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Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam

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Upcoming Events

- Tue, Jul 29** - 'Īd-ul-Fiṭr
Fri-Sun, Aug 15-17 - Jalsah Sālānah, USA
Fri-Sun, Oct 10-12 - Anṣār National Ijtimā'

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Who did not know respected Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam, the late Amīr and Missionary in charge of Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya, Ghana? He passed away at the age of 76 on June 22, 2014, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'un.

But as they say, "if you really want to measure the character of a man, see him under stress." Today, I am reminded of three stressful times, at four year intervals, when I had the honor to be in the company of Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam.

I first met Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam on a dreary day in December 2006 when hundreds of devoted Aḥmadi Muslims had gathered in Chicago at the martyrdom of Muhaimim Karim, who was married to his daughter. You could not find a dry eye. In an extremely difficult time, Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam solemnly reminded us of a simple Qur'anic injunction, "And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient." (The Holy Qur'an, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:156) That's it. No sobbing. No what ifs. A single man lifted the faith of thousands with his belief in Allah.

My second encounter with Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam was in February 2010 when he delivered a Friday Sermon at Masjid Baitur Rahman and narrated how honey bee received revelation and how if we remain committed to Khilāfat, every Aḥmadi Muslim could establish a similar connection with God. During those days, Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya hosted Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam for a diplomatic dinner where the Ghanaian Ambassador to the United States was also invited. During the dinner, Maulānā Abdul Wahab Adam played the role of an



excellent host for the Ambassador and yet remained a thankful guest of the Majlis. An average person would be sweating bullets at such a juggle but he was all smiles.

But Allah had saved the best for the last. Five months ago when I went to meet Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) in January 2014, I was told by my hosts "You will be sharing the guest house with Amir Sahib of Ghana." "What a bonus," I said to myself. During our 48 hour long companionship and multiple encounters, however, it became obvious that Amir Sahib's health had deteriorated. But that did not stop him from telling stories of his years in Jāmi'ah Rabwah, his partnerships with non-Aḥmadi Muslims in Ghana, his successes by remaining attached to Khilāfat. On January 3, we were supposed to ride together to offer Jumu'ah Prayer behind Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ. He took a long time to get ready but then walked out of his

room beaming with energy, wearing his traditional African garb. I will never forget that this was a man, under immense physical stress, who then said with a royal smile, “Chalain, namaz kay liyay rawaana hotay hain abb” (Let us go for Prayer now.) At Baitul Futūh Mosque, after the Prayer, people stopped him, waved at him, shook his hand, shouted Salams from a distance, and flocked around him.

Today, in Abdul Wahab Adam, a 76-year-old spiritual university passed away. But thousands of the students of that university are marching behind a living Khilāfat, like honey bees, carrying the mission forward.

Testimony of an Adversary

Rashid Arshed, Los Angeles

The staff room environment was always lively and noisy. There were heated discussions on one subject or the other. Someone would bring up a point and everyone on the teaching staff would share his views. There was much fervor when a religious topic was brought up. I was the only Aḥmadī on the staff so most of the questions were directed at me.

Among the staff was a teacher named Muhammad Tahir Khan who belonged to Jamā’at Islāmī, a political party in the garb of religion that has an extremist agenda and propagates violence to achieve its objectives. Tahir Khan would often debate with me on my beliefs and on the claims of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

One day, after a heated debate, he suddenly mellowed down and related the following story:

“My grandfather had a chance to visit Qādiān and be in the company of Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad. He would say that Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad was an ocean of knowledge and he was very eloquent when he spoke on an issue. My grandfather also said that there was always a halo around the face of Mirza Ghulām Ahmad. However, he did not convert to Ahmadiyyat.”

How unfortunate!

A Story of Brotherhood

Anonymous

“And the believers, men and women, are friends one of another...It is these on whom Allāh will have mercy.” (The Holy Qur’ān, 9 [Al-Taubah]:71)

“Whoever relieves a calamity that has struck a believer in this world, Allāh will relieve for him one of the calamities on the day of Judgment, and whoever makes things easy for a person in trouble, Allāh will make his matters easy in this life and in the hereafter, and whoever shields the faults of a Muslim, Allāh will shield his faults in this world and the hereafter, and Allāh will help and support his servant as long as he is helping and supporting his brother” (Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim)

I attended school in Pakistan and received a scholarship which I used to pay for my room and board. I lived in a hostel with about 12 other Aḥmadī students. During a conversation, we learned that two of our Aḥmadī students were contemplating withdrawing from school. Being concerned about our brothers, we inquired as to why they were considering leaving the school. They informed us that their parents could no longer financially afford to pay for them to attend school.

The rest of us were very concerned about our friends and the financial burden placed on their parents. We met and devised a plan that would keep our friends in school, that is, by simply changing the place we all ate each day. Instead of eating at the convenient costly cafeteria located inside of our building, we could all eat at the small inexpensive food vendor across campus and have enough money to purchase food for our other two fellow students.

We discussed our money saving plan with our Aḥmadī brothers and they agreed to our solution. Each day we all walked together laughing and talking as we journeyed to the small food vendor across campus.

