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

Sun, Feb. 15 - Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd Day

Sun, Mar. 22 - Masīḥ Mau'ūd Day

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Message from Ṣadr Majlis

Myths of Aging Dispelled

Dear Anṣār Brothers,
As-Salāmu 'Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

See the graphic on the right. It makes the point that many of our fears about physical and emotional well-being in older years of life are actually quite exaggerated.

No surprise, that is why the Holy Qur'an calls forty the age of maturity, not decline.

"...when he attains his full maturity and reaches the age of forty years, he says, 'My Lord, grant me the power that I may be grateful for Thy favor which Thou hast bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and that I may do such good works as may please Thee. And make my seed righteous for me. I do turn to Thee; and, truly, I am of those who submit to Thee.'" (The Holy Qur'an, 46 [Al-Aḥqāf]:16)

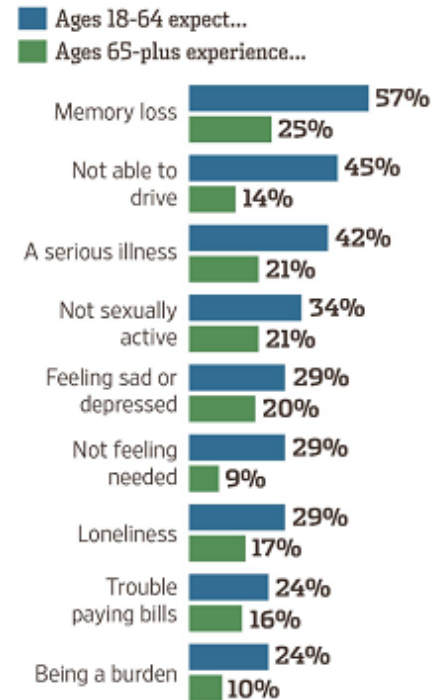
It is time to learn, to serve, to reform, to act, and then impart that righteousness on to our children. That is Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ's expectation and that is what we pledge.

Was-Salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Serving Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

Getting Older: Expectations vs. Reality

Many difficulties that younger adults expect to face in later life aren't affecting the vast majority of older Americans.



Source: Pew Research Center telephone survey of 2,969 adults, 2009; margin of error: +/- 2.6 percentage points
The Wall Street Journal

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his helper) has urged us to listen to his Friday sermons. It is imperative that we listen to Ḥuḍūr's sermons regularly in order to benefit from the advice of the divinely guided Khalīfatul Masīḥ. The translation/summary of Ḥuḍūr's Friday sermon is distributed to Anṣār weekly via email. Anṣār who are not able to listen to Ḥuḍūr's Friday sermon are urged to read these summaries on a regular basis. If you are not getting these summaries, you can subscribe to the mailing list of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA at <http://ansarusa.org/maillinglist/dada/mail.cgi> to receive the Friday sermon summary and other Anṣār communication via email.

You Did It

Monas Chaudry, Qā'id Ta'lim

By the grace of Allāh, tremendous efforts of Zu'amā and Muntazimīn Ta'lim, and great support of Nāzimīn, Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA has been able to fulfill our beloved Ḥuḍūr's (may Allāh be his helper) direction—as expressed in National Āmilah meeting of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA held on July 2, 2012 at Harrisburg, PA—of meeting and exceeding the national target of 50% participation in Ta'lim test. A record number of Anṣār—1,303 (50.5%)—participated in Ta'lim Test II of 2014. Alḥamdulillāh.

My heartfelt gratitude to Zu'amā and their Muntazimīn Ta'lim who truly have worked tirelessly and have graciously tolerated my overbearing pestering. Please forgive my twice a week reminders for last 8 weeks—that at times would have seemed like annoying. Jazākallāh! May Allāh truly reward you, Āmīn.

Thanks to all the Anṣār as well who took the time to take the test and helped achieve this milestone.

A summary of participation in terms of participation percentage is as follows.

Participation (Goal)	50.0%
Participation (Actual)	50.5%
Total number of participants	1,303
Number of Majālis with 100% participation	4
Number of Majālis with 70% and above	21
Number of Majālis with 50% and above	38
Number of regions with 50% and above	7

Ranking of Majālis in terms of participation percentage is as follows.

