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From the Holy Qur'an

وَعَدَاللّٰهُ الَّذِيْنَ امَنُوْ امِنُكُمُ وَعَبِلُوا الصَّلِحَةِ لَيَسْتَخُلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخُلَفَ الَّذِيْنَ مِنْ قَبُلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَ وَلَيُمَكِّنَ لَيُسْتَخُلِفَنَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخُلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبُلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَ لَيْ مُنْ كَفَى بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ لَهُمْ دِيْنَهُمُ النَّذِي ادْتَظَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُمَكِّلَ لَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ اَمْنًا لَيْعُبُدُونَنِيْ لَا يُشْمِكُونَ فِي شَيْعًا وَمَنْ كَفَى بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ لَهُمُ النَّفِيقُونَ فَي اللهُ الل

Allāh has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors *from among* those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security *and peace* after their fear: They will worship Me, *and* they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. (24:56)

The English translation of the Arabic verses is rendered by Hazrat Maulvi Sher Ali Sāhibra.

Ahadīth: Sayings of the Holy Prophet^{sa} Khilāfat

- "Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allāh shall will. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilāfat on the precepts of prophethood for as long as He shall will and then bring about its end. A tyrannical monarchy will then follow and will remain as long as Allāh shall will and then come to an end. There will follow thereafter monarchial despotism to last as long as Allāh shall will and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khilāfat on precept of Prophethood." (Masnad Ahmad)
- ◆ The Holy Prophet^{sa} has said: "There will be a decline in religious faith and nothing would be left of Islām except its name and nothing would be left of the Holy Qur'ān except its text. Mosques though full of worshippers will be empty of guidance. The religious scholars will be the worst creation under the canopy of Heaven. (Mishkat-ul Masabih, p. 88 & Kanaz-ul Ummal, vol. 6, p. 43).

A Note from the Editor

What is Khilāfat? It is a heavenly institution, a system of divine leadership, which Allāh the Almighty grants to believers to ensure their spiritual progress. The Khalīfa — who is chosen by Allāh — is the Successor of the Prophet, and not the Successor of the previous Khalīfa. That is why in Khilafate Ahmadiyya, every Khalīfa is called Khalīfatul-Masīh, that is, Khalīfa of the Messiahas.

There are numerous blessings of the institution of Khilāfat. One of the greatest blessings is its cohesive factor — it is a binding glue indeed which brings together people of all races, nations and backgrounds under one banner and one Imām. Secondly, a great blessing of Khilāfat is the unity, discipline and solidarity it provides to the community of believers - this is only unique to Jamā'at Ahmadiyya among all other sects of Islām. Under one Imām, all Ahmadis are united and know who to look for guidance. Another great blessing promised through Khilāfat is the propagation and progress of Islām. The truth is that the advancement and glory of Islām is linked with Khilāfat. In today's age, the message of true Islām and Ahmadiyyat is reaching the corners of the globe only under the direction of Khilāfat. Another great blessing for us is the prayers of the Khalīfa. Undeniably, the Khalīfa's prayers are accepted most by Allāh.

Today, we are witnessing the fifth divinely-guided Khilāfat (a first in Islāmic history). The prophecy revealed to the Promised Messiahas, "I am with you, O Masroor!", is being fulfilled with great glory. Our beloved Huzooraa, in his discourses, and in his sermons, has repeatedly drawn our attention towards the importance of prayers. Huzooraa has reminded us that the blessings of Khilāfat are conditional for those who observe Allāh's commandments, are reg-

ular in prayer and do good works. It is therefore the responsibility of every Ahmadi to look into his or her own life and determine if they are living their lives as per Allāh's commandments. Saying that you have love for the Khalīfa is not merely an observation, or a custom. If you have the real sentiment then you must follow it with perfect obedience and act upon it, so Allāh may continue to bless us with the special favours of Khilāfat.

Our beloved Imām gave us this message shortly after becoming Khalīfa:

"If you aim to progress and be triumphant over the world, then my advice to you and my message for you is to maintain a bond with Khilāfat and to firmly hold onto this rope of Allāh. All our advancements are inherently dependent upon a bond with Khilāfat."

(Special Message to the Community, May 11, 2003)

May Allāh enable us to follow the advice of our beloved Imām.

This issue of An-Nisaa' is focused on the blessings of the institution of Khilāfat and its absolute obedience. A lot of members sent in their essays and writings on this topic. I would like to express my gratitude for their hard work, and taking the time to pen their ideas for such an important issue. In this issue, you will find articles on the institution of Khilāfat and its blessings, obedience of Khilāfat, MTA—our connection to Khilāfat, Khilāfat—a key to making our homes paradise, and many others, including some accounts of personal experiences with the Khalīfa. Please continue to write for An-Nisaa'. Jazak'Allāh!

Sadiqa Hifsa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mina Umar and Shiza Umar of Markham, daughters of Umar Faateh Ghumman and Sara Umar Ghumman were awarded honour roll certificates for outstanding academic achievement for a high overall grade average for the year 2018-2019 in their respective grades.
- Amtul Momin Sāhiba of Hamilton Mountain requests prayers for her great grandson who was born on January 20, 2020. May Allāh Almighty bless the child abundantly and make him His humble servant. The child's parents are Daniyal Wadood and Aroosa Wadood Sāhiba of Germany Jamā'at. The child is a Waqf Nau and has been named Nihal Wadood. The child's forefathers are: Abdul Salam Zargar, Roshan Din Zargar, Ahmad Din Zargar—the last two are companions of the Promised Messiahas
- Nasira Hafeez Sāhiba from Surrey South Vancouver states that by the sheer Grace and Blessings of Allāh
 Almighty the Nikah Ceremony of her son, Bilal Tahir, was held on December 27, 2019 in Baitul Hadi
 Mosque with Muneeza Saeed Sāhiba, daughter of Farooq Saeed Sahib and Qanta Saeed Sāhiba of Edmonton East. The couple is blessed to be from the progeny of the companions of the Promised Messiahas. May
 Allāh shower His blessings on the married couple and make this relationship successful.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

- Ferzana Nisar Sāhiba from Hamilton Mountain requests prayers for the success of her business, which she bought recently. It is a fish and chips business. May Allāh grant her abundant success.
- Atia Khan Sāhiba is requesting prayers for herself and her children.
- Amtul Shakoor Sāhiba is requesting prayers for herself and her children.
- Amtul Momin Sāhiba requests prayers for herself and her family.

May Allāh keep them all in His protection. May He grant them long and healthy lives.

GRATITUDE

The An-Nisaa' Team would like to express our immense gratitude for submitting your materials for publication. The following material was received, and couldn't be included in the current issue. Some articles may be included in the future issues space permitting:

"Obedience to Khilāfat" by Ghadia Ahmed, "The importance of Obedience to Khilāfat" by Rateeba Ahmad, "Obeying Khilāfat in making homes a paradise" by Hibbatul Waheed Afzal from Lloydminster, "Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūdra", by Quratul-Ain Hameed from Brampton Mountainash, "MTA and Khilāfat" by Haadia Ahmad Mississauga West, "Valentine's day" by Anila Sadiq from PVCW, "Blessings of Khilāfat" by Kaukab Usman from Mississauga West, "Khilāfat" by Naila Mahmood from PV West, "Khilāfat, a source of guidance" by Sobia Iqbal from Brampton Flowertown, "Khilāfat and Obedience" by Tayyeba Malik, Brampton Flowertown, "The blessings of obedience to Khilāfat" by Rashida Tahir from Windsor, "Make-up and its effects on Society" by Hira Aftab from PVCW, "Allegations against Islām" by Taniya Hashmi from Windsor, "The birth cycle" by Nidda Chaudhry from Calgary Halqa Baitun Nur, "Women mentioned in the Holy Qur'ān" by Maria Iqbal, Brampton Flowertown. Please accept our apology in case your name has been mistakenly omitted.

Answers from the Quiz on the Holy Prophet^{5a} (page 38):

- 1. 570 A.D., 2. Mecca, 3. Abdullah, 4. Āminah, 5. In One God, 6. Idol Worship, 7. Hazrat Khadījah^{ra},
- 8. As-Sādiq and Al-Amīn, 9. Cave Hirā, 10. 63 years old.

Spiritual Treasures from the Writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}

The following excerpts are taken from The Essence of Islām: Volume III, pg. 165—166 (available online at www.alislam.org/books); a compilation of extracts from the writings, speeches, announcements and discourses of the Promised Messiah^{as}, translated into English by Hazrat Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrulla Khan^{ra} and revised by Munawar Ahmad Sa'eed.

Divine Promise of Khilāfat

There are other verses which also indicate that it is God's design that spiritual teachers, who are the heirs of the Prophets, should always continue to be available. For instance:

وعدالله الذين أمنوا مذكم وعملواالضيخت ليستخلفتكه فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَّا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِيْنَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ

Meaning: 'O True believers among the followers of Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him), Allāh has promised those among you who believe and act righteously, that He will surely make them successors in the earth, as He made successors among those who were before them.' (An-Nur, 24:56)

'Those who disbelieve will continue to be afflicted with a calamity, physical or spiritual, or would descend close to their dwellings till the Divine promise is fulfilled. Surely Allāh doeth not contrary to His promise.' (Al-Ra'd, 13:32)

وَ مَا كُنَّا مُعَدِّبِيْتَ يَمِينَ نَبْعَثَ رَسُولًا

'And We send not a punishment till after We have raised a Messenger.' (Bani Isra'il, 17:16)

If a person reflects upon these verses he will realize that God Almighty has clearly promised the Muslims a permanent Khilāfat. If this Khilāfat were not permanent there would have been no sense in describing it as resembling the Khilāfat of the Mosaic dispensation....

A Khalīfa is a reflection of a Prophet. As man is mortal, God Almighty designed that Prophets, who are more exalted and honoured than all other beings, should be reflectively preserved

forever. For this purpose, God instituted be deprived of the blessings of Prophethood.

He who limits it to thirty years, foolishly overlooks the true purpose of Khilāfat, and does not realize that God did not design that the blessings of Khilāfat be limited to thirty years after the death of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) and that, thereafter, the world may go to ruin.... There are many other verses in the Holy Qur'an, which give tidings of a permanent Khilāfat among the Muslims, and there are also several Ahādīth to the same effect. But what I have said already should suffice for those who accept established verities as great wealth. There is no worse concept concerning Islām than to say that it is a dead religion whose blessings were confined only to its beginning. Can the Book that opens the door of perpetual good fortune inculcate so discouraging a doctrine that there is no blessing or Khilāfat in the future and that everything has been confined to the past? True, there will be no independent Prophets among the Muslims. But if there were also to be no Khulafā' to demonstrate the proofs of spiritual life from time to time, that would spell the end of spirituality in Islām....It causes one's heart to tremble to imagine that Islām has now died and that no such people would arise in it, whose spiritual manifestations would be a substitute for miracles and whose inspiration a substitute for revelation, let alone that a Muslim should believe in any such possibility as a doctrine. May God Almighty guide those who are involved in such misguided thinking.

[Shahadat-ul-Qur'ān, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 6, pp. 352-356]

Persian Poem

of the Promised Messiahas

O Mighty Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, O Merciful, Compassionate and Guide; Who looks into the hearts; And from Whom nothing is hidden.

If You see that I am wicked and vicious;
If You have determined that I am evil;
Then break this evil one into pieces;
And gladden the hearts of my opponents.
Shower Thy mercy on their hearts;
Grant of Thy grace all their wishes.
Send down a blazing fire on the walls and doors of my dwelling,

Be my enemy and destroy my work.

But if You do count me as one of Your servants; And my attention is all concentrated on You; And if You find my heart full of such love for You, As is entirely unknown to the world; Then deal with me by way of love; And make manifest a little of its mystery.

