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Message from Sadr Ansarullah, USA

Dear Ansar: اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَ رَحْمَةُ الله وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

To achieve righteousness, a believer must offer sacrifices out of what is most dear to him. This includes his life, his time, his property, and his children. Allah has promised believers that their sacrifices are indeed rewarded in this life, for He says in the Holy Qur'an:

"Say, Surely my Lord enlarges the provision for such of His Servants as He pleases and straitens it for such as He pleases. And whatever you spend, He will replace it, and He is the Best of Providers." (The Holy Qur'an 34:40).

Thus Allah rewards those who use their The Holy Prophet (peace and time and work sincerely in His cause; their wealth and their children are said: "Hasten to do good before never wasted and the Lord Himself you are overtaken by one of seven always recompenses one who expends

resolutions at the beginning of the New Year. I urge all Ansar to resolve to Hour; and the Hour will be most sacrifice their time for the Majlis. If you are not already actively involved in your mailis start with something small:

- Resolve to attend at least one meeting a month;
- Pair up with another nasir in your majlis who is giving time for social services. Resolve to spend at least two hours per month for this activity (for example, help in your local food pantry or homeless shelter); and
- Resolve to take care of your heath (for example, go for a 2 mile walk at least three times a week).

Let us resolve to unite and offer our God-given talents and our effort for the sake of our faith and the community we live in. I also urge all of you to resolve to strengthen your pledge of allegiance to Khilafat, not just in light of a momentous Khilafat centenary year in 2008 nor limited only to a resolution for 2009 but for the rest of your lives. May Almighty Allah enable all of us to do our utmost in this regard, Ameen.

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa

Annual Ansar Leadership Conference

The annual Ansar Leadership Conference (ALC) will take place on Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1, 2009 at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque in Queens, New York. ALC is a very informative and interesting event that helps zo'ama prepare for the year ahead. Zo'ama should make every effort to attend the conference.

Tabligh Activities in St. Paul Majlis

During the months of October and November, following Tabligh activities were carried out in St. Paul Majlis.

- Syed Sajid Ahmad delivered a presentation on the miracles of Jesus at the Religion and Science Lunch Seminar at
 the North Dakota State University. He compared the miracles of Jesus with those of other prophets and the Prophet
 of Islam. He presented a novel interpretation of the miracles of Jesus that they reflected the innovations his
 followers were to make in future.
- One of these seminars discussed Mormonism. He brought to the attention of the attendees that Joseph Smith came
 to harbinger the second coming and prophesied it to happen during his generation which has long gone, therefore
 Mormonism has lost the validity of its establishment.
- Imam Daud Hanif addressed this seminar on the topic of Jihad. Copies of his speech were made available and were all taken by the attendees. Many people discussed various issues with him after the speech. About a dozen copies of literature were also distributed.
- American families were invited to meet Imam Daud Hanif. There was discussion about Islam during dinner. During
 his visit to St. Paul, Imam Daud Hanif also visited many members' homes, addressed at a meeting, and met with
 Gambian community.
- Syed Sahib had the opportunity to be on the radio broadcast in North America and Minnesota. He pointed out that the Prophet of Islam came fulfilling the prophesies of the Bible, and if we do not accept him then those prophesies of the Bible remain unfulfilled. He related the history of the early Muslims and how they were persecuted leading to their migration, and how they were attacked after their migration and they had to defend themselves against much superior and well equipped army. He also commented on the Obsession documentary that some Christian groups are preaching that God's work to destroy Israel's enemy needs to be carried out. Relevant literature was provided to the hosts of the talk show.
- Two letters were published in a local newspaper responding to some objections on Islam published in an earlier issue of the newspaper.
- On a radio talk show, Syed Sahib had the opportunity to talk about the relation of Mumbai attacks to the Kashmir issue, adverse economic effects of interest on personal and national economy for one and a half hour. He also talked about how to have harmony in society, and mentioned that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community celebrates interfaith day every year to increase awareness between various faiths. He also gave a copy of the Holy Qur'an and another piece of literature to participants.
- Syed Sahib attended an open course on prophets at the Concordia University. It gave him a chance to talk about the travel of Jesus to India, how Qur'an was gathered and preserved, and the nature of many stories in the Holy Qur'an. He also distributed a few copies of literature including a copy of the Holy Qur'an.
- Local access TV channels in St Pail and Fargo have been provided with Ahmadiyya Muslim programming for more than a year now. In Fargo, the programs are run twice a week.

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- Muhammad Ahmad, elder brother of Dr. Khaled Ahmad Ata, National Secretary Wasaya of USA Jama'at and Na'ib Sadr I of Majlis Ansarullah, USA, passed away in his hometown, Barakow, Rawalpindi, Pakistan on December 8, 2008 at the age of 57, *Inna lillahe wa inna ilaihe raje'oon*.
- Dr. Khalid Ahmad of Rochester Majlis passed away on December 22, 2008 at the age of 43, *Inna lillahe wa inna ilaihe raje'oon*. He was the son of Dawood Ahmad, retired Station Master of Rabwah, and elder brother of Tahir Rameez of Springfield, Virginia. He is survived by his wife and five children.
 - May Allah grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families, *Ameen*. Ansar are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.
- Chaudhary Inayt Ullah Ahmadi, former Amir and Missionary In charge of Tanzania and father-in-law of Mirza Mahmood Ahmad of Columbus Majlis, former regional missionary of Mid-West region, USA, has been in hospital for some time in London, England. Members are requested to pray for his complete recovery.

Ta'lim Test II of 2008

Ta'lim Test II of 2008 has been mailed to all ansar. The deadline to submit the test is January 31, 2009. Members are encouraged to submit the completed test by the deadline. Please contact your Za'eem Majlis if you have not received the test.

The test is comprised of the following parts:

The Holy Qur'an: Sura Al-Nur, Chapter 24, Verses 55-58 (Translation & Commentary)

Hadith: Prophecy about Khilafat (Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal, vol. 4)

Books of the Promised Messiah (alaihissalam): Al-Wasiyyat (The Will) and The Truth About the Split, Chapter 2.

The study material is available online at: www.ansarusa.org and www.alislam.org.

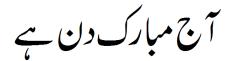
Completed test can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- through Za'eem Majlis
- fax: 281-733-2084
- e-mail: mmunir52@sbcglobal.net
- snail mail: M. Dawood Munir, 11106 Brandon Gate, Houston, TX 77095-6603



Group photo of Jalsa Salana USA 2008 VIP reception committee that consisted of ansar members

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Āj Mubarak din he This is a blessed day.

Āj: today Mubarak: blessed Din: day

Ansar Tahir Scholarship

Majlis Ansarullah, USA, is offering Ansar Tahir Scholarship to ansar 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 ansar to improve their employability and cannot be used as seed money to start a new business. The scholarship will be granted on "first come, first serve" basis. There is no deadline for the application. In most cases payments will be made directly to the training institution. Applications should be submitted through the local za'eem Ansarullah. Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

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

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