

Message from Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA

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My Dear Brothers,

As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

Six years ago, I had a candid conversation in the basement of Baitur Raḥmān Mosque with then Şadr Anşārullāh, Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa. I was in awe of his honest leadership; today, I am envious of his successful tenure. Allāh has granted “Şadr Şāhib” the opportunity to transition Majlis Anşārullāh into a structured machine. Saying thank you would not do justice to his innumerable hours of service—so let us say Jazākumullāh Aḥsan al Jazā and show our gratitude by our attitude—for times to come.

The right word to describe the job ahead of us is not “change”—the right word is “build.” We must build upon what our predecessors have started. We must build a network of spiritual, medical, and educational services so members trust that the Majlis cares for them; we must build a communications infrastructure so members know about our services; we must build an exemplary brotherhood so members believe that we are the helpers of Allāh; we must build our unshakeable commitment to Khilāfat so the world discovers that WE are the helpers of Allāh.

Many have asked me, “How can I help?” So my answer is this: Hold fast to

the rope of Allāh and be not divided. Islām’s strength is in oneness; one Allāh, one Rasūl (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him), one Qur’ān, one Ka’bah, one Khilāfat, one Jamā’at. Demonstrate your commitment to this oneness by building a multicultural army of brotherhood, an army where I am a foot soldier amongst you; an army led by the prince of peace—Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ (may Allāh be his helper).

Was-Salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
 Serving, Majlis Anşārullāh, USA



Ta’līmul Qur’ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta’līmul Qur’ān syllabus of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA, verses 1-15 of Sūrah Al-Şaff (Chapter 61) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2014. Verses 1-3 are assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of January.

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Dr. Yusef Lateef Passes Away

Dr. Yusef Abdul Lateef of Fitchburg Majlis passed away on December 23, 2013 at the age of 93, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn.

Dr. Lateef was born on October 9, 1920 in Tennessee. He accepted Aḥmadiyyat in 1948, having read the books of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd, Khalīfatul Masīḥ II (may Allāh be pleased with him). He was a devout Aḥmadī and was one of the early African Americans to accept Aḥmadiyyat. He used to say often that it had become incumbent on him to do Bai‘at and if he had not done so he would be counted as having turned away from God and become one of those who had turned their face away from the truth.

He had earned a doctorate in education and taught in different universities as a professor including his tenure at University of Massachusetts from 1987 to 2002. He also taught at university in Nigeria in the 1980s. He had written several books including his autobiography.



Because of his fame, the news of his demise spread all over the U.S. and the world immediately and all the main U.S. newspapers published this news. Many other news sources also published the news along with his spiritual and professional achievements. Herb Boyd, in his biography of Dr. Lateef, “The Gentle Giant,” describes his patience, soft-spoken demeanor, and compassionate heart. Dr. Lateef had received the Grammy Award in 1987 and the National Endowment for the Arts Award in 2010.

When President Clinton invited him to the White House, despite the fact that he was an African American and not a Pakistani, Dr. Lateef went to the White House wearing the Shalwār Qamīš dress. This speaks volumes about his love for the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and his Khulafā’.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper), in his Friday Sermon of January 3, 2014, spoke about the demise and life of Dr. Lateef at length and led his funeral prayer in absentia. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his helper) noted that being an Aḥmadī, Dr. Lateef never compromised his faith and that he had written a great deal about music but never played at locations where alcohol was sold. Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his helper) talked about his Taqwā, love and kindness for others, Da‘wat Ilallāh, steadfastness, and outstanding financial sacrifices.

He had tremendous love for Khilāfat. He had met Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy on him), Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV (may Allāh shower His mercy on him), and Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper).

He used to say: Even today I have the same level of faith that I had when I had done the Bai‘at and the way of Aḥmadiyyat is the way of truth and it is that same path which was the path of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him). I am convinced that no one taking this path can come to destruction and I am convinced that by treading this path I and my family will achieve salvation and it is my faith that Aḥmadiyyat conveys the teaching that will help develop and foster brotherhood among all humanity.