Because we all made a sacrifice, both of our brothers in faith were able to stay in school and complete their studies. After finishing school, they both moved to the West and have been living in Europe and North America. We occasionally get a chance to meet each other at Jalsahs and talk about our careers and family.

National Ijtimā’ Registration is Open!

Register for Ijtimā’ 1000 on 10/10, meaning the first time 1000 Ansar brothers will proudly gather at an Ansar platform in the U.S. on October 10 (10/10).

Register today at www.ansarusa.org/ijtemaportal/registration2014

National Ijtimā' Tentative Program

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

11:00 AM	Registration
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Friday & 'Aṣr Prayers
3:30 PM	Opening Session Presiding: Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir Jamā'at, USA Recitation of the Holy Qur'ān & Translation Ansar Pledge - Faheem Younus Qureshi, Ṣadr Majlis Poem Recitation & Translation Welcome Address - Ṣadr Majlis Opening Address - Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir Jamā'at, USA Announcements - Nāzīm Program Silent prayer
4:15 PM	Majlis Shūrā (First Session) Presiding: Faheem Younus Qureshi, Ṣadr Majlis

4:15 PM	Parallel Interactive Workshops for Non-Shūrā Members Helping the Jobless (TBD) - Yasin Sharif Planning Your Finances - Dawood Munir Marrying Our Children - Mansoor Qureshi
6:40 PM	Announcements
6:50 PM	Maghrib & 'Ishā' Prayers
7:05 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Shūrā Subcommittee Meetings Social Time for Non-Shūrā Members

10:30 PM Lights Out

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:45 AM	Tahajjud Prayer
6:20 AM	Fajr Prayer & Dars
6:45 AM	Sports Competitions Darts, Horse Shoe Toss, Table Tennis
8:00 AM	Breakfast
	Morning Session Presiding: Nāzīm Education Competitions
9:00 AM	Recitation of the Holy Qur'ān Competition
9:45 AM	Impromptu Speech Competition
10:30 AM	General Knowledge Competition
11:30 AM	Talqīn-i-'Amal: Health Talk Presiding: Qā'id Health
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Zuhr & 'Aṣr Prayers
1:45 PM	Testimonials (How Converts Saved Themselves From a Fire)

2:45 PM	Group Photo
3:00 PM -	Parallel Workshops
4:00 PM	Good Parenting Tips - Imran Hayee How to Change Old Habits - Mazhar Mansoor Becoming the Men of God - Rizwan Alladin
4:15 PM	Sports Competitions Volleyball, Basketball Hoops, Tug of War, 100 Meter Race
6:50 PM	Maghrib & 'Ishā' Prayers
7:00 PM	Big BBQ Dinner, Bonfire, Poetry
8:00 PM	Majlis Shūrā (Concluding Session) Subcommittee Reports
11:00 PM	Conclusion of Majlis Shūrā

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:45 AM	Tahajjud Prayer
6:20 AM	Fajr Prayer & Dars
6:45 AM	Sports Competitions Table Tennis, Basketball Hoops, Remaining Sports
8:00 AM	Breakfast
	Morning Session Recitation of the Holy Qur'ān & Translation
9:00 AM	The Men of God I remember - Imām Naseem Mahdi
9:15 AM	
9:45 AM	Plenary: What spiritual action items are we walking away with? (Feedback session for the whole Majlis)
11:00 AM	Break
11:15 AM	Concluding Session Presiding: Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir Jamā'at, USA Recitation of the Holy Qur'ān & Translation Urdu Poem Recitation & Translation - Habeeb Shafeek Jr. Prize Distribution Closing Address - Faheem Younus Qureshi, Ṣadr Majlis Closing Address - Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir Jamā'at, USA Ansar Pledge - Ṣadr Majlis Silent prayer
1:00 PM	Zuhr & 'Aṣr Prayers
1:15 PM	Lunch

Ta'limul Qur'an: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'limul Qur'an syllabus of Majlis Ansharullah, USA, verses 1-15 of Sūrah Al-Şaff (Chapter 61) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2014. Verses 9 and 10 are assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of July.

National Ijtimā' Accommodation Options

Ijtimā' participants have three accommodation options available to them:

1. **Stay at a brother's home:** let us know in advance and we will arrange your accommodation at another brother's house within driving distance of the mosque.
2. **Stay at the mosque:** limited number of sleeping bags are available for members flying in for the Ijtimā'. Do bring your own pillow, blanket, toiletries, towel, etc.
3. **Stay at a hotel:** we have 60 rooms available at a nearby Holiday Inn at the rate of \$69/night. The hotel provides pick up from BWI airport and free breakfast. A meeting room has been arranged at the hotel for Tahajjud, Fajr, and Dars.

Request for Prayers

- Niaz Ahmad Khan of Chicago Northwest Majlis passed away on April 27, 2014 at the age of 88, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.
- Al-Ḥāj Aasim Zaki Bashiruddin of Seattle Majlis passed away on June 22, 2014 at the age of 85, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.
- Wali-udeen Ahmad of Philadelphia Majlis passed away on June 25, 2014, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.

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.

Mohammad Ashraf of Columbus Majlis has recently undergone an open heart surgery. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.

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