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Dear Anşār: السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

We all know the importance of the power of prayer: nothing of what we do in the service of our Jamā'at can be truly effective without prayer, or without the Grace of Almighty Allāh. Leadership and teamwork are also crucial in any worthwhile organizations, and Majlis Anşārullāh, USA is no exception to this.

As I come to the close of one of the most humbling and spiritually illuminating and fulfilling periods of my life, stepping away from the role of Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA, I am reminded that, as

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ

“the best of people, raised for the good of mankind” (The Holy Qur'an, 3 [Āl 'Imrān]:111), it is incumbent upon me to remain ever thankful for whatever spiritual fruits have been bestowed upon me, and to find every opportunity possible to keep serving humanity and the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), Inshā'allāh. I invite and urge each of you to do, or to continue to do, likewise.

We read in the Holy Qur'an:

وَلِكُلِّ وِجْهَةٍ مَوْمِئَةٌ فَاسْتَمِقُوا
الْخَيْرَاتِ آيَاتٍ مَا تَكُونُوا يَأْتِ بِكُمْ
اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٥٥﴾

“And everyone has a goal which dominates him; vie, then, with one another in good works. Wherever you be, Allah will bring you all together. Surely, Allah has the power to do all that He wills.” (The Holy Qur'an, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:149)

This verse highlights not only the

necessity for us to focus on a goal, it goes on to define the essence of that goal: “vie, then, with one another in good works” or, in other words “be competitive in doing good.” The verse alludes as well to the great significance of the unity that comes about through mutual caring and co-operation.

This spirit of healthy competitiveness is seen constantly in Aḥmadī Muslims; it also forms the hallmark of the very existence of the members of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA, as their motto.

I leave you with an uplifting reminder of how members of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA can achieve success in leadership and teamwork from the simple yet effective story: “Lessons from Geese.” I know that my fellow Anşār, 'Āmilah members, Qā'idīn, Nāzimīn, (too many to name in this limited space, but you know who you are) who have given of themselves selflessly to serve alongside me these past eight years will identify with these principles; please know that I remain indebted to each of you for making my task easier and for being there at every step to further the progress of this auspicious organization.

Fact 1: As each goose flaps its wings it creates an “uplift” for the birds that follow. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Fact 2: When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying

Şadr's message (continued)

alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

Lesson: *If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.*

Fact 3: *When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.*

Lesson: *It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.*

Fact 4: *The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.*

Lesson: *We need to make sure honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one's heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking we seek.*

Fact 5: *When a goose gets sick, wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.*

Lesson: *If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.*

("Lessons from Geese" taken from a speech given by Angeles Arrien at the 1991 Organizational Development Network, based on the work of Milton Olson.)

Please join me in warmly welcoming our new Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA, Dr. Faheem Younus Qureshi, as he embarks upon his first term from January 1, 2014; let us pray sincerely for the best for Majlis Anşārullāh under his able direction and always be prepared to offer him our support and teamwork in every way, Inshā'allāh.

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Activities in Various Majālis



Anşār National 'Āmilah with Anşār of Seattle Majlis on August 17, 2013



Anşār at Dallas Majlis' local Ijtima' held at Bait ul Ikrām Mosque on March 17, 2013



Anṣār of Minnesota Majlis at an Interfaith event arranged by the local Jamā'at on May 11, 2013



A Nāṣir serving at a Tabligh stall held on Labor Day weekend at Los Angeles County Fair



Anṣār at Midwest regional Ijtimā' held at Bait ul Qadīr Mosque in Milwaukee on June 1-2, 2013



Nāṣim Virginia region, Basharat Wadan, attending 'Āmilah meeting of Central Virginia Majlis on June 9, 2013



Anṣār of Orlando Majlis with Mayor of Lakeland, FL at an event held to honor 9/11 victims on September 11, 2013



A Nāṣir of Baltimore Majlis was invited to give a lecture to students on September 11, 2013 about situation in Syria

Ta'limul Qur'an: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'limul Qur'an syllabus of Majlis Anşarullāh, USA, verses 36-41 and 52-58 of Sūrah Al-Nūr (Chapter 24) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2013. Verses 52-58 are assigned to be revised with split meaning during the month of December.

A Summary of Tabligh Activities in Various Majālis

During the month of October 2013, 371 Anşar participated in Tabligh (propagation) activities arranged by Anşar, Jamā'at, or another auxiliary. 263 nonmembers were brought to the mosque/center or an event by Anşar (Jumu'ah, Şalāt, open house, meeting with missionary, interfaith meeting, Jamā'at events, mosque/center visit). 460 nonmembers were contacted by Anşar in visits to small towns, senior homes, ethnic groups, etc. 22 events were held specifically for nonmembers organized by Jamā'at, Anşar, or Khuddām; 530 nonmembers came to or stopped by these events. There were 41 visits to small towns, ethnic groups, senior homes, etc. 6,464 flyers, leaflets, CDs, DVDs, and books were distributed or placed in reading rooms or libraries by Anşar. Highlights of Tabligh activities occurred in various Majālis during the month of October 2013 is as follows.

Alabama-TN: 4 blood drives. **Baltimore:** Panel discussions by a Nāşir. **Binghamton:** Flyer distribution at blood drive. **Bloomington:** Nigeria Day flyer distribution. **Central Jersey:** Bangla Desk Initiative activities. **Central Virginia:** Campaign to donate Ḥuḍūr's (may Allāh be his helper) new book to local politicians. **Chicago East:** Get-together with mosque neighbors and church. **Chicago Northwest:** Jumu'ah Prayer and weekly Tabligh session at correctional facility. **Cypress-Houston:** 3 live radio programs. **Dallas:** Visits to mayor, police chief, and fire chief of City of Frisco, TX; Interfaith Coffee House; flyer distribution. **Fitchburg:** Weekly local access TV program; discussion with guests visiting mosque; local church's priest visited a Nāşir's home. **Houston North:** Discussion with a non-Aḥmadī at Wal Mart. **Indiana:** Bookstall at Festival of Faith. **Kentucky:** Muslims for Life blood drive. **LA Inland:** Tabligh booth; Hispanics under Tabligh; placed the Holy Qur'an and other books in a library. **LA West:** Books given to young people; Nigeria Day and other flyers given out; a Spanish Muslim Sunrise given to a lady. **Las Vegas:** Talk about effective Tabligh by Imām Shamshad A. Nasir. **Lehigh Valley:** Flyers and donation to two charities. **Milwaukee:** 4 live radio programs; 137 inmates visited; 295 pamphlets distributed; Tabligh booth. **New York:** Participated in Nigerian Day Parade and distributed Tabligh material. **Potomac:** Blood drive. **Rochester:** Bookstall. **Silicon Valley:** Interfaith meeting; weekly Tabligh stall. **Silver Spring:** Books to contacts; attended fundraising event; invited Middle Eastern committee members to mosque and gave out books; attended various events and visited 2 churches, Sikh temple, Shi'a and Sunnī mosques and gave out gifts and flyers; attended interfaith program and distributed flyers and books; discussion with a Christian friend on Bible and the Holy Qur'an. **St. Louis:** Held an event for Nigerian community; weekly Tabligh stall. **Willingboro:** Booth at a book festival; gave Ḥuḍūr's (may Allāh be his helper) new book to 2 non-Muslim friends. **York:** A Nāşir took a non-Aḥmadī doctor to Tāhir Heart Institute for 8 days to provide services; exhorted members to become active in Tabligh.

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