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21st Southwest Regional Ijtima 2024 at Baitul Hameed Mosque, Chino, California

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By the Grace and Mercy of Allah Ta'ala we had a very successful Southwest Regional Ijtima at Baitul Hameed Mosque on May 5th, 2024. Respective Naib Sadr Saf Dom Muhammad Ahmad sahib represented Sadr Sahib in the Ijtima.

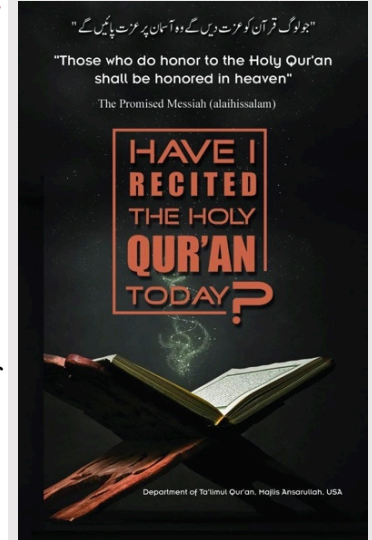
Registration table got active first thing in the morning. The total attendance was 125, with representation from Tucson, Phoenix, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles including San Diego. In addition to 125 there were few participants who will become Ansar from January 1st, 2025.

Ijtima started around 10:00 am with recitation of the Holy Quran (Chapter 3: verses 103, 104, 105, 106 and Chapter 61 verse 61) was done by Asim Ansari sahib. After the pledge led by Naib Sadr Sahib, Nazim-e-Ala welcomed the guests and thanked Naib Sadr Sahib. This was followed by a heart rendering poem recited by Naveed Ahmed Sahib. This was followed by a brief address by our Murabbi Mahmood Kauser Sahib in which he reminded our responsibility and led by Dua.

The second session was the workshop "We are in it together" that lasted for an hour and a half. This was professionally conducted by Naib Sadr Saf Dom Sahib. Received very positive feedback from members, only concern was rather large size of groups for discussion (10-12 members per group). This was followed by a brief break for snacks. After enjoying the snacks & tea, members returned for educational competitions.

Following are the winners of the educational competitions:

Position	Tilawat	Urdu Poem	Impromptu speech	General Knowledge
First	Tanveer Sajio	Naveed Janjua	Ahsan Khan	Anwar Khan Team
Second	Naveed Janjua	Mazharul Haq	Anwar Khan	Murabbi Tariq Malik Team



Third	Mubashar Ahmed	Monas Chaudry	Syed Kashif	Shahzad Amjad Team
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Sports competitions were also held where about 35 Ansar participated from different Majalis, including cricket, volleyball, and tug of war with local Spanish community in the park. Members also participated in some sports events with MKA during their Ijtima, such as basketball and arm wrestling and ate dinner together. This gesture was very much appreciated by both Khuddum and Ansar, especially Saf Dom Ansar.



In the third session there were three interactive presentations:

How to control anger - Nauman Tahir, Zaim Majlis Las Vegas
Nasir's Responsibility - "Increase in our Worship." - Jameel Mohamed
Attached to the Rope of Allah - Bobby Cruz

The final session started with recitation, followed by the pledge by Naib Sadr Sahib and the speech by Qaid Tarbiyyat Murabbi Tariq Mahmood Malik Sahib who reflected on the Tarbiyyat and Tabligh activities.

This was followed by prize distribution. The concluding speech was delivered by Naib Sadr Muhammad Ahmad Sahib in which he reminded the pledge which we all took at the hand of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) last year during the UK/USA Ansarullah National Ijtima 2023. The Ijtima concluded with Dua by Naib Sadr Sahib.

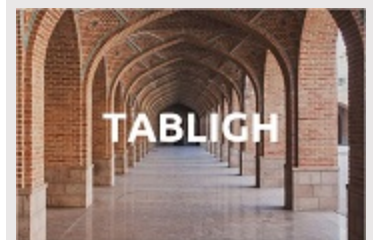
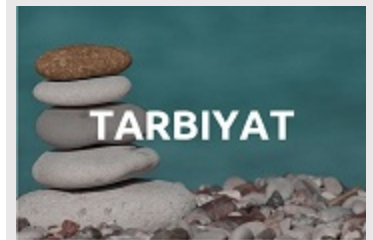
Remembering Laeeq Ahmad Butt Sahib of Detroit Majlis (1939-2024)

By: Pervaiz Khan (Detroit, MI)



Laeq Butt Sahib was born in Nairobi, Kenya in Nov 1939 and migrated to USA in 1970. Upon his arrival in Detroit, he felt the need for a local jamaat and contacted some local Ahmadis to form the first Jama'at in Detroit in 1971. He was the first finance secretary. In 1975 they bought a building in Detroit to use as a masjid, later called Bait-ul-Muzaffar.

On the day Dr Muzaffar was martyred in August 1983, a Molotov cocktail was thrown at his house, which did not ignite (Alhamdulillah). After the Masjid was destroyed, Butt sahib spearheaded and managed rebuilding the masjid. Not only did he organized the repairs of the old mosque, he played a pivotal role in building Masjid Mahmood in Rochester Hills along with his sons Shehzad Butt Sahib and Amir Butt Sahib. He remained the local property secretary of the Detroit Jama'at for many years and was an active member of the Jama'at throughout his life. He would enthusiastically participate in all Jama'at programs and was fond of reciting the poetry of the Promised Messiah(as) and Khulafa.





Although he was born in Nairobi but was fluent in Punjabi and Urdu. He served as Zaim Ansar, general secretary, Property secretary and Naib Sadr Detroit. He was 84 when he passed away. He leaves behind his wife and two sons Shazad and Amir Butt, 2 grandsons and 3 granddaughters.

He had a profound love for jamaat members and used to invite many members for BBQ and outings.

I personally enjoyed his company many times while travelling for national Ijima and fishing trips locally. Sadr sahib Detroit said during his funeral that every brick and stone in the mosque has his imprint. May Allah have mercy on his soul (Ameen)

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