He loved to convey the message of Islām and always carried Jamā‘at’s literature with him and conveyed the message to his friends, relatives, and neighbors, and while travelling by plane, distribute to others. He had books of the Jamā‘at—Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām and books related to the training of children—published at his own expense for the blind.

He was blessed to have served the Jamā‘at in various capacities for a long period of time. In a monthly report, as Za‘īm of Boston Majlis, he had noted: Me and my wife (Tahira) were invited to the White House by President Clinton and Mrs. Clinton on June 20th, to welcome the King of Morocco, Muhammad the VI. We presented them Ḥuḍūr’s “Revelation, Rationality, [knowledge] and Truth.” My wife presented “Pathway to Paradise” to Mrs. Clinton and the Princess of Morocco.

Dr. Lateef was fortunate to have performed Ḥajj twice. He was blessed with the opportunity to visit Qādiān and Rabwah. He was a Mūṣī.

He is survived by his wife, Ayesha Lateef, son, Yusef Lateef, a granddaughter, and great-grandchildren. May Almighty Allāh enable his offspring to follow in his footsteps. Āmīn.

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A Summary of Tabligh Activities in Various Majālis

During the month of November 2013, 453 Anṣār participated in Tabligh (propagation) activities arranged by Anṣār, Jamā'at, or another auxiliary. 734 nonmembers were brought to the mosque/center or an event by Anṣār (Jumu'ah, Ṣalāt, open house, meeting with missionary, interfaith meeting, Jamā'at events, mosque/center visit). 483 nonmembers were contacted by Anṣār in visits to small towns, senior homes, ethnic groups, etc. 43 events were held specifically for nonmembers organized by Jamā'at, Anṣār, or Khuddām; 693 nonmembers came to or stopped by these events. There were 29 visits to small towns, ethnic groups, senior homes, etc. 8,299 flyers, leaflets, CDs, DVDs, and books were distributed or placed in reading rooms or libraries by Anṣār. Highlights of Tabligh activities occurred in various Majālis during the month of November 2013 is as follows.

Alabama-TN: Various Tabligh activities. **Bloomington:** Muslim friends brought to mosque and prayed with; flyer distribution; Qur'ān/books to co-worker. **Boston:** Visits to govt. officials, residences, law enforcement agencies. **Buffalo:** Interfaith event at hotel. **Central Jersey:** Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration event at mosque with Mayor of Old Bridge and Governor of Raritan Club of NJ in attendance. **Central Virginia:** Qur'ān exhibition at library; arranging event at library. **Chicago East:** Religious Founders Day conducted at Church near Ṣādiq Mosque. **Chicago Northwest:** Jumu'ah Prayer and weekly Tabligh sessions at correctional facility; Religious Founders Day. **Cypress-Houston:** Interfaith event; Tabligh booth and pamphlet distribution; 4 live radio programs. **Dallas:** Interfaith Coffee House; Tabligh stall at Latin Festival/flyer distribution; lecture at university; church visit; flyer distribution—door-to-door and at train station; online comments posted about Islām and Aḥmadiyyat. **Dayton:** Visits to churches and church members' homes; Feed-the-hungry program; PeaceMobile Museum brought to mosque. **Detroit:** Church group's visit to mosque. **Fitchburg:** Weekly TV program; open house at mosque. **Houston South:** Even at church. **LA Inland:** Flyers/books distribution. **Las Vegas:** Book to non-Muslim friend. **Miami:** Tabligh booth. **Milwaukee:** 4 live TV programs; 97 inmates visited; 33 pamphlets distributed; Tabligh booth. **New York:** Invited to UN Children's Day—met many ambassadors; Interfaith program. **North Virginia:** Tabligh event at university. **Orlando:** Qur'ān distribution at an event. **Osh Kosh:** Interfaith meeting; guests to mosque. **Philadelphia:** Participation in weekly radio program/mobile Tabligh unit. **Silicon Valley:** Tabligh stall. **Silver Spring:** Guest visits to programs at mosque; members attended church and community events; flyer distribution. **St. Louis:** Blood drive; arranging library event. **Willingboro:** Thanksgiving Interfaith event at church; books distribution. **York:** Students' visit to mosque and Qur'ān/Bible study class; participation in Thanksgiving Interfaith program.

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