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Dear Ansar: *السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ*

Allah says in the Holy Qur'an, "O mankind, We have created you from a male and a female; And We have made you tribes and sub-tribes that you may know one another. Verily, the most honorable among you, in the sight of Allah, is he who is the most righteous among you. Surely, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware." (49:14)

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) consistently negated any and all tendencies of superiority of one race over another among his followers.

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih Al-Khāmis (may Allah be his support) said, "it is a tremendous blessing of Allah on us that He has enabled us to accept the Imam of the age. At a time when the world is embroiled in disorder, He has corded us together onto a filament as a Community. In thankfulness of this favor, it is our obligation to raise the standards of our worship, it is our obligation to express our mutual care, love and brotherhood in a greater way and it is our obligation to completely purify our hearts for each other. It is our obligation to merge those who have

recently taken their bai'at (pledge of allegiance) within us. If we are not following all this it would be most unfortunate. Each Ahmadi should always remember that we are the adherents of that Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) whose entire livelihood, his waking, his sleep, his life and his death were all for the pleasure of Allah. We will be counted as real believers when we will adopt his blessed model, when each act of ours will be to attain Allah's pleasure. In such an instance our actions and deeds will be accepted. We will be calm and tranquil amongst ourselves and will be able to take the message of true peace and true Islam to others. Our Tabligh (propagation of Islam) effort will be successful. We will thus gather greater blessings of Allah" (Friday Sermon, April 25, 2008, Port Novo, Benin).

May Almighty Allah enable all of us to live with love and affection and may attaining Allah's pleasure always remain our objective, Amīn.

وَالسَّلَام

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa

## Annual Ansar Leadership Conference

The annual Ansar Leadership Conference (ALC) will take place on Saturday, January 23 & Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Bait-ul-Hameed Mosque in Chino, CA. 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.

## An Interesting Course on Islam in the US

Syed Sajid Ahmad and Syeda Bushra Sultana Ahmad were given a rare opportunity to teach a three-session, two hour each session, a total of 6-hour course on the history of Islam in the US organized by the FMCommUniversity (Fargo-Moorhead Community University) run by the Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, during the month of October 2009. About two dozen students registered for the class. The classroom had audio and video facilities which were used for the presentations on the topic.

It should be realized that remote towns in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota are some of the far off places visited by the first Ahmadiyya missionary in the US in the early 1920s. On hearing of the class, the local newspaper, Forum, published 6-column wide article by Andrea Hunter Halgrimson mentioning the class and that the first mosque in the US may have been built in Ross, North Dakota.

First session was consumed by the

introduction to Islam. Students were very interested in knowing how Islam started, the life of the Prophet of Islam, what Islam teaches, its basic tenets and required rites. Syeda Aiasha Mayam Ahmad helped moderate the session.

Second session covered the discussion of early Muslims who visited the continent even before Columbus discovered the new world. Different periods of Muslim influx into the US and their characteristics were discussed. Dynamics of Muslim population centers and their contributions to the American society were brought to light. Students continued asking questions about Islamic teachings and Islamic culture through this session too.

The third session reviewed the overall history of Islam in the US with again answering question by students on Islamic teachings.

This class gave the teachers opportunity to mention the role of

the Ahmadiyya Community in bringing the message of Islam to the US starting with the acceptance of Islam by the first white man in the US, Alexander Webb, through the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, help of the first Ahmadiyya missionary in the US, Dr Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, may Allah be pleased with him, in activating the Muslims of that time and bringing a significant number of Americans to the fold of Islam, establishing one of the first mosques in the US, and starting the magazine Muslim Sunrise which is published to-date. Teachers were able to share the recent copies of the magazine with the students.

Previously a similar class on Jesus in India was given through the same organization.

Ansar are urged to pursue similar opportunities in their Majalis as such venues are excellent ways of introducing Islam and Ahmadiyyat to the educated echelon of the society.

