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## WHO WILL BE MY HELPERS IN THE CAUSE OF ALLAH

O, the Beloved servants of Allah, I summon you for help.

PRESENT ALL THAT YOU HAVE TO ALLAH

(Friday Sermon of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV on May 4, 1984, at London)

After pronouncing the Shahadat and seeking Allah's protection, he recited the Surah Fatehah and followed it up with:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

كُونُوا أَنْصَارَ اللَّهِ كَمَا قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ

لِلْحَوَارِيِّينَ مَنْ أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ

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وَكَفَرَتْ طَائِفَةٌ فَأَيَّدْنَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا عَلَا

عَدُوَّهُمْ فَأَصْبَحُوا ظَاهِرِينَ ﴿١٠٤﴾

"O ye who believe, become helpers in the cause of Allah, as said Jesus, son of Mary to his disciples. Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allah? The disciples answered, We are helpers in the cause of Allah. So a party of the children of Israel believed

and a party disbelieved. Then we supported those who believed against thier enemies and they gained the mastery over them (61:15).

In the history of nations, on occasion they are obliged to take certain basic decisions. This has equal application to worldly as well as divine communities. When confronted with such a situation, using a well known phrase, they have to decide: "To be or not to be? This is the question." Today, the question is whether you will advance or perish.

In the religious world, since the Origin of Faith is Divine, this option is not applicable. It is already decreed that the

### Divine Communities Will Advance.

There is never any question of retreat.

For the achievement of the goal set for them, they are always prepared to sacrifice all. Such an occasion has now arisen in the history of the Ahmadiyya Movement. The verses that I have just recited are most appropriate to this episode.

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The Holy Quran instructs those who believe to enlist as "Helpers in the cause of Allah", in the same manner as Jesus, son of Mary, peace be on him, who asked his disciples Who amongst you for the sake of Allah and His cause, will help me? The disciples instantly replied: We are helpers in the cause of Allah. So Allah enabled a party of the Children of Israel to believe, while another party disbelieved.

Allah says: We supported those who believed and granted them mastery over those who disbelieved. The mention of this incident in the Holy Quran seems exceedingly surprising, when we consider the insignificant resources available to those, from whom Jesus, peace be on him, sought help. They were only a few penniless, hermit-like individuals. They lived in a great Western dominated Empire, the borders of which extended from the West right up to the Far East. In the towns and the regions, in which they resided they had little influence. They were so oppressed and helpless that when Jesus, peace be on him, was crucified, they could do nothing. Does it not seem strange that Jesus, peace be on him, sought help from a people who apparently were unable to assist? Yet, the attention of Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, was drawn to this incident and he was instructed to address his followers in similar terms. It is quite evident that the reference to Jesus, who was being persecuted on religious grounds, suggests that this phenomenon is remote from worldly affairs.

Thus, apparently, not being a worldly matter, the need of the hour was not for the services of hardy, bold warriors, nor the wealthy, nor powerful prominent statesmen of the world. Indeed not one from amongst such elite groups had presented himself to render such sacrifices. Only from amongst those who had been

#### **Deprived of Their Rights of Citizenships,**

those who were ridiculed, abused and mercilessly beaten and dragged in public streets, were those who, despite their helplessness and disabilities, rose to the occasion and were invited by Jesus, peace be on him, to be enlisted as helpers of Allah. Had this not been a hidden message of great significance, this incident would not have been conveyed by Allah while addressing the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, instructing him to seek help in similar terms. Does this aspect not seem surprising?

Let us look at it from another view. Does Allah ever need help? Help in fact originates from Allah. Why is Allah seeking help from some individuals

who, though they may have found favor with Him were among the oppressed and were themselves in dire need of help. Only careful and deep thought can solve this puzzle for us.

As long as we are not prepared to help with all our heart and soul in the cause of Allah, His succour will not descend. As by no stretch of imagination can Allah be considered influenced by the numbers, strength or exalted position of the followers of any group, it is completely irrelevant as to how and to what extent people can help Allah. His only condition is that if you

#### **Present to Him all that you Possess,**

regardless of its value or volume, He will reward you with domination and success. If a poor man has only four annas (pennies) to offer and he offers the four annas to help Allah's cause, can you possibly imagine that Allah, Who is Master of all the treasures of the world, will not make available such treasures to assist such a person when he needs help, however poor and helpless he may be?

In these verses, the attention of Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, has been drawn to the fact that on no account is there any question or need for despondency. That is why Allah refers to the case of a Prophet who, in the worldly eyes was considered weak and helpless, as were his disciples, who had to contend with a mighty Empire. In the eyes of historians of the Roman Empire, these people and this incident were so insignificant that for many many years to come there was no mention of it in their records.

This was not an incident meant to lead one to despair and despondency, but was an incident that instilled hope and courage. God Almighty asked the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, that as He had graciously accepted whatever the disciples of Jesus, peace be on him, offered in His cause, if he, for whom the entire Universe had been created were to present all that he had, would there be any limit to His succour?