O You Who comes towards every seeker; And are aware of the yearning of every heart that is aflame with Your love,

For the sake of the relationship that I have with You; And for the sake of the love that my heart has cultivated for You;

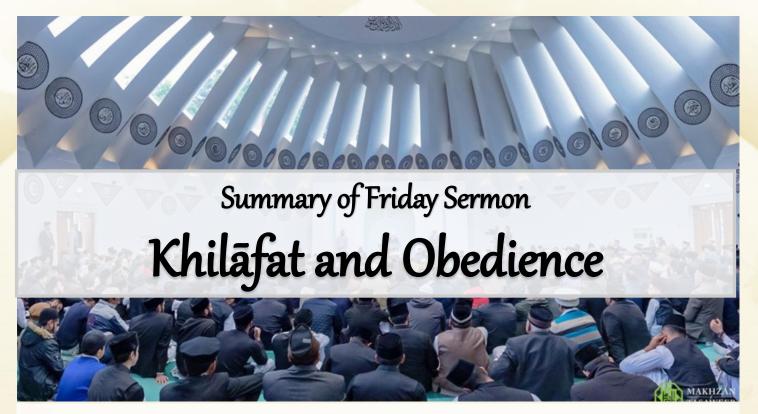
Come forth Yourself to vindicate me;

O You Who are my Refuge and my Shelter and my last Resort.

With that fire which You have lit in my heart; And with which You have utterly consumed everything beside You;

Light up my countenance with the same fire; And convert my dark night into bright day.

[Haqiqat-ul-Mahdi, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 14, p. 434—taken from Essence of Islām, Vol. III, pg. 352-353)]



Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Hazrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) on May 24, 2019 at Mubarak Mosque, Islamabad, Tilford UK.

In the beginning of his Friday Sermon, Huzooraa recited verses 52-58 of Sūrah An-Nur:

"The response of the believers, when they are called to Allah and His Messenger in order that he may judge between them, is only that they say: 'We hear and we obey.' And it is they who will prosper. And whoso obeys Allāh and His Messenger, and fears Allāh, and takes Him as a shield for protection, it is they who will be successful. And they swear by Allāh their strongest oaths that, if thou command them, they will surely go forth. Say, 'Swear not; what is required is actual obedience in what is right. Surely, Allāh is well aware of what you do.' Say, 'Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger.' And if they turn away, then remember, whoever does so will be held responsible for that reposed in him, as also you will be held responsible for that which is reposed in you. And if you obey him, you will be rightly guided. And the messenger is not responsible but for the plain delivery of the Message. Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. And observe Prayer and give the Zakāt and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy. Think not that those who disbelieve can frustrate Our plan in the earth; their abode is Hell; and it is indeed an evil resort." (24: 52-58)

Huzoor^{aa} said: These verses include *Ayat Istikhlāf* in which Allāh has given the believers the glad-tiding of the continuation of Khilāfat among them. The verses preceding and following this verse speak of obedience to Allāh and His Messenger and abiding by their commandments, because only through this will the promise of Khilāfat be fulfilled and Allāh will turn fear into peace and bring the opponents to their ignoble end. However, when we make an observation, we find that the standards of obedience in many cases are not the same as

before. Even when people obey an injunction that is against their will, they do so half-heartedly. The fact that Allāh has stressed obedience to Allāh and His Prophet^{sa} in the context of the promise of Khilāfat shows that the institution of Khilāfat is also among the injunctions of Allāh and His Messenger. Therefore obeying the instructions of Khilāfat is also incumbent upon us since it is among God's injunctions.

Huzooraa said: We find examples of whole-hearted obedience among the Companions of the Holy Prophetsa. For example, once Hazrat Khalid bin Walidra was leading a battle when, right in the midst of it, Hazrat 'Umarra ordered that Hazrat Abu 'Ubaidahra will be the Commander in-Chief, hence the command should be handed over to him. Hazrat Abu 'Ubaidahra did not want to take the command immediately because he saw that Hazrat Khalidra was leading very well. However, Hazrat Khalidra insisted that Hazrat 'Ubaidahra should immediately take charge because it was the command of the Khalifa. He said that he would work under Hazrat Abu 'Ubaidahra and obey him without any hesitation or resentment. Such are the standards of obedience that the believers should also exhibit. There should be no complaining even if a decision is made against someone. Sometimes people stop working if they are removed from an office and someone else is appointed in their place. Those who act in this manner do not practice obedience, nor do they fear Allāh. It has come to my knowledge that there are some Presidents of local Jama'ats who have stopped performing their duties because, in keeping with the new rules, their term is due to end in June. Were they only working because they were going to remain in their office permanently, so that now they are not paying any attention to the tasks they are supposed to perform in the months of May and June? Such thinking does not only show dishonesty towards religious obligations, it also smells of rebellion and removing oneself from the sphere of obedience to Khilāfat. Since the Khalīfa has approved the new rule that the term for Presidents will be limited to six years, they

have decided not to work wholeheartedly anymore. Such people should act in keeping with righteousness (taqwa) and should fear God. After having pledged Bai'at, it is incumbent upon us to keep our thoughts pure and to practice high levels of obedience.

Huzooraa said: The Promised Messiahas, the Imām of the age, says regarding the standards of those who pledge Bai'at to him: Only those can enter our Jama'at who consider our teachings to be their guide and try to act upon them to the best of their strength and ability. Those who, after having pledged Bai'at, do not act according to our teachings should remember that Allah intends this Jama'at to be a special Jamā'at. No one can truly enter the Jamā'at by just pledging Bai'at. That is to say, failure to follow the teachings of the Jamā'at, even if one is among those who have pledged Bai'at, does not make him a part of the Jamā'at. Therefore, as far as possible, make your actions subservient to the teachings that are given to you, and the teachings are that you should not cause any disorder and commit any evil and should bear verbal abuse with patience and not confront anyone.

Huzoor^{aa} said: This means not to compete with others by saying that since now a new person has become the office-bearer, I will not obey him, or because I have been removed from the office, therefore I will not obey anyone else. Whoever confronts you, you should treat him with kindness, both in everyday affairs and in case of disputes. Even when someone attacks you in frivolous matters, ignore his actions and treat him with kindness. Be soft spoken and courteous and show a good example. Obey every instruction with a pure heart so that Allāh may be pleased with you and the opponents may see that now you are not the same as you were before Bai'at. Bear true witness in lawsuits.

The Promised Messiahas says: Those who enter this Jamā'at should become firmly committed to right-eousness with all their life and soul. Allāh says that

these people swear that they will do anything if you only order them, but when you do order them, they do not follow through. Allāh says, do not make such big promises; rather, obey in the manner that is well-known, and then we will know that you are obedient, otherwise you are merely making verbal claims. Allāh knows what you do and what is in your minds. Obedience means to fulfill your obligations to God and worship Him in the best manner, and as you obey His commandments you should also fulfil your obligations to His creatures.

The Promised Messiahas says: Shun all mischiefs, evils, disputes and improve your morals. Your moral character should be such that there should be a clear distinction between an Ahmadī and a non-Ahmadī. Always remain firm in truthfulness. In short, it is essential to practice all virtues, and this is the wellknown meaning of obedience. It is this that Allāh and the Holy Prophetsa command and it is this that the Promised Messiahas desires of his Jamā'at. Khilāfat Ahmadiyya too has always emphasized upon this. It is important to show perfect obedience in administrative matters also and not just in spiritual and religious ones. Do not get into the dispute of whether an order falls under the term *ma'roof* or not. If something is contrary to the command of Allāh and His Prophetsa, then it is surely not ma'roof. When we say "I shall obey every ma'roof decision of the Khalīfa of the time," no one should misconstrue this and say that such and such decision is ma'roof and such and such is not ma'roof. Always remember that all the instructions and commands given by the Khalīfa are given in subservience to Allāh and His Prophetsa, in keeping with the Shariah and the Sunnah, and so shall it always be. Allāh says that if you show obedience you will find guidance, and that there is no salvation apart from this. Allāh has promised Khilāfat to those who obey Allāh and His Prophetsa and do good deeds. Good deeds involve not only worshipping God with full sincerity and shunning all kinds of idolatry – physical idolatry as well as the idolatry of giving preference to worldly

desires over religious consideration; all these good deeds are important, but obedience is the most essential one of them. If you wish to benefit from the promise of Khilāfat, then safeguard your prayers, shun the idolatry of worldly desires, and completely obey the Khalīfa, otherwise you will be considered among the disobedient. Then Allah says: The Jamā'at of believers that is associated with Khilāfat is the Jamā'at of people who observe their prayers and attend the mosque and pay the Zakāt and purify their wealth. They make financial sacrifices for the sake of Allāh and His Messenger and obey Allāh's commandments and follow the example of the Holy Prophetsa. It is in this condition that Allāh has mercy on His servants. We need to ask ourselves whether we show true obedience to Allāh and obey His commandments and worship Him in the best manner or not? After the demise of the Promised Messiahas, the Jamā'at faced great anxiety and uncertainty, but then Khilāfat brought peace and certainty. The Non-Mubai'in had a different attitude at that time, but it changed upon the election of Hazrat Khalīfatul Masīh II^{ra}. Likewise, the opponents of the Jamā'at were jubilant at the demise of the Promised Messiahas and then tried to cover their embarrassment upon the election of Hazrat Khalīfatul Masīh Ira. After his demise, they were once again hopeful that the Jamā'at would disintegrate, but Allāh supported the Jama'at of believers and once again turned their fears into peace. The Jama'at that continues under the benign shadow of Khilāfat has now spread to 212 countries and territories.

Huzoor^{aa} said: Upon the election of fifth Khalīfa, a non-Ahmadī Maulawi said that God's practical testimony was in your favour, and yet, instead of accepting this sign, they continue to grow in malice and hatred. But, regardless of this, Allāh continues to strengthen the Jamā'at that is associated with Khilāfat, the Jamā'at is spreading, and people in far off countries are demonstrating their love and devotion to Khilāfat. May Allāh continue to guide those who are attached to Khilāfat and the Jamā'at. Huzoor^{aa} cited testimonies of people who admit that the

Khalīfa of the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at was indeed appointed by Allāh. There are people who testify to how Allāh guided them towards this Jamā'at and how after becoming connected with Khalīfat their great problems and anxieties turned into peace and tranquility. Huzooraa said: All those who remain devoted to Khilāfat, act upon the commandments of God and His Prophetsa, safeguard their prayers, purify themselves and their wealth, and set high standards of obedience, shall continue to receive Divine blessings. It is only through Jamā'at Ahmadiyya that the world can unite, and not by any other means. Each of us should therefore pray that Allāh may continue this blessing of Khilāfat forever. May we bring the whole world into the fold of Islām through prayers and the grace of God. May we unite them and bring them under the banner of the Holy Prophetsa. Amīn.

At the end, Huzoor^{aa} said: In the previous sermon, which marked the inauguration of this mosque, I forgot to mention that at the time when the foundation of this mosque was laid, I was on a tour of Canada. Before leaving, however, I had offered prayer on the brick, and the foundation stone was laid on October 10, 2016 by the late Usman Chini Sahib. The construction of the whole project started alongside the mosque. In this way, we can say that the Chinese people have a part in this project. We should pray that we may soon be able to spread Islām in China as well. While we pray that Allāh may elevate Chini Sahib's spiritual status, we should also pray for the spread of Ahmadiyyat, true Islām in China and in the whole world. May Allāh enable us to do so. Amīn.

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III^{rh} says in his book Khilāfat and Mujaddidiyyat:

This Khilāfat has one entity. Khilāfat is a soul and it has a body — the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at. The combination of the soul and body forms an institution. In 1967, a few Christian priests visited me in Copenhagen, Denmark. One of them asked me my position in Jamā'at Ahmadiyya. To this I replied that his question was wrong because we take the Imām Jamā'at Ahmadiyya and the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya as synonymous. It means that the Khalīfa of the age and the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya are combined to form one body. It is the task of the Khilāfat to struggle for the removal of Jamā'at's troubles. The Khalīfa of the age has to pray for you. At times he passes through such conditions when week after week he spends the entire night in supplicating for your concern, as he actually did during the 1974 trials. I think I could not sleep for a full two months as these months were spent in supplications. So the Khalīfa of the age is the person who should partake in your grief as well as in your happiness. He should be the one who is supplicating for your mundane welfare in accordance with the prayer of the Holy Qur'ān:

"Our Lord, grant us the good in this world", and also praying for your spiritual betterment as the prayer continues in the above verse with the words, "as well as in the world to come." (2:202)

(Khilāfat and Mujaddidiyyat, pg 10-11)

The Institution of Khilafat



By: Sadia Aziz, Calgary NW

What can be more frightening for a righteous community than the death of its spiritual father? It is like a body without a head. What are the believers to do? In Sūrah An-Nur, verse 56, Allāh Almighty gives tidings of peace and security after this fear of Muslims.

