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American Fazl Mosque, Washington, DC, in its early days  
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# 1980 San Francisco Visit of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III

May Allah shower His mercy on his soul

*Picture to the right:  
Masud Ahmad Dehlawi, then-Editor Al-Fazl  
(middle), Anwar Husain (right), members of the  
entourage with Sajid. The San Francisco visit was  
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(May peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)  
a.s./a: 'Alaih-is-Salām  
r.a.: Raḍiyallāhu 'Anhu/'Anha  
(May Allah be pleased with him/her)  
r.h.: Raḥimahullāhu Ta'ālā  
(May Allah shower His mercy on him)  
a.b.a.: Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ālā Bi-Naṣrihil-'Azīz  
(May Allah support him with His mighty help)

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# Follow a Path for Seeking Knowledge

## Guidance from the Holy Qur'an



وَسَخَّرَ لَكُم مَّا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ  
وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مِّنْهُ  
اِنَّ فِيْ ذٰلِكَ لَاٰيٰتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ  
يَتَفَكَّرُوْنَ

And He has subjected to you whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth: all *this is* from Him. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect. (45[Al-Jathiyah]: 14) [English translation of the Holy Qur'an by Hazrat Maulawi Sher Ali ]

## Guidance from the Holy Prophet Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him



Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: For him who follow a path for seeking knowledge, Allah will ease the way to Paradise. (Muslim) [Gardens of the Righteous (Translation of Riyad as-Salihin), Hadith No. 1396, p. 233, Muhammad Zafrulla Khan]

Abu Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: He who acquires knowledge through which the pleasure of Allah, the Lord of honor and glory, might be sought only so that he might attain through it something that he desires of the world will not perceive even the fragrance of Paradise on the Day of Judgement. (Abu Daud) [Gardens of the Righteous (Translation of Riyad as-Salihin), Hadith No. 1396, pp. 232-3, Muhammad Zafrulla Khan]

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ  
اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَنْ  
سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَلْتَمِسُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا  
سَهَّلَ اللَّهُ لَهُ طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ "

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تَعَلَّمَ عِلْمًا مِّمَّا يُنْتَعَى بِهِ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ  
عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَا يَتَعَلَّمُهُ إِلَّا لِيُصِيبَ بِهِ  
عَرَضًا مِنَ الدُّنْيَا لَمْ يَجِدْ عَرَفَ  
الْجَنَّةِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ "

## Guidance from the Promised Messiah Peace be on him



### Three Types of Knowledge

... God Almighty has indicated three types of knowledge, namely knowledge by certainty of reason, knowledge by certainty of sight, and knowledge by certainty of experience. This might be illustrated thus. When a person perceives smoke from a distance his mind conceives that smoke and fire are inseparable, and therefore where

there is smoke there must be fire also. This would be knowledge by the certainty of reason. Then on a nearer approach he sees the flames of the fire and that is knowledge by the certainty of sight. Should he enter into the fire, that would be knowledge by the certainty of experience. (The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam, 2010 Edition, p. 146)

# The message of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V on the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of AMC, USA

May Allah help him with His mighty support

## Dear Members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at USA As-Salāmu 'Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

Allah Almighty has granted you the opportunity to convene your Jalsa Salana. As you are aware, and I have mentioned this many times during your functions, that the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) came with two purposes, firstly to exhort mankind to fulfill the rights of Allah and secondly to fulfill the rights of His Creation. Therefore, you should direct your attention towards the worship of Allah, be of those who fulfill the obligations of His worship, and also fulfill the rights of others. It is vital that you emphasize these fundamental aspects of the teaching of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) during the Tarbiyyati programs which you routinely organize.

It is necessary for you to cultivate an atmosphere of love and affection among yourself and within the Jamā'at, and for you to respect and take care of each other in the best manner.

In this regard, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has stated: "...you who are the community of the Promised Messiah, you yearn to join the community of the Companions (of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him), must develop within yourselves the hue of the Companions; show obedience like them, show mutual love and brotherhood like them. In every aspect and in every quality, adopt a nature that is similar to the Companions." [Malfūzāt pp. 41-42 (English translation vol. III)]

USA is a long-established Jamā'at and comprises some Ahmadiis who are well-off and prosperous. They should consider it their obligation to render assistance to their less fortunate brothers.

In this regard, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has stated: "Allah Almighty has raised a new community of which the rich, poor, young, and old are all a part of. Thus, it is the duty of the poor to respect and value their honorable brothers, and it is the duty of the rich to help the poor and not consider them lowly and of little worth. That is because they are brothers with one another, even though their fathers are not the same but ultimately the spiritual father is the same for all and they are the branches of the same tree." (Malfūzāt, vol. III, pp. 348-349, 1985 UK)

Further, according to the command of Allah Almighty, financial sacrifices in the cause of Allah are always to be very much encouraged because they are crucial for the success of our programs and for the achievement of the objectives of the Jamā'at.

Indeed, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has reminded us that: "Even the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings

of Allah be on him, encountered the need for financial contributions to attend to religious needs." (Malfūzāt, p. 208, English translation vol. 10)

So, these noble virtues should be inculcated among you, and the USA Jamā'at should strive to advance and progress greatly in acquiring these pious qualities. May Allah enable us to do so.

I also wish to draw your attention to the importance of Tabligh. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has stated that we should devise programs and schemes for the propagation of Islam. This is a fundamental task and it is imperative that you attend to fulfilling your duty in this regard. The pioneer missionaries who arrived in the USA, focused greatly on Tabligh and many people entered the fold of the Jamā'at through their efforts, but afterward unfortunately, their descendants were not able to follow them into becoming members of the Jamā'at.

You should now consider it your responsibility to search for those descendants of the early Ahmadiis and try to guide them back into the blessed fold of the Jamā'at.

It is essential for every member of the Jamā'at to offer some time for the purpose of Tabligh and strive for the preaching of Islam in the USA. Nothing can be achieved by mere lip service. When you organize these programs, each one of you will have to give your time. Until and unless all the men, young and old, and women are willing to sacrifice their time, this mission cannot be accomplished. Therefore, it is imperative that you seriously focus on trying to fulfill your preaching responsibilities.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has stated: "The duty of preaching is a position of lofty stature, and as it were, possesses within it the nature and grandeur of prophethood, provided that one does not neglect the fear of God. A person who exhorts others receives an opportunity to particularly reform their own selves as well because, in the least, it is necessary for a person to show others that they practice what they preach." [Malfūzāt, p. 276 (English translation vol. II)]

May Allah enable you to follow this guidance. May Allah make your Jalsa successful in all respect and may all the participants benefit from the proceedings and thereby gain the immense blessings of Allah, the Almighty. May Allah bless you all.

Wassalam  
Your Sincerely,  
Mirza Masroor Ahmad,  
Khalifatul-Masih V

# Message of Amir Jamā'at Ahmadiyya on Eid-ul-Fitr 2023



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April 21, 2023

Dear Members Jamaat USA

Assalamo Alaikum wa rehmattullah wa barakatahu.

I wish you Eid Mubarak. May Allah enable us to continually reap the blessings of this Ramadhan through the year. I would like to share with you a brief extract from the Eid-ul-Fitr sermon delivered by Hazrat Musleh Maud Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup> in 1923 in Qadian.

“What is our purpose? In regard to this, we learn from the Quran that we have two objectives. Hazrat Masih Maud<sup>as</sup> states the first purpose is to achieve God Almighty’s pleasure and nearness and union with Him. If we succeed in attaining this goal, then it is indeed a great success and a true Eid. Allah has created mankind. Allah desires that man divorce himself from all sides and belong to Him alone. To spurn all other things, to sacrifice their life and wealth for Allah, to leave behind their relatives, to be willing to sacrifice their hopes and dreams, their thoughts, their country, and their children. It is then that they will experience a true Eid, and this is the secret contained within the Quranic verse,

فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي ۖ وَادْخُلِي جَنَّتِي ۖ

“So enter thou among My chosen servants, and enter thou My Garden.”

The other purpose is kindness towards humanity. This has many aspects to it, one of which is to inform them of that [knowledge] which if they did not possess, would leave them worse off than dead. It is our obligation to guide them to God and to steer them towards the right path. There is no greater blessing than this. If we feed one who is hungry, his suffering will disappear for one time. But if we rightly guide him, it will be to his benefit in this world and the hereafter. If we clothe one who is naked, it will cover him for a brief period, but if we help him to attain the garment of righteousness, and he enters the faith of Allah, he will always be protected from exposure.

So, the greatest kindness to humanity is to guide them to God; this would be the epitome of kindness. If we connect man to God, then this is a true Eid. No other day can equal this day. We should strive to achieve the objectives which lead to this true Eid. If we would like to experience true Eid, then we should propagate guidance. Guide those who are away from God towards the true path, otherwise it will not be a true Eid. True Eid is in nearness to God Almighty and that is achieved by bringing His Creation closer to Him. For upon achieving this purpose, the sun which rises will never set. May Allah enable us to achieve our objectives, so that we may celebrate a true Eid.”

May Allah enable us to understand our responsibilities towards Him and His Creation.

Wassaiam,

Khaksar,

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad

Amir Jamaat USA

# Eid-ul-Adha Message from Amir Jamā'at USA

8 July 2022

Dear Members of Jamā'at USA,

As-Salamu 'Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatohu

I wish you Eid Mubarak at the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. Hazrat Masih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) delivered Khutba Eid-ul-Adha on 11 April 1900 in Qadian. This Khutba was delivered in Arabic at the command of Allah Ta'ala when the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) received this revelation in Urdu,

“Deliver an address in Arabic today. You have been bestowed the capacity.”

I present to you a few lines from this revealed sermon which is called Khutba Ilhamiyya.

“O servant of Allah, ponder and reflect on this day of yours, which is the day of festivals, sacrifices for verily hidden secrets have been placed in these sacrifices for those who are wise. A Muslim is one who submits himself to slaughter before Allah, the Lord of all the Worlds, and who, for His sake, has slaughtered the she-camel of his self and has thrown it down on its forehead; and is never oblivious even for a moment, of the time of death.”

The most Truthful among the truthful say while addressing His Prophet,

“Say my prayers and my sacrifice and my life and my death are all for Allah, the Lord of the Worlds (6:163).” He has thereby pointed towards the reality of sacrifice. O wise ones, reflect upon this. Whoever offers this sacrifice with a true understanding of the meaning of sacrifice, and does so with sincere heart and pure intention, has verily thereby offered the sacrifice of his self, his children, and his grandchildren. And for him is a great reward like the reward which was for Abraham, from his benevolent Lord.

O men of understanding; the real sacrifice is that of the spirit. The sacrifices of the goat are metaphoric and symbolic. So, understand the secret of this truth. After the companions of the Holy Prophet (sa), may Allah be pleased with them, you are the most deserving and most worthy of understanding this truth. You are the last people that have been joined with them by the Grace and Mercy of Allah.”

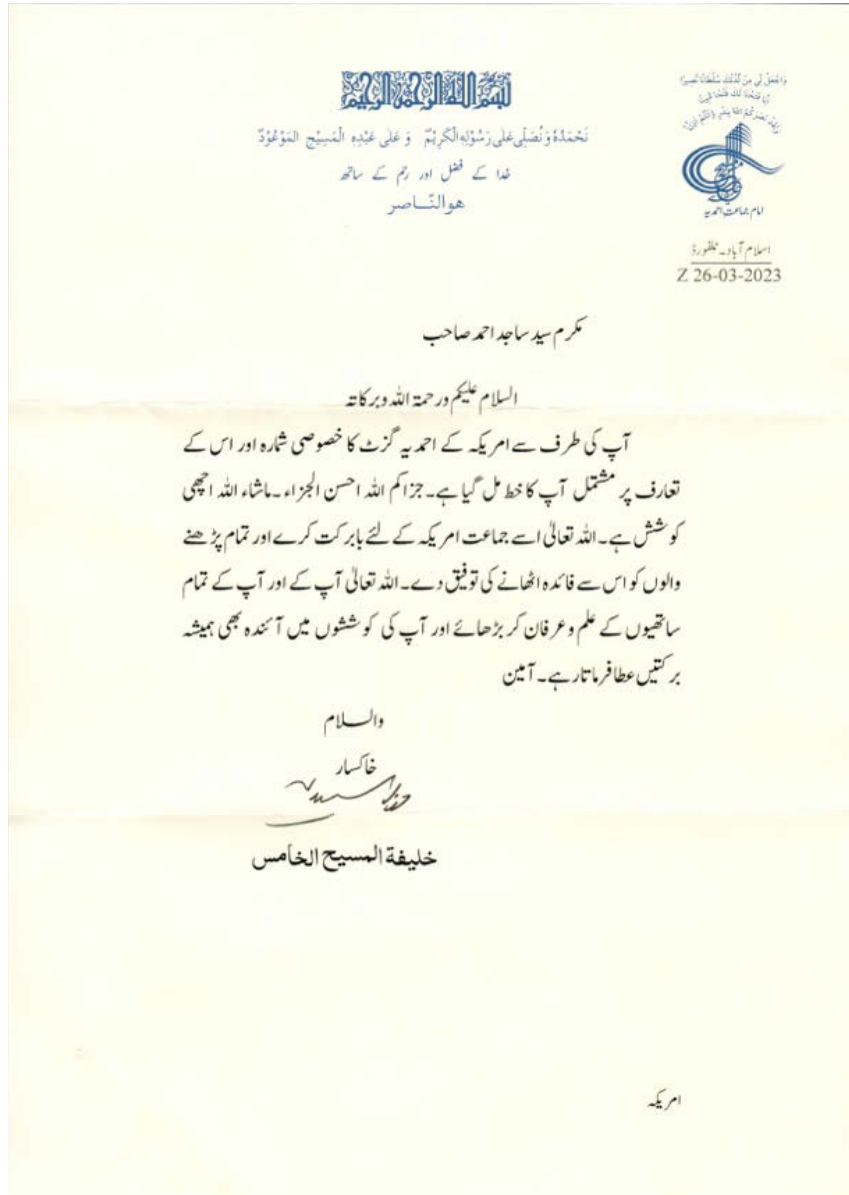
May Allah enable us to reflect upon Allah's word spoken by His messenger to understand the true meaning of Eid.

Wassalām,

Khaksar,

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā'at USA

# The letter of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, on the special edition of the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA



Islamabad-Tilford

Z 26-03-2023

Respected Syed Sajid Ahmad Sahib

As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh Wa Barakātuhū

I received your letter comprising a special edition of the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA, and its introduction. Jazākumullāh Ahsanuljaza. It is a good attempt. Mā-Shā’-Allāh. God may bless it for the Jamā’at Ahmadiyya America and enable all the readers to benefit from it. May Allah increase the knowledge and wisdom of your colleagues and always bless your efforts in the future. Amen.

Was-Salām

Humble, Signature Mirza Masroor, Khalifatul-Masih V

Note: The English translation of the above letter of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V in Urdu was done by the editor of Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA.



