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Message from Sadr Ansarullah, USA

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.

Indeed, 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." (Al-Hujurat, 49:14)

This is the Islamic teaching of brotherhood for the whole mankind. It is only through this beautiful teaching of human equality that mutual love, respect and compassion can be established. A righteous believer is enjoined to inculcate this teaching in oneself and to propagate it. This can foster love, affection and equality which lead to peace and security in this world.

Allah teaches us that all mankind is like a family and it can only look after the peace and security of each other, if it lives like a close-knit family. Allah describes that the division of tribes and nations is only for the purposes of recognition. As far as the humanity and the rights and the emotions are concerned, all humans are similar.

Correction

Please note a correction to the last issue of the newsletter. The following verse (Ch:2, V:202) was missing *Shaddah* at two places. It should read as follows.

وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

This teaching did not just remain theoretical; the Holy Prophet (peace be on him) put all teachings given in the Holy Qur'an into practice. He loved the poor and the disadvantaged, freed the slaves, assigned the deprived their rights, and took care of everyone around him.

As elders of the community we should become role models and lead our families and the Jama'at by example in every aspect of our lives. We should uphold all Jama'at values and traditions with pride. I urge you to make every effort to bring all ansar closer to the Jama'at with love and compassion. Every Nasir should reach out to Ansar who do not participate in the Majlis and the Jama'at activities. We have to make every Nasir count and help everyone get closer to Almighty Allah.

Let us work together to attain nearness to Almighty Allah by following His commandment to create peace in our families and communities. May Allah enable all of us to do so, Amīn.

وَالسَّلَامُ

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa
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Order of Ontario for Imam Naseem Mahdi

The Government of Ontario, Canada has awarded the province's highest honor "Order of Ontario" to Imam Naseem Mahdi at a ceremony at Queen's Park on January 28, 2010. The honor was given to Imam Naseem Mahdi by the province's Lt. Governor.

Imam Naseem Mahdi served as Ameer, Na'ib Ameer, and Missionary In charge of Canada Jama'at over the past 25 years. He was recognized for his work as a "spiritual leader who promotes respect and understanding of world religions," according to the government statement. The Lt. Governor said, "These individuals have opened their minds to new

possibilities, and as a result have gone above and beyond to change our province, our country and the world for the better."

The Order of Ontario is the province's highest official honor. It recognizes Ontarians who have made an outstanding contribution to society in Ontario and around the world. It is awarded to Ontarians for excellence and achievement in any field. Past recipients have contributed to education, the arts, community and public service, science and medicine, citizenship and multiculturalism, business, sports, and many other fields. Those who are invested into the Order of



Ontario are considered an example of excellence to all Ontarians.

Moral Training Week

Department of Moral Training, Majlis Ansarullah, USA is holding a Moral Training week on Monday, March 22 through Sunday, March 28 in local Majalis. The purpose of Moral Training week is to focus on individual Moral Training aspects of Ansar. It is intended to serve as a Tarbiyat (Moral Training) refresher for Ansar. Ansar are urged to actively engage in individual Moral Training activities throughout the week. During the week, Ansar should offer salat at prescribed times, offer at least one salat in congregation daily (at home if not at the mosque), offer *Dars* of Hadith, *Malfoozat*, etc. at home to family members daily, recite Holy Qur'an daily and read translation and commentary, strive to attend Friday prayer at the mosque or Salat center, listen to Huzur's (ayyadahullah) Friday sermon or at least read sermon's summary, strive to offer Tahajjud prayer throughout the week or at least twice during the week, write a letter to Huzur (ayyadahullah) for prayers, try to give up at least one bad habit and adopt a good one, strive to do good and refrain from the forbidden.



A Nasir of Columbus Majlis, Mirza Mahmood Ahmad, presenting the Holy Qur'an and Jama'at's books to the President of Somalia Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed during the president's visit to Columbus

Ansar of Columbus Majlis at Jama'at's stall at annual Banquet and Business Expo of Southern Franklin County Chamber of Commerce held on January 29, 2010

Ta'limul Qur'an: Suggested Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'limul Qur'an syllabus of Majlis Ansarullah, USA, Surah Al-Infitar (Chapter 82) is to be memorized during the first half of the year. It is suggested that members memorize at least the following verses by the end of February.

When the heaven is cleft asunder,

إِذَا السَّمَاءُ انْقَطَعَتْ ۝

And when the stars are scattered,

وَرَادَا الْكُوَاكِبُ انْتَشَرَتْ ۝

And when the rivers are made to flow forth *into canals*,

وَرَادَا الْيَعَارُ فُجِّرَتْ ۝

And when the graves are laid open,

وَرَادَا الْقُبُورُ بُعْثِرَتْ ۝

Each soul shall *then* know what it has sent forth and what it has held back.

عَلِمَتْ نَفْسٌ مَّا كَذَّبَتْ وَآخَرَتْ ۝

O man, what has emboldened thee against thy Gracious Lord,

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّبَكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ ۝

Abdus Sami Khaliq

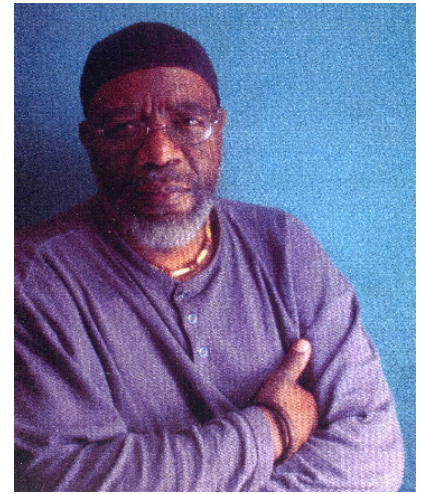
Abdus Sami Khaliq was born in New York City on June 4, 1943 and grew up in Boston. He currently lives in Gastonia, NC. He accepted Islam in 1972.

Brother Khaliq has been involved in photography for the past 40 years. Since his acceptance of Islam, he has been blessed with the opportunity to capture some of the history of Ahmadiyyat in the United States, Pakistan, and India.

Brother Khaliq was inspired to involve in photography by his late

grandmother, Florence Hyler, who always had photo albums around the house.

One of his main goals is to share with Jama'at members some of the history he has captured over many decades in the form of photos and to continue capturing memorable moments in the Jama'at. Brother Khaliq finds it very intriguing to see how people, places, and things change with time. To him, the last 40 years seem like a dream. He feels honored and blessed to be a part of Ahmadiyyat the true Islam and to



live through this glorious experience.



Members of Ansar National Amila with Imām Naseem Mahdi, Na'ib Amīr and Missionary In charge

Urgent Appeal from Humanity First

On January 12th, 2010, Haiti was hit by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake, causing devastating damages and a rising death toll to an impoverished nation already struggling with the aftereffects of previous natural disasters. The victims of the Haiti earthquake are in urgent need of assistance, as supplies are running dangerously low. Humanity First Disaster Response Team is on the ground in Haiti providing relief and support. Your donations will assist with relief and support and help earthquake victims rebuild their lives and their communities.

To donate, please visit <http://usa.humanityfirst.org>, call 877-99-HFUSA (877-994-3872), or mail your checks to: Humanity First USA, 300 E. Lombard Street, Suite 840, Baltimore, MD 21202.



Group photo at Ansar Leadership Conference held in LA East Majlis at Bait ul Hameed Mosque on January 23-24, 2010

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