In accordance with the promise made in the above mentioned verse, the early Muslims were blessed with Khilāfat at the time of their greatest fear — the demise of the Holy Prophetsa. This surely was the time for the fulfillment of the promise by God; and the promise was fulfilled in a grand way. Allāh chose Hazrat Abu Bakrra to lead the Muslims in this 'state of fear' and in a matter of moments changed their fear into a state of security. The mission of the Holy Prophetsa was continued by the four righteous Khulafā', and within a span of thirty years the worship of One God was established not only in Arabia but also in distant lands.

We are fortunate to be born in an age when the Almighty God has once again fulfilled His promise by transforming the long state of fear into the promised, ever-lasting state of security. Through the advent of the Promised Messiahas and after him the establishment of the institution of Khilāfat among the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, we have witnessed the fulfillment of Allāh's promise in our own time. In his book *Al-Wasiyyat*, the Promised

Messiah^{as} gave the glad tiding of the "second manifestation", which will be everlasting and unending until the Day of Judgment. The Promised Messiah^{as}, after fulfilling his divine mission, passed away on May 26, 1908. The next day Hazrat Maulana Noorud-Din^{ra} was elected as Khalīfatul-Masīh I. His greatest accomplishment for the Jamā'at was the establishment of the institution of Khilāfat.

On his Hazrat Mirza Bashir-uddin demise, Mahmood Ahmadra was elected as Khalīfa-tul Masih II^{ra}. Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd^{ra} was a visionary who established a strong system of administration for the community and initiated many monetary schemes to further the cause of Islām, Ahmadiyyat. Among the many schemes he launched, Tahrīk Jadīd and Waqf Jadīd are the most important ones. He also established the auxiliary organizations of Atfālul-Ahmadiyya, Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya, Ansārullāh, Nasiratul-Ahmadiyya and Lajna Imāillāh for the enhancement of the moral and spiritual training of Ahmadis of various age groups. Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūdra also established the Majlis Shura (a consultative body) and the Qaza Board (a system providing the Jamā'at members a fair way to settle their disputes). One of the greatest blessings of his Khilāfat is the publication of Tafseer Kabeer, a commentary of the Holy Qur'an in Urdu, which consists of more than 10 thousand pages.

The Guided Khilāfat



Hazrat Abu Bakrra

Period of Khilāfat: 632-634 AD (2 years) Lasting a little over two years, Hazrat Abu Bakr^{ra'}s Khilāfat successfully maintained Muslim unity after the death of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

Hazrat Usmanra

Period of Khilāfat: 644-656 AD (12 years) As Khalīfa, Hazrat Usman bin Affan^{ra} oversaw the reproduction and propagation of the Holy Qur'ān throughout the Muslim state. He also spent much of his personal wealth for further propagation of Islām.



Hazrat Umarra

Period of Khilāfat: 634-644 AD (10 years) By forming a consultative body of advisors to the Khalīfa and dividing the Islāmic state into multiple provinces, Hazrat Umar bin Khattab^{ra} established an effective system of Islāmic administration and governance.



Hazrat Alira

Period of Khilāfat: 656-661 AD (5 years) Cousin and son-in-law of the Holy Prophet^{sa}, Hazrat Ali ibn Abi Talib^{ra} sought to establish peace after Hazrat Usman^{ra}'s assassination.

Source: alislam.org/khilafat/

After Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūdra's demise, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmadrh was elected as Khalīfatul-Masīh IIIrh. He started the Fazl Umar Foundation to promote research work and education; as well as the Nusrat Jahan scheme under which countless schools and hospitals have been established. He would also be remembered for the motto he gave to our Jamā'at: "Love for All, Hatred for None".

The Khilāfat of Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalīfatul-Masīh IV^{rh}, started in 1982. During his Khilāfat, Jamā'at was extremely blessed with its membership growing from 10 million to an amazing 150 million worldwide. Under his guidance, thousands of mosques, mission houses, clinics, hospitals, schools and colleges were established. He also launched the first Islāmic channel, Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA).

Presently Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aa} is guiding the Jamā'at as the Khalīfatul-Masīh V. Since being elected Khalīfa, Hazoor^{aa} has led a worldwide campaign to convey the peaceful message of Islām, through all forms of print and digital media. In 2004, he launched the annual National Peace Symposium.

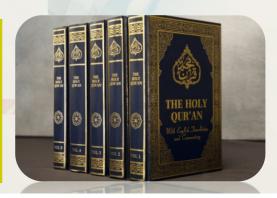
It should be very clear by now that Khilāfat is not only a very blessed institution but also a very important one in Islām and calls for the highest degree of obedience. The Khalīfa plays an important role in bringing all members of the Jamā'at under one banner. To all members he is, at all times, a deeply loving father. They can look up to him for guidance and advice in all circumstances. It is only through the blessings of Khilāfat that Ahmadiyyat has made progress in the past as it continues to do so today and Insha'Allah will do so for centuries to come.

In his Friday sermon on May 29, 2015, Huzoor^{aa} said: "God also deemed it the duty of those who claim to adhere to the system of Khilāfat to become its helpers and be resolute in safeguarding their own faith as well as taking the message of faith to others."

May Allāh the Exalted enable all of us to be truly grateful for this blessing and may He grant us the ability to faithfully abide by the commandments of the Khalīfa of the time.

Blessings of Obedience to

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Islām means submission. Another word for submission is obedience. Therefore, obedience to Allāh is practicing our faith, Islām.

Allāh says in the Holy Qur'ān:

who believe! obey Allāh, obey His Messenger and those who are in authority among you. And if you differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allāh and His Messenger if you are believers in Allāh and the Last Day. That is best and most commendable in the end. (4:60)

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūdra says in his commentary of the Holy Qur'an regarding this verse that the word "obey" has come before the words Allāh and Messenger and not those who are in authority indicating that obedience to authority constituted by Law is in reality obedience to God and His Messengersa.1 Allāh advises us to be dutiful to authority as this is best for us in the end.

ence in the following verses:

The response of the believers, when they are called to Allāh and His Messenger in order that he may judge between them, is only that they say: 'We hear and we obey.' And it is they who will prosper. (24:52)

Allāh has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will

is a beautiful word and how for- surely establish for them their religion which He has tunate are we as Muslims that chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in our Gracious Allāh, the Creator of all that exists, exchange security and peace after their fear: They will named our religion Himself. Islām comes from the worship Me, and they will not associate anything root word 'aslama meaning to submit (to God) and with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. (24:56)

> Allāh manifests His Power through establishing the system of Khilāfat and if one remains steadfast he witnesses the miracle of God. First, the Power of Allāh manifests when a Prophet is established amid his opponents. Secondly, the Power of Allāh manifests when the Prophet passes away and the system of Khilāfat is established fulfilling the promise in Sūrah Al-Nur, verse 56. That is, after the fear, Allāh shall firmly re-establish them. This method saves the Jamā'at and in turn individuals from disintegration and the spiritual progress of the community continues.² To be part of such a community is truly wonderful and a blessing.

In addition, these verses explain that when we display obedience, we become the recipient of Allāh's blessings. Allāh has promised security, peace and prosperity when obedience is practiced by the believers. Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūdra explained in his com-Furthermore, Allāh mentions the rewards of obedi-mentary of the Holy Qur'ān: "The words, 'Whosoever is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious,' signify that Khilāfat is a great Divine blessing. Without it there can be no solidarity, cohesion or unity among Muslims and therefore they can make no real progress without it. If Muslims do not show proper appreciation of Khilāfat by giving support and obedience to their Khulafā' they will forfeit this great Divine boon and in addition will draw the displeasure of God upon themselves. As long as

Khilāfat will endure among Muslims as an active force Muslims will march from success to success."³

Our beloved master Prophet Muhammad^{sa}, has instructed us on this issue as follows:

"He who obeys me has obeyed Allāh and he who disobeys me has disobeyed Allāh, and he who obeys the Ameer has obeyed me and he who disobeys the Ameer has disobeyed me." (Bukhari)

The Ameer referred to here is, in the modern sense, our beloved Huzoor^{aa} and all those in Huzoor's Jamā'at who have been appointed into positions of authority.

In his speech on the occasion of *Jalsa Sālāna*, Qadian on December 27, 1914, Hazrat Mirza Bashirud-Din Mahmud Ahmad announced that those of us who are under the umbrella of Khilāfat are not like those who have turned away from Khilāfat. He said:

You have someone who has true sympathy towards you; who truly loves you; who considers your pain and suffering to be his own; and who is always praying to Allāh for you.⁴

Now, who in the world (other than one's own parents) would feel such anxiety for our well being and pray restlessly before his Lord for the sake of our comfort and peace? It is truly a blessing that we have our beloved Huzooraa, who shares such love and affection towards us.

Being under divine guidance in the form of Khilāfat is a blessing. There is a sense of peace in knowing that our beloved Huzoor^{aa} is concerned with our spiritual well-being. There is a sense of security in knowing that someone is always there to remind us

of our duties and responsibilities towards God and His creatures. Finally, there is great comfort in knowing that even if we lack in praying for ourselves, there is always someone praying for us and our well-being.

I will conclude with the narration of Mostapha Sabit sahib, who asked Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrulla Khan^{ra} the reason for his success.

Without any hesitation to think about an answer, he said "because through all my life, I was obedient to Khilāfat."⁵

How blessed are we to hold the rope of Khilāfat that leads us to righteousness and unites us to establish peace, love and harmony in the world for the sake of Allāh. Alhumdolillah!

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(Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūdra, Five Volume Commentary of the Holy Qur'ān, p.2290)

Our Lifeline to Khilāfat: Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA)

By: Naheed Khokhar, National Tabligh Seccretary and Vice President Lajna Imāillāh Canada

On March 13, 2020, our beloved Imām, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa addressed the issue of the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 during his weekly Friday Sermon. He advised us to listen to the direction of our respective governments and to increase our attention towards Allāh and prayers. The next Friday, on March 27, 2020, as the lockdown and social distancing restrictions were made mandatory in United Kingdom and Juma'ah prayers could not be held as usual, Huzooraa delivered a message from his office in Islamabad. His immense love for the members of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya was again shown as he expressed that had he not addressed the Jamā'at today at 'Juma'ah time', Ahmadis all over the world would have been very distraught and concerned. Huzooraa's calming message indeed brought peace over everyone listening.

Over the past several years, Huzooraa has continuously reminded us that we need to watch MTA for at least 1 hour a day. With 168 hours in a week, asking us to use at least 7 of those hours to watch MTA, is not onerous for the members of the Jama`at.

This my dear sisters, is the immediate benefit of obedience to Khilāfat. By engaging in MTA, we are given the real-life feeling of being with Huzooraa while not living physically in the United Kingdom. Imagine not being able to see our beloved Huzooraa when he delivered his historic Friday Sermon on April 3rd, 2020. On this day Huzooraa addressed tens of millions of Ahmadi Muslims around the globe, while only a few were physically

present in front of him. Had we not developed a practice to watch MTA on a regular basis, such milestones in the history of Islām Ahmadiyya would be missed by us.

By watching MTA on a regular basis we have the opportunity to see many programs addressing Ta'līm [educational development], Tarbiyaat [personal moral and value training] and even Tablīgh [out-reach opportunities] on a regular basis. At other times we are able to see LIVE addresses by our beloved Huzooraa on various topics to help us lead a life that helps bring us closer to Allāh Almighty. And the weekly Friday Sermons ensure that all the Ahmadis around the globe are getting the same message, on a constant basis, to enhance the fulfillment of our Haquq-Allāh (fulfilling obligations to Allāh) and Haququl-Ibad (fulfilling rights of humanity).