# Letter of Amir Jamā'at USA about Mosque Fund



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Dear Respected Members of the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya U.S.A.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

When Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Ayyadahullahu Ta'ala Be Nasrihil-'Aziz graciously visited the U.S.A. in 2022, National Majlis 'Āmila U.S.A. had the honor and the blessed opportunity to have a meeting with Huzoor Ayyadahullahu Ta'ala Be Nasrihil-'Aziz. In that meeting, Huzoor Ayyadahullahu Ta'ala Be Nasrihil-'Aziz gave the following directions for constructing and acquiring Mosques in the U.S.A.

**"You should target how many buildings you will buy or construct, and then raising the funds should take place; otherwise, you may not be able to meet your objective. First of all, decide that you will construct two or three Mosques, and then you will know that you will need \$6M, \$7M, \$8M, or \$9M. This is how you set the target and appeal for the fund accordingly."**

While following up on the directions of Huzoor Ayyadahullahu Ta'ala Be Nasrihil-'Aziz, the National Mosque Committee identified the priority list of 6 locations in the U.S.A., and the National Majlis 'Āmila approved it and asked the National Mosque Committee to plan the construction or purchase of the Mosques in these places.

It is important to mention that the National Mosque Committee would decide the planning, design, and size of all Mosques under this initiative. After primary determination, the National Mosque Committee would present the details to the National Majlis 'Āmila for approval.

The construction management from the design to completion would be handled by the National Mosque Committee, which would include the local President and local Property Secretary as part of that particular Mosque Committee when construction or purchase occurs. In other words, all these construction projects will be the responsibility of the U.S.A. National Jamā'at and will be handed over to the local Jamā'at administration after the completion of the projects.

To accomplish the above-mentioned plan, the National Majlis Shūrā has allocated \$3M for the National Mosque Fund, which is part of our current National Budget approved by Huzoor Ayyadahullahu Ta'ala Be Nasrihil-'Aziz.

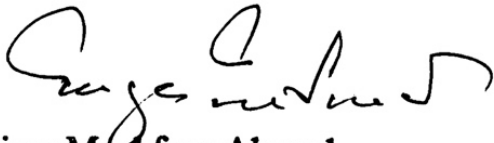
Now, it is the U.S.A. Jamā'at membership that has to donate to the National Mosque Fund to fulfill all our obligations to start these Mosques' construction and acquisition plans as per the instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih Ayyadahullahu Ta'ala Be Nasrihil-'Aziz.

I invite you all during these historic moments and make a fervent plea to every member of the U.S.A. Jamā'at to come forward and donate passionately to fulfill the obligations for the present and future needs of the next generations of the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya U.S.A. purely seeking the pleasure of God Almighty.

May Allah be your Guide, Helper, and Protector. Ameen.

Wassalam

Khaksar



**Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad**  
**Ameer Jamaat, USA**

## **Press Release—Israel-Hamas War**

**10 October 2023**

Note: The following statement is published according to the guidance of the Worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad.

“Over the past few days, hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians, including women, children and the elderly, have been killed or injured as a result of senseless violence and bloodshed. The killing or harming of innocent civilians is a direct violation of the teachings of the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings be upon him), who taught that even in a state of warfare, no woman, child or elder should be targeted or harmed in any way. Nor should any religious leader or place of worship be attacked.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community extends its deepest sympathies and prayers to all those who have been left bereaved or affected in any way. Our hearts go out to them all.

We pray and urge for an immediate end to hostilities and for peace to prevail so that no more lives are lost. For that, it is necessary that the channels of communication between relevant parties and nations remain open.

Until a ceasefire occurs, any military action taken must ensure that civilians do not come to any harm.

Furthermore, Muslim countries within the region should unite in an effort to establish peace and to ensure that the rights of those innocent Palestinian people, who have no link with extremists, are protected.

We urge the United States and other influential nations to abstain from any actions or statements that may further inflame the volatile situation. Instead, alongside the relevant international organizations, they should make every possible effort to urgently de-escalate the conflict and secure peace as soon as possible.

Justice and equity are of paramount importance in achieving lasting and sustainable peace. Thus, all the major powers must focus on establishing long-term and sustainable peace based upon the principles of fairness and true justice.

# Khilafat News

## United Nations faces collapse amidst World War

### Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) warns of escalating tensions following oppression against Palestine

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper), while urging for continuous prayers for Palestinians, said in Friday Sermon dated 17 November 2023:

As I have been mentioning in my recent sermons about praying for the [Palestinians](#), I wish to reiterate the same today. Continue your prayers.

Now, the extent of oppression has reached its limits. Innocent children, women, the elderly, and the sick are being killed under the pretext of war with Hamas. All norms and rules of warfare have been disregarded by this so-called civilized world. May Allah grant wisdom to Muslim countries as well.

Hazrat Muslih Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him), warned over 72 or 73 years ago that [Muslims need to unite](#); they have to decide whether they want to die one by one or maintain their existence and survive as a united entity. If only these people [Muslims] could understand this now and unite as one.

The situation is such that I have been informed that those going to Umrah are being told not to discuss the Palestine-Israel conflict. This directive comes from the government issuing the visas. If this is true, it reflects extreme cowardice on the part of that Muslim

government.

Nevertheless, one should duly observe the sanctity of Umrah, and during it, such matters are not to be discussed, but prayers for the oppressed Palestinians must be offered, and those going for Umrah should remember to do so.

The voices of Muslim governments are very weak nowadays. Occasionally, they do raise their voices, but stronger voices are being raised by some non-Muslim people, politicians, and governments. May Allah grant courage and wisdom to the Muslims.

The UN Secretary-General is speaking well these days, but it seems his words carry no weight.

It appears that if this conflict escalates further and acquires the form of a [World War](#), then, after its conclusion, the UN might also come to an end. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said:

“May Allah grant wisdom to the world. It seems the world is drawing closer to its destruction. And after this destruction, may those who survive turn towards Allah and pay heed to Him. We must pray a lot in this regard. May Allah have mercy on the world.” (Adapted from Al-Hakam 17 November 2023)

## If the Israel-Palestine issue persists, blocs will widen and evolve into a Third World War

### Ahmadis from Kosovo meet Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V, may Allah be his Helper



On Sunday, 29 October 2023, Ahmadis from Kosovo had the blessed opportunity to meet Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) in a virtual Mulaqat.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said, “At present, it appears that humanity is unwilling to heed the Words of Allah or His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), and they also seem unprepared to fulfill the obligations owed to Allah and His people,”

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that with regard to the current situation of the world, “If this persists, blocs will widen, and, as I have warned previously, the situation will evolve into a Third World War, with grave consequences.”

Regarding financial sacrifices Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said: “The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) emphasized that one should share a portion of their earnings in the way of Allah, contribute to Chanda and Sadaqa, and take care of those in need, and by doing so, Allah bestows His blessings upon their earnings. Additionally, one should make diligent and honest efforts in their work.

In the end, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said, always remember Allah, work with integrity, shun deceit, contribute a portion of your earnings in the path of Allah, and put in earnest effort.

(Adapted from a report prepared by Al-Hakam)

# Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V mentions US Ahmadis

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V announces Nikah of Ismail Ahmad of the USA

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V announces Nikah (marriage) of Maha Khan daughter of Habibullah Khan of Corydon, UK with Ismail Ahmad son of Nasir Ahmad of USA on 23 July 2022 at Mubarak Mosque, Islamabad, UK after Asr prayers. (Translated from Al-Fazl Online, 28 July 2022, p. 14)

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads funeral prayer in absentia of US Ahmadis

Khalifatul-Masih V led the funeral prayer in absentia of the following Ahmadis of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA after his Friday Sermons (July to December 2021).

1. Sahibzada Mahdi Latif of USA. He was the grandson of Sahibzada Abdul Latif Shaheed. (9 July 2021)
2. Zubaidah Begum, wife of Karim Ahmad Naeem, from USA. She was devoted to Khilafat and possessed many virtuous qualities. She is survived by three sons and two daughters.

One of her sons is the Chairman of Humanity First USA. She treated everyone with love and affection. She was kind to the poor and took care of family members. She was always mindful of her monetary contributions. (22 October 2021)

3. Dr. Mirza Nubair Ahmad and Aisha Amber Syed of Milwaukee, USA. Both of them passed away in an accident. Of the members in the local community, he had presented the largest donation for

purchasing a property for a new mosque. (12 November 2021)

4. Qanita Zafar, wife of Ahsanullah Zafar, former Amir of the USA Jamā'at. She was very loyal to Khilafat and had a great deal of love for the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). She is survived by her husband and two daughters. Despite being a PhD, she was extremely humble. She always ensured that the mosque remained clean. (17 December 2021)

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Dr. Karimullah Zirvi, ex-editor of The Ahmadiyya Gazette USA

It is with great sorrow and sadness, that I am informing you all that Dr. Karimullah Zirvi passed away on 4 January 2023 in Columbia, Maryland. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

Dr. Zirvi was born on 20 May 20 1940 in Lahore, Pakistan. He was the son of Sufi Khuda Baksh Zirvi who did his Bai'at during the time of Khalifatul-Masih II and worked in Waqf-e-Jadid Rabwah as Nazim Mal when Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad (Khalifatul-Masih IV) was Nazim Irshad Waqf-e-Jadid Rabwah.

Dr. Karimullah Zirvi completed his undergraduate education in 1959 at Ta'lim-ul-Islam College Rabwah, Pakistan. In 1963, he completed his master's degree in Chemistry from Karachi University. In 1968, he did his Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the

laboratory of Dr. Charles H. Jarboe, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

He was married to Amatul Latif Zirvi. She was the daughter of the late Malik Saif-ur-Rahman, former Mufti of the Ahmadiyya Jamā'at and sister of Mujeeb Malik and Athar Malik of North Virginia Jamā'at. In 1978, Dr. Zirvi and his family migrated to the US.

He served the USA Jamā'at in different positions. He served in local Jamā'at as National Secretary Ta'lim, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Scientists Association as well as the General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association, member of Qada Board and Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA. He authored half a dozen books for Jamā'at members.

He is survived by three sons, Nasir Zirvi, Dr. Monib Zirvi, Dr.

Khalid Zirvi and a daughter, Sumra Zirvi, and eleven grandchildren. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V led his funeral prayer in-absentia after Friday Prayer on 20 January 2023. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said:

“Dr Karimullah Zirvi was from the USA and was the son of Sufi Khuda Bakhsh Zirvi. Dr Karimullah Zirvi passed away on 4 January 2023. He was also the son-in-law of Malik Saif-ur-Rahman. He was a great scholar; he has written various books and served the Community in various ways. He prayed that may Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy.” (Friday Sermon, 20 January 2023)

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Amatul Latif Zirvi of Maryland

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V led her funeral prayer in-absentia after Friday Prayer on 20 January 2023. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said:

“Amatul Latif Zirvi was the wife of Dr Karimullah Zirvi and the daughter of Malik Saif-ur-Rahman. She passed away on 6 January 2023,

two days after the passing of her husband. Her mother’s name was Amatul Rashid Shaukat who served as the Editor of the Al-Misbah magazine in Rabwah. She possessed great intellectual prowess, and also had the opportunity of serving the Community. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih prayed that may Allah grant

her forgiveness and mercy. Her brother writes that both husband and wife had great love for each other. They endured difficulties but never complained. They were both oceans of knowledge and cared for everyone around them with love until their last days.”(Friday Sermon, 20 January 2023)

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Nusrat Jahan Ahmad wife of the US missionary Mubashir Ahmad

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih led the funeral prayer of Nusrat Jahan Ahmad wife of the US missionary Mubashir Ahmad. Khalifatul-Masih said: In 1972, she moved to the USA with her family. She was blessed with the opportunity to serve the Jamā'at in Washington. In 1988, Mubashir Ahmad Sahib dedicated his life to the Jamā'at, and she supported him wholeheartedly. She was a pious and prayerful person and was devoted to Khilāfat and the Jamā'at.

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads funeral prayer in absentia of Ansa Begum and Nasir Ahmad Qureshi of Detroit

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) led the funeral prayer in absentia of Ansa Begum daughter of Mir Muhammad Ishaq on Friday, 25 August 2023. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said: Ansa Begum who was the daughter of Mir Muhammad Ishaq. She was born in Qadian. Her mother’s name was Saliha Begum. She is survived by two sons and a daughter. She would always serve her family in great ways. She was a sincere Ahmadi with a simple and loving disposition. She was well acquainted with the history of the Community. She often advised people to live an honorable life. She

possessed great compassion for humanity. She had a passion for serving the faith. She would often clean the mosque in New York. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) prayed that may Allah enable her children to carry on the legacy of her virtues and grant her forgiveness and mercy.

He also led the funeral prayer in absentia of Nasir Ahmad Qureshi on Friday, 25 August 2023. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said the following words about him:

“Nasir Ahmad Qureshi of USA. He is survived by her wife, two sons,

and three daughters. One of his grandsons, Waqas Khurshid is a missionary, while another is studying at Jami'a Ahmadiyya Canada. He served the Community in various capacities. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) prayed that may Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy. He was attached to the mosque and always tended to the moral training of his children. He was straightforward and upstanding. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) prayed that may Allah enable his children to carry on the legacy of his virtues.”

## The funeral prayer in absentia of Professor Dr. Sharif Khan of Philadelphia

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) led the funeral prayer in absentia of Professor Dr. Sharif Khan of Philadelphia, USA who passed away on 6 October 2023. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said:

Professor Dr. Sharif Khan passed away recently in the USA. He obtained his Ph.D. in Zoology. He then served as a professor at the Ta'lim-ul-Islam College. He had

about 250 research papers published throughout the world. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V was also his student and he would take the class out to teach them about various insects, reptiles, and the like. In 2002 he was awarded Zoologist of the Year in Pakistan. He was very kind and humble. He treated his students and friends very well. Some scientists from the USA and Canada went to meet him in Pakistan and

they attested that there was no one more expert than him. He was regular in offering prayers, keeping fasts, and reciting the Holy Qur'an. He encouraged his children and grandchildren to focus on their studies. He had a special love for the Caliphate. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih prayed that may Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy and enable his progeny to carry on the legacy of his virtues.

## **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads funeral prayer in absentia of Chaudhri Rashid Ahmad of California**

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) led the funeral prayer in the absentia of Chaudhri Rashid Ahmad of California. He said: He was the former registrar at the university in Faisalabad. He loved the Khilafat a great deal and

fulfilled every instruction. He was very trustworthy and honorable and always took any recognition of this to inform people that this was because of his faith in Ahmadiyyat. He was regular in offering financial sacrifices. He was very loving and

met everyone with a smile. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih prayed that may Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy and enable his children to carry on the legacy of his virtues.

