Be the One

Faheem Younus Qureshi, Sadr Majlis

Dear Ansar Brothers,
As-Salamu ‘Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

Be the one.

I am inviting you to be the guests of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) at the 2015 National Ijtima of Majlis Ansarullah, USA, to be held at Baitur Rahman Mosque, Silver Spring, MD on September 18-20.

You have six months to plan. That is a long time. Long enough for a tree to lose and regain all the leaves, for an athlete to train for a marathon, and for a human to travel to Mars. Start planning now, block your weekend, book your tickets, and pray for another inspiring Ijtima.

Ansar brothers at 2014 National Ijtima of Majlis Ansarullah, USA

Here are some upgrades: we have pulled the Ijtima dates up, to avoid
the cold October days; we will start Majlis Shura by 10 A.M. on September 18th (Friday) and conclude it the same evening; we have reserved more hotel rooms; and we will start the popular interactive workshops on Friday afternoon, Insha‘allah.

Since our biggest asset is our brotherhood, it is natural for us to make our biggest upgrade in its strength—both spiritually and numerically. Remember Allah’s promise to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him): “Surely every hour that follows is better for thee than the one that precedes.” (The Holy Qur’an, 96 [Al-Duha]:5) See how his devotees increased from 313 at Badr to 1000 at Uhad to 3000 at Ahzab?

The Holy Prophet’s devotees in the latter days should demonstrate a similar spirit. Hazrat Muslih Mau‘ud (may Allah be pleased with him), in Tafsir Kabir, commented that just as Allah fulfilled this promise when the Holy Prophet was physically alive, He would also fulfill it for Muslims in whose hearts the Holy Prophet will remain alive in the future, the ones who will follow his path, the ones who will emulate his actions.

Based on this, I pray that may Allah bless us with 1 1 1 1 brothers at this year’s Ijtima. It’s not just a target in a worldly sense, it’s a prayer; it’s a call. Come. Be the one.

Last year, when Allah blessed us with 1036 brothers, our belief in the unseen was boosted. This year, promise that you will work hard and pray hard for another amazing Ijtima, because we are the helpers of Allah and we have pledged to keep the spirit of the Holy Prophet alive. That is how the promise of “Surely every hour that follows is better for thee than the one that precedes.” will be fulfilled for the Jama‘at of the Promised Messiah.

To me, each one of you will be the one out of one-one-one-one.

Was-Salam,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Serving Majlis Ansarullah, USA

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A Posthumous Hajj by an Ahmadi Muslim

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Ever since Ahmadis were declared non-Muslims in Pakistan and subsequently barred from performing their rightful religious duties, they have been subject to severe prohibitions in regards to performing noble religious rites including performing Hajj. As has always been the Sunnah of Almighty Allah towards his loved ones, who are persecuted in His cause, He has shown innumerable signs in the favor of Ahmadis, the humble followers of the Imam of the age, the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), that are testimony to the fact that whether or not they are accepted as Muslims by others, in the eyes of Allah, they are true Muslims. I would like to share an interesting incident that was narrated to me by a non-Ahmadi friend of mine that to me is such a sign.

Riaz Ahmad Khan, since deceased, who belonged to an orthodox Muslim family of Tehsil Mailsi, Multan, Pakistan, was a very good friend of mine since our school days. He was also a very good friend of late Faiz Ahmad Aslam who was an Ahmadi and a special judge of anti-corruption court of the federal government of Pakistan in Rawalpindi.

Riaz and members of his family planned to perform Hajj and left for Saudi Arabia. Upon his return, having performed Hajj, Riaz especially traveled to Lahore to tell me about a special occurrence he had experienced. He told me that in Mecca, after going through the various stages of Hajj, when he was in the midst of circumambulating the Ka’bah, he saw the most unbelievable but a very joyful scene; he saw that Faiz Ahmad Aslam—who had passed away a number of years ago—was also circumambulating the Ka’bah. “I chased him,” he said, “and kept calling him at the same time. This vision continued for quite some time, till the time he was lost in the crowd.”
Riaz told me that this was such an incredible incident that after his return from Saudi Arabia, he had gone back to his home town paying only a flying visit and then rushed to Lahore only to tell me about this amazing vision.

May Almighty Allah continue to shower His blessings on his humble servants and may He make such signs the source of guidance for others. Amin.

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