I receive a lot of emails. Some go to my inbox, some to specific folders. But then there is an occasional email which goes straight into my heart. Today, I want to share an edited version of one such email that I received. So here we go:

"Respected Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA
Assalamu alaikum

Becoming a Nasir has been quite an experience and I am still adjusting to it in my late forties. It is a process in which we should encourage all Ansar to keep moving forward in righteousness.

Alhamdulillah, some are fortunate to have reached a different level of righteousness based on their previous involvement in Atfalul-Ahmadiyya and Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya. But all of us are not same. We grew up in different environments with different opportunities to grow and establish ourselves in our lives. For some of us, it did not work out as perfectly.
I feel that it is important to convey the message to Ansar that it is OK not to be perfect; that it is ok to just be human. But we must reflect and keep that door inside our hearts open to change. We also need to realize and accept what is lacking within our personalities. And then we must be willing to correct our past mistakes.

It is normal to make mistakes; it is normal to develop some bad habits while growing up; it is normal to be at different levels of righteousness; it is normal to be a weak human, always in need of Allah's mercy.

And that's where this blessed forum of Majlis Ansarullah comes into the picture. We—the Ansar—are fortunate to have an opportunity to move forward from whatever we have been through in the past. I believe that the message should go across—to all Majalis—that there is no discrimination at this forum and we are all brothers, united under the guidance of our blessed Khilafat.

I want to convey that all members should promote love, tolerance, and brotherhood through this blessed forum of Majlis Ansarullah, USA. At time, I feel that some officeholders show an attitude (unknowingly) that they are superior to others. This discourages those who are less fortunate and are struggling and striving to improve their regularity in Salat and mosque attendance. Help us; don’t judge us. It's a very fine line.

Let's tell everyone about this blessed forum where all of us are committed to improving our righteousness so we can fulfill our responsibilities towards our families and our faith. Jazakallah."

Our Khalifah has been calling us towards this journey of self improvement for years. This struggle to excel in righteousness and help others along the way is an important function of Majlis Ansarullah. Now is the time to jump into this blessed forum.

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**Nominations for Awards at National Ijtima**

Members are urged to nominate Ansar brothers who have excelled in the service to the Majlis, for awards in the following categories
National Ijtima—A Historical Perspective

National Ijtima is the premier event of Majlis Ansarullah, USA. It has been held every year since 1982. There were 12 attendees at the first national Ijtima. Attendance at the 2013 Ijtima was over 750. The following chart offers a historical perspective in terms of Tajnid and attendance at the national Ijtima’at of Majlis Ansarullah, USA for the past decade.

This year, the national Ijtima will be held on Friday, October 10 - Sunday, October 12, 2014 at Baitur Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD.

The Ijtima provides three memorable days for Ansar brothers to pray, learn, relax, compete, make friends, and get reinvigorated spiritually and physically. The atmosphere of brotherhood at the Ijtima provides an opportunity to build camaraderie amongst Ansar brothers who gather from across the country to attend this blessed event.
Not only does this endeared event offers a great opportunity for Ansar brothers to compete in the various educational and sports competitions in a very congenial atmosphere, many interesting workshops such as Health Talk are also held at the Ijtima that can benefit Ansar brothers. Services such as Health Clinic are also provided at the Ijtima.

Send us your stories of brotherhood, Ijtima memories, or any other inspiring experience that we can share with Ansar brothers via this e-newsletter.

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