## **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V led the funeral prayer in absentia of the following US Ahmadis during May-November 2023.**

He prayed in the end: "May Allah grant forgiveness to all the deceased and place them in close proximity to their loved ones. May Allah grant patience to their family members and enable them to keep their qualities alive. Amen"

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Shafiq Ahmed Jaskani (USA)**

He passed away on September 19, 2022, at the age of 87. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He took the oath of allegiance in 1959. Hazrat Maulawi

Abdullah Sanoori (may Allah be pleased with him) was the great-grandfather of his wife Shamim Jaskani. In 1982, he completed his Master's degree and worked as provincial president of the Pakistan Boy Scouts Association and then

retired from there as national president. He moved to California, USA in 1971 and lived there until his death. He was a very pious, sincere and faithful man. He is survived by his wife, five daughters, and a son.

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Muhammad Ahmad son of Malik Muhammad Nawaz (USA)**

He passed away on November 30, 2022, at the age of 53. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. In 1930, his grandfather, Haji Rajada, went to Qadian and took the oath of allegiance at the hands of Hazrat Muslih Mau'ud

(may Allah be pleased with him). The deceased was regular in five daily prayers and Tahajjud was used to recite the Holy Quran daily. He used to listen to Friday sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih regularly with his family. He was loyal and obedient to the Khilafat. He was also very fond of preaching and used to

participate in Tabligh programs with his children. He was currently stationed in the United States, from where he moved with his family from Sri Lanka as a refugee in August 2018. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Riaz Ahmad Zahid son of Sufi Inayat Ullah Khan (Chuk Sikandar, District Gujrat) Currently USA**

He passed away on December 26, 2022. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He was the grandson of Hazrat Dr. Muhammad

Abdulla Khan (may Allah be pleased with him), a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He apart from Qaid Majlis, Za'im Ansarullah, served the Jamā'

at as local Naib Sadr and Secretary Sami' wa Basri. In 1988, he moved from Pakistan to the United States. The deceased was a Musi. He is survived by his wife. He had no children.

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Khanum Raffia Majeed wife of Majeed Ahmed Khan (Chicago) United States**

She passed away on February 12, 2023, at the age of 86. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She

was the granddaughter of Hazrat Mian Muhammad Khan Kapurtharvi, a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), and the daughter of Khan

Muhammad Ibrahim Khan (of Kapurthala). The deceased was an active member of the Jamā'at. She was regular in daily prayers. She was

a pious and sincere elderly woman. She moved to the United States from

Pakistan in 2008. She is survived by a son and three daughters.

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Hafizullah Khan (Accountant, Finance Department of the US)**

He passed away on February 21, 2023, at the age of 73. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. His maternal grandfather, Hazrat Chaudhry Qaim Din (may Allah be pleased with him), was a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He received his early education at Muhammadabad Sind State and then started a job at Punjab University, Lahore. During

service, he obtained a master's degree in Islamic studies. After his retirement, he moved to the United States with his family in 1998 and served in the Finance Department USA and Shift in-charge at MTA Masroor Teleport Silver Spring, Maryland. For a long time, he administered homeopathic medicines to the members of the Jamā'at. He was regular in daily prayers. He was a man of humility, a

gentle heart, very pious and sincere. He had memorized some parts of the Holy Quran and used to recite them in a melodious voice. He had a deep knowledge of Islam Ahmadiyyat and Nizam-e-Jamā'at and had a great love for Khilafat. He was a Musi. He is survived by two sons and a daughter. He was the brother of Hamid Ullah Khan (Missionary of the Jamā'at).

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Munira Sultan wife of Professor (Retd.) Sultan Ahmed Chaudhri (USA)**

She passed away on March 4, 2023, at the age of 67. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. His grandfather Chaudhry Faiz Bakhsh

accepted Ahmadiyyat during the caliphate of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him). She was a pious lady. She was regular in five daily prayers, regular in Chandajats, very cheerful,

hospitable, and helping the poor. She was prominent in sacrifices. She served Lajna in every possible way. She was fond of Da'wat Illalah. She was Mūṣīyya. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Muhammad Nawaz Sial (USA)**

He passed away on March 22, 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He had the opportunity to serve the Jamā'at in Pakistan as Qaid Majlis Wah Cantt,

Qaid Alaqa Rawalpindi, General Secretary Jamā'at Quetta, Nazim Ansarullah Quetta, Naib Nazim Alaqa Rawalpindi, Secretary Ta'lim-ul-Qur'ān Islamabad and Secretary Finance. He was a good-natured person who was regular in five daily

prayers and recitation of the Holy Quran, he was a pious person, who was peace-loving, well-mannered, gentle, hospitable, and participated in all the activities of people. He was a Musi. He is survived by his wife, three sons, and a daughter.

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Chaudhry Ghulam Qadir (USA)**

He passed away on April 15, 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He was the son of Hazrat Dr. Ghulam Mustafa (may

Allah be pleased with him) and grandson of Hazrat Munshi Muhammad Din (may Allah be pleased with him). He moved to the United States in 1960. He was always at the forefront of services to the

Jamā'at. He had a love for Khilafat and the system of Jamā'at. The deceased was a Musi. He is survived by a daughter and a son.

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Amatus Sami Shafiq daughter of Sheikh Naseer-ud-Din (Jamā'at-e-Charlotte USA)**

On April 25, 2023, she died in a car accident at the age of 60. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah

2:157)]. She was the younger sister of Amat-ur-Rehman Ahmad (National Secretary of Education, Lajna Imā'illāh USA). His father, Sheikh Naseer-ud-Din, was a Waqif Zindagi

who served as Muballigh in-charge of Nigeria and Muballigh in-charge of Zambia. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

## **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Prof. Mirza Bashir Ahmad (Nowshera Cantt. Currently Virginia USA )**

He passed away on May 5, 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He was the son-in-law of Malik Saif-ur-Rehman (Mufti Silsila), son of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Rasool (may Allah be pleased with him) and brother of Mirza Maqsood Ahmed (former Amir Jamā'at Peshawar) and Mirza Abdul Hafeez Advocate (former President Jamā'at District and former President Bar Association Nowshera). The deceased was associated with the Education Department. In the early days of Ahmadiyya College Ghatalian, he was also a lecturer and

principal there. He was very knowledgeable and loved people with this trait. In addition to mastering his subject philosophy, he was also an expert in the English language. His research articles and commentaries were published in the English newspaper "Pakistan Times." He had an extensive circle of literary people. He was an expert in conversing with people of every class and of all ages according to his nature and interest. In 1960, when the Ahmadiyya Inter-Collegiate Association was formed under the Majlis-e-Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya, he was elected its first president. Whenever a prominent foreign

personality or delegation visited the Frontier Province, he used to join as a party representative on the occasion and introduced the Jamā'at and presented the translation of the Holy Quran and the literature of the Jamā'at. He was regular in daily prayers, helpful to the needy, a follower of the Khilafat, very sincere and faithful man. He served as Qaid Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya Nowshera, Qaid Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya District Peshawar, Nazim Ansarullah District Peshawar, President Jamā'at Nowshera and Amir Jamā'at District Nowshera. He was a Musi. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and a son.

## **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Bashir Ahmad Pervaiz son of Raj Wali (Dumyal) Currently USA**

On May 13, 2023, he died in the United States at the age of 89. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. Ahmadiyyat came to his family through his maternal grandfather Mistry Ghulam Ahmad (of Dumyal). He pledged allegiance

at the hands of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him). He was regular in five daily prayers and Tahajjud. He was a sincere and pious person. He recited the Holy Qur'ān daily. He had a great devotion for Khilafat and the family of the Promised Messiah (peace be

on him). He came to Germany in 1979 and served the Jamā'at in various capacities. Although he was not a Muballigh, but lived his life in a simpler manner and like a Muballigh. The deceased was a Musi. He is survived by four daughters and two sons.

## **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Malik Muhammad Ashraf (USA) son of Malik Barkat Ali (Former Amir Jamā'at Hafizabad)**

He passed away on May 8, 2023, at the age of 86. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

(Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. His father was the first Ahmadi in his family. He was regular in five daily prayers and was a pious and faithful person. He

is survived by his wife, five daughters, and two sons. He was the brother of Major Mahmood Ahmed (Officer Hifazat-e-Khas, UK).

## **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Zubaida Begum wife of Qureshi Muhammad Aslam (Michigan) United States**

She passed away on May 14, 2023, at the age of 77. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She

was a pious woman who was regular to five-time prayers, regular in Chandajat, devoted to Ahmadiyya Khilafat, and was deeply attached to the Jamā'at. She was Mūṣīyya. She is

survived by five daughters and three sons. His son Mudassar Ahmed is currently serving as Qaid Tarbiyat Majlis Ansarullah Finland.

## **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Ḥajjah Majeeda Abdullah (USA)**

She passed away on May 21, 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we

belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. The deceased hailed from Hyderabad, India. Her

parents died at a young age. After this, Khalil Nasir (former missionary in-charge of America) took over his



responsibility. She got the opportunity to accept Islam Ahmadiyyat. She was named Majeeda Abdullah. The mother tongue of the deceased was Telegu. She learned Arabic and Urdu languages with hard work and dedication so that she could read the

Holy Quran. After partition in 1947, she moved to Karachi and then to the United States. In 1965, she was married to the late Chaudhry Ghulam Qadir. After separating from her husband in 1970, she raised her two young children alone. In 1997, she was able to perform Hajj

with her son and then joined the Nizam-e-Waṣīyyat. The deceased always trusted Allah Almighty and relied on prayers in all matters of her life. She lived a very simple life and actively participated in the financial sacrifice.

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Fehmida Begum wife of Bashir Ahmed Siddiqui (Rabwah), Currently residing in Los Angeles, USA**

She died in the United States on June 4, 2023, at the age of 86. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. His father Fazal Karim was the only Ahmadi in his family. She was a regular in five daily prayers

and Tahajjud, recited the Holy Quran daily, was devoted to the service of Ahmadiyyat, sympathized with the poor, and obeyed the Ahmadiyya Khilafat. She was a pious lady and was Mūṣīyya. She is survived by five sons. She was the mother of renowned Jamā'at poet

and regional Amir Bait-ul-Fatuh Mubarak Ahmed Siddiqui. One of his sons, Shakeel Siddiqui, was a missionary in Burkina Faso and died there at the age of 29. One of his grandsons, Mustafa Siddiqui (missionary), is currently working at Arabic Desk UK.

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Ijaz Ahmed Malik (Maryland) United States**

He passed away on July 22, 2023, at the age of 83. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He worked as deputy director of the Agriculture Department in The Frontier Province of Pakistan and lived a very honest and simple life. In the Mardan district, he was able to

serve as the Qaid Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya and Secretary Revenue Charsadda Jamā'at. He moved to the United States in 1992 and served as local secretary for a long time. He had a very loyal and devotional relationship with the Khilāfah and always exhorted his children to remain associated with the Khilafat. He also had the pleasure of Umrah.

The deceased was a Musi and had also paid the share of property in his life. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and three daughters. One of his grandsons, Danish Ahmad Malik, is studying in the third grade at Jami'a Ahmadiyya, Canada. He was the younger brother of Masood Malik (Naib Ameer of America).

### **Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Masuda Khanum wife of Malik Muzaffar Ahmad (Maryland USA)**

She passed away on June 23, 2023, at the age of 82. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She

was the daughter-in-law of Hazrat Malik Ali Haider (may Allah be pleased with him). She was a devoted, hospitable, hardworking, sincere, pious, compassionate, and

sincere woman. She endured a long illness with great patience and courage. She was Mūṣīyya. He is survived by four sons and three daughters.

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# Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA Announcements

## National Amila Jamā'at Ahmadiyya USA—2022-2025

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah support him with His mighty help) has graciously approved the USA Jamā'at National Amila for the 2022-2025 term.

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| Amir, Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad  | Secretary Tahrik Jadid, Anwer Mahmood Khan                       |
| General Secretary, Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi                            | Secretary Waqf Jadid, Nasirullah Ahmad                           |
| Secretary Tabligh, Waseem Ahmad Sayed                             | Add. Secretary Tarbiyat and Waqf Jadid Nau Muba'in, Junayd Latif |
| Secretary Ta'lim, Atif Rehman Mian                                | Secretary Ja'idad, Niaz Butt                                     |
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| Secretary Mal, Talha Ahmad Chaudhry                               | Muhasib, Muhammad Owusu  |
| Additional Secretary Mal, Nasir Mehmood Ahmad                     | Amin, Bashir Ahmad Malik   |
| Secretary Wasaya, Khaled Ahmad 'Ata                               | Internal Audit, Mirza Naseer Ehsan Ahmad                         |
| Secretary Ta'limul Qur'ān & Waqf 'Ardi, Hafiz Mubarak Bola Kukoyi |  |

## Annual Report Tahrik Jadid 2020-2021

### Salient Features of the final report:

- Total collections were \$ 2.73 m as compared to \$ 2.44 m, the prior year.
- Participation reached 15,500, an increase of 500.
- Per Capita contribution increased to \$ 176 from \$ 166.

### Highlights:

- Forty-Nine Chapters increased their collections this year.
- Five Chapters, reached within a few hundred from the last year.
- Ten Chapters decreased from last year, one due to the natural disaster and one due to a move of one major donor.

## Annual Report Waqf-e-Jadid 2021

The 64<sup>th</sup> year of the blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme ended on 31 December 2021. The following are the final numbers.

- The total collection amounts to \$ 2,002,895.29, against the budget of \$1.8 m.
- Al-Hamdu Lillah, \$ 200,000 above the targeted budget.
- The total participation of Jamā'at Members was 13,355.

We embark on the 65<sup>th</sup> year of the blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme for 2022 with strategist planning, hard work and prayers. We hope to increase the participation of more Jamā'at Members. (Nasirullah Ahmad, WJ-Department, USA.)

## Na'ib Amirs and National Secretary Rishta Nata

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah support him with His mighty help) has graciously approved the following Na'ib Amirs of USA Jamā'at for the term 2022-2025.

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| 1. Azhar Haneef, Na'ib Amir and Missionary In-Charge | 3. Hameed-ur-Rahman  | 6. Wasim Ahmad Malik     |
| 2. Masoud Ahmad Malik                                | 4. Nasim Rahmatullah | 7. Faheem Younas Qureshi |
|  | 5. Falahud Din Shams |                          |

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V has also approved Ahsan Mahmood Khan as National Secretary Rishta Nata for the term 2022-2025.

