqua Nasir, wife of Ḥadrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ III (may Allah’s blessings be on him).

He is survived by his wife respected Bushra Salik—daughter of respected Syed Iqbal and granddaughter of Dr. Wilayat Shah of Nairobi, a companion of the Promised Messiah—and son Aizaz Khalid Salik, of North Virginia.

Al-Ḥāj Kareem Abdul Lateef

Respected Al-Ḥāj Kareem Abdul Lateef, son of the late Louise Bland and Marlboro Kollock passed away on February 13, 2017 at the age of 68. He was born on December 10, 1948 in South Carolina. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps on March 7, 1968 and was deployed overseas to fight in Vietnam War. He accepted Islam in 1974 and Joined Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in 1978.

He had the blessing to perform Ḥajj in 1989. He was a devoted member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. He is survived by his son, Yasin Lateef, two daughters Amarra Shaima Lateef and Naseera Lateef. He was buried on February 17, 2017 in Maqbara-tus-Salām in Sykesville, MD.

Ata Ullah

Respected Ata Ullah of Laurel Majlis passed away on April 3, 2017. He left behind 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was the father of respected Shoukat Wahla, Vice President of Laurel Jamāʿat who along with his family has served the Jamāʿat with great devotion in various capacities.
Nazir Ahmad

Respected Nazir Ahmad of Detroit Majlis passed away on March 2, 2017 at the age of 90.
He had the good fortune of serving the Jamā‘at in Ghana under Waqf-i-‘Ārdī (short-term devotional) for over 13 years. He also served the Detroit Jamā‘at as Finance Secretary for over 10 years. He was buried on March 3, 2017 at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens cemetery in Livonia, MI.

Naqi Hydari

Respected Naqi Hydari of LA East Majlis passed away in a car accident on April 8, 2017 at the age of 64 as he was exiting Baitul Ḥameed Mosque. He was a dedicated member of LA East Jamā‘at since 1988. He served as auditor of LA East Majlis. He was a daily visitor to Baitul Ḥameed Mosque for Fajr and Maghrib Prayers. He was very regular in paying his family’s Chandas.
He lived 5 minutes away from Baitul Ḥameed Mosque. There was a bridge between the mosque and his house. He always said if an earthquake hit and the bridge fell we would not be able to go to mosque so when this house came open for sale he jumped on the opportunity and Almighty Allāh granted him his wish to live even closer to the mosque.

Dr. Mannan Malik

Dr. Mannan Malik of Willingboro Majlis passed away on May 2, 2017 at the age of 76 after a scheduled surgery. He is survived by his wife, two children, and a large extended family settled in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. He was buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Burlington, NJ.
His father, Captain Malik Abdullah Khan had the honor of serving as Assistant Private Secretary to Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ III and Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ IV (may Allāh’s blessings be on them). He was born in Burma on 1941, migrated to Qadian when he was 4 years old, then to Pakistan in 1947, and finally to United States in 1968. He was a pioneer and a founding member of the Willingboro Jamā‘at.
He earned master’s degree in Economics from FC College Lahore, continued pursuit of higher education after moving to the U.S. and completed his medical studies in Dominican Republic. Throughout his stay in New Jersey, he served the Jamā‘at in several capacities and was always a source of immense help and guidance for all.

Dr. Salahuddin

Dr. Salahuddin of York Majlis passed away on September 10, 2017. For years, he served as in charge Langar Khāna and Nā‘īb Afsar Jalsa Sālāna USA. On the demise of Dr. Salahuddin, Amir Jamā‘at USA, respected Sāhibzādah Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, in his letter to the USA Jamā‘at, wrote: “He led the team of volunteers working in Langar Khāna at Jalsa Sālāna USA for decades. His selfless and dedicated service during Jalsa Sālāna had set a high standard of excellence for all of us. He shunned publicity and selflessly and enthusiastically endeavored to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and was always available and willing to help.”

Photo of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) during his visit to Langar Khāna at Jalsa Sālāna USA. Dr. Salahuddin (in the middle) looks while Ḥuḍūr tries the food, prepared at Langar Khāna.
Lutfur Rahman Mahmood

Respected Lutfur Rahman Mahmood of Austin Majlis passed away on May 27, 2017. He was born in 1938 in Bhera, Pakistan. He was the eldest son of Prof. Mian Ataur Rahman, Principal Ta'limul-Islām College Rabwah and grandson of respected Mian Karim Din, a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

Responding to the wish of Ḥaḍrat Muṣlih Mau‘ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him), his parents moved to Qādiān when he was 7 years old. After the subcontinent partition, he returned to Pakistan, continued his education and graduated with a Bachelors in Physics and Education from University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan. He received a gold medal for his B.Ed. degree. He completed his masters in Urdu literature from University of the Punjab with distinction.

He returned to Rabwah to teach at Ta’limul-Islām high school. Upon the advice of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ III (may Allāh's blessings be on him), he went to Sierra Leone (West Africa) in 1967. He served the Jamā’at in Sierra Leone in various capacities including principal of two secondary schools, principal for Jāmi’ah Aḥmadiyya Sierra Leone, Regional Missionary, Editor of African Crescent, Jamā’at newspaper, and on multiple occasions acted as interim Amir Jamā’at Sierra Leone.

Many of his students are now serving as ministers, judges, and civil servants in Sierra Leone. He was a teacher of many generations. His students are found all over the world and serve their local communities in various roles. He was a learned scholar and had a comprehensive knowledge in various religions. Many people benefited from his knowledge and converted to Islam and Aḥmadiyyat.

He moved to the U.S. in 1995, became a resident of Round Rock, TX where he continued to serve the local Jamā’at in various roles till 2016. He was one of the pioneers of Austin Jamā’at. During the initial days of Austin Jamā’at and afterwards for a long time, he regularly delivered Jumu’ah sermon. He also delivered soul inspiring speeches on various occasions including Eid sermon.

Members of Austin Jamā’at often affectionately called him Murabbī Sāhib. He served as Za’īm Anṣārullāh, Secretary Tablígh, Secretary Waṣāyā, and Secretary Publications over the years. He had great love for the Holy Qur’ān and profound knowledge of it. He regularly gave Dars of the Holy Qur’ān in Austin. Even when his health was poor and members would request him that maybe he should take a break, he would recall the wish of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ I (may Allāh be pleased with him) that Dars of the Holy Qur’ān should always continue in the Jamā’at.

He regularly wrote articles for various publications of the Jamā’at. Despite his accomplishments and knowledge, he was very humble and would always shy away from the limelight. He was a man of great integrity, larger than life, well-wisher of all, a great orator, and full of knowledge of all walks of life. If one sentence sums up his life, it would be that he lived his life not for this world but for the hereafter.

Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) led his funeral Prayer in absentia at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque in London and mentioned that Ḥaḍūr was also one of his students in his school years. He was buried in Dārul-Maghfirah in Round Rock, TX. He is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, and many grandchildren.

Information about Deceased Members

Information about deceased members is published in Anšār publications 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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Anšār Pledge

Ash-hadu • allā ilāha • illallāhu • wahdahū • lā sharīka lahū •
wa ash-hadu • anna muḥammadan • ‘abdhu• wa rasūluh

Translation:
I bear witness that • there is none worthy of worship • except Allāh. • He is One • (and) has no partner, • and I bear witness • that Muhammad (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 Ahmadiyyat in Islam, • 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. • Insh’āllah.

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