This is the Divine message that Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, received from Allah, and today, as a humble servant of his and in complete submission I convey the same message to you.

Never in the history of the Ahmadiyya Movement has a crisis of this magnitude appeared. I, therefore, ask all Ahmadis throughout this world:

*Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allah  
O, the beloved servants of Allah of this age, in the*

*name of Allah, I summon you for help. Present all that you have to Allah, and I swear by the Almighty that He will direct the employment of the entire resources of His creation to your service. No power on earth can alter this Divine decree. This event is destined and there can be no consequence save success, since that is what has been decreed.*

*Allah says: I show mercy to those oppressed and helpless servants who volunteer all that they have to help the cause of Allah; and in response Allah helps them. In fact Allah is in no need of anyone's help. How clearly has this phenomenon been explained. Do we not, to test the reaction of our children make demands on them? Similarly, demands are made on human beings in the name of Allah.*

*Allah has clarified that He comes to the help of such people and grants them victory over their opponents despite the great resources of their opponents.*

*In the history of the Ahmadiyya Movement, such a critical stage has been reached.*

*The question to resolve is, in what manner should all the possessions and resources of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at be presented and, if need be, sacrificed in the cause of Allah and how to use this aid. This is not an easy decision to take as it involves some most important and basic questions. Day and night, I am engaged in seeking Divine guidance and I am engaged in giving very deep thought to these complicated problems.*

*At this preliminary stage I seek your help in the shape of*

#### **Heartfelt, Earnest, Repeated Prayers**

so that God Almighty may guide me and show me an avenue of escape from the current predicament—an avenue, clear, wide and easy to negotiate and which would have guarantee of success at its end. I would not hesitate, nor am I afraid, to offer any sacrifices on my part or on the part of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at. Through His mercy, He has bestowed upon me courage, resolution and steadfastness. When the occasion demands, I will not shirk from any sacrifice, however great. But Allah has also bestow upon me an measure of wisdom. Essentially, in any struggle careful exercis of this faculty is the first step. I wish to ensure that not an ounce, not an iota of the resources of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at will be wasted. On the other hand, if faith, devotion and wisdom demand the sacrifice of resources of all kinds, I shall show no hesitation and shall be prepared to sacrifice literally all.

Allah alone knows what He wills and what is in store. I can, however, assure you that after careful study of the Holy Quran and the revelations to the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, I have reached a clear conclusion that you will be victorious. Any other end is inconceivable. It is exceedingly important, however, that your sentiments, motives, conduct and acts must be in complete conformity with His wishes. It is destined that with His help you will be victorious over all opposing forces. This decree is unalterable. The movement and the pace of this globe and heavenly bodies may change, and the entire creation may be pulverised, but Allah's Decree cannot change. Allah's Decree is not subject to alteration. This is what we value most. Believing in it, shall we live and believing in it shall we die.

For the immediate future, I have some directions to give.

Some mistakenly feel that as Jesus, peace be on him invited his disciples to volunteer as helpers in the cause of Allah, whatever the circumstances, and whatever the cost, we are precluded from the right of self defense. Clearly, the Holy Quran contradicts this concept. Although, while addressing the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, and in order to encourage the Muslims, reference was made to Jesus, peace be on him, we must remember that Jesus' period has passed and now it is the reign of Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him. He has been addressed thus: O ye who believe, become helpers in the cause of Allah. Therefore the concept has changed, as it now bears the Seal of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him. For us, the complete and only guidance is contained in the Holy Quran, which enjoins obedience to the government of the day. This instruction is clear. By following it, we have been accused of being traitors and the agents of other powers. But we have not departed from following the clear instructions contained in the Holy Quran. Obey Allah, obey the Holy Prophet, and obey those in authority. There is not a single incident in the entire history of our Jama'at where we have contravened this Quranic instruction.

We must, however remember what follows this verse. To emphasize the greatness of the followers of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, it is further stated in the Holy Quran that if there is a difference of opinion or a dispute in religious matters, your decisions must be

#### **in accord with injunctions from Allah**

and His Messenger. At this stage, the worldly wise and those in authority are excluded. Of course, in

worldly matters, the authority of those in power has complete application, but that is where it ends. Beyond that it cannot override injunctions by Allah, and Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him. Without a doubt, we shall obey all the instructions of a government in power, but if they exceed their authority and issue instructions contrary to those of the Holy Quran and the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, we shall have no option but to disregard these instructions and to follow the instructions of the Holy Quran and the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, even if we have to sacrifice our lives. We shall not care how many lives are lost and how many heads are severed. No power on earth can ever separate us from the Holy Quran and Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him.

If anyone has any designs of annihilating the Ahmadiyya Jama'at, I wish to make it clear to all, beyond any shadow of doubt that this would be an impossible task. Powerful people have made such attempts in the past, and Allah has destroyed even their traces and has demolished them completely. We have no desire to contend with powerful forces. We are humble and we confess that we are weak, even when compared to the disciples of Jesus, peace be on him. But who can overlook the fact that when they presented all they had, they were made victorious. O Almighty Allah,

**bestow Your Mercy and Grace on us**

in the same way as you did on the disciples of Jesus, peace be on him, nay, far in excess, as we are the humble servants of Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him.