## Members Darul-Qada USA 022-2025

| Sadr Qada Board: Attaul Qudus Malik               |                      |                   |                 |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Nazim Darul-Qada: Salman Tariq                    |                      |                   |                 |
| Missionary Assigned to Darul-Qada: Farhad Rana    |                      |                   |                 |
| Name  | Position             | Jama`at           | Region          |
| Names of Members Appellate Board (9)              |                      |                   |                 |
| Asim Ansari                                       | Qada Appellate Board | Los Angeles       | Southwest       |
| Imran Tahir                                       | Qada Appellate Board | Dallas (TX)       | Texas North     |
| Rashid Waraich                                    | Qada Appellate Board | Austin (TX)       | Texas South     |
| Mubasher Ahmad (Missionary)                       | Qada Appellate Board | Maryland          | Headquarter     |
| Syed Sajid Ahmad                                  | Qada Appellate Board | Iowa              | Midwest West    |
| Chaudhry Ghalibuddin                              | Qada Appellate Board | Buffalo           | Upstate NY      |
| Mujeebur Rahman Malik                             | Qada Appellate Board | Northern Virginia | Virginia        |
| Usman Choudhry                                    | Qada Appellate Board | Northern Virginia | Virginia        |
| Bashir Shams                                      | Qada Appellate Board | Maryland          | Headquarter     |
| Names of Qadi Awwals (25)                         |                      |                   |                 |
| Salman Tariq (Missionary, <i>Nazim</i> )          | Qadi Awwal           | Maryland          | Headquarter     |
| Asif Arif   | Qadi Awwal           | Los Angeles       | Southwest       |
| Saifur Rahman                                     | Qadi Awwal           | Los Angeles       | Southwest       |
| Syed Adil Ahmad (Missionary)                      | Qadi Awwal           | Dallas (TX)       | Texas North     |
| Usama Awan  | Qadi Awwal           | Houston (TX)      | Texas South     |
| Ataur Rabb  | Qadi Awwal           | Houston (TX)      | Texas South     |
| Syed Ammar Ahmad                                  | Qadi Awwal           | Detroit (MI)      | Upper Midwest   |
| Syed Raza Ahmad                                   | Qadi Awwal           | Chicago           | Midwest Central |
| Abdul Hakim Nasar                                 | Qadi Awwal           | Syracuse          | Upstate NY      |
| Adnan Ahmad (Missionary)                          | Qadi Awwal           | Brooklyn (NY)     | NY Metro West   |
| Ahad Ahmad Khan                                   | Qadi Awwal           | Queens (NY)       | NY Metro West   |
| Rizwan Hameed Khan (Missionary)                   | Qadi Awwal           | Connecticut       | Upper Northeast |
| Saleem Lutfullah                                  | Qadi Awwal           | York/ Harrisburg  | Pennsylvania    |
| Abdullah Dibba (Missionary)                       | Qadi Awwal           | St. Louis         | Midwest         |
| Matiullah Joiya (Missionary)                      | Qadi Awwal           | Hawaii            | Islands         |
| Naseem Hameed                                     | Qadi Awwal           | Tulsa             | South Midwest   |
| Javed Choudhry                                    | Qadi Awwal           | Maryland          | Headquarter     |
| Salaam Bhatti (Existing)                          | Qadi Awwal           | Richmond          | Virginia        |
| Ataul Karim (Existing)                            | Qadi Awwal           | Seattle           | Upper Northwest |
| Mahmood Ahmad (Existing)                          | Qadi Awwal           | Georgia           | Southeast       |
| Farhad Rana (Missionary)                          | Qadi Awwal           | Maryland          | Headquarter     |
| Feroz Hundal (Missionary)                         | Qadi Awwal           | Minnesota         | Midwest West    |
| Luqman Gondol (Missionary)                        | Qadi Awwal           | Boston            | Upper Northeast |
| Shahid Bajwa                                      | Qadi Awwal           | Oshkosh           | Midwest         |
| Tanveer Javed                                     | Qadi Awwal           | Pittsburg         | Pennsylvania    |
| Names of Representatives in a Marital Dispute (9) |                      |                   |                 |
| Sabahat Ali (Missionary)                          | Representative       | Silicon Valley    | Upper Southwest |
| Faheem Arshad (Missionary)                        | Representative       | Miami             | Southeast       |
| Mahmood Kauser (Missionary)                       | Representative       | Los Angeles       | Southwest       |
| Hamid Nasir Malik (Missionary)                    | Representative       | Seattle           | Upper Northwest |
| Umar Nayyar (Missionary)                          | Representative       | Central Jersey    | East            |
| Shamshad Nasir (Missionary)                       | Representative       | Southern Virginia | Virginia        |
| Usama Rahman (Missionary)                         | Representative       | Dayton            | Midwest East    |
| Waqas Khurshid (Missionary)                       | Representative       | Willingboro       | East            |
| Tariq Naseem Ahmad (Missionary)                   | Representative       | Zion              | Midwest         |

(Salman Tariq, Nazim | Darul-Qada USA)

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) appoints Dr. Bilal Rana as Naib Amir, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya USA



Sahibzada Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā'at USA has informed that Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his Helper) has graciously appointed Dr. Bilal Ahmad Rana, Secretary General Affairs (2019-Present) to the office of Naib Amir, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya USA. May Allah help him and guide him to serve the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and Khilafat to the best of his abilities. May Allah enable him to fulfill his obligations to this esteemed office. He was elected as Sadr Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya, USA for the term 2012 to 2018.

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V appoints Dr. Mansoor Qureshi as Sadr and Muhammad Ahmad as Naib Sadr Saf Dom Majlis Ansarullah USA

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) has appointed Dr. Mansoor Qureshi as Sadr and Muhammad Ahmad as Naib Sadr Saf Dom of Majlis Ansarullah USA for the next two years starting from January 1, 2024.

### Dr. Mansoor Qureshi



Dr. Mansoor Qureshi is the son of the Late Nasir Ahmed Qureshi

and Amtul Bari Nasir. He grew up in Karachi and obtained initial education including MBBS before moving to New York in 1992. He pursued his residency and fellowship training in New York and then moved to Michigan in 1998 for further advanced training in interventional cardiology and peripheral vascular disease. Professionally, he is serving in the role of Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and Co-Director of structural heart disease in a hospital in Michigan.

He has been serving Jamā'at in various capacities over the years, including local President of Detroit Jamā'at, vice President of Detroit Jamā'at, assistant national secretary Rishta Nata for over 10 years, volunteer leader with Humanity First, and last but not least, Naib Sadr of Majlis Ansarullah for the last 5 years.

He is happily married and is a father of three children, and lives in Detroit, MI.

### Muhammad Ahmad



Muhammad Ahmad currently serves as Qaid Tabligh for Majlis Ansarullah USA. He has also been serving Jamā'at in various capacities over the years including various national and local responsibilities in Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya and Jamā'at. He has been part of the cyclists' teams that rode long distances to Ansarullah Ijima in 2022 (Austin, TX to Houston, TX)

and 2023 (Pittsburgh, PA to Silver Spring, MD).

By profession, Muhammad Ahmad is a Software Engineer. He is happily married, is a father of two children, and lives in Austin, TX.

## Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V appoints Missionary Abdullah Dibba as Sadr Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya USA

### Missionary Abdullah Dibba



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V has appointed Missionary Abdullah Dibba as Sadr Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya USA from November 1, 2023.

Abdullah Dibba is from the Gambia. He is a born Ahmadi. He devoted his life to become a missionary in 2007. He completed his high school education in his home country, The Gambia, and went to university to study Economics and

Management. He studied in Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK and earned a Shāhid degree in 2015.

### Office holders of IAAAE USA

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah support him with His mighty help) has graciously approved the election results for IAAAE USA held at Jalsa Salana USA in June 2022.

President - Junaid Malik

General Secretary - Affan Abdullah

Joint Secretary - Tariq Amjed

Finance Secretary - Naveed Tahir

Auditor - Novid Aslam.

### New Board of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Lawyers Association USA (2023-2025)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V has approved the election of the Board of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Lawyers Association USA for the term (2023-2025) as follows:

**President:** N. Mahmood Ahmad, Esq. (Milwaukee)

**Vice President:** Lubna Malik, Esq. (Maryland)

**General Secretary:** Azhar Hussain, Esq. (Dallas)

**Treasurer:** Monsura Sirajee, Esq. (Maryland)

(Report by Amjad Mahmood Khan)

### Announcement for 74<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana USA

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya USA is delighted to announce the upcoming 74<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana scheduled to take place from June 28 to June 30, 2024, at the prestigious Greater Richmond Convention Center (GRCC) in the historic city of Richmond, Virginia. The venue's address is as follows:

**Greater Richmond Convention Center**

**403 North 3rd Street**

**Richmond, VA 23219**

Currently, we are actively engaged in negotiations with the Richmond City Department of Tourism to secure advantageous room rate discounts from local hotels for our esteemed members. Upon finalization of these contracts in the coming weeks, we will promptly provide you with updated information. Until then, we kindly request that you refrain from making any accommodation reservations. Rest assured, we are diligently working to secure competitive rates that will cater to your needs. Richmond offers a variety of accommodation options at different price points, ensuring you will find suitable lodging.

Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated. We look forward to updating you with further details as we progress with the arrangements. (Bashir Ahmed Malik, Afsar Jalsa Salana USA)

# Activities and News of the US Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention USA

Report by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi

The Annual Convention of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA was held on 17-19 June 2022 in Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. Two big halls of the complex were earmarked for gents and ladies separately. Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā'at USA hoisted flag of Ahmadiyyat. Five thousand eight hundred seventeen Ahmadis participated including one hundred forty-seven guests from sixteen countries in this sacred gathering. People who watched MTA and online streaming were 20,000.

Maulana Azhar Hanif delivered Friday sermon.

An exhibition was arranged as usual, which presented historical pictures of Khulafā and different special events of the Jamā'at. A bookstall was arranged by amibookstore.us which displayed the latest published books of the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya International for sale and viewing.

### First Day of the Convention:

Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir USA presided over the first session of Jalsa Salana USA which started at 4:30 P.M. In his inaugural remarks he read the message of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V in English and Urdu translation. The message of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul-Masih V appears in this issue of gazette. Amir Jamā'at USA prayed: May Allah enable us to follow the directions and instructions of Khalifatul-Masih and implement them in our daily lives. May Allah enable us to strengthen our bond with Ahmadiyya Khilafat. Then he led the silent prayer.

The first speech of the convention was on “Experiences with God—“Verily I am near” by the Missionary Mahmood Kauser. It was followed by two speeches by Sahibzada Usman Latif and Amjad Mahmood Khan on the topics “Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup>—A model of faith in trials and tribulations” and “Ummah without Khilafat: No unity, No peace” respectively.

### Second Day of the Convention:

In the first session of the second day, there were three speeches delivered on the following topics.

The etiquette of seeking knowledge and contentment by Madeel Abdullah.

Obedience in a culture of independence by the Missionary Syed Adil Ahmad.

Avoiding the evil tree of infidelity and hypocrisy by the Missionary Rizwan Khan.

In the afternoon session, following guests addressed the convention:

- Stephanie Sun
- Razi Hashmi
- Nadine Maenza
- Sailkou Ceesay
- Sidque Abou Bakarr Wai

The Missionary Abdulla Dibba delivered final speech of the session on “Hazrat Mirza Mansoor Ahmad: A Global Peacemaker.

### Last Day of the Convention:

The third day started with the recitation from Holy Quran and was chaired by Respected Amir USA at 10:30 a.m.

In this session, four speeches were delivered:

Urdu speech by the Missionary Zafrullah Hanjra

History of Ahmadiyyat—God and His Messengers will prevail by Fahim Younus Qureshi

Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya—Our future and our life by the Missionary in-charge Azhar Haneef

Maulana Azhar Haneef explained about the Ahmadiyya Khilafat. Jamā'at Ahmadiyya is the only existing Nucleus of the world Muslim organization. Without Khalifa Jamā'at Ahmadiyya is nothing. Khilafat is a soul in the body. Khalifa and Ahmadis combined together to form Jamā'at Ahmadiyya. This combination is the symbol of co-ordination. To serve Islam, is our future.

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā'at Ahmadiyya USA delivered convention's closing:

He recited 103-110 verses from Āl 'Imran. The translation of these verses was read before his address. He talked about pandemic—COVID-19 which killed about a million people in the US including twenty-two Ahmadis. The virus showed us powerful hand of God. We did not learn a lesson from this pandemic. We should ask ourselves whether this virus changed our behavior or not. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad then read excerpts from The Will—the book of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). The Promised Messiah described in the

book how to become righteous. He also talked about Ahmadis who came to the US because they did not have religious freedom in their country. But some of them have gone astray. Here in the US, we have religious freedom that was why many people came here. So, they should offer five daily prayers, give financial contributions according to their income. They should train their children as true Ahmadis. In the end he prayed for the whole Jamā'at. He asked for special prayers for Rana Kaleem of Houston and Dr. Bilal Rana, national secretary. They have serious medical issues. He mentioned specifically about volunteers who devoted their time and energy for successfully holding the Jalsa. In the end, he led silent prayers ending the three-day proceedings of Jalsa Salana, USA.

### Ladies' Parallel Programs of on Saturday 18 June 2022:

Ladies of the Jamā'at held two separate sessions on the second day of the Jalsa.

### First-ever career expo for Waqf-e-Nau boys and girls



Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA held its first-ever career expo on 28 January 2023, at the Masroor Mosque in South Virginia. The expo featured a robust 34 sessions in which various careers were presented based on the guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper).

The expo commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran at 10am EST, followed by a welcome address by myself, and welcome remarks by the local president of South Virginia, Tanveer Zafar, and missionary Syed Shamshad Ahmad Nasir, who led the attendees in silent prayer after his opening remarks. Afterwards, Assistant Secretary Waqf-e-Nau, Zeeshan Ahmad, shared the outline of the programme for the remainder of the day.

The career expo was a unique event in its own way where four simultaneous career sessions were being presented. This allowed the participants to pick and

### Speeches in the First session:

Women—The promoters of peace in the homes by Saliha Malik of Boston

Avoiding the evil tree of infidelity and hypocrisy by Kurat Abaidullah, Philadelphia, and A story on why I embraced Islam by Laeeqa Mirza of Ohio

### Speeches in the Second session:

Instilling the love of Khulafā by Rasheeda Kamal of Wisconsin

Importance and blessings of Khilafat by Dhiya Tahira Bakr, Sadr Lajna Ima'illah USA

### Exhibition and Bookstall:

Exhibitions of Jamāat's pictures were arranged in a big hall. It included tours of Ḥaḍrat Khalifatul Masīḥ V (may Allah support him with mighty help) in different countries to promote peaceful teachings of Islam. New and old books were for sale on Jamā'at's bookstall.

choose which session they wanted to attend the most. The complexity of organizing such an event required months of preparation, software selection, and building an interactive website and an event portal to allow it to take place.

Twenty-three distinct career tracks were discussed by over forty-five experts with a focus on how Waqifeen-Nau may serve Jamā'at and humanity through each discipline.

The purpose of the expo was not to share how the members of Waqf-e-Nau can earn money by picking a certain career, but the key focus was to introduce careers that a Waqif-e-Zindagi (life devotee) can pursue as a full-time Waqf.

The expo was designed for Waqf-e-Nau boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 24, however, the department decided to open up the expo to other

members of the same age groups as well, allowing them to learn about various ways they can assist Jamā'at.

The expo covered various career paths such as, getting ready for Jami'a and serving as a missionary, civil servant, teacher, serving in MTA USA as a Waqif-e-Zindagi, journalist, doctor, linguist, nurse, research scientist, architect, web developer, lawyer, IT & software engineering, sustainable health care, engineer, academic, and pharmacist.

