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Upcoming Events

Fri-Sun, Jun 20-22 - Jalsah Sālānah, Canada

Sun, Jun 29 - 1st of Ramaḍān-ul-Mubārak

Tue, Jul 29 - 'Īd-ul-Fiṭr

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Message from Ṣadr Majlis

Three Reasons to Start and End Anṣārullāh Programs on Time

My Dear Brothers,

As-Salāmu 'Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

Last year, if you counted all the Anṣār who attended the monthly meetings, the number was less than 700. Our goal for 2014 is to take that number up to 1,000 per month, Inshā'allāh. With our monthly meeting agenda becoming more interactive and relevant, attendance is increasing and we are gaining momentum.

But one thing could kill this momentum: not ending our meetings on time.

Ending the meeting on time is the responsibility of the highest ranking officer of the Majlis who is chairing the meeting. I believe it is deeply Islāmic to remain punctual. Need data? Here are my top three favorite reasons:

The Holy Qur'an on Promises

As a Za'im, when you say that the meeting will start at 11:00 A.M. and end at 12:30 P.M., many minds register this information as a "promise" you made with them. When the meeting drags on to 12:45 P.M., they feel betrayed. The Holy Qur'an states, "...fulfill the promise; for the promise shall be questioned about." (The Holy Qur'an, 17 [Banī Isrā'īl]:35)

The Holy Prophet on Making Things Easier

The Holy Prophet (may peace and

blessings of Allāh be on him) said, "Make things easy for the people and do not make them difficult for them. And make them calm and do not repulse them." (Bukhārī, 6125; Book 78; Ḥadīth 152) America runs on the clock; we all know this. When our events drag on, it makes things difficult for our members—it repulses them. That is not good. We must be compassionate to the needs of our brothers.

The System of Jamā'at on Punctuality

The issue of punctuality has come up so many times, that the 2013 Majlis Shūrā of the USA Jamā'at inquired, "How can we make our Jamā'at programs more effective for all (i.e. punctual, engaging, well prepared in advance, more relevant to the audience, ...)?" [Proposal 4]. Majlis Shūrā, in part, recommended: "Practice punctuality. i.e. start/finish Jamā'at programs on time." [4-B]

Punctuality, based on the above, is not just a Western value; it is an Islāmic value. We must reclaim it.

Continue the great work with the monthly meetings and we will share with you *when*, not if, we reach the 1,000 mark. Inshā'allāh!

Was-Salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Serving Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

Ijtimā' 1000



One of the top priorities of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for the year 2014 is holding a successful national Ijtimā' with an attendance of 1,000 Anṣār brothers. This year the national Ijtimā' will be held on Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12, 2014 at Baitur Raḥmān Mosque, Silver Spring, MD. This premier event of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA provides three memorable days for Anṣār brothers to pray, learn, relax, compete, meet, make friends, and get reinvigorated spiritually and physically. The atmosphere of brotherhood at the Ijtimā' provides an opportunity to build camaraderie amongst Anṣār brothers who gather to attend this blessed event from across the country.

This year's Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is named "**Ijtimā' 1000**" because we have made it a national priority to inspire 1,000 souls to attend the national Ijtimā'. We can only achieve this goal if every one of us makes special effort to not only attend the Ijtimā' ourselves but also urge other Anṣār brothers to attend this special event. So, Anṣār are urged to make a resolve to attend this year's Ijtimā' as well as encourage other brothers to plan on attending the Ijtimā'.

Not only does the national Ijtimā' offers a great opportunity for Anṣār brothers to compete in various educational and sports competitions in a very congenial atmosphere, many interesting workshops such as Health Talk are also held at the Ijtimā' that Anṣār brothers can benefit from. Services such as Health Clinic are also provided at the Ijtimā'.

The Majlis offers a subsidy for travel to the Ijtimā'; details of the subsidy can be found at: <http://www.ansarusa.org/ijtemaportal/reimbursementpolicy>.

Ta'limul Qur'ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'limul Qur'ān syllabus of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, verses 1-15 of Sūrah Al-Ṣaff (Chapter 61) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2014. Verse 8 is assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of May.

2014 Ta'lim Test I

2014 Ta'lim Test I is available online at www.ansarusa.org/TalimTest. Please make every effort to complete this test online. If you prefer to take the test on paper, a hard copy of the test is enclosed with this issue—both in English and Urdu. You can send the completed test to Qā'id Ta'lim in one of the following ways.

E-mail: qaid.talim@ansarusa.org

Fax: 714-993-6414

Snail Mail: Qā'id Ta'lim, 2859 E. Stearns Street, Brea, CA 92821

The deadline to submit this test is June 15, 2014.