## Ansarullah Hall Fund

In 1998, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) had approved a proposal, made by Majlis-e-Shura of Majlis Ansarullah, USA, to build Ansarullah Hall adjacent to Baitur Rehman Mosque. Some funds have been collected since the inception of this scheme. Total funds to be collected for this hall are \$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, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa, is requesting each and every member of Majlis Ansarullah to step forward and contribute generously. Members who have already contributed towards Ansarullah Hall are also encouraged to donate again for this cause. Members are urged to contribute generously towards Ansarullah Hall Fund as soon as possible. The payment should be sent to Qa'id Finance, Kalim Rana, directly or through za'eem Majlis. Jazakomullah.

The summary of Huzur's (may Allah be his support) Friday sermon is distributed to ansar through Zo'ama every Friday. Ansar who are not able to listen to Huzur's (may Allah be his support) Friday sermon are urged to read these summaries on a regular basis. If you are not getting these summaries, please request your Za'eem to provide these to you. To receive these summaries and other communication directly from the National Officers subscribe to a mailing list by going to: [http://ansarusa.org/mailman/listinfo/members\\_ansarusa.org](http://ansarusa.org/mailman/listinfo/members_ansarusa.org)

## A Pioneer Ahmadi of the US Jama'at Passes Away

Usman Khalid passed away on September 8, 2009 at the age of 96, *Inna lillahe wa inna ilaihe raje'oon*. He was one of seven children. His father passed away when he was 8 years old. He came from a devout Baptist background. He embraced Islam in 1947. His parents and siblings did not accept his new religion. Accepting Islam brought so much positive change to his life that his wife, Ameena Khalid, also accepted Islam.

Brother Khalid always had a thirst for knowledge. He studied Islam and Ahmadiyyat, learned how to read the Holy Qur'ān, memorized Surahs from the Holy Qur'ān, and helped teach others what he learned. He served the St. Louis Jama'at as president for a number of years.

He was very fond of preaching about Islam and Ahmadiyyat. On Sundays, he would go out with the other brothers wearing signs saying "Jesus did not die on the cross, He is buried in Srinagar, Kashmir," and "The Promised Messiah has come, accept him." He kept on preaching on the streets of St. Louis along with other brothers in spite of people spitting

on them and cursing them.

His faith in Allah was immense. He worked for the Mount Santo Chemical Company where a relative of his also worked who was against Islam and always spoke ill about Ahmadiyyat. When Brother Khalid lost his job at the company, the relative said that he had lost his job because of his preaching on the job. Brother Khalid replied that Allah gave him that job and that He would give him another. It wasn't long before he was blessed with a job at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, where he worked until he retired. Brother Khalid said, "Alhamdulillah, this is from Allah."

He was always spending in the way of Allah. Whenever a scheme was introduced, he contributed to it. He told his children, "Subscription is like one of your bills. You pay it every paycheck. Allah gives us the money and we must give a portion back to Allah."

He was very dutiful. When missionaries and guests visited St Louis, they usually stayed at Brother Khalid's house. He would



drive them to the radio stations, newspaper offices, and other places and would sit outside in the car while they went inside.

In his later years he couldn't prostrate for Salat, yet he was always praying. He often thanked Allah for letting him live long enough to spend time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.



Group photo at a picnic arranged by LA East and LA Inland Empire Majalis



Ansar and guests at a Tabligh event arranged by LA East Majlis

## Request for Prayers

- Brigadier Raja Mansoor Ahmad, father of Dr. Taha Ahmad of LA West Majlis and father-in-law of Dr. Abid Haq, Za'eem of Seattle Majlis, passed away on December 12, 2009, *Inna lillahe wa inna ilaihe raje'oon*. May Allah grant peace to his soul and grant patience and steadfastness to his family, Amīn. Ansar are requested to remember him and his family in their prayers.
- Naeem Ahmad Waseem of Central Jersey Majlis, father of Naseem Waseem, Mu'awin Sadr, suffered heart attack while returning from Friday prayer. He was driving and was involved in an accident. He is in intensive care unit. Members are requested to pray that Almighty Allah Grant him complete health, Amīn.



Group photo at a picnic arranged by Dallas Majlis on November 22, 2009

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