In between session breaks, social and networking hours were allocated, giving an ability for the presenters or sponsors to interact with the attendees. Online attendees interacted virtually, while in-person attendees exchanged ideas at 10 different booths set up by our partners and presenters. The MTA USA studio also organized a hands-on workshop, allowing attendees to use MTA equipment and learn about the behind-the-scenes efforts it takes to create an MTA programme.

A panel discussion was also held for all attendees before the closing session with Waqifeen-e-Nau who

were serving Jamā'at full-time. They shared their journey to becoming a waqif-e-zindagi, their current roles and responsibilities, their daily life, and how they reap the constant blessings of being a Waqif-e-Zindagi.

Congregational salat and meals were offered during the breaks and after the closing session.

The closing session started at 5 P.M. EST with the recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by a summary of the expo presented by my humble self. The expo closed with remarks and Dua led by Amir Jamā'at-e-Ahmadiyya USA, Sahibzada Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad. He reminded all that the ultimate goal of being a member of Waqf-e-Nau is to fulfil their pledge and offer their services to the Jamā'at as a full-time Waqif-e-Zindagi.

The career expo had amassed a total attendance of 753, with 583 joining online while close to 170 participants and volunteers attended in-person at the Masroor Mosque. (Report by Mirza Harris Ahmad, Secretary Waqf-e-Nau USA)

## **Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association (AMMA), Ahmadi Women Scientists Association (AWSA), and Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists (AAMS) hold Medicine, Science, Learning, Innovation and Mentorship Conference 2023 in Orlando, Florida**

The Medicine, Science, Learning, Innovation and Mentorship Conference was held between 1-3 July 2023, at the JW Marriott Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida, USA. This was probably the first-of-its-kind meeting, hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association (AMMA), Ahmadi Women Scientists Association (AWSA), and Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists (AAMS). With over 50 sessions and 27 poster presentations attended by more than 250 people, this conference offered a broad range of topics from cutting-edge research to career paths, to connect rising and experienced professionals in the field of science and medicine across the country to perform their work in light of the teachings of the Holy Quran.

Dr. Nadia Malik, Nazima A'lā of this conference, said: "Al-Hamdu-Lillah, the event exceeded all expectations, and we have received very positive feedback. It has been humbling to see, in particular, the 13-35 age group so engaged,

comfortable, and excited to learn together. Overall, it has been very encouraging and a step in the right direction as we set the pace for future events and conferences."

Dr. Shanaz Tejani Butt, Nazima Program, MSLM23, said: "Three professional organizations had to collaborate ultimately to come up with an integrated conference. The goal was to generate interest and create content for heterogeneous audiences. [...] The first day of the event was all about passion for service. As I walked around the venue and engaged in the sessions, I could feel the electricity and the energy. The second day was about connecting our scientific knowledge with the teachings of the Holy Quran. Our speakers shared their personal career journeys and highlighted the direct impact their work has on the overall betterment of humanity. We also created time and opportunities for attendees to be able to interact and seek mentorship on Day 2. [...] The third day was focused on broader, high-level topics

to highlight the diverse industries and the scope of impact our fellow Ahmadi are driving and contributing to. Overall, from a programmatic point of view, I believe the audience learned a lot, and the quality of presentations and sessions exceeded expectations each day."

Dr. Nusrat Sharif from AWSA USA said: "As far as I know, this was the first-ever meeting between our three Ahmadi professional associations: AWSA, AMMA, and AAMS, and it truly was a unique event in terms of organization, agenda, and venue."

Azhar Haneef, missionary-in-charge USA, said: "The conference was excellently organized, and there was a truly great collaboration between seasoned medical professionals, students, and diverse scientists. We created great synergy between our youth and elders, and In-sha-Allah together we can continue to build a prosperous future."



Sister Dhiya Bakr, Sadr Lajna Imā'illāh USA, expressed that this event was exhilarating, enlightening, and inspirational. "Al-Hamdu-Lillah

and Ma-Sha-Allah, this event has got me energized and thinking ahead about all the wonderful things we can accomplish together. This is just

a stepping stone; this was just the beginning." (Report Shazia Sohail, Secretary Isha'at, Lajna Imā'illāh USA)

## Ahmadiyya Jamā'at Mexico holds the 4th Jalsa Salana

Ahmadiyya Jamā'at Mexico held its 4th Jalsa Salana on 18 and 19 August 2023, at the Baitul Aafiyat Mosque, the headquarters of the Jamā'at. The theme for this year's Jalsa Salana was "Islam – the Religion of Peace." Eighty-six people attended the Jalsa Salana this year. There were also guests present from the United States of America.

Jalsa Salana proceedings commenced on Friday, 18 August 2023. A special message from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his

Helper) was read out in Spanish. As Mexico Jamā'at consists primarily of new converts, out of three sessions, two concluded with an open question-and-answer session for all guests, which was greatly beneficial and appreciated.

On Saturday, Lajna Imā'illāh Mexico held its separate program focused on the rights and responsibilities of Ahmadi Muslim women and the importance of purdah (veil).

Saturday afternoon was devoted

to guests. The guests represented government officials, religious leaders, and educators. Some guests also shared their thoughts and sentiments and expressed that they were delighted to be invited to a Muslim gathering, as they had never had this kind of opportunity before. Jalsa Salana Mexico was also streamed live on various platforms. The event concluded with a silent prayer. (Report Amen Aqel Haider, Mexico Correspondent)

## Zion chapter of AMC, USA celebrates Eid-ul-Adha 2023 at "Fath-e-Azeem" Mosque



## The Department of Ta'lim-ul-Qur'an and Waqf-e-Ardhi (TAQWA) announces certified Qur'an teachers at the 73rd Annual Convention of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA

The Department of Ta'lim-ul-Qur'an and Waqf-e-Ardhi (TAQWA) initiated the Qur'an teacher certification program in 2019 to teach proper recitation of the Holy Qur'an according to tajwid rules to Khuddām and Ansar throughout the United States. The syllabus was covered in 14 weeks, followed by a certification examination.

### The certification year 2020

Chair ul Bahri (Atlanta), Abdul Kudus Yahaya (Maryland) and Habibullah Virk (S. Virginia)

## The certification year 2021

Shahid Mahmood (Detroit), Mahmood Gondal (S. Virginia), Syed Raashid Bukhari (Chicago), Mustafa Ahmed (Fort Worth), Khalid Naseem Ahmed (LA), Rashid Waqas Sheikh (Lehigh Valley), Kamaldeen Mulli (Milwaukee), Monas Chaudhry (LA), Hamid Mahmood (N. Jersey), Hamza Ilyas (Maryland), Azhar Ahmed (Detroit), Armaan Butt (Portland) and Ayaan Tahir (Detroit)

## The certification year 2022

Mubashir Ahmad Majoka (Rochester), Ijaz Ahmad Khokhar (Fitchburg), Nasir Rana (Boston), Zafar ul Islam (S. Virginia), and Pir Tayyab (Oshkosh)

## Nadine Maenza, President International Religious Freedom receives AMC Humanitarian Award at the 73rd Annual Convention, USA



Mr. Amjad Khan, National Secretary of Public Affairs introduced Nadine Maenza, President, International Religious Freedom Secretariat on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 73rd annual convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA:

We sincerely appreciate the amazing work that has not been done for two decades in defense of religious freedom for everyone. Ahmadi Muslims are deeply committed to the promotion of peace, freedom, loyalty to the country, and service to humanity. In 2011, our community established an Annual Ahmadiyya Muslim Humanitarian Award to recognize the services and contributions of individuals, who selflessly strive to assist oppressed and disadvantaged communities around the world. By being an advocate for these communities, these individuals, protect and safeguard, fundamental and universal human rights. This year we are delighted to honor the work of Nadine Maenza. Nadine is the president of the International Religious Freedom Secretariat and global fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington D.C. She was previously appointed by the White House to the US Commission on

International Religious Freedom where she served two consecutive two-year terms including as chairperson. She is a noted speaker, writer, and policy expert with more than two decades of experience as a champion for International Religious Freedom. She has worked tirelessly in defense of persecuted, religious communities all over the world, especially working for the rights of Yazidis, Christians, and Muslims. She has led official human rights delegations on behalf of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Taiwan, and Pakistan. Nadine has advocated for the rights of persecuted Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Algeria. Our community has worked extremely closely with Nadine to rescue persecuted Ahmadi Muslims from Afghanistan, where Nadine has personally invested hundreds of hours of her own time for this project. Sometimes in the dead of night, I remember one such example on a personal note. It was 1:45 in the morning in Los Angeles when I received the news of our Ahmadi brothers and sisters in danger right when the rescue efforts were underway in Afghanistan, and I messaged Nadine thinking that she can get this

message perhaps the next day. She picked up the message at four in the morning of her time and she called me and worked on that matter for the next two hours with me over the phone all night to help our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan. It is a delight to give this honor to her. We asked her to receive the 2023 Ahmadiyya Muslim Humanitarian Award and then share her remarks with us. Now, I request her to receive the award from our missionary in-charge (Maulana Azhar Hanif).



Nadine Maenza received the award among slogans from the audience of the Annual Convention.

Nadine Maenza came to the podium and addressed the annual Ahmadiyya convention:

As-Salāmu 'Alaikum, it is such an honor and privilege to be the recipient of this humanitarian award, Thank You. I am honored to speak alongside so many friends and professionals who have my admiration. I have been fortunate to spend much time with many members of the Ahmadiyya community such as Amjad, Waseem Malik, Ahmad, Mahmud Harris, and others. In London, I was able to visit His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad. I am touched by your motto, "Love for all hatred for none." I am touched especially because it is not just a slogan but it is a way of life.



I share this award with friends and colleagues who were partners in Afghanistan's evacuation in our continued work to rescue religious minorities at risk. Charmaine Heading and Chi Fung, Chalford, and others remained unnamed when the Taliban took over Afghanistan and the evacuation was announced. I fear that the only people that would be able to get on these

planes were those that had contacts with powerful people in Washington D.C. I worked to make sure we include the most vulnerable, including addressing the Ahmadiyya Muslims Mission converts and others. A special thank you to Nazarene Fung and Mercer on for providing these planes and Chi Fung for organizing the effort. It is important to note that, in addition to religious minorities, half of these planes that were privately funded were filled with those who worked for the US government, at-risk women, judges, and others. On these planes, we were able to get out members of the Ahmadiyya community. There were some harrowing moments, especially the one night spent stuck in a Taliban checkpoint when we finally were able to get everyone out safely to the airport. Shooting began and everyone had to pull back. It was a low moment. We would eventually get that group out, but not that day and not even that week. It would be months. I still think them for their trust and their patience. I am distraught that there are still so many in danger, and I pray for them daily. We remain committed to providing help as needed. The horrific persecution that is happening to the Ahmadiyya community in several countries, including Algeria, Malaysia, and especially Pakistan is extremely disturbing. While I was a commissioner, Sir, we had a strong Ahmadiyya community and I appreciate their continued support and diligence. I am also thankful for Ambassador Rashad Hussain and his excellent staff like Dr. Harrison Akins, who also continue to advocate so strongly. I do urge the US government to follow users, excellent recommendations, including entering into a binding agreement with Pakistan under section 405C of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. This binding agreement could include a benchmark. Pakistan will feel the blasphemy and anti-Ahmadiyya laws until that is done. They could form making blasphemy a bailable offense. They could press the removal of requirements of religion on ID cards. These are practical steps and can make a difference for thousands of Ahmadiyya and other religious minorities. It is also important that we continue to work globally to improve religious freedom conditions even in countries where there is no outright persecution of Ahmadiyya Muslims and others. An important question is, are you and other religious minorities included as equal citizens in society, if not, then still work needs to be done. If you are, then we need to safeguard those religious freedom conditions against future events and leaders that confront them. For that reason, after I left you Sir last May, I immediately joined Greg Mitchell at the Earth Secretariat where we are building infrastructure to support the religious freedom movement globally. We run international religious freedom, Round-Table in Washington D.C. and in over twenty-five countries globally. These Round-Table spring together civil society, religious communities in government officials to solve problems in their

community and obligate brothers globally. I am thankful for the strong Ahmadiyya Muslim president in our Washington D.C. Round Table. In our UK and far from many of our work throughout the world and it is not said the way that you stand for one another. It is so impressive and it does make it easy for us to love you back in all the work you do and the kindness you show others who are also being persecuted. Any of these do not see tolerance. We do not tolerate things. We tolerate things we do not like accepting one another as equal citizens. Even our deep logical differences are the key to this work, and it's also the key to long-term peace and stability. As a Christian, I am especially, honored to stand alongside Ahmadiyya Muslims against discrimination,

marginalization, and persecution. I am confident that by working together, we can make a difference in the lives of many consciences. Thanks again for the special honor. It is so meaningful to me as is my continued relationship with all of you. I am confident, I speak for the Earth Secretariat, and the Earth Round-Table Movement and promises to continue to stand with you and support love for all and hatred for none.

Note: Some names in the report may have not been mentioned correctly by the transcriber for which we apologize. (Report by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Columbus, Ohio. Transcribed from MTA USA Studios-YouTube by our young Khādim Mr. Usman Mobusher)

## The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of AMC, USA—A Brief Report

Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Columbus OH

The Annual Convention of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA was held at Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA from 14 July to 16 July 2023. Two big halls of the complex were earmarked for gents and ladies separately. Eight thousand three hundred and forty-two attended the convention including three hundred and one international and two hundred and one non-Ahmadi guests. More than seven hundred and fifty volunteers served the participants of this sacred gathering in different capacities. The proceedings of the convention were televised by MTA, USA and more than thirty-three thousand watched it.

An exhibition was arranged at the Farm Show complex, which presented historical pictures of Khulafā and different special events of the Jamā'at. The Isha'at Department of AMC, USA arranged a bookstall with the help of amibookstore.us which displayed the latest published books of the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya International for sale and viewing.

### The opening session of the first day of the Annual Convention:

Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā'at USA hoisted the flag

(Lawa-e-Ahmadiyyat) before the start of the opening session of the Annual Convention. After recitation from the Holy Qur'ān from Surah Al-Jathiyah by missionary Sulman Tariq, Mr. Bilal Raja read in a melodious voice some couplets from the poetry of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him.

Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad read a message from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masīh V (may Allah support him with His mighty help) both in English and Urdu. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masīh reminded the Jamā'at of two purposes of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him for which he was sent by the Almighty God. Firstly, to exhort mankind to fulfill the rights of Allah and secondly, to fulfill the rights of His creation. Then he led a silent prayer. The message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masīh V appears in this issue of the Ahmadiyya Gazette USA.

After the inaugural remarks by Amir Jamā'at, three speakers delivered speeches. Dr Fahim Younas Qureshi, Naib Amir, and National Secretary Tarbiyat, USA deliberated on Al-Ghafoor—our forgiving God, Dr. Mansoor Ahmad Qureshi spoke on “The Holy Prophet's kindness to kin by marriage.” Mr. Ahsan Mahmood Khan's speech was on the topic “Ten

years after marriage—staying best friends.

