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Upcoming Events

Fri-Sun, Dec 26-28 - West Coast Jalsa Sālāna

Sat-Sun, Jan 17-18 - Anṣār Leadership Conference (ALC)

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The Miracle on 10/12

Dear Anṣār Brothers,
As-Salāmu 'Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

On October 12, 2014, over 1000 of us witnessed a miracle. At the beginning of 2014—when we embarked on the journey of “believe in the unseen”—imagining 1000 Anṣār at the National Ijtimā' was a dream; our highest projection placed us at 846 attendees. And that is when the (spiritual) fun began.

Everybody got to work. The Zu'amā started booking airline tickets, the Nāẓimīn chose aggressive attendance targets for their regions, the web team developed an Ijtimā' portal to share up-to-date information, the Publications team mailed posters and post-cards nationwide, Qā'id Finance started number crunching to extend travel subsidies, and our Nāẓim Ijtimā's team dived into the red book items to improve on every little facet of Ijtimā' 1000. They believed, in what arithmetic suggested was impossible. They believed in the truth of what Huḍūr (may Allāh be his helper) said on January 3, 2014, “humility, hard work, and prayers.”

Some say, “why chase a number?” That is a fair point. We deliberated on this point before embarking on the journey of “believe in the unseen.” But the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) reminds us that there is a time for consultative discussion and there is time for decisive action. At 8:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, when we were stuck at 920 attendees, the believers acted. They wrote letters to our beloved Khalīfah, made reminder calls, prayed fervently, and experienced Allāh's Mighty Hand propel us to over 1,030 attendees by 11:00 A.M. One Za'im expressed himself in these words, “... sessions of the Ijtimā' were very powerful

which created among us new zeal to serve the Majlis and become true helpers of Allāh in all aspects.”

Overwhelmingly positive surveys are pouring in. Preliminary analysis reveals that nearly 95% of the attendees ranked the spirituality, program, workshops, food, transportation, and accommodation of the Ijtimā' as “Excellent” or “Satisfactory.” Nearly 25% of the members attended the National Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA for the first time and 65% of all attendees thought they were “more involved” this time as compared to previous years. As you wait for the full results of the survey—which will be posted on ansarusa.org by the end of the month Inshā'allāh—here is one attendee's comment: “This was my first Anṣār Ijtimā'. I thoroughly enjoyed it; felt young again. A convert brother shared the trip with me and despite being an Aḥmadī for good ten plus years, he had never attended any Ijtimā' in the past!”

By crossing the 1000 mark, we experienced a manifestation of “Yu'minūna bil-ghaib” and now it is time for us to say: I will move on to “Yuqīmūnas-ṣalāt”—observe Prayer. We must attribute this success to Allāh's mercy and His support for Khalīfatul Masīh's mission. You and I are worthless in the grand scheme of things. But if Allāh accepts our humility, our meager efforts, and our sincere prayers, then He will forgive our sins and will protect us and our families from the fire.

Was-Salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Serving Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

A Glimpse into Ijtimā' 1000



Ḥuḍūr's Message for the National Ijtimā'

O ye Green Saplings of the Promised Messiah: *السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ*

Majlis Anṣārullāh has an important role to play in the progress of the Jamā'at and in the upbringing of our coming generations. If Anṣār understand their responsibilities and try their best to discharge these responsibilities, we can rest assured that our future generations will remain firmly attached to the Jamā'at and continue to grow in sincerity and devotion. If we tread on the path of Taqwā (righteousness) and fulfill our duty of attaching our future generations to the Jamā'at, then our future and the future of our children will be secured.

When undertaking the Bai'at every Aḥmadī promises to advance in Taqwā and to acquire the higher moral values. We also pledge to shun falsehood, hostility, transgression, dishonesty, mischief, and rebellion. We should invoke peace and blessings of Allāh on the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) and remain faithful to Allāh in times of trial and prosperity. We should follow God's commandments, shun pride and arrogance, show meekness and exhibit high morals and have sympathy for mankind. The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) says, "Prayer is your weapon and we must hold on to it. The only means of getting rid of sin and transgression is through prayers. People of my Jamā'at should spend their nights crying and supplicating before their Lord." These are the values that lead to spiritual progress. It is the responsibility of Anṣār to progress in righteousness so that they can set a good example for their children. The task of Da'wat Ilallāh (inviting to the way of Allāh) cannot be accomplished without prayers. It is also essential to recite the Holy Qur'ān daily and learn its teachings. Teach the Holy Qur'ān to your children and get them into the habit of reciting it daily. May Allāh enable us all to live by our pledges. Amīn.

Our success lies in holding fast to the rope of Allāh and ensuring that we and all our children adhere to the institution of Khilāfat and to absolute obedience to it and the Niẓām-i-Jamā'at. If we and our children remain attached to Khilāfat, we will witness the bounties of Allāh conferred upon true believers.

Mirzā Masroor Aḥmad
Khalīfatul Masīḥ V

Impressions of the Ijtimā' Attendees

Here are some of the comments provided in the Ijtimā' survey that show how Anṣār enjoyed the Ijtimā'.

"All of my guests were impressed, very thankful and are looking forward to coming to the next event. Inshā'allāh. Food was great, staying in the mosque was wonderful. It felt great and we are all thankful and we pray for the upcoming years to be just as successful."

"I have been a part of the Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community for 10 years now. This Ijtimā' was like no other that I had attended. It was magical from the moment the transportation team picked me up at the airport. I have never experienced anything like this."

"Best Ijtimā', very learning, very informative."

"Excellent event for camaraderie and networking."

"Great Ijtimā', it felt like Jalsa Sālāna."

"Great uplifting experience."

"I have been crying the whole time in my prayers and I dreamt that I had received a certificate at this Ijtimā'."

"Ijtimā' was very spiritual."

"It was great to see old familiar faces again and reconnect."

"Overall three great days of spiritual training."

"Thank you and Jazākallāh for arranging such a comfortable Ijtimā' for spiritual fitness."

"The hotel stay was excellent. The gift bags in the hotel was a welcoming sign. Moreover, the congregational Fajr Prayer at the hotel was very much enlightening. Hotel was good as well as the price."

"The travel subsidy was a big plus."

"This was my first Anṣār Ijtimā'. Thoroughly enjoyed it; felt young again. I had a convert brother who shared the trip with me and despite being an Aḥmadī for good ten plus years, he had never attended any Ijtimā' in the past."

"Very nice and impressive."

Send us your stories of brotherhood, Ijtimā' memories, or any other inspiring experience that we can share with other Anṣār brothers. Send your stories to newsletter@ansarusa.org.



Members gather for a group photo at the National Ijtimā' on October 11, 2014

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