It would be incorrect to accept the Christian concept of patience and forbearance where it contradicts the Quranic concept. I wish to make it very clear that patience and steadfastness will be judged by the criteria provided by the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, and that we are determined to remain within those constraints. Where we are enjoined to show patience and forbearance, we shall, and where we are enjoined to defend, we shall. For example, only yesterday we heard that the Government Agencies had instructed our people in Rabwah to wipe off the Kalima

(There is no one worthy of worship, except Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger) wherever it appeared on our Mosques or on walls. All praise be to Allah, that our Jama'at were enabled to take a correct decision when they responded by saying: It is im-

possible for us to wipe our the Kalima with our own hands. You may if you wish. As soon as I heard this, I had a telephone message conveyed confirming their decision that

**no Ahmadi shall wipe off the Kalima**

of Unity of Allah, even at the risk of having his hands and his head severed. Such an abhorrent act is beyond us and we shall not commit it. When instructions infringe religious injunctions, non-compliance cannot result in your being described as rebellious. If in compliance with worldly instructions you become guilty of contravention of Quranic injunctions or instructions from the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, you undoubtedly will be termed rebellious. Those who expect compliance to their instructions in preference to the instructions of the Almighty and the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, will be termed rebels of Allah.

I wish to make this amply clear and I want Ahmadi wherever they are, in whichever country they reside, to understand this point. This is not a question confined to the geographic limit of one country. It is our lot to offer superhuman sacrifices and shed our blood in many countries. As a result of our sacrifices in many countries

**we shall witness the spiritual revolution**

This message is addressed to all human beings all over the world, as is my call "Who will help Allah", addressed to Ahmadi all over the world. If you respond to this call positively, and I am sure the whole Jama'at will, it is not necessary for you to write to me. It is beyond my resources to read, file and preserve ten million letters. Currently, I am not able to spare time even to see visitors. However, if anyone, for whatever reason is hesitant, he may write to me and I promise that I will not excommunicate him and will let him continue as a relatively weak Ahmadi. This is an open message for all. We shall compile a list of only those who, due to force of circumstances, or inadequate courage, honestly feel that at this stage they are unable to offer the level of sacrifices being demanded. All those who do not write to me in these terms, with Allah's Mercy and Grace will be included amongst the group of "Helpers in the cause of Allah".

**Please supplicate**

I am also engaged in supplication. Be engaged in this manner day and night. With great humility and steadfastness, moisten the spots where your foreheads touch the ground while you prostrate before Allah, with your tears. You can then be sure that you will be let off relatively lightly and you will become vic-

torious. This preferential treatment will be due to your being covered by the holy shadow of the Holy Prophet, Muhammad Mustapha, peace be on him, whose shadow extends farther, is more protective, is more refreshing and more merciful than that of any other Prophet. Never for a moment allow any doubts to enter your minds in this regard. May Allah Almighty be with you and may He be with me. May He enable us to take correct decisions and may He in fulfilment of His promises bring solace to our hearts and delight to our eyes.

Ahmadis in Pakistan are passing through an unbearable phase. Their condition is painful beyond imagination. In the past, they have suffered immeasurably, and have offered great sacrifices. Sons have been slaughtered in the presence of their fathers and sons have witnessed the slaughter of their fathers. This is no wild imagination, but is a fact. Houses have been looted. In the past, even the sight of the complete destruction of all their worldly possessions, failed to deprive them of cheer. However, today, I swear by Allah,

**the cheer and smiles have disappeared**

as now they are being prevented from the glorification of Allah. Today they are as restless as goats and sheep when they are slaughtered. Their suffering is so great that they are impatiently waiting for permission to sacrifice their lives so that they may be spared the current unbearable trials and tribulations. Because of these conditions, they are in need of and fully deserve your earnest prayers.

I swear by God Almighty, that through our supplications and prayers we shall be victorious. No power on earth can survive when it collides with heartfelt prayers and supplications. Divine miracles and His Mercy, when manifested, always surprises witnesses. For His true servants

**He Himself descends from Heaven**

and makes His presence felt. Therefore, my last message in this Sermon is: Supplicate and pray for your brethren, especially for those, who are undergoing severe persecution in Pakistan. **With humility, earnestness and regularity, pray. With humility, earnestness and regularity, pray.** Share their restlessness, so that they may soon witness Allah's succour descending from the Heavens.

In his second Sermon he said: Immediately after Friday Prayers, we shall offer funeral prayers for three persons. Our Amir of Sukkher (Pakistan) Jama'at who was 75 years old, and because of

cataract could not see beyond a yard or two, was butchered on the very night when during the preceding day, some miscreants had wiped off the word "mosque" . After other worshippers had gone home, until a late hour he sat in the mosque. He was engaged in supplication. On his way back, in the full view of all in the bazaar, he was repeatedly knifed by a number of assailants. That is how he was martyred. Allah alone knows what he had prayed for, and it is quite possible that this event was in acceptance of his prayer. Paradoxically, the assailants shouted slogans. In a loud voice they declared the Unity and Greatness of Allah and were apparently thanking Him for enabling them to commit this ghastly act.