### Second Day of the Annual Convention:

In the first session of the second day, there were four speeches delivered on the following topics. The session was chaired by Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, Naib Amir, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA.

1. History of Ahmadiyyat—Dawn of Ahmadiyyat in America by Br. Habeeb Shafeek.
2. Ahmadi Muslim and American—Leading a double life? by Rizwan Hamid Khan.
3. Modesty—An embarrassment or distinction? by Madeel Abdullah, Sadr Majlis Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA.
4. Khilafat—Holding fast to the rope of Allah by Sahibzada Usman Latif.

Maulana Azhar Hanif, Naib Amir USA, and, the missionary in-charge chaired the second session of the day. Dr. Waseem Sayed, National Secretary Tabligh delivered his speech on

“Recognizing God: The key to unlocking peace.”

More than 200 non-Ahmadi guests from other religions and organizations were specially invited. Mr. Amjad Khan, National Secretary of Public Affairs introduced guests. Some of them delivered short speeches. The speakers appreciated the efforts of Jamā’at Ahmadiyya in bringing peace at the international level. Almost all guests spoke highly about the slogan “Love for All Hatred for None.”

During this session, Maulana Azhar Hanif, Naib Amir, and Missionary In-Charge, AMC, USA presented the Ahmadiyya Muslim Humanitarian Award to Nadine Maenza, President of the International Religious Freedom Secretariat. She also addressed the session. She helped evacuation of Ahmadi Muslims from Afghanistan in a dire situation. She also raised a voice for Ahmadis in Algeria and Pakistan.

Those who delivered short speeches are the following:

- Mr. Justiin Fleming, member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.
- The message was shown on the big screen of Wanda Williams, Mayor-City of Harrisburg, PA
- Dr. Hamison Akins, foreign affairs, US State Department
- The message was shown by Rashad Hussain, Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom
- Mr. Knox Thames, visiting expert, US. Institute for Peace
- Mr. Hermann Y. Toe, Charge D, Affair, Embassy of Burkina Faso

- Samuel Hind. O.E. Ambassador of Guyana to the United States

In the end, Maulana Azhar Hanif lauded the efforts of Jamā’at Ahmadiyya International for promoting peace in this world.

## Concluding Session of the Annual Convention:

The third day started with the recitation from Holy Qur’ān and was chaired by Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir USA. Two young boys namely Azeem Ahmad and Uzaidullah Virk became Hafiz-e-Qur’ān and were awarded a cash prize award of \$500 each. The students who excelled in academic activities were awarded medals and prizes. On this occasion ‘Alam-e-In’ami of Atfāl-ul-Ahmadiyya, Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya, and Anṣārullāh were presented to auxiliaries. Detroit Jamā’at received all three Alam-e-In’ami. Barakallahu.

The first speech of this session was delivered in Urdu by Harris Raja on “Kamyabi ki Rahain.” The second speech was delivered by Syed Adil Ahmad on the topic “Am I Ahmadi Muslim by choice or by birth?” The third speech was delivered by Maulana Azhar Hanif, Naib Amir, and the missionary in-charge, AMC, USA on Zikr-e-Habib: Patience, Prayers, and Hard Work.

In his concluding address, Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā’at USA. He explained beautifully the revelation of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, “I shall Myself protect all those who are in this house.” It should not, however, be understood here that this Divine protection is extended only to those living within the compass of my house made of mud and bricks: the pledge also

encompasses those who follow my teaching to the fullest extent, and who, therefore, can truly be said to be the inmates of my spiritual home.”

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad mentioned specifically about volunteers who devoted their time and energy to holding the Jalsa successfully.” In the end, he led silent prayers ending the three-day proceedings of Jalsa Salana, USA.

## Ladies Parallel Programs of Jalsa:

Lajna Imā’illāh, AMC, USA held two separate sessions on the second day of the 73rd Annual Convention, USA. The Talent Awards / Nāsirat Recognition – Holy Qur’ān Competition ceremony was also held. In all seven speeches on the following topics were delivered by members of Lajna Imā’illāh, USA.

1. It feels like Heaven: Recitation of the Holy Qur’ān by Amtul Rehman Ahmad.
2. Know your status: The beauty and power of the Hijab by Saliha Malik.
3. A reflection of the future: Tarbiyat of children by Zuna Ahmad.
4. Khilafat: Holding fast to the rope of Allah by Rohanna Tucker.
5. My Journey to Ahmadiyyat by Sabrina Farshori.
6. Significance of Lajna Imā’illāh centenary: Servant of Allah by Dhiya Tahira Bakr, Sadr Lajna Imā’illāh, USA.
7. Welcome new members to Ahmadiyyat

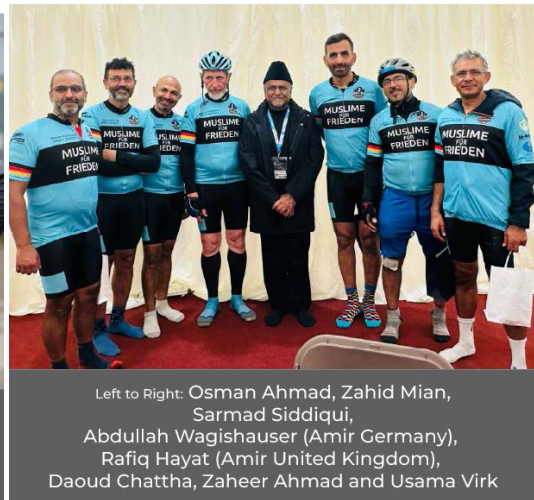
## Special Programs:

Wāqifin-i-Nau program for boys and girls was held separately in Men’s and Ladies’ marquees during Jalsa breaks.

## Six members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA join the German cycling team for an extraordinary journey of faith and fitness—Biking from Aachen, Germany to Alton (Hadeeqatul Mahdi), UK



Left to Right: Hassan Sarmad Siddqui of USA with Abu Huraira of UAE and Abdullah Wagishausner



Left to Right: Osman Ahmad, Zahid Mian, Sarmad Siddiqui, Abdullah Wagishausner (Amir Germany), Rafiq Hayat (Amir United Kingdom), Daoud Chattha, Zaheer Ahmad and Usama Virk

Six members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA joined the German cycling team for an extraordinary journey of faith and fitness that took place from 24 July to 27 July 2023. This first-ever expedition spanned from Aachen, Germany to Hadeeqatul Mahdi in the UK, the location of the annual Ahmadiyya Muslim Community gathering. There was a total of 40 bikers, thirty-three of them were from Germany, six from the US, and one from UAE.

The US Team consisted: Daoud Chattha, Maryland (Team Lead), Sarmad Siddiqui, Maryland, Usama Virk, Maryland, Zahid Mian, Indiana, Osman Ahmed Vermont and Zaheer Ahmad New Jersey.

### USA Team Planning and Preparation:

During the inauguration ceremony of the Bait-ul-Ikram mosque in Dallas, TX in Oct 2022, a selfie with Abdullah Wagishausner, the Amir of Germany, marked the start of this journey. It's worth mentioning that three members of the team from Maryland have biked from Pittsburg, PA to Washington, DC covering almost 380 miles on the Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Canal towpath in multiple days previously. Ameer UK extended an invitation to join the flagship yearly ride to the UK Jalsa.

### The Journey's Strategy:

The team formulated a plan involving cycling an average of 30 miles twice a week, with an extended ride on weekends. The captain played a pivotal role in executing and maintaining this disciplined regimen. Six bikers from the US practiced regularly for over three months and tested their strength and stamina by riding 100 miles back-to-back on weekends to ensure they would be able to ride an average of 100 miles a day for 4 days continuously.

The team shared and monitored each other progress. Members had conference calls to support & suggest tips to get to the required speed/ mileage. It is noteworthy that three of the USA members were ranked in the top 10 of the leader board in recorded pre-ride practice mileage from all cyclists.

(Mathias Linnartz biked 4,355 kilometers in preparation to this trip and was ranked #1 and three bikers from US Hassan Siddiqui, Usama Virk and Daoud Chattha practiced together and logged 3,147, 2,912 and 2,911 kilometers respectively and ranked #4, #5 and #6)

### The Journey's Accomplishments:

Led by Germany's National Amir, Abdullah Wagishausner, the group covered an impressive distance of approximately 502 kilometers or about 312 miles over four days. Some cyclists initiated their journey from Frankfurt, adding another 265 kilometers to the total. Their route crossed four countries: Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France, and the UK. The expedition was marked by challenges such as inclement weather, traffic, and fatigue, yet it was equally enriched by breathtaking vistas, camaraderie, and the hospitality of fellow Ahmadiyya Muslims who hosted them at various points.

## Motivation and Goals:

The cyclists were driven by their profound love for Allah and His Messenger, and their aspiration to partake in the Jalsa Salana in the presence of their spiritual leader, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. Additionally, they aimed to raise awareness about peace, justice, and humanitarian efforts that cater to global communities in need.

## Arrival and Reception:

The cyclists reached Hadeeqatul Mahdi on 27 July 2023, where they were warmly welcomed by Mr. Rafiq Hayat, Amir of the UK, and fellow Ahmadiyya Muslims who celebrated their arrival with cheers and applause. The reception was followed by a brief ceremony where each cyclist was individually recognized and congratulated. An evening banquet was thoughtfully organized for the guests.



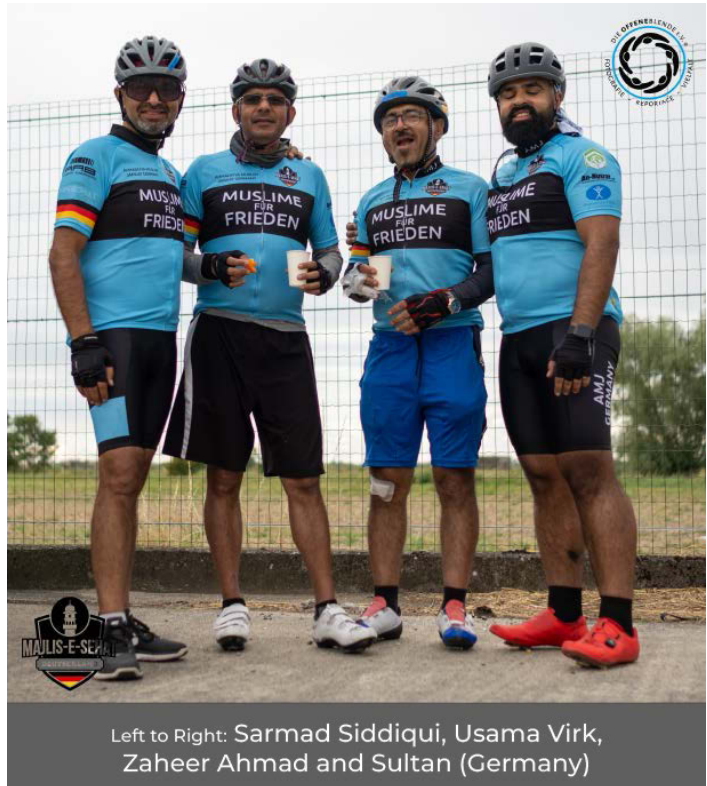
Entire 6 members of US team with couple of other participants along with Abdullah Wagishauer



Group Picture 3 US bikers and 2 German bikers



Cyclist enjoying riding in Belgium on 2nd Day



Left to Right: Sarmad Siddiqui, Usama Virk, Zaheer Ahmad and Sultan (Germany)

## Detailed Description of the Ride

### 1st Day of the Bike Ride (Aachen, Germany to Brussels, Belgium)

July 24, 2023

Distance: 97.74 Miles

Elevation Gain: 3,278 feet

Time: 7 Hour and 33 Minutes

The bike trail from Aachen, Germany to Brussels takes riders through scenic landscapes, charming villages, and historic sites. Beginning in Aachen, known

for its cathedral, the route winds through forests, hills, and riverside paths. Crossing into Belgium, it reaches Brussels, a city of architectural beauty and cultural

significance, making for a captivating journey that combines nature and history.

### 2nd Day of the Bike Ride (Brussels, Belgium to Dunkirk, France)

July 25, 2023

Distance: 102.92 Miles

Elevation Gain: 1,568 feet

Time: 7 Hours and 44 Minutes

The bike trail from Brussels, Belgium to Dunkirk,

France offers a cross-country adventure through charming villages, coastal landscapes, and historic sites. Starting in Brussels, the trail winds through picturesque countryside and continues into France, leading cyclists to the maritime city of Dunkirk.

### 3rd Day of the Bike Ride (Folkestone, UK to Fletching, United Kingdom)

July 26, 2023

Distance: 63.71 Miles

Elevation Gain: 3,093 feet

Time: 4 hours and 15 Minutes

Cyclists arrived at Calais, France and took a ferry ride across the English Channel. Starting in Folkestone,

cyclists pedal through charming landscapes and picturesque English countryside towards Crawley. Ride had to be cut short because of continuous rain and low visibility. Despite the rain, the experience becomes enchanting, with raindrops adding a tranquil rhythm to the ride.

### 4th Day of the Bike Ride (Crawley, United Kingdom to Alton, United Kingdom)

July 27, 2023

Distance: 47.74 Miles

Elevation Gain: 2,520 feet

Time: 3 Hour and 53 Minutes

The bike trail from Crawley to Alton, United

Kingdom, in rainy weather offers a serene journey through misty countryside and charming villages. The route captures the beauty of nature's resilience and tranquility, creating a captivating and immersive cycling adventure. (Report by Shukoor Ahmed)

## Majlis Ansarullah Virginia region holds regional Ijtimā at Masroor Mosque, Manassas



Majlis Ansarullah Virginia region held Ijtimā on 26 August 2023 at Masroor Mosque, Manassas. Ijtemā started at 9:30 AM after a refreshing and healthy breakfast prepared and served by Majlis Ansarullah South Virginia. After recitation from the Holy Qur'ān by Mahmood Gondal, the welcome address was read by Shahid Malik,

Nazim A'lā, and Naib Sadr Majlis Ansarullah, USA. Dr. Mansoor Qureshi administered the Ansar pledge. The missionary Syed Shamshad Nasir described the importance and blessings of Ijtimas. He reminded all Ansar attendees regarding their duties as fathers and heads of the families.

Then there were open

competitions of recitation from the Holy Qur'ān and poems from Durr-e-Samin and Kalam-e-Mahmud. Anṣārs participated in impromptu speeches. Under the supervision of Dr. Mansoor Qureshi, copies of the Self-Analysis/ Personal commitment were distributed among the participants.

A workshop was conducted and



several groups were formed. The topic of the discussion was: What changes you would bring about if you became the President of the United States of America? The participants were asked to deliberate on the topic and give their recommendations. The participants drew up diverse recommendations.

spokesperson of each group read out the recommendations devised by his group.

