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Jun. 19-21 - Jalsa Salana, USA

Jun. 26-28 - Jalsa Salana,
Canada

Jul. 24-26 - Jalsa Salana, UK

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Message from Sadr Ansarullah, USA

Dear Ansar: *السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ*

Few years ago, all Ansar members were requested to make a pledge towards Ansarullah Hall. This request was in response to a proposal made by Majlis-e-Shura of Majlis Ansarullah, USA. The proposal was to build Ansarullah Hall adjacent to Baitur Rehman Mosque. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (May Allah have mercy on him) had approved this proposal in 1998. Some funds (\$65,000) have been collected since the inception of this scheme. However, emphasis was not placed on collection of funds for several years for various reasons. Total funds to be collected for this hall were \$500,000. Recently Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, Ameer Jama'at USA, asked Majlis Ansarullah to raise \$500,000 for ongoing expansion of Baitur Rehman Mosque. Ansarullah Hall is part of this expansion. Therefore, I am requesting each and every member of Majlis Ansarullah to step forward and contribute generously. I am also requesting those who have already contributed towards Ansarullah hall to donate again for this cause.

I realize that members are going through very difficult financial times and other appeals are being made for collection of funds (for various mosques) at this time as well. However, I have full trust in Almighty Allah that He will enable members of Majlis Ansarullah to respond to this humble appeal and Majlis Ansarullah will be able to collect these funds in a very short time.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khamis (May Allah support him with His Mighty Help) mentioned in his Friday sermon of March 31, 2006 that it was a great Divine favor on the dear Community of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) that its people honor their pledge and are at the forefront of financial sacrifice. However, there should be regular reminding of virtuous tasks lest anyone who is getting indolent may pay attention as well as the younger people and the new comers to the Community get an appreciation of the significance of financial sacrifice.

Huzur (May Allah support him with His Mighty Help) said it is his belief that whatever requirements are there of the Community will be met by Allah. New projects and tasks are also inspired by Him and this is because He has granted the Community the capability to carry them off. In the latter-days it is the followers of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) who have been granted this spirit of spending in the way of Allah. Especially in this age of materialism there is a large majority of people in the Community who have a great sense of financial sacrifice.

Huzur (May Allah support him with His Mighty Help) cited the supreme example of Hazrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) regarding financial sacrifice and said that among other things it was due to his high degree of faith. He also related the

Sadr's message continued...

sense of sacrifice of Hazrat Omer (may Allah be pleased with him) and the other Companions who expended in accordance with their capacity.

Huzur (May Allah support him with His Mighty Help) also said that we should always keep in mind the Quranic statement of "Allah burdens not any soul beyond its capacity" (2:287). He said that the excellent model of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and indeed as it was followed by his Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) was always of

sacrifice made by taking on hardship. He drew attention to how the above verse continues... "It shall have the reward it earns, and it shall get the punishment it incurs."

As you have read in the quotes provided, it is the sacrifices that are mark of our obedience and gratitude to Almighty Allah for all He has given and out of our sincerity of purpose that indicate the measure of a man and a true believer.

I humbly urge every member to

contribute generously towards Ansarullah Hall Fund as soon as possible. Your payment should be sent to Qa'id Finance, Kalim Rana, directly or through za'eem Majlis, Jazakomullah.

May Allah help and enable us to discharge all responsibilities assigned to us in the best possible manner, Ameen .

وَالسَّلَام

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa

Request for Prayers

- Haji Muhammad Ramzan of Central Jersey Majlis passed away on April 6, 2009, *Inna lillahe wa inna ilaihe raje'oon*. May Allah grant peace to his soul and grant patience and steadfastness to his family, *Ameen*. Ansar are requested to remember him and his family in their prayers.
- Syed Nafis Bukhari, Muntazim Mal of Potomac Majlis, suffered a heart problem and subsequently underwent a surgery. Members are requested to pray for his health.
- Bushra Khan, wife of Noorul Haq Khan of Columbus Majlis, has recently suffered a mild stroke. Members are requested to pray for her health.