Next, Chaudhry Ali Qasim Ansar, who was Deputy Amir of our Jama'at in Bangladesh. He was a devoted worker of the Jama'at and died as a result of a heart attack. The third, Abrar Ahmad Qureshi, a young man from a British Jama'at. He too died as a result of a heart attack.

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## AHMADIYYA NEWS

### LONDON, ENGLAND

#### 1. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV.

By the Grace of Allah, Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Khalifatul Masih, Hazrat Begum Sahiba and all members of the family are well.

#### 2. News from Pakistan.

a) Three persons, all of them mostly aged, have been arrested on frivolous grounds, in Karachi, Kasur and Ahmadnagar, respectively. There was no tangible evidence, only verbal accusations.

b) On May 18, 1984, two members of the Karachi Jamaat, Khwaja Abdul Majeed and Mr. Shafeeq Ahmad, were arrested on charges of 'roit' and 'threatening to kill' and six more were implicated in the same case. On May 19, on an application to the Magistrate, their release was ordered. But just as the release order was being presented at the police station, the Sub-Inspector Incharge of the police station simply 'disappeared' from the station. In the meantime another member of the Jamaat, Mr. Abdul Raheem Yunus was also arrested. Under pressure from Mullahs, when an application for his bail was made, the Magistrate not only refused his bail application, but also cancelled the bail of the other two. They were also accused of trying to abduct one Maulvi, Dr. Obaidullah. Further application for bail

was approved by the Sessions Court and all of them were bailed out. Two of the members accused of taking part in the 'roit' are 72 and 75 years of age, respectively.

The *Daily Jang* gave prominence to this news. A delegation of the Jamaat saw a representative of *Jang* and strongly protested. The editorial staff promised to exercise care in the future. The next day a denial was published by *Aman*, *Nawae Waqt*, *Mushriq* and *Agaz*.

c) *Kunri, Sind: A lame Ahmadi hawker who walks with difficulty has been arrested and charged with an offence of 'preaching to a Hindu.'*

d) *Sukhr, Sind: The person(s) who assassinated Qureshi Abdul Rahman still remain at large. Our delegation is once again due to see the Deputy Inspector General of Police in this connection.*

e) *Nawabshah, Sind: The person who attacked and murdered Chaudhry Abdul Hameed of Mehrabpur has now been charged with murder.*

f) *Our library at Nawabshah, Sind, with all the books inside remains sealed. Likewise the library at Sakrund, Sind, also remains sealed. However, all the books except copies of the Holy Quran have been taken away by the police. Representations have been made to the Deputy Commissioner in this respect. The Deputy Commissioner complained that the Al-Fazl was being distributed by members of the community. He was informed that this information was not correct. The paper was being published from the Panjab and subscribers receive their copies direct from the publishers.*

g) *Inciting and inflammatory speeches are being made against us from a mosque in Orangi Township and from another near the Ahmadiyya Hall.*

h) *At Kindyarō, Sind, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad, without any apparent cause or provocation was attacked and injured. Fortunately, the injuries were not grievous. His assailant, one Maulvi Abdul Rahim Pirzada, has been arrested.*

i) *In Orangi Town, Karachi, our opponents have demanded that the Ahmadies should be forbidden from saying Nimaz. The S.D.M. summoned some members of the community and told them in a threatening manner that they should stop saying Nimaz. Our delegation protested against his aggressive behavior. The local community, by the grace of Allah, continues to pray in the normal way.*

## Southeastern Ahmadi praise Khilafat

Following a regional tradition, the Southeast held Khilafat Day at the Baltimore Jama'at's mosque with Dr. Masoud Ahmad Malik, National Zaim An-sarullah in the chair. Ahmadi from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia gathered to pay tribute to the great leadership of Khalafati-Ahmadiyya in time of crisis.

Al-Haj Abdul Fatah Aina, Sadr Baltimore, opened with recitation from the Holy Qur'an. Rafi Yahya Sharif, Regional Sadr, introduced the re-emergence of the divine institution of Khilafat in the words of the Promised Messiah. He explained how Hazrat Hakimul-Umma Nuruddin, Khalifatul Masih I, defined true Khilafat from Qur'an as he averted the first crisis, the attempt to weaken and reduce the position of the Khalifa.

Jawad ibn Masoud Malik delivered a concise life sketch of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, by way of introducing the topic following. Maulvi Ahmad Sadiq, Muballigh, illustrated four times of major crisis in the time of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II and inspired the gathering by explaining how brilliantly Hazrat guided the community through each period to new heights.

Harun Rashid Collidge introduced Khalifatul Masih III with a well researched life sketch, followed by Jamilur Rahman, Sadr Pittsburgh who spoke on the crisis during the era of third Khilafat. He emphasized the personal relationship enjoyed by many American Ahmadi with Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad and all were deeply moved.