Mr. Shahid Malik, Nazim A'lā read out Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih's directive to increase the number of Mūsīan in the USA. The Ijtima was attended by RTP and Richmond

Majālis. The Ijtima was arranged by ZSVA. A delicious lunch was prepared by Naeem Ahmad of SVA and his team. Ansar participated in sports and games before the conclusion of the event. (Report by Prof. G.H. Qamar Baloch)

## Birth Announcements

### Hania Salam wife of Dr. Kamal Salam is blessed with a baby daughter

Mrs. Fauzia Mansoor wife of Dr Mansoor Ahmad Qureshi of Detroit informs:

God has blessed our daughter Hania Salam wife of Dr Kamal Salam with a baby daughter on 6 April 2022. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V named her "Muflah Salam." She is granddaughter of Dr Abdus Salam Malik and Mrs. Nudrat Malik of Columbus, Ohio. May Allah give the newborn a long and healthy life.

### Dr Harris Khan and Hailey Hiba Ahmed are blessed with a baby boy

Dr. Harris Khan writes: "We are excited to share the news that by the grace of Allah we have been blessed with a baby boy, Hakan Mustafa Ahmed, grandson of Kareem Ahmed. Hakan is enrolled in the blessed scheme of Waqf-e-Nau. We request for his long, healthy and righteous life. May Allah guide us to raise Waqf-e-Nau child according to the wishes of our beloved Imam, Khalifatul-Masih V (Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ala Binasrih-il-'Aziz), Ameen. (Report by Naser Noor on 5 December 2022)

### Ali Ahmad and Sanam Ghazal Ahmad are blessed with their first child "Arzu Ali Ahmad"

We are requesting prayers, from the community, that may Arzu grow to be pious, intelligent, and beautiful inside and out." May Allah bless the arrival dear Arzu for Ali, Ghazal and their families Ameen.

May Allah guide both parents to raise their daughter according to wishes and desires of our beloved Imam Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper), Amen. (Report Naser Noor, President of Los Angeles Jamā'at on 5 December 2022.)

### Haroon and Aisha Ahmad of Corona, CA are blessed with a boy

Mr. Haroon and Aisha Ahmad of Riverside Halqa, Corona, CA are blessed with a boy "Arqam Ahmad" on 8 December 2022. He is grandson of Late Mirza Muhammad Aslam and Husn Ara Begum. His maternal grandparents are Mr. Aziz and Mobashra Ahmad. His father Haroon Ahmad is serving Los Angeles Jamā'at as Additional

Secretary Finance.

May Arqam be the delight of his parents' eyes, and may Allah bless him with a happy, healthy, and successful life, Ameen. May he grow up to be a pious and devoted servant of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya and Khilafat. We humbly request the Jamā'at to pray for the newborn, and for the

rest of our family also. May Allah grant his parents wisdom and strength to raise their children according to the desires and wishes of our beloved Imam Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ala Benasrehil Aziz), Ameen. (Report Naser Noor, President of Los Angeles Jamā'at.)

### God blesses Faiq Malik and Maleeha Awan a daughter Aaliya Noor Malik

Faiq Malik and Maleeha Awan of Los Angeles chapter are blessed with a daughter Aaliya Noor Malik on 2 May 2023. May Allah grant wisdom and strength to parents to raise new arrival Aaliyah according to the wishes and desires of our beloved Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper).

She is granddaughter of Shahid Malik and Bushra Malik of North Virginia. Her maternal grandparents are Malik Tariq Awan and Fatima Awan of Kleinberg, Canada Jamā'at. May Allah bless her with a healthy, prosperous, and righteous life. Ameen. (Naser Noor President of chapter)

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### Birth of Rania Mohamed daughter of Naem and Olivia Mohamed



Naem and Olivia Mohamed of Riverside Halqa are blessed with a daughter Rania Mohamed on 19 March 2023.

May Allah bless the arrival of Rania for her family and Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. May Naem and Olivia's children become the delight of their eyes. May Allah bless both parents to raise their children according to the wishes and desires

of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper), Ameen.

She is the sister to Nabeel, and granddaughter of Jameel & Saleema Mohamed. Prayers are requested that may Allah the Almighty keep Rania under His divine protection, and may she have a long, healthy, and prosperous life, in the service of mankind." (Naser Noor)

### God blesses Rafiuddin Malik President of Columbus, Ohio a grandson

Rafiuddin Malik President of Columbus, Ohio chapter and sister Saima Malik are blessed with a grandson, Raafay Ahmed. May Allah, the Almighty bless the newborn with a long, healthy, prosperous, and righteous life, full of service to the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), and make him the delight of the family's eyes, Ameen. (Bashir Asad, General Secretary, Columbus, Ohio chapter reported on 9 June 2023)

## Āmīn Ceremony Announcements

### Āmīn Ceremony of Khadijah Sadiya Zahir Mannan

By the grace and mercy of Allah, Khadijah Sadiya Zahir Mannan (aged 8) and Elyas Mahir Mannan (aged 7) have completed their first recitation of the Holy Qur'ān this Ramadan. They are the great, great, great grandchildren of Hazrat Milan Chiragh Deen (may Allah be pleased with him) of Lahore, Pakistan. Ameen ceremony took place on 22 May 2020.

I was also enabled by Allah Ta'ālā to pen an OPED about this in our local hometown newspaper.

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.middletownpress.com/opinion/amp/Forum-Historic-Eid-ul-Fitr-and-the-completion-of-15283532.php>. (Milan Zahir Muhammad Mannan & Syeda Sana Khalid Shah)

### Āmīn Ceremonies in Milwaukee, WI



Missionary Zafar Sarwar listening the Holy Qur'ān from Eshal Ayaz

Āmīn ceremonies of Miss Eshal Ayaz daughter of Qudratullah Ayaz and Miss Maheen Saleem daughter of Zafar Saleem was solemnized by Regional Missionary Zafar Sarwar on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24 April 2022 at Milwaukee, WI. The missionary listened few verses of the Holy Quran from the girls and then led silent prayer. The mothers of Eshal and Maheen heard the first reading of the Holy Qur'ān. Congratulations to Miss Eshal and Miss Maheen and their families. May Allah enable them to recite Quran daily and practice its teachings in daily life. Āmīn.

# Death Announcements

## Abdul Hafeez passes away

I regret to inform you that Abdul Hafeez Choudhary, cousin of Dr. Muhammad Abdul Khaliq (also his wife's brother) passed away in Toronto on 10 June 2020 after a yearlong battle with cancer. Inna Lillāhi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'oon. He was 80 years old, and was retired

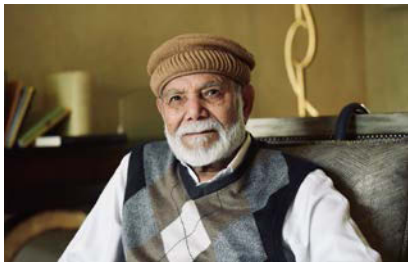
Vice President of National Bank of Pakistan. He migrated to Canada in 2016. May Allah grant him an elevated status in Jannat-ul-Firdaus and may his soul rest in peace. May Allah grant patience and strength to all of the family members to bear this irreparable loss, Ameen.

Please remember Dr. Muhammad Abdul Khaliq and his family in your prayers. (Jamil Ahmad President, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Minnesota Chapter)

## Syeda Nusrat Zain passes away

President Orlando Chapter has informed: With a heavy heart, I inform you of the passing of Syeda Nusrat Zain (Musiyya) w/o Major Zainul Abedin and mother of Amin Ahmad Zain from Orlando Chapter. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. Janāza was offered on 31 August 2020. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA)

## Noorul Haq Khan, First President of Columbus OH Chapter, passes away



It is with great sadness that I convey the passing of my husband's (Dr. Shahzaib Anwar) maternal Grandfather Noorul Haq Khan on January 13, 2021 at the age of 95 (1925-2021). Inna Lillāhi wa Innā ilaihi Raji'oon. Verily, to Allah do we belong, and to Allah do we return.

Noorul Haq Khan ([noorulhaq.com](http://noorulhaq.com)) was born near Qadian and was the son of Hazrat Mubarak Ali Sultan Bakhsh of Theh Ghulam Nabi, (1880-1961), who attended Jalsa Salana Qadian 1892 during the time of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). Khan migrated to East Africa, later returning to Qadian for education at the age of 10 in response to the demands of Tahrir-e-Jadid. It was there that he had the opportunity to live among many companions of the

Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), including Hazrat Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq (may Allah be pleased with him). He had the fortune of meeting Hazrat Amman Jan (may Allah be pleased with him) and had spent many years close to Hazrat Muslih Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him). He was a student in Qadian when Sahibzada Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (may Allah shower His mercy on him) (Khalifatul-Masih III) was headmaster of the school. He was also classmate of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him) in Qadian.

He graduated from Lyallpur Agricultural College in 1950 and worked as an education officer in East Africa for 30 years. In 1987, he and his family moved to Columbus, OH, and, at the request of then-Amir Shaikh Mubarak Ahmed, founded the local Jamā'at. During his 33 years in Columbus, he spent his time occupied in the study of the Holy Qur'an. In 2020, he completed a commentary of the Holy Qur'an, comparing and contrasting 15

commentaries in a single source ([noorulhaq.com/holy-quran-commentary/](http://noorulhaq.com/holy-quran-commentary/)).

During the partition of India, while in Qadian, he saw refugees setting old papers on fire in the house of Hazrat Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq (may Allah be pleased with him). He recognized many handwritten notes and writings of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), which he saved and sent to Khalifat-ul-Masih V (may Allah support him) in 2018. Included amongst those was the revelation "Innī Ma'aka Ya Masroor."

Noorul Haq Khan is survived by his wife, Amatul Aziz Bushra Khanam, daughter of Hazrat Faizul Haq Khan (may Allah be pleased with him), and his 6 children, 19 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. May Allah grant him a high status in Heavenly Paradise, Ameen (Dr. Munira (Shera) Rahman Anwar daughter of Shamsur Rahman of Los Angeles Chapter).

## Mrs. Hamidah Akhtar Saleem of Columbus, Ohio passes away

My dearest Ammi Jan, Hamidah Akhtar Saleem, wife of Abdur Rehman Saleem, passed away on

January 19, 2021 at age 92, in Columbus, Ohio. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon.

She was buried on 20 January 2021 next to her beloved husband in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Cemetery (in

the Bait-un-Nasir Mosque compound), in Columbus, Ohio.

Ammi Jan was born on December 10, 1928 in Eminabad (A town near Gujranwala Pakistan), to Malik Mohammad Din and Zohra Khatoon. Her parents accepted Ahmadiyyat, in their teens, in the Second Khilafat. She completed her BA degree from Government College, Lahore, Pakistan in 1946. She was married in 1947 and moved to Delhi. She lived with her beloved husband for 70+ years till his demise on November 10, 2017. After partition of India, she moved to Karachi where she had 8 children (6 boys and 2 daughters). She moved to Rawalpindi in 1972 and then to Islamabad in 1982. She visited the USA in 1978 and then migrated to the USA in 1987 where she lived with

her children in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Ammi Jan was a devout Ahmadi and a Mūsiyya with a deep, sincere and selfless attachment to Khilafat and Nizam-e-Jamā'at. Her house in Karachi was a Salat Center for several years. She was God fearing, disciplined, selfless, fearless, tireless, resilient and compassionate (for family, friends and strangers alike). Regularity in salaah and recitation of the Holy Qur'an was in her DNA. She served Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for 50+ years (in Karachi, Islamabad and then in Philadelphia). Tarbiyat of self and others was her forte, spiritual and educational excellence was her counsel. She put her trust in Allah and dedicated her life and leisure for her family and Jamā'at.

She instilled these attributes in her children, siblings and others around her through her enviable personal example. She is survived by 7 children (5 sons and 2 daughters) and 49 grand and great-grandchildren in the USA, UK, and Ireland. Allah blessed her with an offspring that includes one waqif-e-zindagi (life-devotee), 13 Waqifeen-e-Nau, several former and current servants of Jamā'at and Auxiliary organizations, doctors, lawyers, engineers, educators and businessmen.

May Allah bless her with high status in the Heaven and enable her offspring to excel in goodness and service to Ahmadiyyat. Ameen. (Nasir Mahmood Malik)

## Malik Farooq Khokhar passes away in Multan, Pakistan

Malik Farooq Ahmad passed away a few days back in Multan, Pakistan. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. He was the grandson of Mir Muhammad Ishaq (may Allah be pleased with him) and father-in-law of Mirza Harris Ahmed, Khurram Fawad Ahmed, and Mirza Fateh Uddin Ahmad of Oshkosh Chapter and Ahmad Shahzad of Chicago Chapter. He was married to the daughter of Mirza Aziz Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him), grandson of the Promised Messiah

(peace be on him). He was brother-in-law of the late Sahibzada Mirza Khursheed Ahmad and late Sahibzada Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

He was an extremely dedicated and humble servant of Ahmadiyya Khilafat. He served the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in various capacities, including as Amir Jamā'at of Multan. He also had the privilege to be part of the team which worked for the migration of Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah

shower His mercy on him) to London.

He was a Musi and was buried in the Bahishtī Maqbarah, Rabwah. He leaves behind his wife, a son, five daughters and several grandchildren. May Allah elevate his status in Jannah and grant patience to all the family members. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA)

## Syed Waqar Ahmad Shah of Dallas passes away

Syed Waqar Ahmad Shah of Dallas Jamā'at passed away early in the morning of Monday January 17, 2022. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā ilaihi Rajioon.

Syed Waqar Ahmad Shah was

father of our young Murabbi Syed Adil Ahmad who is serving in New Orleans Jamā'at and also working with National 'Umur-i-'Ammā department.

All Jamā'at members are

## Chaudhry Aziz Ahmad Vance passes away

Chaudhry Aziz Ahmad Vance, son of Chaudhry Nazir Ahmad Vance, passed away on 6 February 2022 at the age of 90 years. Inna Lillāhi wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'oon. He accepted Ahmadiyyat at the hand of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him). He was a Musi.

Chaudhry Aziz was a longtime member of the Central Jersey Chapter before joining the Dallas Jamā'at about 16 years ago. Salat and the Holy Qur'an were the essence of his life. He served the Jamā'at as Nazim Dar-ul-Qada, USA for ten years. He is survived by his

requested to remember the departed soul in prayers. May Allah grant him high status in paradise and give patience to family members. Amen (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at.

wife, three daughters, and ten grandchildren.

After the partition of India, he served in the Furqan Force in Kashmir, heeding the call of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him). He enjoyed

hunting and was a skilled marksman. He represented Pakistan in the Olympics of 1960 (Rome) and

### **Habibullah Sadiq Bajwa of Maryland Chapter passes away**

Habibullah Sadiq Bajwa of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Maryland passed away on 14 February 2022. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā ilaihi Raji'oon (To Allah we belong and to Him shall we return).