New Website of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA

Faheem Younus Qureshi, Şadr Majlis

Don't think that the [new website](#) of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA is just another ordinary achievement; it is a result of our belief in the unseen.

Earlier this year, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) instructed me to package our communications into shorter segments. "Instead of thick magazines..." Ḥuḍūr advised, "...send information in the form of one or two pages, but more frequently."

We decided to do just that. In addition to our monthly hard copy [newsletter](#), which is being published since 1995, we launched two newer forms of short communication:

1. Every two weeks: enjoy our e-newsletter—[Anşār Connection](#)—emailed to 1,800 Anşār; most issues are opened by over 1,000 Anşār.
2. Every day: browse our professionally designed website at www.ansarusa.org. After spending over 1,000 man-hours, Majlis Anşārullāh, USA has made all the information more accessible. This website is designed for all members, not just the office holders. Here are some of the salient features of the website:
 - [Read](#) inspirational stories, updated every week.
 - [Discuss](#) your questions and concerns—in real time—on our forums in collaboration with the National Tarbiyat department.
 - Obtain [free medical services](#), apply for [scholarships](#), and connect with other brothers under the [Services](#) tab.
 - Read [parenting tips](#), provided by other parents.
 - Plan for upcoming events such as [National Ijtimā'](#) or read about the details of [past events](#).
 - Review [archival documents](#) from the yester years and access [Anşār publications](#).
 - [Contact](#) Şadr Majlis Anşārullāh, USA and so much more.

In January, Majlis Anşārullāh, USA dreamed of achieving [four major goals](#) during 2014: strengthening brotherhood by increasing the engagement in monthly meetings, providing free services to our members, strengthening communications by revamping our website, and bringing 1,000 souls to the national Ijtimā' on October 10-12, 2014 at Baitur Raḥmān Mosque, MD. Back then, we believed in the unseen. Today, one of those dreams has become a reality. Today, our belief in the unseen is even stronger.

But our task is not done. We have work to do, prayers to make, and humility to preserve as we see the other three dreams blossom into reality. All of this is possible if we never lose trust in our Allāh, follow the Sunnah of His Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) and continue to obey the commands of the Khalīfatul Masīḥ like the limbs obey the commands of the brain.

I encourage you to browse through this new [website](#) and [share your thoughts](#) with me.

Ten Facts about Amended Tax Returns

Dawood Munir, Houston

Do you know that you can file an amended tax return if you have made a mistake on your original return? Here are the top ten things to know about filing an amended tax return.

1. An amended return must be filed on paper; it cannot be e-filed. Use Form [1040X](#), Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, to correct errors on your tax return.
 2. An amended tax return should be filed if you made an error claiming your filing status, income, deductions, or credits on your original return.
 3. Normally, an amended return is not needed to correct any mathematical errors or if you forgot to attach tax forms such as a W-2 or a schedule. The IRS will automatically make corrections and send you a request to provide any missing forms.
 4. Form 1040X can usually be filed within three years from the date of the original tax return filing to claim a refund or within two years from the date you paid the tax. See the 1040X [instructions](#) for special rules that apply to certain claims.
 5. 1040X for each year should be mailed in separate envelopes. Note the tax year for the amended return at the top of Form 1040X. Check the form's instructions for where to mail the amended return.
 6. Any other IRS forms or schedules used to make changes should be attached to the Form 1040X.
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7. Wait to receive any refund due from original return before filing Form 1040X to claim an additional refund. Amended returns take up to 12 weeks to process. Original refund can be spent while waiting for any additional refund.
8. If more tax is owed, file Form 1040X and pay the tax as soon as possible in order to reduce any interest and penalties.
9. The status of the amended tax return can be tracked with [Where's My Amended Return?](#) or by phone at 866-464-2050, three weeks after the filing.
10. To check the status of the amended tax return, taxpayer identification number—which is usually the Social Security number—date of birth, and zip code are required.

Additional IRS Resources:

- [Topic 308 - Amended Returns](#)
- [Amended Returns & Form 1040X - FAQs](#)
- Amending My Return (YouTube Videos) - [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)

Source: www.irs.gov

Contribute to Anşār Publications

Members of Majlis Anşārullāh, USA are urged to send stories to be published in the Majlis' newsletters. The stories could be their own real-life, true experiences or any other true inspirational account. Fictional moral stories are not sought. The stories should be sent at newsletter@ansarusa.org.

Members are also encouraged to send religious, scientific, and literary articles for the Majlis' quarterly magazine, The Al-Nahl. Articles should be sent at al-nahl@ansarusa.org.

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