The concluding speech on Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV and the challenges facing Khilafat today was graciously delivered by Maulvi Maqbul Ahmad Qureshi, former Ameer Jama'at in US and Africa, who brought the glorious history of Khalafati-Ahmadiyya up to the present.

Three of the Region's best poetry reciters came forward throughout the program and favored the gathering with selections - Al-Haj Munawar Ahmad Saeed, Al-Haj Hamid Ahmad Bhatti, and Mubarik Ahmad Malik.

All of the speeches were extremely well prepared and delivered, complimenting each other under the capable guidance of the chairman, rendering this the best Khilafat Day ever held in the Southeast. Baltimore Jama'at graciously served a very fine repast and prayers were held in beautiful weather in the out-of-doors, led by the Regional Sadr.

## NATIONAL MOSQUE PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF END-MAY 1984

### A. Status of Land Acquisition

By the grace of Almighty Allah, we are happy to report that the first phase of this project, *i.e.*, selection of sites and negotiations for their purchase for all five centers has been completed. Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Khalifatul Masih IV, has graciously approved the purchase of all these sites and expressed his pleasure during a recent Jumma sermon in London. A brief report for each center is as follows:

**Chicago, IL:** A 5 acre plot with a house on it has been purchased for \$262,500 in the suburb of Glen Ellyn, west of Chicago. The settlement for this property took place in April of this year. We have now taken possession of it. The Chicago area Missionary will, *Insha Allah*, move to this location as soon as necessary repair work to the house is completed. The house can serve the immediate needs of the mission. Planning for development of the plot and construction of a Mosque is being started. Just like the first Ahmadiyya Mission in the U.S.A. was established in Chicago, the first site under this new scheme has also been acquired in Chicago. Let us pray that this is a blessed start.

**Los Angeles, CA:** Agreement has been signed for the purchase of a 3.7 acre corner plot in Corona, CA, for \$159,000. Corona is located about 40 miles east of downtown L.A. in the Riverside county. We are currently getting the site plans prepared for this plot through a local consultant. These plans will shortly be submitted to the County authorities for land use approval. Settlement on this plot will, *Insha Allah*, take place as soon as the County approval is obtained.

**Detroit, MI:** Agreement has been signed for purchase of a 7 acre plot for \$125,000 in Troy, MI, in Oakland County. The site is located about 18 miles north of downtown Detroit. The plot has two houses on it, one of which could be used as a Mission house after necessary repairs. Our plan is to build a Mosque towards the front of the plot. Planning for the development of the site and the Mosque is being started. Subject to land use approval, settlement on this plot is expected in August 1984.

**New York:** Negotiations for the purchase of a small nursery school have recently been concluded. The building is located in the Hollis area of Queens County in N.Y. The purchase price for this building is \$457,500. Settlement will, *Insha Allah* take place in

August of this year. The building is quite suitable for the needs of the New York Jamaat. The newly appointed Missionary will move on to this location soon after the settlement.

**Washington, DC:** Agreement has been signed for the purchase of a 44 acre plot in Burtonsville, MD, for 200,000. This site is located about 18 miles north of downtown Washington towards Baltimore. A local consultant has been hired to prepare a site plan which will be submitted for land-use approval to the county. Our plan is to construct a National Center at this site which will, *Insha Allah*, include a large mosque, a mission house, lecture halls, recreation and residential facilities, etc. Settlement on this site is scheduled for January 1985 after satisfactory soil tests are conducted.

### B. Status of Pledges and Collections

While we have made good progress on the implementation side of the project, the news is not so good on the financial side. As of the end of May 1984, a total of 380 pledges for \$1.63 million have been received. The total number of earning members of the Jamaat is about 920. Therefore, roughly two-thirds of the members have not as yet pledged to participate in this noble project. Our target for this project, set by Huzur, is to raise \$2.5 million during the period 1983-86. All members are requested to respond to the call of our Imam and participate in this project to the best of their abilities. May Allah help you to do so.

On the collection side, as of end-May 1984, total collections for this scheme amounted to \$437,413. This is an alarming situation, given that commitments worth about 1.3 million for purchase of the five sites have already been made. We have to raise the balance amount in the next ten months. All members are requested to pay their contributions for this project as soon as possible.

The attached table shows the summary of pledges and collections for all the Jamaats. Due to a time lag of about two months between payments made and their reporting, most of the recent payments are not reflected in this report.

### C. Purchase of other Mission Houses

As reported earlier, a building has already been purchased in York, PA, for a Mission House. The building is located in the downtown area and is quite suitable for our purposes. The local Jamaat has taken possession of the building and are currently using it.

Please pray that they are able to get good use of this facility for the sake of Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

The Willingboro, NJ Jamaat has purchased a nice one acre corner plot out of its own resources to construct a mosque. Preparation work for the design of the mosque is to be started soon.

We are all trying to purchase a building in Milwaukee, WI, for a Mission house. The city has put a surplus fire station for sale for 40,000. We have submitted a bid for this which is under consideration along with three other bids. Let us pray that our offer is accepted by the city authorities.