The blessings of Khilāfat are endless and we should be amongst those who are grateful to be able to see and hear the signs of the Promised Messiahas through the blessing of having Huzooraa in our personal homes. Amīn Suma Amīn.

Obedience to Khilāfat is the first step towards strengthening the bond with our Khalīfa and bridging the gap between us and Allāh. What better way than bringing our Imām and spiritual father into our homes through MTA.

Guide us in the right path - (1:6)

The path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed *Thy* blessings, those who have not incurred *Thy* displeasure, and those who have not gone astray. (1:7)

Obedience to Khilāfat: The Key to Making our Homes Paradise

By: Mohsina Islām, Hamilton

With COVID-19 gripping nations worldwide, countless businesses are temporarily closed while millions of people are in quarantine at home. For some, this lockdown may be a welcome change—time to bond with family, finish outstanding tasks, or adopt a new hobby. For others, this state of affairs may pose a few challenges—trying to keep the home orderly and keeping children occupied while simultaneously working from home. Regardless of what camp we find ourselves in, we can all get through this pandemic. Indeed, we can even make our homes paradise. "How so?" you may ask. By continuing to obey Khilāfat and following the guidance of our beloved Khalīfa.

As Ahmadi Muslims, we are blessed with Khilāfat: the divine institution that unites us under one leader—the Khalīfa. Through the Khalīfa we are provided moral training and guided toward reformation. Khilāfat brings us closer to the One True God, reminding us of the purpose of our creation. When we obey the Khalīfa of the time, we reap the blessings of the heavenly institution of Khilāfat.

In the Holy Qur'ān, Sūrah Al-Nur, verse 56 informs believers that if they act with goodness, Allāh will bestow upon them the reward of Khilāfat. However, this reward is contingent on obedience. Thus, as long as we remain obedient to Khilāfat, we will receive its blessings, one of which is security and peace.

Now more than ever, we are in desperate need of security and peace, as we grapple with the fear of a dangerously infectious disease. There are many unknowns and the situation continues to worsen on a daily basis. Thankfully, we can fill our homes with peace by listening to and obeying the Khalīfa of the time. In his Friday sermon of May 24, 2019, on the topic of Khilāfat and obedience, Huzoor^{aa} stated:

"If we wish to truly benefit from the promise of the blessings of Khilāfat, we must not only safeguard our prayers and stay away from *shirk*, but it is also incumbent that **we obey the Khalīfa of the time**, otherwise we shall be counted among the disobedient, just as the Promised Messiahas stated that they will not truly be deemed among his followers. God Almighty states the Jamā'at of believers, who remain firmly attached to Khilāfat, also **pay attention to observing prayer**, **populate the mosques**, **give Zakat**, **make financial sacrifices** for the sake of Allāh and His Messengersa and who follow the commands of God Almighty and the practice of the Holy Prophetsa to the best of their ability [...] God Almighty will have mercy on such servants" (Friday sermon May 24, 2019).

Although we cannot congregate in mosques for the time being, we can certainly pray in congregation in our own homes, recite the Qur'ān daily, watch MTA, read the books of the Promised Messiahas and Khulafā', pay Zakat and offer financial sacrifices. On Fridays, we can continue to listen to Huzoor'saa Friday sermon and offer Friday prayers as a family.

These Friday sermons, like all of Huzoor'saa addresses, have the ability to fill our homes with unparalleled tranquility. Not only do we observe silence during the Friday sermon, but we, as a family, experience a certain connection to Huzooraa through MTA. In his Friday sermon of June 6, 2014, Huzooraa beautifully explained the connection a Khalīfa has wih his followers. He stated:

"Khalīfa of the time has a personal connection with people of all backgrounds and all races. The content of the daily post of the Khalīfa of the time is an

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How to Bring Peace and Security in our Homes

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Our Khulafā' have a left a treasure of knowledge in the form of speeches, addresses and written books. Our current Imām, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa continues to guide the Jamā'at in the same manner. By following the guidance of our Huzooraa, we can make our homes paradise in this world. The peace and security that comes from following the true Islāmic teachings can only be obtained by obeying the Imām of this age. Here we present quotes from our spiritual father on various topics:

Huzoor^{aa} quoted in his Friday Sermon on February 24, 2017:

"The only way we can escape difficulties is by prostrating in front of Allāh, the Almighty, with complete devotion and sincerity of the heart, we must also pay special attention towards Istighfār (seeking forgiveness) and sadqa (alms)."

Allāh indeed is very Forgiving and Merciful to those who stand in front of Him with humility and sincerity. Remembering Allāh through offering daily prayers and reciting the Holy Qur'ān are the most effective ways to avoiding sinful behaviour, and reforming oneself to become righteous Muslims.

To educate young Ahmadi Muslims on the importance of communication, values, and patience in the relationship between husband and wife, Huzoor^{aa} has said:

"In general terms the situation is that our rate of divorce and Khula is continuing to rise. The reason for this is impatience, lack of virtues and distance from Taqwa." (Garments for Each Other, pg. 132)

Huzooraa further says:

"Keep your eyes closed to each other's shortcomings and keep your eyes open to each other's good qualities. After all, each person, be it a man or a woman, has good qualities as well as shortcomings." (Garment for Each Other, pg.122)

This invaluable advice highlights the importance of

developing and living with harmony in our homes with our spouses and in-laws. If every young Ahmadi Muslim were to read this book, they would immensely benefit from the Islāmic guidance of the Khalīfa in their marriage.

Parents are also a role model for their children. Huzoor^{aa} advises:

"Men and women are the basic unit of society. Although they are different genders, they have a connection, and after joining in the relationship as husband and wife, they become a unit. If this unit and couple do not have Taqwa, then there is also no guarantee for the Taqwa of the next generation." (Garments for Each Other, pg. 118)

Parents need to show their obedience to Khilāfat and devotion to Islāmic practices so that their children can observe them and grow up with good morals and behaviour, avoiding sin and understanding their status in front of Allāh as His servants.

The following quotes describe how obeying Khilāfat helps in making homes paradise: Huzoor Anwar^{aa} says in the Friday Sermon of June 6th 2014:

"To save yourself from destruction and ruin, and to avoid being misguided and going astray you must elevate the standard of your obedience to the highest possible level. Only by attaching yourselves with Khilāfat and by displaying patience can difficulties be successfully faced."

May Allāh enable us to obey Khilāfat and understand the beneficial teachings from it so that we can make our homes a paradise. Amīn.

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Khalīfa — Our Spiritual Father

By: Esha Rehman, PVCW

God has bestowed on humans free will to choose the path they wish to follow, but how do we know which path is the best? We may be knowledgeable but still be blind to the truth. The solution lies in leadership as it is the key to humanity's success. We Ahmadi Muslims are blessed with a righteous and holy leader chosen by God Almighty. He is the holy light that God shines upon us, like a shining lighthouse in a sea of perpetuating darkness.

Our Lord, the Gracious and the Merciful, states in Sūrah 24, verse 56 that He will continue to protect Islām and its followers through the institution of Khalifat. Allāh understands the weak nature of man and consequently, He sends down a righteous man to guide us into spiritual prosperity. Khilāfat is established not through political or pseudo-religious movements, but by God Himself.

As values and beliefs change, what is considered right and wrong may become confusing for some. It is through the system of Khilāfat that we seek guidance on current moral dilemmas, so that our actions reflect the true teachings of Islām. Through the institution of Khilāfat we gain spiritual knowledge on how to handle worldly matters. Khilāfat is a shield against the evils of this world, and a reminder for us to adhere to Islāmic principles. There are infinite blessings of Khilāfat – our Khalīfa is our shepherd in this lost world.

Moreover, it is important to consider that a Khalīfa is a man, a blessed man, but a man nonetheless. This was part of God's design, to set this man as an example for mankind. As humans we are prone to follow those who are similar to ourselves, thus it is only essential that our spiritual guide is part of mankind. Though he may be man, one cannot find another human on this planet who will inspire the same atmosphere of peace and security. Around the globe politicians and world leaders are in awe of his Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa. His sheer presence illuminates the room and his eloquent speech moves the hearts of all those present. He is a spiritual guide for all mankind who prays earnestly for the entire world. A man whose heart is so filled with love for humanity that the mere thought of his love brims the eyes with tears.

One may not realize the importance of this light until they experience total darkness. This is beautifully captured in the documentary *Four Days without a Shepherd* (broadcast on MTA), which describes the events that took place after the death of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV^{rh}—there were a few days when Jamā'at was without a Khalīfa. In a mere span of four days, the entire Jamā'at felt as if the world itself was crumbling. There was a sense of panic over the unknown fate of the future. Only after Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmadaa was elected as Khalīfatul-Masīh V (the fifth) did the members of Jamā'at finally feel a sense of security and peace.

As humble servants of Khilāfat, let us pray that may Allāh continue to bless Ahmadiyyat with the institution of Khilāfat, and that may Allāh strengthen Huzoor'saa hands and grant him prosperity in all aspects of life. May Allāh continue to bless the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at with the institution of Khilāfat and guide the world to a path of prosperity, Amīn.

Muslim Television Ahmadiyya



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"I shall carry your message to the ends of the earth." (Tadhkirah, pg. 407)

The Promised Messiahra received this prophecy in a quaint village of Qadian in India in 1898. This message has become a hallmark of the many successes of Ahmadiyyat, most prominently, the creation of MTA, the Muslim Television Ahmadiyya. MTA was launched by Khalīfatul-Masīh IV^{rh}, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad on August 21, 1992. It is a 24-hour, commercial-free television station, with multiple channels, which broadcast programs concerning the matters of Islām globally. Since its inception, MTA has remained a non-profit TV station which is run mostly by volunteers, with the only source of funding coming from the members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. MTA serves as the main source of media for the Jama'at and aims to spread the message of Islām around the world.

The programs broadcast on MTA contain valuable information for people across the world. The most important program which is watched across the globe is the Friday Sermon of Khalīfatul-Masīh V, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aa}. The sermon is a source of guidance for the members of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, coming directly from their Khalīfa.

Through MTA, Ahmadis from all over the world can see and hear their Khalīfa even if they are not physically present in front of him. Other programs include educational and cultural programs for both children and adults, world news, and a collection of talk shows. Many of these shows allow listeners to tune in and ask a question pertaining to the topic, so that they may receive answers to their inquiries.

Due to the audience being members from all over the world, a number of programs are simultaneously translated into other languages such as English, German, Bengali, Arabic, French, Urdu and others. This allows the listeners to fully understand the message being conveyed and allows for a level of comfort. An example of this is the Friday Sermon, which is translated live in 8 or 9 languages. After the recording is over, it is later translated into more languages.

May Allāh continue to bless MTA and its workers and may Allāh continue to make this institution a helping hand of Khilāfat. Amīn.

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The Promised Messiah^{as} writes about the greatness of the system of Khilāfat, its wisdom and blessing, in his book **Shahādatul Qur'ān**: 'A Khalīfa is in actual fact a prophet 's shadow. As no human has eternal life, therefore Allāh the Exalted willed to everlastingly establish the prophet's beings, which are more eminent and superior to all beings in the world, till the Day of Judgment in a shadow-like manner. Hence for this motive Allāh the Exalted planned Khilāfat so that the world may never, in any age be deprived of the blessings of prophethood." (Shahādatul Qur' an – Ruhani Khazā'in, Vol. 6, p. 353).

