

Message from Şadr Majlis Anşarullāh, USA

Dear Anşār: السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security *and peace* after their fear: They will worship Me, *and* they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. (The Holy Qur’ān, 24 [Al-Nūr]:56)

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Month of May signifies an important chapter in the history of Aḥmadiyyat. The Imām and Messiah of this age, Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad Qādiānī (may peace be on him), passed away in May 1908 and a successor was chosen to continue his mission. By the Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allāh, this successorship continues today in the form of the fifth Khalīfah (Khalīfatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmis) Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad (may Allāh be his support).

The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) says: “the Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allāh shall will. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilāfat on the precepts of Prophethood for as long as He shall will and then bring about its end. A tyrannical monarchy will then follow and will remain as long as Allāh shall will and then come to an end. There will follow thereafter monarchical despotism to last as long as Allāh shall will and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khilāfat on precept of Prophethood.” (Musnad Aḥmad)

Upcoming Events

- Fri-Sun, Jun. 28-30** - Jalsa Sālāna, USA
Fri-Sun, Jul. 5-7 - Jalsa Sālāna, Canada
Wed, Jul. 10 - 1st of Ramaḍān -ul-Mubārak
Fri, Aug. 9 - ‘Īd-ul-Fiṭr

Almighty Allāh has vouchsafed both spiritual and temporal leadership for Muslims. This promise is made to the whole Muslim nation but the institution of Khilāfat will take a real form in the person of certain individuals who will be the Prophet's Successors and the representatives of the whole nation. Almighty says in the Holy Qur’ān:

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا ۗ يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا ۗ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

The Holy Prophet also said that “The Imām is actually a shield, behind which one fights and because of which one is guaranteed protection.” (Bukhārī, Book on Jihād, Chapter: Fighting under the Imām and being protected under him). In this Ḥadīth, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) not only admonishes the believers to remain firmly attached to the Imām but that they should struggle and strive to keep hold of this blessed station of shelter. The following Ḥadīth reminds us to how much obedience is required of us by the Imām. Ḥaḍrat Ayesha (may Allāh be pleased with her) narrated that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: “The Imām is appointed so that he be followed. Therefore, when he bows his head

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Allāh has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors *from among* those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their

Şadr's message (continued)

(*Rukū'*) you also bow your head; and when he prostrates (*Sajdah*) you also prostrate; and when he offers Prayer sitting down, you also offer Prayer sitting down." (Bukhārī, Book on Adhān, Chapter: Imām is only appointed so that he be followed)

The institution of Khilāfat is frequently referred to as "*Imāmate*" which is derived from the word "*Imām*" that means leader. The blessed institution of Khilāfat is a mercy upon mankind and requires our unquestionable obedience in everything good. Almighty Allāh assures us that He most certainly guides the Khalīfah of the time; why, then would we not sincerely and firmly attach ourselves to this God-given gift? If a believer cannot remain obedient to Allāh's appointed leader then how can he hope to remain attached to the rope of Almighty Allāh?

In light of the above quoted verse of the Holy Qur'ān (Chapter 24 [Al-Nūr], Verse: 56) it is incumbent upon each of us to fully comprehend our responsibilities. We must realize that allegiance to Khilāfat will safeguard us from the ills of this world. The Holy Qur'an, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him), and the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) have all clearly stated that a believer's words must be matched by his deeds and actions, for them to be of any real worth. In professing our allegiance to the Khalīfah, we pledge ourselves to spiritual and temporal standards which must be upheld. This obligation demands sacrifices from a true believer and the benefits gained are so immense as to make the sacrifices seem insignificant. Therefore, we must make every effort to stay attached to Khilāfat.

I urge every Nāşir to resolve to strengthen pledge of allegiance to Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad, Khalīfatul Masīḥ Al-Khāmīs (may Almighty Allāh be his support). May Almighty Allāh enable all of us to do our utmost in this regard, Āmīn.

وَالسَّلَامُ

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A Message from Ḥuḍūr (ayyadahullāh)

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support) has very graciously sent the following message (dated March 9, 2013) as acknowledgement for December 2012 activity report submitted by Şadr Majlis:

Thank you for sending the activity report for the month of December 2012 and a copy of monthly newsletter of December 2012.