Jamaat	# of pledges	Total pledged	Total collected
Athens, Ohio	5	9000	1000
Baltimore MD	2	10000	5500
Blacksburg VA	6	8850	7934
Boston MA			1277
Chicago IL	18	27950	9415
Cleveland OH	3	52000	13700
Dayton OH	8	8300	1447
Detroit MI	16	120000	47039
Indianapolis IN	5	5570	345
Houston TX			2555
Los Angeles CA	26	72900	42945
New Orleans	9	70500	16300
Milwaukee WI	18	2567	1464
New York NY	70	227300	46854
North Jersey NJ	25	51450	25159
Philadelphia PA	22	147825	20980
Pittsburgh PA	15	8350	2715
Rochester NY	12	40300	24809
San Francisco	5	11600	5590
Seattle WA			2035
St. Louis MO	10	46500	2610
Streamwood IL	8	59000	19300
Tucson AR	14	506060	855
Waukegan IL	5	6750	1040
Willingboro NJ	5	27800	17310
York/Harrisbrg	10	3380	4056
Washington DC	48	76250	28651
Miscellaneous	15	176800	85528
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>1,780,000</b>	<b>437,413</b>

## NEW YORK MOSQUE

You will be happy to know that a suitable building has been acquired for the New York Mosque and Mission House at the cost of \$457,000.00 The binding deed was signed on May 18, 1984 by Ameer and Missionary Incharge USA, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, in the presence of the Attorney and members of New York Jamaat.

On his next visit, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, discussed about the cost of this project in a meeting held at the house of Dr. Mir Mubarak Ahmad. The Missionary Incharge felt the necessity of more funds and the next day at KHALAFAT DAY congregation he made an appeal. He called them and they came forward with great zeal and vie with one another to participate with all the faculties that God has vouchsafed them. Pledges amounting to \$142,600.00 were made by the members of Jamaat including Lajna Ama Ullah and Atfals. May Allah bestow them with his bounties. You must also remember them in your prayers. Following is the list of those who made a special pledge for this purpose:

### SUMMARY

New York Jamaat	\$1,34,200.00
N.Y. Lajna Ama Ullah	\$4,250.00
NY Jamaat Children	\$4,150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,42,600.00</b>

### N.Y. Jamaat

Dr. Ehsan Zafar	\$25,000.00
Dr. Mir M. Ahmad	\$10,000.00
Dr. shahid Ahmad	\$10,000.00
Dr. Hamid Aziz ur Rehman	\$25,000.00
Dr. Abdul Hakim Nasir	\$10,000.00
Dr. Iqbal Ahmad	\$10,000.00
Br. Abdul Hamid & Family	\$10,000.00
Br. Khalid Mahmood	\$2,000.00
Dr. Hafiz Nasir Ahmad	\$2,000.00
Br. Rafi Ahmad	\$3,800.00
Br. Sadat Mahmud	\$3,800.00
Br. Muzaffar Ahmad	\$1,000.00
Br. Mahummad Sharif	\$1,000.00
Br. Iqbal Ahmad	\$1,000.00
Br. Dawood Ahmad	\$2,500.00
Br. Abdul Wadood Khan	\$1,000.00
Br. Mahummad Ishaq	\$1,500.00
Br. Hadayat Ullah Chatta	\$1,000.00
Br. Tahir M. Kaloon	\$2,000.00
Br. M. Anwar Kaloon	\$1,000.00



Br. Idrees Ahmad	\$1,000.00
Br. Anees Ahmad	\$1,000.00
Br. Mahmood Ahmad	\$600.00
Br. Danial Mahmood	\$500.00
Br. Rizwan Ahmad	\$100.00
Br. Jawaid Ahmad	\$1,200.00
Br. Irfan Ahmad	\$100.00
Dr. Munir Ahmad Nazir	\$1,000.00
Br. Hafiz A. Chaudhry	\$2,000.00
Br. Asmat Ullah Chaudhry	\$1,100.00
Br. Badr Mansoor	\$200.00
Br. Hafeez Ullah	\$500.00
Br. Saeed Ahmad	\$300.00
Br. Bashir Ahmad	\$500.00
Br. Mansoor A. Tahir	\$500.00
Total	\$1,34,200.00

## N.Y. Lajna Ama Ullah

Sis. Asifa Tahir	\$100.00
Sis. Iffat Anwar	\$100.00
Sis. Shamshad Malik	\$100.00
Sis. Zubeda Naeem	\$100.00
Sis. Musarat Javaid	\$100.00
Sis. Farkhanda Ahmad	\$1,000.00
Sis. Mahmooda Tahir	\$50.00
Sis. Shahida Bajwa	\$100.00
Sis. Fahmida Ahmad	\$500.00
Sis. Amtul Jamil	\$100.00
Sis. Nasimah Amin uddin	\$50.00
Sis. Tasleem Mubashira Ahmad	\$50.00
Sis. Farhat Ayaz	\$500.00