No.	Majlis	Participation	No.	Majlis	Participation
1	Charlotte	100%	19	Dallas	73%
2	LA Inland	100%	20	New Orleans	71%
3	Las Vegas	100%	21	Bloomington	70%
4	Willingboro	100%	22	Chicago Northwest	67%
5	North Virginia	89%	23	Silver Spring	67%
6	Cypress-Houston	88%	24	New York	65%
7	Kentucky	86%	25	Cleveland	65%
8	York	86%	26	Dayton	57%
9	Houston North	83%	27	Oshkosh	57%
10	Detroit	82%	28	Georgia-Carolina	56%
11	Richmond	80%	29	Research Triangle	56%
12	San Diego	80%	30	Austin	56%
13	LA East	78%	31	Bay Point	55%
14	Lehigh Valley	78%	32	Seattle	55%
15	Syracuse	75%	33	Fitchburg	55%
16	Columbus	74%	34	Zion	54%
17	Buffalo	73%	35	Baltimore	54%
18	Fort Worth	73%	36	Indiana	53%

No.	Majlis	Participation	No.	Majlis	Participation
37	North Jersey	52%	54	Portland	29%
38	Phoenix	50%	55	Binghamton	25%
39	Sacramento	46%	56	Hartford	25%
40	Houston South	45%	57	Merced	22%
41	Miami	45%	58	Washington DC	22%
42	Central Jersey	44%	59	Potomac	22%
43	Philadelphia	43%	60	Rochester	21%
44	South Virginia	43%	61	Long Island	20%
45	Tucson	40%	62	Tulsa	20%
46	Central Virginia	39%	63	Bronx	19%
47	LA West	38%	64	Milwaukee	16%
48	Laurel	38%	65	Alabama-TN	16%
49	Chicago East	38%	66	Pittsburgh	16%
50	Minnesota	37%	67	Brooklyn	15%
51	Orlando	35%	68	Boston	12%
52	Chicago Southwest	32%	69	Albany	11%
53	Silicon Valley	30%	70	St. Louis	4%

A Display of Brotherhood

A new Ṣalāt center has recently been established in the Atlantic City, NJ area. Six Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis decided to travel to Atlantic City to offer Jumu'ah Prayer with the local residents at the newly established Ṣalāt center as a show of brotherhood and encouragement.

Currently, the Ṣalāt center is started with only Jumu'ah Prayers. It is strongly hoped that by the grace of Almighty Allāh, the new Ṣalāt center may become a permanent mosque, Inshā'allāh.



Mortal Men, Immortal Memories

Saif Ur Rahman, Harrisburg, PA

Life is full of happy and sad moments; some we remember, most we do not. I would like to share a memorable experience of mine that took place about 32 years ago.

Sometime in 1981-82, while living in the Aḥmadiyya student hostel “Dārul Ḥamd,” Lahore, Pakistan, I witnessed one of the most profound experiences of my life. The Aḥmadiyya Student Association organized a sports tournament for the Aḥmadi students of Lahore. Ḥaḍrat Chaudhry Zafrullā Khān (may Allāh be pleased with him) and Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Ṭāhir Aḥmad (may Allāh shower His mercy on him)—president of the Aḥmadiyya Student Association at the time—were going to attend the prize distribution ceremony. We were very excited that after the Khalīfah of the time, two of the most important and well-respected dignitaries of the Jamā’at were going to attend the function. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and therefore we were exceedingly thrilled and were expecting lively and extensive speeches by them. Ḥaḍrat Chaudhry Zafrullā Khān was at his advanced age and had an exceptionally outstanding reputation and persona at the time; so we were thrilled to be able to listen to his numerous experiences and insightful advice.

We had not even started to place the chairs on the lawn of Dārul Ḥamd for the event when we heard a knock on the main door. We saw that Ḥaḍrat Chaudhry Zafrullā Khān was at the gate. He was given the time of 4:00 P.M. and he had in fact arrived at 4:00 P.M. sharp. I am unsure whether Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Ṭāhir Aḥmad was with him or arrived just after him, but he too arrived soon. It was such an awkward moment that, to this day, I still remember it vividly. After the initial shock had passed, they asked us to put two chairs under a tree for them and both the respected guests waited there for us to complete our preparations. It took us around 30 minutes to start the event.

After the prize distribution, Ḥaḍrat Chaudhry Zafrullā Khān was requested to speak. He came to the podium and in a polite but firm voice said, “There is nothing else to say for me except that you should try to be punctual; no other advice is needed if we are so tardy.” After saying that sentence, he went back to his seat. To this day, I cannot recall any instance in which I was ever more embarrassed than I had been on that day. Most of us never expected it and would have done things differently if we had the chance. Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Ṭāhir Aḥmad too explained to us the importance of time in his short speech.

I cannot say that I follow their advice all the time, but I try my best. Every time I am late to something, the memory of this event comes to my mind and motivates me to be punctual. I am sure many of the students who were in attendance at that event also still remember that historical event to this day.

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