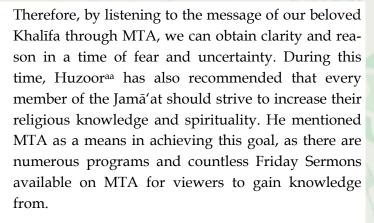
MTA— Our Connection to Khilāfat

By: Sarah Siddiqui RN, Calgary North West

Ahmadi Muslims are incredibly blessed to have the institution of Khilāfat. Our beloved Khalīfa continuously provides guidance when the Jamā'at is in need of direction under various circumstances. Today, we are able to directly hear the messages provided by our Huzooraa in an instant through the blessing of MTA. MTA is an Ahmadiyya Muslim Television channel that was launched under the direction of Khalīfatul-Masīh IVrh, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmadrh in the year 1992. From the time MTA was initiated, it

has continued to grow immensely and been an excellent means for Ahmadis across the globe to connect with Khilāfat and the Ahmadiyya community regardless of physical boundaries. Presently, much of the content provided by MTA is readily available online and anyone with a television, computer or smartphone can benefit from MTA and obtain the bountiful blessings of Khilāfat.

A recent example of this blessing is related to the guidance which Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīhaa has provided for us during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Many misconceptions arose in the community as people speculated that this pandemic is a sign from God, similar to the plague which occurred at the time of the Promised Messiahas. However, Huzooraa clarified that this pandemic is neither a prophesized sign from God, nor can the spirituality of a person be established upon whether or not they become ill with this infection. He also outlined the measures that members of the Jamā'at should take in order to protect themselves from this illness. (Friday Sermons, April 3rd and 10th, 2020)



One of the most significant blessings of MTA is, that it allows us to listen directly to Huzoor^{aa}'s instructions on a weekly basis through the Friday Sermon. Through Friday Sermons, we can maintain a close connection with Khilāfat and adhere to the guidance provided by Huzoor^{aa}. Our beloved Huzoor^{aa} has repeatedly advised Jamā'at members to watch his sermons and implement his instruc-

tions in their lives. Huzoor^{aa} raises issues relevant to today's society and provides valuable solutions as per Islāmic teachings to rectify them. Moreover, the Friday Sermon encourages us to reflect upon our shortcomings so that we can improve our spiritual status. Those who heed Huzoor^{aa}'s guidance distinguish themselves in the eyes of Allāh through their sincere obedience towards Khilāfat. Allāh says in the Holy Qur'ān:

The response of the believers, when they are called to Allāh and His Messenger in order that he may judge between them, is only that they say: 'We hear and we obey.' And it is they who will prosper. (24:52)



MTA also enables us to watch both current and previous Jalsa Sālānas across the world. The Jalsa Sālāna is a significant event in our Jamā'at that promotes brotherhood and helps increase religious knowledge among the members of the community. One of the largest Jalsa Sālānas occurs in United Kingdom, and the entire program is broadcasted on MTA so that Ahmadis across the world can benefit from the informative speeches of Huzooraa and other Jamā'at members. Furthermore, every year we are blessed to have the opportunity to join the entire Jamā'at and partake in the live International Ba'ait at the hands of our beloved Khalīfa regardless of which country we reside in.

MTA also broadcasts many informative programs such as 'Beacon of Truth', 'Balance', 'Faith Matters' and many more which are catered for various

audiences. These programs discuss pertinent topics that impact us in our daily lives and also help answer questions about the true teachings and interpretations from the Holy Qur'ān and Ahādīth. There are also numerous other programs such as 'Story Time' for children, 'Rahe Huda', an interactive program to answer allegations against Ahmadiyyat, as well as Huzoor's sittings with Waqf Nau children. Thus, MTA brings into our homes such wealth of knowledge that cannot be attained anywhere else.

MTA is an immense blessing for the Jamā'at from Allāh the Almighty as it provides every individual access to a treasure of knowledge, but it also keeps us connected to our Khalīfa. It is our responsibility to take advantage of this gift to the fullest extent so that we can become among those righteous people who can say "we hear and we obey".

Khilāfat — the Rope of Allāh

By: Parsa Sahi

And hold fast, all together, by the rope of Allāh and be not divided; (3: 104)

In the commentary of the Holy Qur'ān (Volume 2 of Five-Volume Commentary, pg. 539), Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh II^{ra} explains the meaning of the 'rope of Allāh' as having these meanings, by holding on to which Muslims may remain united:

- 1. The Holy Qur'ān
- 2. The Messenger of God
- 3. The Successors to the Messenger of God

By pondering over this verse, it becomes apparent that we are the fortunate ones who have amongst us the manifestation of this verse, the rope of Allāh. Not only are we blessed by the guidance of the Holy Qur'ān and the blessed example of our Holy Master, the Holy Propetsa, but also as promised to the believers in the latter days and foretold by the Holy Prophetsa, we also have Khilāfat!

Khilāfat is the rope of Allāh that unites and saves us fortunate ones from falling into the pit of fire. We only have to recognise our duty — to hold on tight to

it and not be divided.

The blessings of obedience to Khilāfat are countless, but now as the pandemic of COVID-19 is unfolding and changing the world like never seen in our generation, we can recognize and appreciate the effects of obedience to Khilāfat. Not many of us would have ever imagined, when Huzooraa instructed all Ahmadis to stock up on emergency and essential items months before the unfolding of the pandemic, that we would see scenes like empty shelves in supermarkets and people panicking and queuing up to grab whatever they can.

Our life is with Khilāfat— our safety and protection is in holding tight onto this rope of Khilāfat. Let us try our best to establish a close relationship with Khilāfat. We are so fortunate that we are able to write to Huzoor^{aa} directly, and our beloved Huzoor^{aa} prays for us and guides us in our personal matters as well. Let us never forget the favour of Allāh that He has bestowed us with and let us act upon the commands of Allāh in the truest sense. Amīn.

Accounts of Personal Experiences with Khilafat

By: An-Nisaa' Team

One of the greatest blessings of Khilāfat for us is the prayers of the Khalīfa, as the prayers of Khalīfa find special acceptance with Allāh. Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh II^{ra} says: "When Allāh raises someone to the status of Khilāfat, He also blesses his prayers with assured acceptance. In fact, the supplications of the Khalīfa are more powerful than the prayer of any other individual." (Mansab-i-Khilāfat, p.32) There is hardly any Ahmadi who has not experienced the miracles of the acceptance of the Khalīfa's prayers. Here we present some accounts of personal experiences with our beloved Khalīfa:

Dr. Fozia Zakaria of Edmonton writes: Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV^{rh}, was visiting Canada in 1997, and it was my intense desire to have a Mulaqat with Huzoor^{rh} with my 2 young boys. We were financially strapped – so I prayed to Allāh Almighty. Seeing my desire and resolve, my husband bought tickets to Vancouver on his credit card, but we were worried about paying back this debt. By the Grace of Allah, we had a memorable time in Vancouver in the company of Huzoorth and had a Mulagat. The same evening a relative who was visiting us from Portland and had seen me after a long time with my children, gave me money to buy gifts for the children. Surprisingly, it was exactly the same amount we had spent on travelling to Vancouver! This indeed was due to the blessing of Khilāfat!

Asma Purewal of Castlemore-Brampton writes: A few years back my son was sick and his fever would not break. He had high fever for five consecutive days and even the doctors were not helpful. Under this distress we wrote a letter to Huzoor^{aa} for my son's health and explained to him about his condition. We faxed the letter at night and by the Grace of Allāh and Huzoor^{aa}'s prayers my son did not have a fever the next morning.

Bisma Shahzadi of Caledon-Brampton says: I am currently in my second year of undergraduate stud-

ies in Global Health. A lot of people told me not to get involved in Jamā'at work or attend regular meetings, as it could affect my studies, and lead to poor grades at school. However, I decided not to leave Jamā'at work and aimed to do my best in studies and leave the rest to God. By the grace of Allah, I achieved A+ in most of my courses. Similarly, I'd like to relate another incident. Once I had two midterms on the same day - while a day before my exams, there was an Interfaith Symposium program that I had to attend with my guests. I was unsure what to do, as the exams were important (and worth 30% of my final marks), but so was the Interfaith Symposium! I decided that as an `Amila member I needed to attend and also perform the assigned duty of leading a mosque tour. I attended the entire day at the mosque from set-up to wind-up. When I returned home, I decided to study, but before starting I wrote a letter to Huzooraa requesting prayers. I studied the entire night and went to school for my midterms. By the Grace of Allāh, I achieved 90% in one exam, and 85% in the other. This result was all because of the blessings of Jamā'at work and my Khalīfa's prayer!

Alia Kanwal of Caledon – Brampton writes: The blessings of obedience of Khilāfat are manifold in our lives if we reflect. In 2004, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīhaa instructed Ahmadis to sign up for the scheme of Wasiyyat. I personally wanted to fulfill his wish, but due to some personal reasons I couldn't. Then around 2012, I expressed my wish to my husband to join the scheme of Wasiyyat. He immediately agreed and after some small hurdles, Allāh the Gracious accepted my humble wish and I became a "Mūsīya". My husband was already a "Mūsī", but the changes I felt were immense. I felt as if whenever Huzooraa would tell us to self reflect, he was speaking to me. I felt my prayers being accepted. And I saw immense blessings being given to our family. The peace and

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Trials & Tribulations - A Sign of Wrath or a Blessing?

By: Basima Shaikh, Woodbridge North

And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient, (2:156)

Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, 'Surely, to Allāh we belong and to Him shall we return.' (2:157)

In life, when many of us are faced with trials and tribulations, we begin to view it as a punishment from our Lord. However, what we often fail to realize is that every trial presented to us by Allāh is a form of blessing!

Through trials, we are forced to re-evaluate our relationship with Allāh Almighty. Those with a strong faith, forge ahead and increase in taqwa (righteousness) and their love for Allāh. Those with weak faith, either strengthen their faith or become the deniers of faith. Thus, the sufferings distinguish between the true believers and non-believers.

The experiences of the Prophets of Allāh is a great example for us. The true prophets experienced a great number of trials and tribulations in lifetimes, which led them to attain their higher spiritual status. When Hazrat Ibrahamas was asked to sacrifice his son, not once did he question the commandment from his Lord. The Holy Prophetsa was tested the most throughout his entire lifetime; from the moment he was born without a father, to the hardships he endured to bring the message of Islām to this world. After the Holy Prophetsa started calling people toward Allāh, in Mecca he was harassed and tortured tremendously by the Quraish who refused to accept him and his message. They boycotted him, his family and all the Muslims, forcing them to camp out in a valley between the mountains - in Shaab-i-Abi-Talib. The harsh environment deteriorated their health and led to the demise of Hazrat Abu Talib and Hazrat Khadija^{ra}. Despite suffering such heartbreaking losses, the Holy Prophet^{sa} kept his faith in Allāh and moved forward with his mission. If Allāh's beloved prophets suffered so much, then who are we to complain?

Prayer is a spiritual shield for us, so we should not forget to utilize it against all evils of this world. May Allāh forgive us all and enable us to pass all trials and tribulations of this life. Amīn.

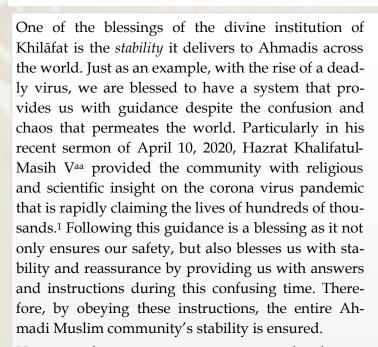
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unbelievable matter for worldly people. People write personal letters to him, discussing their personal affairs. It is Khilāfat that focuses on the pain of every Ahmadi of the world and the Khalīfa of the time prays for them. Which worldly leader prays for the ailing? Which worldly leader is anxious for young women to get married and prays for them? Which worldly leader is concerned about education of children? Indeed, governments provide education and also provide health service but it is the Khalīfa of the time who is anxious for Ahmadi children to seek education and is anxious for them to have good health. There is no problem, be it of the Jamā'at or of someone's private life of which the Khalīfa of the time is not aware, for which he does not make practical efforts and does not turn to God to pray!" (Friday sermon June 6, 2014).

Our connection with Khilāfat is vital to our reformation, and even more vital to the well-being of the family unit. By continuously drawing our attention towards the pristine teachings of Islām, the Khalīfa helps us tread on the right path. When each individual in a home abides by Khilāfat, following the guidance of the Khalīfa, we can rest assured that our homes will become paradise, not only during this difficult time but for a lifetime, Insha'Allāh.