Sis. Mubarika N. Din	\$100.00
Sis. R. N. Ansari	\$100.00
Sis. Zarina Ahmad	\$50.00
Sis. Sadia B. Mahmud	\$100.00
Sis. Shakila Mahmud	\$50.00
Sis. Saiqua Ahmad	\$500.00
Sis. Munira Saleem	\$500.00
Total	4,250.00

## N.Y. Jamaat Children

Asad M. Bajwa s/o Z M Bajwa	\$20.00
Br. Khalid Ali Bajwa	\$30.00
Br. Nasir M. Bajwa	\$100.00
Wasim Nasir s/o Saleem Nasir	\$50.00
Br. Shamim Nasir Malik	\$600.00
Br. Fahim Nasir Malik	\$100.00
Sis. Nadia Nasir Malik d/o	\$100.00
Sis. Sadia Din d/o Amin uddin	\$20.00
Fasih uddin s/o Aminuddin	\$20.00
Sis. Nadia Din d/o	\$20.00
Sis. Amtul kafi d/o Saleem Ahmad	\$45.00
Br. Moeen Uddin s/o	\$45.00
Br. Ali Mir s/o Mir M. Ahmad	\$500.00
Br. Umar Mir s/o	\$500.00
Sis. Nabeela d/o	\$500.00
Farid Ahmad s/o Dr. Shahid Ahmad	\$500.00
Br. Nadim Ahmad	\$500.00
Sis. Farha Ahmad	\$500.00
Total	4,150.00

**A REQUEST to all the Members on the Auspicious Occasion of Eidul Fitr  
WHAT SHOULD BE OUR PRESENT ON EID?**

Dear Brothers:

*Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatohu*

It is customary that on the occasion of Eidul Fitr we give presents, precious or humble that we can afford to our dear ones, children, friends and deserving people, By doing so we add into our pleasure as well as theirs. This time, on this auspicious occasion let us render our presents voluntarily for the construction of

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and earn the love of God. Even a little contribution would be more precious than the bags full of pearls and jewels in achieving happiness. Let us uphold the prestige of our Jamaat as well as ourselves.

The project of Mosques and Mission Houses is initiated by our beloved Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV, not only for our moral and spiritual guidance but also for our future generations. Let us do away our shortcomings and make our words and actions in complete conformity with the wishes of our Imam.

For your information we have already procured land and buildings for the Mosques and Mission Houses at various places amounting to \$1,250,000 and have signed the deals; but a lot more is needed. Please come forward and contribute generously towards this fund on this occasion.

Please inform me directly with regard to your contributions and pledges. *Jazakam Ullah wa Ahsanal Jaza.*

### EID MUBARAK

May God accept your present and bestow His bounties and blessings. His grace and blessings are limitless. May this Eid bring all of you happiness and become the source of contentment and spiritual bliss.

Please accept my best wishes. Eid Mubarak.

Humbly yours

Sheikh Mubarak Amhad  
Missionary Incharge, U.S.A.

The Eidul Fitr—the festival for breaking the Fast of Ramadhan, most probably will fall on Sunday, July 1, 1984, Insha Allah!

We of the Ahmadiyya Gazette present EID MUBARAK- our hearty congratulations to all the readers and wish them blessed EID.

The Eid prayer in the American Fazl Mosque, 2141 Leroy Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., would be performed at 10:00 a.m. This will be followed by Eid Sermon and refreshments. Insha Allah



Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmaq, the Ameer and Missionary Incharge, USA, chatting with some non-Muslim guests during the *Aameen* ceremony in Rochester, N.Y.

Master Mansoor Ahmad (center) reciting the Holy Quran while Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, the Ameer & Missionary Incharge, USA, listens to his recitation.



## THE 36TH ANNUAL AHMADIYYA CONVENTION

The 36th annual convention of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam in USA will be held at Madison, Wisconsin, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the 3rd, 4th and 5th of August 1984.

The Convention in USA and similar ones by other Missions of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam in the world are a reflection of the one which is held every year at Qadian (India) and Rabwah (Pakistan), the Headquarters of the world-wide Ahmadiyya community.

This Convention is not like ordinary meetings and festivals of other worldly organizations. It is purely a religious convention. It is meant for the educational, moral and spiritual progress of the Jamaat members. It is a heavenly trumpet which sounds to gather the seekers after truth. It is an occasion of many blessings and bounties of Allah. It is an opportunity to see how a divinely established community inspite of severe opposition, persecution and suppression is marching ahead, progressing and spreading far and wide in the world over. This is a sign of God who is bestowing His favors and blessings on the humble efforts of this community in propagation of Islam with manifold reward. It affords the chance to understand the Mission of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi *Alaihissalam*, the holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi *Alaihissalam* says:

“I have come to establish the truth of Islam and to convince men of its bounties, and to lead them to the fountain of its teachings and to refresh the souls with its waters. I have brought no new law or command. The Holy Quran is the final code of divine laws and the Holy Prophet Muhammad His last law bearing Prophet. I am his Messenger but without a book; and sole object of my advent is to serve Islam and to propagate it and to remove from its bright face the dust that has settled there as a result of the stormy thoughts of man during the latter days.”