I have gone through the report and I am delighted to inform you that all reported Qiyādats are performing satisfactorily and again I will remind that Qiyādat Ta'lim and Tarbiyat should coordinate and implement plans in such a way so that our existing members are safeguarded from the curse of Internet.

Please convey my Salām and best wishes to all Āmilah members, to all office bearers, and also to all Anşār of USA. May Allāh shower His blessings abundantly upon all members of USA.

Wassalām,

[Signed by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support)]

Request for Prayers

- Manzoor Bajwa of Miami Majlis passed away on April 28, 2013, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.
- Karam Ilahi of New York Majlis passed away on May 11, 2013 at the age of 77, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He leaves behind his wife, three sons, two daughters, and fourteen grandchildren.

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

- Shahid Saleem of Dayton Majlis is ill. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.

A Summary of Tabligh Activities in Various Majālis

During the month of March 2013, 696 Anṣār participated in Tabligh (propagation) activities arranged by Anṣār, Jamā'at, or any other auxiliary. 1,800 nonmembers were brought to the mosque/center or an event by Anṣār (Jum'ah, Ṣalāt, open house, meeting with missionary, interfaith meeting, Jamā'at events, mosque/center visit). 4,662 nonmembers were contacted by Anṣār in visits to small towns, senior homes, ethnic groups, etc. 67 events were held specifically for nonmembers organized by Jamā'at, Anṣār, or Khuddām; 2,180 nonmembers came to these events. There were 44 visits to small towns, ethnic groups, senior homes, etc. 17,325 flyers, leaflets, CDs, DVDs, and books were distributed or placed in reading rooms or libraries by Anṣār. One Bai'at was realized through the efforts of Anṣār. Detail of Tabligh activities occurred in various Majālis during the month of March 2013 is as follows.