Stability, Security and Protection with Khilāfat

By: Afreen Masood, Richmond Hill

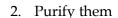


However, there are some amongst us who dare to suggest that the guidance of the Khalīfa of the time limits their freedom. These individuals neglect to acknowledge the role of the Khalīfa, which Allāh has outlined in the following verse of the Holy Qur'ān:

That is, "Verily, Allāh has conferred a favour on the believers by raising among them a Messenger from among themselves, who recites to them His Signs, and purifies them and teaches them the Book and Wisdom; and, before that, they were surely in manifest error." (3:165)

This verse outlines four roles of the Khalifa²—being the vicegerent and successor of a Messenger, a Khalīfa has the same mission:

1. Recite the verses of God to the people



- 3. Teach them the Book
- 4. Impart wisdom to them

Therefore, every single instruction delivered to us by our beloved Huzoor^{aa} is in accordance to the above characteristics and serves the role of strengthening our moral and spiritual condition. In relation to this, the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} has said that "the Imām is like a shield. Indeed, safety is behind the shield alone" (Muslim). How then, can we disagree with the instructions of the Khalīfa of the time if it only results in our protection? Remember, Islāmic teachings restrict certain practices due to their immorality and irrationality. Thus, as true believers, we mustn't allow the delusions of this world to prevent us from reaping the spiritual benefits of this blessed system.

All in all, obedience to Khilāfat is a crucial duty we all hold as Ahmadi Muslims. Not only do we benefit personally from fulfilling this duty, but it ultimately strengthens the community as a whole as this obedience serves as a form of unification amongst Ahamdis across the world. May Allāh enable us to develop a rigid obedience towards our beloved Khalīfa. Amīn.

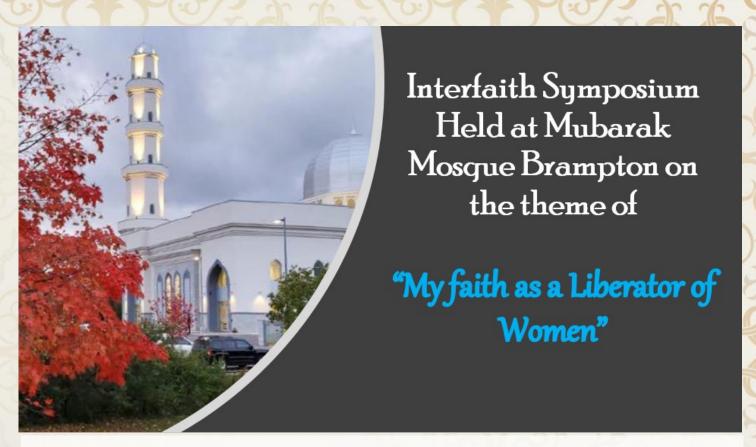
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serenity that was filled in our lives as we made every attempt to keep our religious affairs a priority over our worldly affairs was unexplainable. All my problems were resolved even before I could think of

a solution for them. When I thought there was no way out a miracle would happen and hardships would vanish. During these years I have seen many almost impossible events becoming possible only through the prayers and obedience to Khilāfat!



By: Mutahira Farooqi, Regional Tabligh Coordinator, Brampton West

Allāh says in the Holy Qur'ān:

And whoso obeys Allāh and this Messenger *of His* shall be among those on whom Allāh has bestowed His blessings, namely, the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs, and the Righteous. And excellent companions are these. (4:70)

By the grace of Allāh, we Ahmadis are those fortunate ones who have accepted the Prophet and Messiah of our time, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmadas. We are also blessed to have taken the oath of allegiance to the Khilāfat of the Promised Messiahas.

In showing our obedience to Khilāfat, Lajna Ima'illah Brampton organized a Tablīgh symposium on Sunday, March 1st, 2020 at our beautiful Mubarak Mosque. Women from various faiths, with their faces shining with excitement, were welcomed inside the mosque. The prayer hall with its beautifully decorated stage and full seating arrangements was enhanced by the importance of this blessed event.

The theme of this year's symposium was "My Faith as a Liberator of Women." Lajna members from both

Brampton East and West regions worked very hard to invite guests to this special event. Invitations were received open heartedly by many school teachers, family friends, Churches, and Gurdawaras. As a result, approximately 140 guests attended the event by the Grace of Allāh. According to the Islāmic tradition, the program started with recitation from Holy Qur'ān by Ghazala Saeed Sāhiba. Dania Ahmed Sāhiba wonderfully hosted the event, keeping it very interactive. Among the guest speakers were Dr. Nagini Sharma representing Hinduism, Sister Arliene Botnick representing Judaism, Minister Jean Leckie representing Christianity, Salma Farooqi representing Islām, and Sister Amrit Kaur representing Sikhism. Among the special dignitaries attending were Jaskiran Basion from Peel Regional Police, Balbir Sohi, a Peel District School Board Trustee, Michelle John from the Fire Department and Urz Heer from the City of Brampton's Mayor's office. They all spoke about the liberation of women according to their work and family life experiences. Feedback was collected and many attendees wrote comments in a

guest book. Some comments included:

- "It was a nice experience listening to different experiences of different women from all walks of life and faith. Encouraging and keep it up!!" Ritu R.
- "The speakers were all fabulous. It was neat getting their different perspectives and yet uniting message for the empowerment of women." - Paula P.
- "Enjoyed the variety of experiences told by the speakers. Opened my eyes to the views of others." - Nima W.

Guests enjoyed delicious samosas among other refreshments served in the basement of the mosque. Various booths were also set up including Humanity First, Je Suis Hijābi, Women in Islām, the Promised Messiahas, Pathway to Peace, etc. Other faith groups booths were also set up. Guests were happy and found all the displays highly informative. Allāh Ta'ala bestowed upon us an opportunity to offer our guests a tour of the mosque as well. Masjid Mubarak has a very beautifully organized Tabligh floor with lots of information for non-Ahmadis through large digital banners, a Holy Qur'an exhibition and lots of beautiful calligraphy. As always, this event was organized and run by many volunteers. This included a group of Nāsirāt who were offering water to the guests during the program. May Allāh reward them for their great efforts. Due to the collective effort of all volunteers, the symposium was blessed with a big gathering of almost 375 people.

With the success of this event, the thought comes to mind that, surely, Lajna Ima'illah is a huge blessing of Khilāfat. May Allāh the Almighty bless the soul our beloved Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IIra for establishing Lajna Ima'illah, the auxiliary organization for the moral and spiritual training of Ahmadi women. Now, under the auspicious guidance of our beloved Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa, Lajna Ima'illah Canada strives to spread the message of Islām and Ahmadiyyat in every possible way. Our Respected National Sadar

Sāhiba, Respected National In-charge Social Media, and our Respected National Secretary Tablīgh all played an active part in this event's preparation. Both Regional Presidents as well as Regional Tablīgh Coordinators and all local Tablīgh Secretaries worked especially hard. May Allāh reward them all abundantly. Amīn. What a peaceful, socially, and spiritually involved society of Ahmadi women we have been blessed with.

May Allāh the Almighty strengthen our bond of Khilāfat and increase us in our love of Allāh and His people. May He enable us to continue in our Tablīgh endeavours and may He open the hearts and minds of those people we reach to accept His message.

Standards of Our Obedience

By: Dania Chaudhry

To obey Allāh Almighty's representatives is to obey God Almighty Himself. In today's age, God's representative is the Khalīfatul-Masīh of the time. Thus, his obedience is the obedience of Allāh. Yet we sometimes question his instructions and delay in obeying Huzoor^{aa} even though true obedience is to always act upon his wishes.

Huzoor^{aa} said in his Friday Sermon of May 24, 2019, "In order to secure the continuation of one's worldly and spiritual life, it is essential for believers to raise the standard of their obedience."

The Holy Prophet^{sa} has stated, "One who obeys the Amīr appointed by me, in fact obeys me and one who obeys me, in fact obeys God Almighty. One who disobeys the Amīr appointed by me, in fact disobeys me and my disobedience equates to disobeying God Almighty." (*Sahih Bukhari*, Kitab-ul-Ahkam)

The Amīr in this hadīth in this day and age is the Khalīfa of the time—thus his absolute obedience is incumbent on every Ahmadi. "...**We hear and we obey**..." (24:52) — this should be the standard of our obedience so that we can have a loving bond with our Creator and become righteous. *Amīn!*



How to Celebrate the New Year!

By: Roshan Bajwa, PVCW

Throughout the world, January 1st is celebrated with great zeal and joy. People in every continent spend the New Year's eve staying up at night and engaging in activities such as drinking and partying. This is how the New Year is welcomed by many in the world!

As Ahmadi Muslims, we are blessed to have a spiritual leader who guides us according to the Islāmic teachings. Our beloved Imām, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh Vaa has expounded on this subject in his Friday Sermons and addresses. His instructions serve as excellent guidance for us all.

So how should we celebrate the New Year? Instead of partying the night before, we should reflect on our spirituality and supplicate to Allāh. We must pray that the New Year allows us to become closer to Allāh and that we become good Ahmadi Muslims. We should also reflect on the previous year and ask of ourselves if we have been treading on the path of righteousness. Following are the questions one can ask to self-reflect at the beginning of the New Year, and reform oneself accordingly, as Huzooraa reminded us in his Friday Sermon of December 30, 2016):

- Do we abstain from the shirk (associating partners with Allāh), from falsehood, fornication, adultery, trespasses of the eye, debauchery, dissipation, cruelty, dishonesty, mischief and rebellion?
- Do we offer the five daily prayers punctually? Tahajjud?
- ♦ Do we invoke Durood on the Holy Prophet^{sa}, and

- ask forgiveness for our sins, and praise and glorify God?
- ♦ Do we live up to the commandments to abstain from harming others, practicing forgiveness and humility, and remaining faithful to God in all circumstances of life, in sorrow and happiness, adversity and prosperity, in felicity and trial?
- ◆ Do we completely submit to the authority of the Holy Qurān and the Holy Prophetsa?
- Have we given up pride and vanity?
- Do we pass our days in humility, forbearance and meekness?
- ◆ Do we uphold faith, the honour of faith, and the cause of Islām every day in our lives?
- ◆ Do we keep ourselves engrossed in the service of Islām and God's creatures?
- ◆ Are we using all our faculties to benefit God's creation?
- ◆ Do we pray that we should live up to our duty of obedience to the Promised Messiahas?
- ◆ Do we pray that we may grow in our relationship of love and devotion to Khilāfat? And do we regularly pray for the Khalīfa and for the Jamā'at?

If our responses to the above questions have been positive, we indeed have gained a lot during the past year! However, we must continue on this path and seek Allāh's assistance to remain steadfast. We should pray for ourselves as well as all the Ahmadis around the world to have a New Year full of blessings. Amīn!

Reports of Local Events

International Women's Day Exhibition 2020, Calgary NW

By the Grace of Allāh, Lajna Imāillāh Calgary NW was able to hold its 9th Annual International Women's day exhibition on March 1st, 2020 at a local Multiplex Center in NW Calgary called Vivo.

The program started at 10:30 am and began with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an. Three guest speakers shared their views at the opening ceremony: Ms. Cynthia Watson, CEO at Vivo, Ms. Chantal Stormsong Chagnon, Social Justice Advocate and Activist from Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, Saskatchewan, and Ms. Kim McDonald from Calgary Police Department. A Women in Islām stall introduced the general public to the role of Muslim women by answering their questions and giving free introductory brochures. A few female guests tried on the complimentary Hijābs too. More than 900 guests visited the exhibitions – they stopped by the displays and asked questions. One room was solely dedicated to the exhibition about the "Women in Islām", where displays, exhibition tables, introductory material, copies of Holy Qur'an and books were displayed. Arrangements were also made to entertain the guests with free henna and nail art application. Alhumdolillah, the event was a big success. May Allāh accept our humble efforts. Amīn



Church Visit by Lajna Calgary South

Ishā'at:Team, Calgary South



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day of Saints

By the Grace of Allāh Almighty, Lajna of Calgary South were able to visit the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day of Saints at 200 Cranston Road SE on Dec. 29, 2019. We were invited by a Christian friend who had visited some of our events such as Canada Day and Dine with Muslim Neighbours. The attendance of the trip was, 4 Lajna members, 2 Nāsirāt, 1 Tifl and 1 Khadim. We met with their female missionaries and were shown around the church. After that we had about 30 minutes for a Q & A session with them. We also presented gift bags to our hosts.