The objects of such august assembly in the words of the Promised Messiah are:

“To listen to divine addresses and to join in mass prayers. There shall be held in this Jalsa discourses on religious subjects which would be the means of

strengthening their faith. Special prayers for the grant of righteousness shall also be offered on behalf of those who participate in the Jalsa so that they might attract the grace of Heaven, and the sincerity of their faith might be accepted of the Compassionate God. The Jalsa shall also furnish as a secondary advantage, an opportunity to those who may have joined the community as new members during the expiring year to make themselves acquainted with the fraternity and thus strengthen mutual bonds of love and friendship. Prayers shall also be said for the repose of the souls of those who may have died in the course of the year, for the unity of spirit among all members of the fraternity and for elimination from them of strangeness, hypocrisy and curtness of manner. The Jalsa will be accompanied by other advantages which will be apparent as they come along.”

The Promised Messiah and Mahdi *Alaihissalam* has offered special prayers for those attending the conference in these words;

“May Allah, the Exalted, be with all those who set out for this conference which is held purely for the sake of winning His Pleasure. May He reward them mightily and have mercy on them and resolve their difficulties and remove their anxieties and distresses and relieve them of all their troubles and bestow upon them fulfilment of their objectives, and on the Day of Judgement raise them up along with those of His servants who are the recipients of His grace and mercy, and may He safeguard their dependents during their absence. Accept all these supplications, O Lord of grace and bounty. O compassionate One and One who resolves every difficulty and make us triumph through bright signs over those who are opposed to us for Thou hast all power and all Strength.”

The members of the Ahmadiyya Community in the U.S.A. and all interested people in religion of Islam and the seekers after truth are cordially invited to attend the Convention.

Please send in your advance registration form as soon as possible. It was mailed out to all the members and is also reproduced in this issue of the Gazette.



### 36th AHMADIYYA ANNUAL CONVENTION

August 3, 4, 5, 1984

#### ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please PRINT all Information)

Registration begins June 1, 1984 and closes on July 23, 1984

Name.....(M/F) Jamaat Name .....

address.....

City ..... State ..... Zip Code .....

Phone: Home ( ) Work ( ) Arrival Date:.....

Please list all members of your party, INCLUDING YOURSELF

	Name	M/F	Age	Relationship
1.	.....	.....	.....	.....
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3.	.....	.....	.....	.....
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5.	.....	.....	.....	.....
6.	.....	.....	.....	.....

(attach an extra sheet if necessary)

The regular rate per bed is \$20.00, the late rate (after July 23) will be \$25.00

No. of Beds needed: ..... Cost = no. of beds x \$20.00 = \$ .....

TRANSPORTATION you will use:(Circle one) CAR AIR Other: (specify) .....

NOTE: Specific instructions will be sent with the registration package.

**PAYMENT PLAN:** Payment in full is requested along with this registration form. However, the total amount may be paid in a maximum of TWO equal installments. In this case, the first payment is to be remitted with this form and the balance must be paid by July 23, 1984. *All payments are non-refundable.*

Send this form with your payment (check or money order only) to:

Rashid Ahmad  
3709 North 27th Street  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53216

Please make checks payable to:  
Jalsa Salana Fund

Amount remitted: \$ .....  
Balance : \$ .....

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Date received: .....

Registration No: .....

Unit No: .....

PAYMENTS:	Date	Check No.	Amount	Receipt No.
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		Total:	\$ .....	

## ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASHIH'S POEM

1. Have patience a while longer, O comrades. The calamity of darkness and suffering will be averted for sure; for a mere sigh of a Momin in anguish can batter raging storms into retreat ushering in times tranquil.

2. Pray ye to the Lord, for was it not prayer alone that smashed the arrogance of the tyrant Nimrod! Verily, it has been decreed from the beginning of time that tyranny will itself be consumed by the fire it builds for others.

3. It was indeed a miracle of prayer that turned the staff of Moses into the python when confronting the magicians arrayed against him. Behold, for even today, the prayer of a pious one will gobble up the snakes of evil magic.

4. O short-sighted one! Think not that the blood of martyrs shall have been shed in vain, for this surely belies history. Every martyrdom will blossom for certain and, even as you watch, bear fruit that is plen-

tiful and continuing.

5. You have nothing save abuse and slander, while I am supported by grace Divine. Beware! The sword of prayer that destroyed Lekhoo a while back can strike again as surely today, if willed by Allah.

6. Should there be delay, deem not that inequity will prevail. The Quranic dictum "I grant them respite; My design is mighty", is the rule of God for sure constant and eternal.

7. This cry from the heart of the righteous will ring far and wide; fading never. And your discordant shriek, my opponent, will travel but a few paces and last only a while.

8. The distemper of these ailing times is beyond cure and there is no help but in prayer. So, the disciples of the Messiah of the Age, raise aloft your hands in supplication, and destruction will be averted, even if it be at your doorstep.



Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, the Ameer and Missionary Incharge, USA, with some of those attending the *Aameen* ceremony for Master Mansoor