Ansar of Great Lakes region with Nasir Mahmood Malik, National Secretary Tarbiyat, at Regional Tarbiyat Class held on March 15, 2009 at Masjid Bait-un-Nasir in Columbus, Ohio

First Ahmadi Mayor of a U.S. Town

On March 9, 2009, Dr. Basharat Munir Mirza of Athens Majlis became the Mayor of Chauncey, Ohio. Chauncey is a small municipality, next to Athens, Ohio. Dr. Mirza was elected to the town council in November, 2007 for a four-year term. In January 2008, he was elected as the president of the town council for a one-year term. In January 2009, he was re-elected as the president of the town council. The council president acts as mayor when the mayor is absent. If the mayor is removed or resigns, then the president of the council becomes the mayor. When the sitting mayor of Chauncey resigned, Dr. Mirza, being the president of the town council, became the mayor of Chauncey, Ohio.

Dr. Mirza has been actively involved in community service in Chauncey area for a long time. In 1990, Dr. Mirza started a food pantry for the town. In 1991, he helped the Athens County Adult Education program that was about to be eliminated and managed to keep it running. At that time he received a letter of commendation from the Ohio House of Representatives commending him

as a "remarkable individual, combining civic concern and commitment with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader." Noting his services in terms of giving of his time, energy, and resources, the letter said, "we commend you for your dedicated service to the community and salute you as one of Ohio's finest citizens."

In the publication of March 4, 2009 of The Athens Messenger, a citizen recognized Dr. Mirza's services for the town and referred to him as one of the "Champions of Chauncey." In his letter to the paper's Editor he writes: "Dr. Mirza, the president of Village Council has donated his time as well as his money many times over the years to help out the village. Even before his elected position he bought spreaders for the village dump truck to help keep the streets and roads cleaned and safe. He has paid for blacktop out of his own pocket to fill and repair potholes in the village. He has run a food bank and helped with the homeless, among other things, all with very little if no thanks or recognition."



Dr. Mirza has also been serving the Jama'at in the area of publication by printing monthly gazettes, books, magazines etc. for the U.S. and Canada Jama'ats for many decades.

Upon hearing from Dr. Mirza about his appointment, Huzur (May Allah support him with His Mighty Help) congratulated him and said "Alhamdulillah" and prayed that may Allah empower him to discharge his duties efficiently and that may He be his Protector and Helper. May Allah enable Dr. Mirza to continue to offer his services to the Jama'at and humanity. *Ameen.*

Tabligh Activities in Local Majalis

Cypress-Houston

A weekly (Saturday and Sunday) radio program "Nida-e-Islam" is being broadcast on a local radio station in which Jama'at beliefs are presented to Urdu-speaking audience. Three Ansar members are involved in preparation of the program. Topics discussed include: relationship with God, how to reply to allegations, Unity of God, life of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), and finality of prophethood.

Detroit

On January 18, 2009 ansar along with the local Jama'at held a Religious Founder's Day. A total of 22 guests attended the program. Guests from the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit, two Hindu sects, Sikhs, and members of three churches attended the program. All speakers were presented a set of books that included the Holy Qur'an, The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam, and Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge and Truth.

Los Angeles East

Los Angeles East Majlis, for the third year, has participated in Los Angeles's Chinatown Chinese New Year Celebration. Many people visited the booth established by the Majlis. Some visitors purchased Jama'at's books. Free books were also distributed to visitors who were not able to purchase. Majority of visitors gave positive remarks and had good interaction with Ansar.

Truthfulness

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: "Leave alone that which involves thee in doubt and adhere to that which is free from doubt, for truth is comforting, falsehood is disturbing." (*Tirmidhi*)



Zo'ama of Virginia and Headquarter regions at their quarterly meeting held on March 29, 2009 at Baitur Rehman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD

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