Holy Qur'an Exhibition – Malton

On March 08, 2020, the Malton Women Council's 9th Annual International Women's Day Event was held. At this event, Malton Jamā'at set up a booth for a Qur'ān Exhibition. 25 free books as well as 45 brochures were distributed.

Any questions posed were answered and they were directed to Jamā'at's official websites.

A Lajna member also presented a speech at the event highlighting the importance of women mentioned in the Holy Qur'ān — she also spoke about the status of women according to the Ahādīth of the Holy Prophetsa.

Jalsa Musleh Mauʻūd^{ra}, Hamilton Mountain



The Hamilton Mountain Jamā'at celebrated Jalsa Musleh Mau'ūdra on February 22, 2020 with an attendance of 160 including for Ansar, Khuddām, Atfal, Lajna and Nāsirāt. The program for Lajna and Nāsirāt was held separately, which included speeches, presentations, poems and a quiz. A book stall and a Sanato Dastkari stalls were also set up for members' benefit.

Holy Qur'ān Exhibition — Brampton West

On Jan 5, 2020, a Holy Qur'ān Exhibition was held with 3 other Halqas at a local Brampton (Cyril Clark) library. 21 guests attended this blessed event. The Holy Qur'ān with various translations were displayed along with various banners introducing the true Islām and Ahmadiyyat. A stall with Jamā'at's books was also displayed. There was also a virtual reality stall showing a video footage of Holy Kaaba, a henna stall, a Humanity First stall and a stall for kids. The attendance from Jamā'at was 15 Lajna, 1 Nāsira and 3 kids. Guests wrote positive comments. It was a great success, Alhumdolillah. A flyer was also pub-

lished and distributed for the event.



Holy Qur'ān Exhibition at Cyril Clark library in Brampton

Women's Day Exhibition - Edmonton

By: Nayab Butt, Edmonton East

On March 11, 2020, the University of Alberta AMSA held an informational booth in the University of Alberta. In honour of International Women's Day the exhibition discussed Islām's views on gender equality . The approximate attendance was 25. Snacks were provided for the guests who came by, making it an interactive and fun booth!



The Blessed Scheme of Waqf Jadīd

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh II^{ra} stated about the Scheme of Waqf Jadīd:

"This is the undertaking of Allāh, and He Himself will complete it. Since it is Allāh Almighty who has put this inspiration in my heart, I shall endeavour to fulfill it even if I have to sell my house and my clothes to do so and even if not a single person assists me. Allāh shall cut them off from the Jamā'at who are not helping me in this regard and will send down angels from heaven to help me."

(Friday Sermon, January 5, 1958, taken from *An Introduction to Financial Sacrifice*, page 118; https://www.alislam.org/library/books/An-Introduction-to-Financial-Sacrifice.pdf)

WAQF JADĪD AND THE RESPONSI-BILITIES OF MOTHERS

Addressing Ahmadi mothers, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III^{rh} said: "If all the Ahmadi children who grow up under your care, and whose proper upbringing is your responsibility, were to give full attention to this matter....But the fact is that this matter has not been given the attention it deserves. You cannot inculcate the importance of Waqf Jadīd among your children unless you yourselves fully realize its importance."

(Al-Fazl, February 11, 1968, taken from *An Introduction to Financial Sacrifices*, page 118)

EXHORTATION TO AHMADI CHILDREN

While inaugurating Daftar Atfal in 1966, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh III^{rh} said: "Today I appeal to all Ahmadi children (boys and girls) to come forward and fill the gaps which have been left by your elders due to their laxity, and get rid of the weaknesses which have found their way into the work of Waqf Jadīd."

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IV^{rh} said: "If children are made part of Waqf Jadīd at an early age, Allāh increases their ability to offer other Chandas as well."

(Al-Fazl, October 7, 1966, , taken from *An Introduction to Financial Sacrifice*, page 119)

The children who have paid \$100 and more chanda Waqf Jadid are said to be in the Saff Awal (First Row) of Waqf Jadīd department. Their names have been included below for the years of 2018 and 2019.

If any names have been misrepresented or misspelled, the An-Nisaa' team would like to apologize in advance.

Names of Boys and Girls Under 7 Years, Saff Awwal Waqf Jadīd — 2018

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Brampton Flowertown	Sara Ahmad	Hamilton South	Shahzain Masroor
	Azlan Ahmad		Jaziba Shehzad
PVCE	Safwan Ahmad	Winnipeg	Safir Ahmed
Vancouver Delta	Amna Khan	1 0	Neha Chaudhry
	Aleem Ahmad	Brampton Heart Lake	Haris Umair Ahmad
	Mustafa Ahmed Bajwa	Brumpton Fredit Bake	Rafia Rehman
	Tamseel Ahmad Bajwa	St. Catharine	Madiha Haroon
V.	Samreen Mahmood Bajwa	St. Catharine	Aisha Haroon
Vancouver Surrey South	Zawaar Mahmood Ghuman		Ayaan Janood Syed
	Eysa Mahmood Ghuman	Weston Islington	Affan Ahmed Janood
	Rohaan Tahir Malik	- Vrestori ismirgtori	Ayesha Noor
	Asher Hassan Wahla		Shafia Sajid
Brampton East Montreal center	Rizwan Ahmed	Windsor Ontario Ottawa West	Ehsaan Ali
	Ismail Balouch		Nashwa Asif
	Maryam Fazal Ullah		Mashrosh Asif
Montreal Center	Waliullah Khan		Sabika Khan
	Danish Ahmad Malik		Bareerah Ahmad
Lloydminster Jamā'at	Hassan Ahmad		Zimal Saadat
	Abeera Faiz Ahmad	Woodbridge South	Dania Dawood
Kitchener Waterloo	Naima Khalood	Colores Misst	Inaaya Virk
Abbotsford Jamā'at	Shaheen Amtul Noor	Calgary West	Jariullah Zafar
	Shaheen Subhan Aslam	Burlington	Adan Aqsa Waqar
Ottom F. 1	Rameez Ahmad	Edmonton East Jamā'at	Dawar Jawaid
Ottawa East	Shaheer Ahmad		Hamna Salmana Chaudhary
	Amatul Karim Yusuf	Brampton Peel Village Am	Amal Ahmad
Calgary West	Alveena Mariam Yusuf		Ayaan Mubashar

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Brampton East	Ismail Balouch		Nashwa Asif
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	Abeera Faiz Ahmad	Woodbridge South	Dania Dawood
Kitchener Waterloo	Naima Khalood	Calgary West	Inaaya Virk
	Shaheen Amtul Noor		Jariullah Zafar
Abbotsford Jamā'at	Shaheen Subhan Aslam	Burlington	Adan Aqsa Waqar
Ottawa East	Rameez Ahmad	Edmonton East Jamā'at	Dawar Jawaid
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Calmara William	Amatul Karim Yusuf		Amal Ahmad
Calgary West	Alveena Mariam Yusuf		Ayaan Mubashar

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	Adan Afzal Chatha	Vaughan South	Maheen Murtaza
	Ata ul Wahab Mudabbir Ahmad		Nudrat Sajjil
Woodbridge North	Muneeb ur Rehman Mohar		Habban Ahmad
	Nida ur Rehman Mohar		Areesha Basharat
	Sheikh Hamza Mahmood	Bradford	Urwa Zafar
	Dawood Muneefa Ahmad		Aafia rabbani
	Shah Jamal Ahmad		Shafia saqib
Halqa Baitun Nur	Adam Nasir Chaudhry		Aabis Ahmad
Calgary	Sajeel Ahmad	Regina	Faiza Sultan
	Mubashir Sajeel Ahmed	- C	Muhammad Masroor Ahmad Sultan
	Mashal Ahmad		Moeez Rizvi
Mississauga West	Muneefa Ahmad	Milton West	Mekail Junaid
	Rafsana Ahmad		Eman Junaid
	Jaziba Nawaz Ahmad	Montreal East	Nyle Shiraz Ahmad
Calcarra Tarra dala	Razia Nawaz Ahmad		Zaki Shiraz Ahmad
Calgary Taradale	Hafsa Ahmad Chattha		Sassimah Ahmad Razi
	Hibatull Noor Khan	V 1 F	Affan Ahmad Mirza
	Dania Warraich	Vaughan East	Shayaan Ahmad Mirza
	Sajeel Warraich	Rexdale	Afroz Razazak
PVSE	Isa Warraich		Eshan Razzak
	areeullah Joyia		Ayaan Ahmad Saifi
	Shaiista Mumtaz Wahla		Roshan Zulkaif Shah
Calgary McKnight	Eesha Malik		Mishal Zulkaif Shah
	Aizaz Ahmad	Malton	Rohan Ahmad Khalil
	Hadiya Ahmad		Pervez Moniz
)	Kazeem Ahmad Randhawa		Mahibullah Chaudhry
Maple	Sania Khalid Chatha		Quratulain Mirza
	Tahir Khalil Purewal	Calgary Saddleridge	Isbah Ahmad Bhatti
	Inaya Salman		Tuba Farooq
	Aira Ahmad		Ayan Farooq
Vaughan South	Farah Fateh		Aleeza Iftikhar
	Subhan Munib Awan	Brampton Castlemore	Rahma Ahmad

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		Mutahir Ahmad Mian	Durham	Imran Ali
		Hizqeel Ahmad		Ayaan Ahmad
6		Hizqeel Basharat		Inaya Umar
<	Durham	Amtul hai Muhammad		Aira Ahmad
		Kashif Ahmad Nasim		Farah Fathe
	Mamoon ahmad Nasim	Vaughan North	Subhan Munib Awan	
	Zaahir Ahmad Nasim		Maheen Murtaza	
	Hammad Ali		Nudrat Sajjil	

Names of Boys and Girls Under 7 Years, Saff Awwal Waqf Jadīd — 2019

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	Labeena Shahid		Haris Umair Ahmad
Abode of Peace	Jamshaid Saad Ahmad	Brampton Heartlake	Rafia Rahman
Abode of Peace	Shafia Fakhra Ahmad		Haziq Zuhair Ahmad
	Labeena Sajjad		Ilhan Athar
	Habban Ahmad	Brampton Lakeview	Satwat Zaiba
	Mufleh Uddin Nasir		Wania Athar
	Eden Ibrahim Yousaf	Brampton West Caledon	Maryam Adeela
	Urwah Zafar		Amreen Mahmood
Bradford	Aafia Rabbani		Raaziya Imarn
	Talal Malik Ahmad	Calgary Airdrie	Farisha Mahmood
	Deewan Ibrahim Yousaf		Daayan Mahmood
	Areesha Basharat Wahla		Shah Jamal Ahmad
	Madeeha Hoor Nasir		Aroosa Arif
	Matiullah Bashir Gondal		Arif Haris
Brampton Castlemore	Qasid Ahmad Gondal	Calgary Baitun Nur	Adnan Ahmad
	Rizwan Malik Ahmad	Caigary Daituit Nur	Mubashir Sajeel Ahmed
Calgary Martindale	Sarmad Mohammad		Abisha Virk
Skyview	Shumila Areena Shobi		Sajeel Ahmad
Calgary West	Shakeeb Ayan Kahlon		Adam Nasir Chaudhary

