Message from Sadr Ansārullāh, USA

Dear Ansār:

I hope and pray that Ansār have reaped the benefits of blessed month of Ramadān. I pray to Almighty Allah that He enables all of us to continue to offer greater sacrifices and to improve our spiritual status even after the month of Ramadān is over, Insha’Allah.

Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V (ayyadahullahu ta’āla binasrihil-‘azīz) in his Friday sermon of March 31st, 2006 said that the Holy Qur’ān is filled with pronouncements and glad-tidings about making sacrifices especially spending in the way of Allah and how Allah rewards it in this life as well as in the Hereafter.

Hudūr (ayyadahullah) further 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.

Regarding financial sacrifices Allah says in the Holy Qur’ān: “Surely my Lord enlarges the provision for such of His servants as He pleases and straitens it for such of them as He pleases. And whatever you spend, He will replace it; and He is the Best of providers.” (The Holy Qur’ān 34:40).

Allah also says: “Behold, you are those who are called upon to spend in the way of Allah; but of you there are some who are niggardly. And whoso is niggardly, is niggardly only against his own soul. And Allah is Self-Sufficient, and it is you that are needy. And if you turn your backs, He will bring in your stead a people other than you, then they will not be like you.” (The Holy Qur’ān 47:39).

Hadrat Ibn Umar relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: “Only two are to be envied: he upon whom Allah bestows the Qur’ān and he conforms to it through the hours of the night and the day; and he upon whom Allah bestows wealth and he spends it in the cause of Allah, through the hours of the night and the day.” (Bokhārī and Muslim)

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) writes: “Take note of the fact that there is not a single Movement in the world which can run without subscription. The subscription was

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collected during the periods of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), Hazrat Moses (peace be on him) and Hazrat Isa (peace be on him) and all other Messengers. Therefore, it is essential for members of my Jamā’at to be watchful of this obligation.”

Hudūr (ayyadahullah) also said that the Qur’ānic statement of “Allah burdens not any soul beyond its capacity” (2:287) should not be used as an excuse for not meeting one’s Chanda payment. 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 made out 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.

It is essential that each and every member takes care of his financial obligation. I humbly request each Nāsir to contribute according to his means and make sure that obligation of Chanda Ansār is taken care off. All those who are currently unemployed or have no income should pay any amount that they can afford. Our goal is to have 100% participation, Insha’Allah.

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa
Sadr

The Review of Religions Subscription

Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V (ayyadahullah) in his Friday sermon of March 31st, 2006 also stated 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 newcomers to the Community get an appreciation of the significance of financial sacrifice.

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Hudūr (ayyadahullah) mentioned the low subscription of this very useful publication and advised to increase the number of subscribers.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) expressed the purpose of the magazine as follows:

"As the members of our Jamā’at are already aware that the principle purpose of my advent is to remove all the fallacies and the misconception which have been caused by Christianity, and to invite people to the true Islām. This objective has also been described by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in such words that the Messiah will "break the cross." To fulfill this very mission this magazine (The Review of Religions) has been started." (Al‐Hakam, Sept 30th, 1903)

The cost of the annual subscription for this quarterly publication is $30. Ansār are urged to say Labbaik to the call of our beloved Hudūr (ayyadahullah) by subscribing to The Review of Religions. Ansār can also subscribe to the publication for a neighbor, colleague, professor, student, family member, friend, workplace or local library.

Members can subscribe to The Review of Religions in one of the following two ways:

• Mail check/money order to Ahmadiyya Movement in Islām, 188-15 Mclaughlin Ave, Holliswood, NY 11423
• On the Web by visiting the Jamā’at’s online book store at http://store.alislam.org/revofrel.html
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- Commentary on Hadīth #11 (The High Concept of Obedience in Islām) from Forty Gems of Beauty (3 minutes)
- Impromptu Speech (3 minutes)
- Observation and Recall (everyone can participate)
- Religious and General Knowledge (4 Ansār per team)

Travel: Ansār should plan to arrive at Baitur-Rahman Mosque (15000 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD) before 12:00 noon on October 8 for Jum‘a prayer and plan departure after 2:00 PM on October 10. If traveling by air please use BWI Airport (45 minutes from Baitur-Rahman Mosque). Book early to get convenient flight and submit itinerary during registration at ahmadiyya.us/ansar_ijtema. In case of flight delay, please contact Basit Khan, Nāzim Transport, at BasitAKhan@hotmail.com or 410-530-8235 ASAP.

Accommodation: Please bring a sleeping bag to stay comfortably at the mosque. Due to distance and traffic congestion in Silver Spring very limited accommodation in nearby homes may be available for those with special needs. Please contact Chaudhary Mushtaq Ahmad, Nāzim Accommodation, at 301-725-8558 before September 30th if you cannot stay at the mosque due to a special need.

Travel Subsidy Summary: [Complete policy is available from Qā'id Finance and Qā'id Umumi]. Members should attend Ijtima‘ at their own expense like Jalsa Sālāna. In certain cases Majlis has and will continue to support where help is needed and requested. Majlis-e-Āmila of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA has established following guidelines for travel subsidy:

1. No reimbursement for those who live less than 300 miles from Silver Spring, MD.
2. Reimburse 70% of airfare or other travel expenses up to $200, for those over 300 miles.
3. Ansār driving in groups of 4 or more traveling together can request subsidy for gas or rental of car/van; reimbursement will be 70% of expenses, not to exceed $200. Zo‘amā should submit request to Sadr Majlis Ansārullāh through Regional Nāzim before Oct 1st if additional funds are needed.
4. Hotel and meal expenses are not reimbursed.
5. Special rules and restrictions for Shūra Delegates have been communicated to Zo‘amā.

Information and Registration: Please visit ansarusa.org for latest Ijtima‘ information or contact Munawar Saqib at Munawar@Saqib.net. Register for Ijtima‘ online at ahmadiyya.us/ansar_ijtema.

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Ta’līmul Qur‘ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta’līmul Qur‘ān syllabus of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, Surah At-Tāriq (Chapter 86) is to be memorized during the second half of the year. The following two verses are assigned to be memorized during the month of September.

Surely, He has the power to bring him back to life

On the day when secrets shall be disclosed.

Request for Prayers

- Pir Habibur Rehman of Philadelphia Majlis was martyred on August 19, 2010 in Sindh, Pakistan, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn.

- Ibrahim Agyemang Boateng, father of Muhammed Owusu, Auditor Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, passed away on September 2, 2010, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn.

May Allah grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families, Āmīn. Ansār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.

- Imām Mubasher Ahmad, missionary Northwest region, recently suffered a heart attack. Members are requested to pray for the complete health of Imām Sahib.

- Chaudhry Fazal Ahmad, Za‘īm of North Virginia Majlis, recently underwent angiography. He is a very active Nāsir at the age of 76 and serves the Majlis with great fervor. Members are requested to pray for the complete health of Za‘īm Sahib.

- Masood Khurshid Sanori of Georgia-Carolina Majlis recently suffered a heart attack. Members are requested to pray for the complete health of Sanori Sahib.

Send detail and pictures of your local and regional events and Ansār news via e-mail at newsletter@ansarusa.org.

Current and back issues of Ansār newsletter can be accessed at ansarusa.org/newsletter.htm

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