Alabama/TN: Helped in “Muhammad, Messenger of Peace” conference (MMOPC) held in 2 libraries and the mosque. **Austin:** Books sale and flyer distribution at a flea market. **Baltimore:** MMOPC held at University of Baltimore; 85 guests attended. **Binghamton:** Flyer distribution for MMOPC. **Central Jersey:** MMOPC at local university; 90+ guests attended. Flyers and literature distribution. Database of contacts. **Columbus:** Flyer distribution and arrangements for MMOPC that 30 guests attended. **Central Virginia:** MMOPC held that 45 guests attended. **Cypress Houston:** Met with or invited to lunch, 4-5 university professors. Invited Bohra community, an Ismā'īlī, 2 Sikh, and 5 Hindu community members to MMOPC held at University of Houston that was attended by 85 guests. 3 Anṣār distributed 500 flyers. Meeting with 2 Saudi Arabian students. A Nāṣir attended a meeting at a high ranking official's home and introduced Jamā'at to 4 people. **Dallas:** 3 Anṣār visited a mosque and invited the Turkish Imām and congregation to MMOPC and presented flyers and literature. Email contact with another mosque's Imām. 18 Anṣār distributed 800 flyers and 265 invitations for MMOPC that was held at University of Texas at Dallas and was attended by 35 guests. A Nāṣir attended a bi-weekly interfaith coffeehouse meeting. 2 Anṣār visited Congresswoman Eddie Burnie Johnson's office and met with her staff and introduced Jamā'at. 7 online comments were posted by 3 Anṣār. **Dayton:** A Nāṣir delivered an introduction to Islām at a university, met with and introduced Islām to several professors for future interfaith prospects. 10 Anṣār distributed flyers. A Nāṣir invited a guest to the mosque and held discussion. **Detroit:** 3 MMOPC events held: University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (80 guests attended); University of Western Michigan at Kalamazoo (90 guests attended); Rochester Hills Public Library (80 guests attended). An exhibition at Rochester Hills Museum where history of Islām and Aḥmadiyyat was introduced. **Fitchburg:** one-hour local access TV program twice a month. MMOPC flyer distribution and organization. Visit to non-Aḥmadi Bengali brother. Helped in local homeless shelter and volunteered for United Way. **Georgia-SC:** MMOPC held. **Hartford:** Joint effort with local Jamā'at to hold MMOPC. **Houston South:** A Nāṣir met with many dignitaries at a Forum on U.S. Engagement on Israel-Palestinian negotiations and the Crisis in Syria at the Baker-Rice institute of foreign policy, Rice University, including Hon. Edward P. Djerjian, former U.S. ambassador to Syria and the founding Director of Baker Rice Institute for foreign policy and the current Ambassador to Syria, Hon. Robert S. Ford, among others. **Indiana:** MMOPC was held at Central Public Library of Indianapolis (30 guests attended). **LA West:** MMOPC was held (15 guests attended). **Lehigh Valley:** MMOPC was held at North Hampton University. **Long Island:** Gave Ḥuḍūr's (ayyadahullāh) Friday Sermon and Jamā'at calendars to contacts. **Milwaukee:** Visited 121 inmates. Tabligh booth. An interfaith event. MMOPC at Oak Creek Community Center. Distributed 37 pamphlets. **Minnesota:** A Nāṣir explained to a group of 40 professors and scholars about the truth of the Christ's crucifixion and migration and the truth of the Holy Qur'ān. 50 flyers distributed. 5 hours spent discussing Islām with 5-6 people. **New York:** 4,300 flyers, 2,700 emails, contacts with over 200 churches, synagogues, and libraries, advertisement in AM New York newspaper that has over 1 million distribution, announcements on colleges and university TV monitors for MMOPC that was attended by 106 guests including diplomats, professors, and research students. 200 books distributed. **North Jersey:** MMOPC held. **Oakland:** Continued discussions with contacts. **Orlando:** Presentations on Islām by a Nāṣir with the Lake County Democratic Black Caucus. **Oshkosh:** Collaborated with University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh to arrange a mosque visit for a class. **Philadelphia:** 6 non-Aḥmadi guests including 4 Muftīs from Egypt visited the mosque and had a one-hour meeting with 5 Anṣār. 4 outings of Tabligh Trailer under the auspices of the local Jamā'at. 2,200 flyers were distributed. 2 Anṣār took part in preparation and presentation of 4 one-hour radio program “AskIslam”. A Nāṣir introduced Islām to 23 non-Muslims. **Phoenix:** MMOPC held. **Pittsburgh:** 6 Anṣār visited small town libraries and distributed literature and CDs. MMOPC held (20 guests attended). **Portland:** Participated in MMOPC (116 guests attended). **Potomac:** MMOPC held at The Universities at Shady Grove. **San Diego:** Helped in MMOPC, distributed 100 books, 150 flyers. A Nāṣir attended a meeting of Bangla-speaking people. **Silver Spring:** Emails to 900 people for MMOPC and texts to close contacts. Visited 8 churches, a synagogue, a Hindu temple, and a Sikh temple to invite them to MMOPC that was held at Baitur Raḥmān (71 guests including 4 pastors attended). Attended Berkley Center/Georgetown University's event and offered input from Jamā'at's perspective. 5 members attended a Muslim Community Center event and brought MMOPC flyers. Attended various events including a roundtable meeting at Capitol Hill. **South Virginia:** Held MMOPC. **St. Louis:** A month-long small town visits by a Nāṣir. 60 guests attended a Tabligh program at the mosque. Weekly Tabligh stall. **Syracuse:** Weekly bookstall. 300+ flyers distributed by 6 Anṣār. **Washington:** Lecture at Catholic school. MMOPC at Arlington Library and at Fazl Mosque. **Willingboro:** MMOPC at the mosque; 80 guests attended. Distributed 90 books on Life of Muhammad. **York:** Qur'an exhibition was held at PA State Capitol; flyer distribution. Many colleges and churches were visited for MMOPC that was attended by 65 guests. **Zion:** Participated in MMOPC, bookstall, Tabligh class, visits to over 100 inmates, 2 Jum'ah prayers led in Lake County Jail, and distribution of the Holy Qur'an and other literature.



Anşâr at Willingboro Majlis' general meeting held on January 27, 2013



Anşâr at Columbus Majlis' general meeting held on March 24, 2013.

Members of Anşâr Regional Āmilah of Virginia region at their first meeting of the year held in February 2013

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