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	Muhammad Musa		Tahir Khalil Purewal
	Issa Zahoor Virk		Kazeem Ahmad Randhawa
	Aiza Ahmad	Maple	Fawad Ahmad
Calgary McKnight	Eesha Malik		Inaya Salma
	Haseeb Najeeb Ahmad		Aizaz Ahmad
	Atta-Ul Munim		Hadiya Ahmad
	Aniya Naeem		Muhammad Akeel Khan
	Areeba Zareen		Abdus Salam
Calgary Saddleridge	Tuba Farooq Khan		Mikeel Junaid
Caigary Saudieriuge	Aleeza Iftikhar		Eqaan Ahmed
	Ayan Farooq Khan		Ibrahim Fateh Ahmed
	Hizqeel Bisharat		Syeda Mashal Rizvi
	Noor Al-Huda Mohammed	Milton West	Daniyal Ahmed
	Zaahir Ahmad Nasim		Masood Emaani
	Inaya Umar		Inara Umer Minhas
December 2012	Imran Ali		Zoya Awan
Durham	Amatul Hai Mohammed	_	Syed MoizRizvi
	Kashif Ahmad Nasim		Noah Nurdin Khalīfa
	Ayaan Ahmed	Mississauga South	Mirza Sidra Sohail
	Hammad Ali		Sophia Khalīfa
	Mamoon Ahmad Nasim		Mirza Aasim Junaid
	Ariz Ijaz	Mississauga West	Mirza Rafsana Ahmad
Hamilton Mountain	Jaziba Shehzad		Afia Zaheer
	Aiza Rehman	Montreal Centre	Mariyam Fazal-Ullah
	Atta Ul Wahab Mudabbir Ahmad		Wali Ullah Khan
Klienburg	Abeera Fazal	Montreal East	Nyla Shiraz
	Rahil Shah Chaudhry	Wortheat East	Shiraz Zaki
	Abeera Faiz Ahmad		Areeb Ahmed
Lloydminister	Jasmine Mariam Malik	Mubarik Mosque	Sabeeka Minhas
	Danish Ahmad Malik	Brampton	Arham Ahmed
	Rohaan Ahmad Khalil		Maheda Rehman
	Sidra Munawar	Ollares Fr. 1	Rameez Ahmad Muneer Khan
Malton	Mirza Ashir Ahmad	Ottawa East	Shaeer Khan
	Qura-tu-ain't Mirza	Peace Village Centre West	Salman Maalik Mahmood
	Mahibullah Choudhary Khan		Mariam Adil Malik

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PVE	Faris Ahmad	St. Catharines	Madiha Haroon
	Lihan Ahmad		Aisha Haroon
	Maria Zakria	Vancouver Delta	Zoya Ahmed
	Shayaan Ahad Sahi		Tamseel Bajwa
	Saria Zakria		Ayaan Khan
PVSE	Dania Warriach		Zohan Shah
	Azlan Bhalli		Samar Ahmed
	Shaista Mumtaz Wahla		Aamna Khan
	Jareeullah Joyia		Arshad Basil
	Sajeel Warriach		Mustafa Bajwa
PVSW	Ghulam Ahmad		Anaya Shah
	Baria Mansoor Malik		Humda Sheikh
	Ata-ur-Rahman Manan		Zain Ahmed
PVW	Isma Noor Chatha	Vancouver Surrey South	Farhan Ahmad
Saskatoon North	Sabeer Ahmad Zafar		Ashar Hasan Buttar
	Inaya Zafar		Shaheen Subhan Aslam
	Aadeen Umar		ShaheAmtul Nooren
	Zohaan Umar	Vancouver Surrey West	Reyhan Ahmad
	Rai Mubeen Ahmed		Hassan Ahmad
	Hassan Ahmad		Manha Ahmad
	Shayaan Ahmad		Ayiza Ahmad
	Danial Shafique		Lyla Shaheen
	Jazib Ahmed	Vaughan North	Umar Aftab
Saskatoon South	Shahzain Masroor Ahmed		Farah Ahmed
	Umair Ahmed		Nudrat Sajjil
	Uzair Ahmed		Sameena Ahmed Chattha
	Haaris Ahmed		Subhan Munib Awan
	Farris Ahmed		Aira Ahmed
	Menaal Farooqi	Vaughan South	Mirza Labeeb Mahmood
	Hadia Haroon Ghumman		Faris Daud
	Ebaadul Rehman Dar		Zara Hakeem Rafay
	Mahmood Hammad Afazal		Aaira Tayyab
	Hania Amir		Mirza Saleh Mahmood
	Haniya Dar	Woodbridge North	Noor-ul-Huda Elahi Cheema
	Naveed Ahmed Dar		Muneeb ur Rahman Mohar
	Maheda Dar		Afshan Masood Mohar
	Sabeeka Dar	Woodbridge South	Dania Dawood

A Poem on Khilāfat

By: Subal Mohammad, Brampton East

Khilāfat is a tree and we are the branches We pray to God this Khilāfat advances

To the corners of this world In hope of creating a better world

Khilāfat is not a monarchy nor a democracy It is a Divine system given by Allāh, if only people could see

The Qur'ān explains Khilāfat in Sūrah Al Nur, verse 56

It is so evident and clear, yet there is so much confusion and conflict

The Khalīfa is chosen by the Will of God He is our leader, regardless that he is abroad

Through Khilāfat, believers are united as one He guides us and gives us light, like the sun

Fortunate are those who are a part of this blessed institution

And have realized that Khilāfat is the resolution

To all the chaos and trouble worldwide We are the only true believers standing by our Khalīfa's side

We will follow this Khilāfat until the day we pass away

But when we leave, there will be a new generation that will stay

We all have to leave turn by turn, some day But this Khilāfat should remain forever, is what we pray

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	Affan Ahmed Janood
	Mahrukh Tahreem Choudhary
	Shafia Sajid
	Sabika Ali
	Nashwa Asif
Windsor	Fateh Ahmed
	Safura Ali
	Mahrosh Asif
Winnipeg	Neha Chaudhry
	Safir Ahmed

Alizah Zahra Azeem

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"Tie yourselves up inextricably to Khilāfat till the Day of Judgement. Surely if you will remain with Khilāfat, Khilāfat will definitely remain with you. That is the nature of the relationship between the two which will result in sustaining the Unity of God."

- Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh IVrh



Nasiratul Ahmadiyya of Hamilton Mountain Jamā'at were asked "What is obedience to Khilāfat and how can we show obedience through watching MTA?" In response, Nāsirāt shared the following answers:

Obedience to Khilāfat is always to listen to Khalīfatul-Masīh. MTA is a very good source to gain knowledge. There is a program specifically for kids called "Bachon ki Dunya" [Children's World]. It is full of knowledge. If we watch MTA daily, we can gain access to firsthand information regarding Huzooraa's pieces of advice and instructions which can make us lead a successful life. If we follow those advice and instructions, this is called obedience. — Anaya Baig, 8

Obedience to Khilāfat is equal to obedience of Allāh, therefore disobedience to Khilāfat makes you disobedient to Allāh. If we disobey Khilāfat we disobey Nizame Jamā'at. "We hear and we obey." We People from all around the world connect to Khilafat when we watch MTA. The Friday sermons should always be watched for Huzooraa's guidance. MTA is a channel that plays the words uttered by Khalīfatul-Masīh again and again. It should be watched so that even those with little intelligence can understand and implement Huzooraa's instructions. — Aleena Dogar, 9

MTA is one of the best ways to listen to the advice of our beloved Huzoor^{aa} because many addresses of Huzoor^{aa} are delivered live on MTA especially the Friday Sermons. Moreover, we can watch the Nāsirāt and Waqf-e-Nau classes with Huzoor^{aa} to increase our knowledge about lots of different matters in our everyday lives. Therefore, wherever we live MTA helps us stay connected with our beloved Huzoor^{aa}

so we can listen to him and improve our daily lives by acting upon all his instructions right away. — Fariha Azeem, 10

MTA is a doorway to connect with Huzoor^{aa}. Through MTA, we listen to Huzoor's advice directly. For example, Huzoor^{aa} emphasizes reading Namaz, the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān, fasting at an age appropriate for young children, watching MTA with family for at least an hour and last but not the least listening to the Friday Sermons of Huzoor^{aa} regularly. We should show our obedience to Khilāfat by listening to MTA and try our best to follow the instructions given by Huzoor^{aa} carefully. — **Atiya Shehzad**, **12**

We can show obedience to Khilāfat by listening to Huzoor^{aa}'s Friday Sermons, classes with Nāsirāt and Waqf Nau, meetings with Lajna and much more. You should make a routine to watch MTA with your family daily. You should be obeying the advice, lessons and information which we listen through MTA to make a strong connection with Khilāfat. — **Shaniya Maqsood, 11**

Huzoor^{aa} is our spiritual father and a role model for us. Through MTA we can see our beloved Huzoor^{aa}. We learn lots of things from his classes of Nāsirāt and Waqf Nau. For example, Huzoor^{aa} advises us to dress modestly, and these days Huzoor^{aa} mentioned to read *Noah's Ark* specifically and other books of the Promised Messiah^{as} as well. — **Alishba Shad, 8**

We show obedience to Khilāfat by watching Friday Sermons, watching MTA daily for at least 1 hour and offering the 5 daily prayers. Showing obedience also means to pray for our beloved Huzoor^{aa} and writing letters to Huzoor each month. — **Tehseen Shaikh, 12**

Are you wondering how you should connect with our beloved Huzoor^{aa}? The best way to connect with Huzoor^{aa} is to watch Friday Sermons and classes on MTA. It is our responsibility to understand the importance of Huzoor^{aa}'s messages and abide by them. The more we try to follow Huzoor^{aa}'s instructions, the more we make our lives in accordance with the obedience of Khilāfat. — **Muneeba Shad, 10**

MTA is one of the sources of our knowledge about our Jamā'at which can benefit us a lot. Through MTA, we can listen to and follow the instructions given by Hazoor^{aa} and the Jamā'at. — **Bariya Shaikh**, **14**

We should watch MTA because it keeps us connected to Khalīfatul-Masīhaa nd shows his programs regular-

ly. - Shafia Ahmad, 8

We should watch MTA so we can listen to Huzoor^{aa}'s advice and act upon it. For example, these days Huzoor^{aa} has advised us repeatedly on how to keep ourselves safe from Covid-19 and how we should be spending our days in the remembrance of Allāh. It is very important that we follow each and every instruction of Hazoor^{aa} – **Alisha Ahmad, 10**

Obedience means submission to someone's authority. So, obedience to Khalīfa means to listen to and obey Huzoor^{aa}. — **Ghadia Ahmed, 7**

We can become obedient to Huzoor^{aa} by listening to his Friday Sermons on MTA. And also, by watching Huzoor's classes and other programs, so that we can learn from them and apply those teachings in our daily lives. — **Sabiqa Hameed, 9**

Airdrie Nāsirāt Visit Seniors' Home

by Mahrosh Javed

Ten Nāsirāt visited seniors at Bethany Care Centre in Airdrie, Alberta on January 3rd, 2020. Nāsirāt wished the seniors a "very happy New Year," took cards and gifts for them and played games with them. Both seniors and Nāsirāt enjoyed the visit, they gave each other joy and happiness. It is important for Nāsirāt to visit seniors in their areas; it helps them to understand the relationship of the older generation. They can understand that seniors are not boring but have a lot of wisdom and knowledge to share and likewise the seniors enjoy the younger generation's company, as they can share their enthusiasm and joy a lot.



Quiz About The Holy Prophetsa

By: Sunaina Saqib - PV West

My dear friends! Today I will ask you few questions about Our Beloved Prophet, Hazrat Muhammad Mustafasa. Let's see how many questions you get right.

- 1. When was the Holy Prophet^{sa} born?
- 2. Where was the Holy Prophetsa born?
- 3. What is the name of the father of the Holy Prophetsa?
- 4. What is the name of the mother of the Holy Prophetsa?
- 5. What did Islām require Muslims to believe in?
- 6. Before the Holy Prophet^{sa} what religion did most Arabs follow?
- 7. Who did the Holy Prophet^{sa} marry at the age of 25?
- 8. What title did the people give to the Holy Prophet^{sa} for his truthfulness and honesty?
- 9. Where did the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to go for meditation and prayers before his prophethood?
- 10. How old was the Holy Prophet^{sa} when he passed away?

Now count your correct answers. How many did you get right? Find the answers on another page!!