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, Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji’un.

He has served Majlis Ansarullah USA as Qā’id Ta’limul Qur’ān, Nā’ib Nāzim of North East region and Za’īm 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, Qādī in US Jamā’at’s Qadā’ 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 Ijtima and greeted everyone with great zeal and vigor.

Erfan Ahmed, Za’īm of Cleveland Majlis shares his fond memories:

I feel compelled to say that I had been seeing him very regularly at the Ijtima’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, Āmin.

2019 Anṣārullāh National Ijtima’
will be held on
September 20, 21, 22
at
Baitur Rahmān Mosque, Silver Spring, MD
A Letter to Syed Fazal Ahmed Şâhib

Qasim Shams, Baltimore

My name is Qasim Shams son of Mansoor Shams, a 12-year old member of Baltimore Jamâ‘at. A couple of days ago my beloved Fazal Şâhib 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 Şâhib from a 3-week Hifz 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’an, 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 Şâhib. Once at the Hifz camp, I was having a problem with other children in the sleeping area at nighttime, Fazal Şâhib talked to me and helped me out, and even offered me to sleep next to him with my sleeping bag.

One time at the Hifz 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 Şâhib 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 Şâhib was. Every time I saw Fazal Şâhib it made me happy.

When I told Fazal Şâhib 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 Hifz 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 Insha’allah.” I was hoping to see him at the next Hifz camp.

When we were leaving the Hifz camp he said that I should come visit him. I told him, Insha’allah, and we kept hugging each other while saying Assalâmualaikum. 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 Hifz camp, I called Fazal Şâhib. 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 Hifz camp, he told me there was no plan for another Hifz camp yet. So, we said Salâm to each other and I said insha’allah your health will get better. That was the last time I talked to him.

Fazal Şâhib was one of the most kind, nice, sweet and humble person I knew. I love him so so much. It really made me burst into tears after I heard the sad news of his passing. Inna lillâhi wa inna ilaihi râji’în. He will always be remembered. May Allâh grant him high status in paradise, Amin.

Congregational Şalât

Moyenuddin Sirajee, Qâ’id Tarbiyat

This year, the main goal of the Tarbiyat department of Majlis Anşârullah USA is to increase participation in Congregational Şalât. In this regard, the department prepared the following step by step action for officeholders of local Majâls 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 Şalât center.
- Pray that Allâh help us improve our status of offering congregational Şalât.
- Za’im should encourage local Anşâr ’Âmila members to be regular in offering congregational Şalât, periodically assessing the status of the ’Âmila members in this regard.
- Visit various Şalât centers (if any) in local Majâls and motivate Anşâr to be regular in congregational Şalât.
- Perform a geographic survey of the mosques and Şalât centers in relation to members’ homes in the Majâls. If necessary, try to establish new Şalât centers after discussing with local President and missionary.
- Share the motivational quotes posted on “Anşârullah USA” WhatsApp group with local members.
- Communicate with Qâ’id Tarbiyat and discuss the progress of the local Majâls, 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 Anşâr monthly meeting to offer insight about importance of congregational Şalât.

Hadrat Khalifatul-Masîh (may Allâh be his helper) has been urging us to regularly offer Şalât in congregation. Let’s say Labbaik to the call of our beloved Imâm.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact me at qaid.tarbiyat@ansarusa.org.

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