

We are the Helpers of Allāh.

## Remembering Syed Fazal Ahmed

Syed Fazal Ahmed of Philadelphia Majlis passed away on February 25, 2019 after a hard and long fight with cancer over the last few years, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.

He has served Majlis Anṣārullāh USA as Qā'id Ta'limul Qur'ān, Nā'ib Nāzim of North East region and Za'im of Philadelphia Majlis. He continued to serve the Jamā'at in one capacity or the other until the very end of his life.

He was a selfless and dedicated servant of the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He served the Jamā'at in various capacities including General Secretary of Philadelphia Jamā'at, Qāḍī in US Jamā'at's Qaḍā' system, Assistant National Secretary Ta'limul Qur'ān, and Assistant National Secretary Waqf Nau.

He had deep love for the Holy Qur'ān and spearheaded the Hifzul Qur'ān (memorization of the Holy Qur'ān) classes with utmost dedication along with immense love and care for the students. He continued to lead many Ta'limul Qur'ān initiatives despite battling cancer for many years.

Tanvir Ahmad, Qā'id Health says:

He was diagnosed with liver cancer about five years ago. He was extremely content and never complained about his illness and always remained grateful to Allāh. He continued to serve tirelessly in many different capacities. He was meek of heart and never sought prominence or an office as a condition to serve. He was kind, supportive and persuasive. Never did he get angry even when my Majlis reports were not good.

Despite his illness, he always attended the Majlis' National Ijtimā' and greeted everyone with great zeal and vigor.

Erfan Ahmed, Za'im of Cleveland Majlis shares his fond memories:



Syed Fazal Ahmed

I feel compelled to say that I had been seeing him very regularly at the Ijtimā'at and Jalsas. Though I did not know him personally, I interacted with him here and there. He was always very kind, polite, pleasant and well spoken. I don't think I will be wrong to say that he was the face of the Jamā'at for me all these years.

Members remember him as a very loving, all smiles, and brotherly personality and will miss him dearly. It is a big loss to Majlis, Jamā'at and his family. May Almighty Allāh elevate his status in the highest echelons of paradise and may He be the protector of his family, Āmīn.

## 2019 Anṣārullāh National Ijtimā'

will be held on

September 20, 21, 22

at

Baitur Raḥmān Mosque, Silver Spring, MD

## A Letter to Syed Fazal Ahmed Şāhib

*Qasim Shams, Baltimore*

My name is Qasim Shams son of Mansoor Shams, a 12-year old member of Baltimore Jamā'at. A couple of days ago my beloved Fazal Şāhib passed away. He showed me so much love; he was like a father or grandfather to me. I would like to share some of the memories I had with Fazal Şāhib from a 3-week Hifẓ camp in Willingboro, NJ last year.

In those 3 weeks I developed a relationship with him that would never break even after his demise. Every time I recited the Holy Qur'ān, he always looked happy and compliment me. He fell in love with my recitation. He sent me to his wife downstairs who corrected my pronunciation.

I remember I would make tea for him whenever he needed it. When all the kids played, I spent some of my time with Fazal Şāhib. Once at the Hifẓ camp, I was having a problem with other children in the sleeping area at nighttime, Fazal Şāhib talked to me and helped me out, and even offered me to sleep next to him with my sleeping bag.

One time at the Hifẓ camp these kids took cookies from the mosque and hid them under their pillows and ate them. We weren't supposed to tell anyone. I tried not to tell anyone but Fazal Şāhib and I had such a close relationship that every time I went by him I felt guilty so then I told him that we took the cookies and he said it's okay Beta (son). That was the humble, sweet, loving, and caring person who

Fazal Şāhib was. Every time I saw Fazal Şāhib it made me happy.

When I told Fazal Şāhib that his nephew was being too strict with me and he calmly told his nephew not to.

I asked him if we could go to Six Flags next Hifẓ camp. He asked if we could go somewhere else? I said I wanted to go to Six Flags and he said, "OK we can go Inshā'allāh." I was hoping to see him at the next Hifẓ camp.

When we were leaving the Hifẓ camp he said that I should come visit him. I told him, Inshā'allāh, and we kept hugging each other while saying Assalāmualaikum. He told me he would never forget my name. He told us that he was sick and asked us to pray for him.

A few months after the Hifẓ camp, I called Fazal Şāhib. I asked him about his health; he told me it was not good and requested prayers. I remember asking him if there was going to be another Hifẓ camp, he told me there was no plan for another Hifẓ camp yet. So, we said Salām to each other and I said Inshā'allāh your health will get better. That was the last time I talked to him.

Fazal Şāhib was one of the most kind, nice, sweet and humble person I knew. I love him so so so much. It really made me burst into tears after I heard the sad news of his passing. Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'un. He will always be remembered. May Allāh grant him high status in paradise, Āmīn.

## Congregational Şalāt

*Moyenuddin Sirajee, Qā'id Tarbiyat*

This year, the main goal of the Tarbiyat department of Majlis Anşarullāh USA is to increase participation in Congregational Şalāt. In this regard, the department prepared the following step by step action for officeholders of local Majālis that they may follow to achieve this goal. It is being shared with the members so that they too may benefit from it.

- Lead by example: A Za'im and Muntazim Tarbiyat should be regular in offering congregational Prayers in the mosque or Şalāt center.
- Pray that Allāh help us improve our status of offering congregational Şalāt.
- Za'im should encourage local Anşār 'Āmila members to be regular in offering congregational Şalāt, periodically assessing the status of the 'Āmila members in this regard.
- Visit various Şalāt centers (if any) in local Majlis and motivate Anşār to be regular in congregational Şalāt.
- Perform a geographic survey of the mosques and Şalāt centers in relation to members' homes in the Majlis. If

necessary, try to establish new Şalāt centers after discussing with local President and missionary.

- Share the motivational quotes posted on "Anşarullāh USA" WhatsApp group with local members.
- Communicate with Qā'id Tarbiyat and discuss the progress of the local Majlis, share inspirational stories of members or any difficulties faced and seek his help if needed.
- Collect "Congregational Prayer Attendance" data for planning and reporting purposes.
- Seek guidance from local missionary and invite him to the Anşār monthly meeting to offer insight about importance of congregational Şalāt.

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ (may Allāh be his helper) has been urging us to regularly offer Şalāt in congregation. Let's say Labbaik to the call of our beloved Imām.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact me at [qaid.tarbiyat@ansarusa.org](mailto:qaid.tarbiyat@ansarusa.org).

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