He was youngest brother of Late Ata Ullah Kaleem who remained

1964 (Tokyo), as well as the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi,

Amir and Missionary In-Charge of USA Jamā'at for many years. He was uncle of Kareem Ullah Kaleem former President SVA Chapter and was brother-in-law of Naib Amir Masoud Ahmad Malik. He was a devout servant of Ahmadiyyat and Khilafat. Throughout his life, he served the Jamā'at in various

General Secretary, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA)

capacities. He was a chemist, a public-health environmental professional, poet, teacher and learned soul. He is survived by his wife, one son, 3 daughters, and 9 grandchildren. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA)

### **Anis Mohammad Shaikh of Phoenix Jamā'at passes away**

Anis Mohammad Shaikh passed away in Phoenix, Arizona on 10 March 2022. He was 72 years of age. Inna Lillāhi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'oon.

Anis Shaikh fought ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) disease for over five years. He leaves behind his wife, Attia Shaikh, four children and nine grand-children.

He was younger brother to Amtul Hakeem Khan wife of Anwer Mahmood Khan of Los Angeles. He was a pioneer and founding member of the Phoenix Jamā'at and served as President of the chapter for many years. He was instrumental in securing the local mosque (Bait-ul-Amn) during his tenure as President of the Phoenix chapter. He was a

devout Ahmadi, a Musi, and loved to read and translate the books of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He had a deep connection to Khilafat. May Allah elevate his status in Jannah and give the family patience to bear the loss. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA)

### **Mother of Nasir Maulood Quraishi passes away**

Mr. Jamil Ahmad, President Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Minnesota Chapter informs that the mother of Nasir Maulood Quraishi passed away on 20 March 2022. Inna Lillāhi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'oon.

She was a devoted member of the Minnesota Chapter. May Allah Ta'ala grant the departed soul an elevated place in Jannah and give patience and steadfastness to the family members in this difficult time. Ameen.

### **Rashida Begum wife of Mubarak Ahmad Butt of NY passes away**

Rashida Begum of New York on 18 June 2022 outside his office at Tilford, UK. She died on 26 March 2022. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā ilaihi Raji'oon. Her grandfather Hazrat Ghulam Ali and grandmother Hazrat Hussain Bibi were companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). She belonged to Kotian village near Sara-e-Alamgir. She settled

with her husband at Peace Village, Canada in 1998. Later she moved to New York and started living with her younger son. She was punctual in five daily prayers and Tahajjud. She used to recite the Holy Qur'an daily. She was a pious lady and helped needy persons. She had a bond of loyalty with Ahmadiyya Khilafat. She was a Musiyya. She left behind four

sons and two daughters. Her grandson (son of her daughter) Usman Shehzad Butt is a missionary in UK and another grandson Rizwan Shehzad is studying at Jami'a Ahmadiyya, UK. (Translated by Mahmud Ahmad Nagi from Al-Fazl Online, 9 July 2022, p. 13)

### **Rashid Mohammad Alladin passes away**

With a heavy heart, I am informing you that Rashid Mohamed Alladin passed away peacefully on 12 April 2022 in Syosset, New York. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā ilaihi Raji'oon.

Rashid Mohamed Alladin was born on September 30, 1937, in Secunderabad, India to Seth Ali Mohamed Alladin and Faiz-un-Nisa

Alladin. He was the grandson of Seth Abdullah Alladin. He arrived in the US in 1960 and has lived in Long Island, New York since 1968. He served the Jamā'at as Assistant National Tabligh Secretary, Local Tabligh Secretary for Queens and Long Island Jamā'ats (1987-2007) and Secretary Wasaya of Long Island Jamā'at. He had a devout passion for

Tabligh such that in his retired life he devoted himself to spreading the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. He funded the translation and printing of the book "By God (Khuda ki Kassar)." Regardless of his travels, he always prioritized attending the Jalsa Salana UK and keeping Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih, Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ala Be Naṣrihil-

‘Aziz apprised of his Tabligh efforts.

Rashid Mohamed Alladin was married to Khulat Nasir daughter of Missionary Khalil Ahmad Nasir in 1968 and had three children; Irfan Alladin, Rizwan Alladin, who is

currently serving as President Long Island Jamā‘at and Rabia Chaudhry, wife of Muhammed Ahmad Chaudhry, President Silicon Valley Jamā‘at. He has 10 grandchildren: Adnan, Aafia, Eesha, Faraan, Aleena, Aiyza, Ishal, Momin, Dania,

Ateeqa. May Allah grant him forgiveness and elevate his status in Jannatul Firdaus. (Ali Iqtidar Bajwa, Assistant General Secretary, USA Jamā‘at)

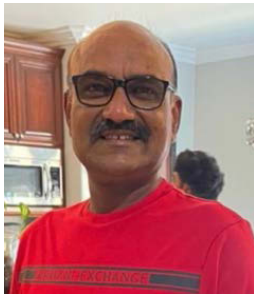
## Mother of Muhammad Akram Khalid of USA passes away

Mrs. Hameeda Begum wife of Muhammad Ishaq Anwar, Waqif-e-Zindagi (life devotee) passed away on 13 May 2022 at the age of ninety years. She had been living with her son Muhammad Akram Khalid for the last thirty years. Her husband,

Muhammad Ishaq Anwar had died in 1971. She had a strong bond with the Ahmadiyya Khilafat. She was very punctual in offering Tahajjud along with obligatory prayers. She had five sons namely—Dr Muhammad Aslam Nasir

(Australia), Muhammad Ashraf Tahir (Rabwah), Muhammad Akram Khalid (Chemical Engineer, USA), Muhammad Afzal Sadiq (New Zealand) and Dr Muhammad Amjad Tariq (Sydney, Australia).

## Arif Khan of Los Angeles passes away



I am saddened to inform you about the sudden death of our beloved brother, Arif Khan, of Los Angeles. He was 55 years old. He passed away on 17 May 2022 due to cardiac arrest. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji‘oon.

May Allah grant him forgiveness and higher ranks in paradise. May Allah grant patience and forbearance to bereaving family. Amen. (Naser Noor)

## Former Na‘ib Amir and Missionary in-charge of USA Jamā‘at Nasim Mehdi passes away

It is with heavy heart and great sorrow; I inform you that former Naib Amir and Missionary In-Charge of USA Jamā‘at Respected Nasim Mehdi Sahib passed in Canada on 24 May 2022. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji‘oon. He was battling with his multiple illnesses for many years. May Allah Ta‘ala grant him Maghfarat and Sabr-e-Jamil to the bereaved family. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā‘at)

## Rehana Latif wife of Abdur Rahim Latif passes away

It is with heavy heart and great sorrow, I inform you that Rehana Latif, wife of Abdur Rahim Latif, our National Secretary Tarbiyat and Waqf Jadid for Nau Muba‘in (New Ahmadis) passed away on 26 May 2022. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji‘oon. May Allah grant late Rehana Latif the highest status in paradise and patience and solace to all family members (Ameen). (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā‘at)

## Brother Abdus Sami Khaliq of Charlotte, NC, passes away

It is with heavy heart, I inform you that Brother Abdus Sami Khaliq of Charlotte, NC Jamā‘at passed away on 2 June 2022 in Charlotte at the age of 79. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji‘oon. He was a devoted Ahmadi Muslim and servant of the Jamā‘at and Khilafat. May Allah Almighty elevate his status in heaven and grant his loved ones patience and strength. Amen. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary

USA Jamā‘at)

He was born in Harlem in New York City, NY, on June 4, 1943. He moved with his grandmother to Boston at 11 months old. He honed his photography skills during his teenage years. He was taking photos at Harvard Square and met a lady whose brother was studying Ahmadiyyat. He had previously studied Islam—as being raised as a Catholic did not make sense to him—

and had already changed his name to Sami Khaliq during his study of Islam. He had been taking stunning photos of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam’s history in America ever since and was among the first Jamā‘at photographers. From the time of his Bai‘at up until his passing, he has documented key moments in the USA Jamā‘at’s history. His photographs show the progress of the Ahmadiyya

Movement in Islam and serve as rare and beautiful glimpses into the past for generations to come.

In 2010, Abdus Sami Khaliq was awarded the Mufti Muhammad Sadiq Lifetime Commitment Award

at the occasion of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya USA's 2010 National Ijtima in Milwaukee, WI. In 2020, he presented his rich photography collection to the USA Jamā'at during one of the first Jamā'at-wide virtual events at the start of the pandemic,

entitled "A Trip Down Memory Lane." During the event, Jamā'at members had the opportunity to share in fifty years of history as seen through Abdus Sami Khaliq's eyes and camera.

### **Sadiqah Begum wife of Maulawi Muhammad Sharif of New York passes away**

Sadiqah Begum wife of Maulawi Muhammad Sharif and mother of Waseem Ahmad, missionary in-charge and representative of Al-Fazl Online Brazil passed away on 20 June 2022 in New York at the age of 98 years. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon.

Waseem Ahmad Zafar led her

funeral prayer on 21 June 2022. Missionary Mahmood Ahmad Kauser also led funeral prayer at Bait-uz-Zafar, New York on 24 June 2022. Her body was taken to Rabwah where Mufti Mobusher Ahmad Kahlon led her funeral prayer. She was buried at Behishtī Maqbarah on 27 June 2022. She was the youngest daughter of Hazrat

Mian Fazal Muhammad of Harsian Walay, a devout companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). She had profound relation with the Ahmadiyya Khilafat. She was blessed to see four Ahmadiyya caliphs. (Al-Fazl Online, 17 August 2022, p. 13)

### **Mother of Karim Ahmad Sharif, President Boston passes away**

Karim Ahmad Sharif, President Boston chapter informed about the sad news of passing away of his mother Sadiqa Begum on 21 June 2022 at the age of 97 in New York, where she lived with her son Naeem Ahmad. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon.

She was the daughter of Hazrat Mian Fazal Muhammad, Harsian Walay, may Allah be pleased with him, a companion of Hazrat Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and the wife of Alhaj Maulawi Muhammad Sharif (late), a Waqf-e-Zindagi. By the grace of Allah, she

was a Musiyya. She left behind five sons, one daughter and many grand and great grandchildren. May Allah forgive her soul and elevate her status in Jannatul Firdaus and grant patience to all she left behind. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

### **Chaudhri Jawaid Sami of Los Angeles passes away**



I am saddened to inform you about the demise of Chaudhri

Jawaid Sami on 2 July 2022 at the age of 61. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. He was the maternal cousin of Bushra Bajwa, wife of Waseem Bajwa. He was a well-known member of Los Angeles Jamā'at. He moved to Canada in 2007. He is survived by his wife, Sadia Tahir and his three children Hashir Sami (19), Aizah Sami (18) and Tahir Sami (15). He was son of Chaudhri Abdus Sami Khadim who served as General Secretary of Halqa

Fazl-e-'Umar Dispensaries Karachi, Pakistani.

In the Friday sermon of 14 June 2003, Khalifatul-Masih V introduced the family of Jawaid Sami and spoke of the martyrdom of his youngest brother Hamid Sami and sacrifices of his grandfather Chaudhri Abdul Rahim and the severe torture he faced when he accepted Ahmadiyyat. (President Halqa Riverside)

### **Mother of Nasir Hafeez Malik of Houston Jamā'at passes away**

It is with great sorrow and grief; I am informing you all that Mrs. Anwar Sultana Malik mother of Nasir Hafeez Malik of Houston Jama'at passed away on 3 July 2022 at the age of 90. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā

Ilaihi Raji'oon. She was a Musiyya and was the granddaughter of Late Master Abdul Aziz, Companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). May Allah show his mercy and elevate her status in paradise

and grant solace to the bereaved family. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

### **Anwar Sultana Malik wife of Malik Muhammad Abdul Hafeez passes away**

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V led funeral prayer in absentia of Anwar

Sultana Malik of USA wife of Malik Muhammad Abdul Hafeez on 16 July

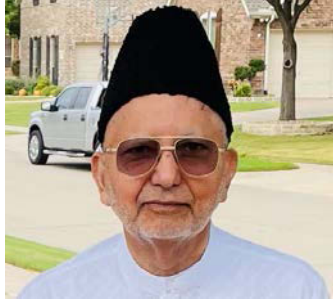
2022 outside his office at Tilford, UK. She died on 2 July 2022 at the

age of 90 years. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. She was granddaughter of Hazrat Master Abdul Aziz, companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on

him). She was a pious lady, was regular in Tahajjud prayers and lover of the Holy Qur'ān. She was a Musiyya and had deep affiliation with Khilafat. She left behind four

sons and three daughters. (Translated from Al-Fazl Online, 28 July 2022, p. 14)

## Sheikh Khurshid Ahmad father of Missionary Ahmad Salman Sheikh passes away in Phoenix



It is with a very heavy heart to inform you all that Sheikh Khurshid Ahmad, father of Missionary Ahmad Salman Sheikh passed away on 28 October 2022 at the age of 76. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. He was visiting his son Ahmad Salman Sheikh in Phoenix. May Allah Almighty grant Jannat-ul-Firdaus and forgive his shortcomings and also grant patience and solace to the members of the bereaved family. Amin!

Sheikh Khurshid was son of Sheikh Aziz Ahmad and grandson of Sheikh Fazal Ahmad. Sheikh Barkat Ali, a companion of Hazrat Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) was his great grandfather. Sheikh

Barkat's mother was also companion of the Promised Messiah. When Sheikh Fazal Ahmad was born, his mother went to see the Promised Messiah who took him in his lap.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. One of his sons Sheikh Dawood Khurshid is in Toronto Police and also got the honor to serve as in-charge of the security escort of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V during the tour of Canada few years back. His other son is Missionary Salman Sheikh currently serving in Phoenix, and Las Vegas. His daughter is currently in-charge of Ta'lim-ul-Quran in Saskatoon, South West Jamā'at, Canada.

Sheikh Khurshid was a very devout servant of Jamā'at. He had special interest in cooking in Langar Khāna and served in Germany, USA. He remained in-charge of Langar Khāna #2 in Toronto for years during Annual Conventions Canada. He also had the honor to cook for Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him)

when Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III visited Germany in the 1970s. He remained a prisoner of faith in Pakistan for putting Kalima Badge during the 100 years Jubilee in 1989. Sheikh Khurshid visited the U.S.A Jamā'at at various times and had the opportunity to cook in Langar Khāna of Silicon Valley and Bay Point California Jamā'ats.

Sheikh Rehmatullah—Koelay Waley, a companion of the Promised Messiah, may peace be on him, was the uncle of Sheikh Khurshid's Grandfather. Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad son of Sheikh Nazir Ahmad is cousin of Sheikh Khurshid who is currently serving in Rishta Nata office in Rabwah, Pakistan. Sheikh Khurshid's daughter is married with Sheikh Farooq Ahmad the grandson of Late Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Mazhar who was Amir Jamā'at of Faisalabad for many years. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at and Missionary Sheikh Ahmad Salman)

## Antonio Franco of Baitul Hameed Halqa (Victorville) CA passes away



Antonio Franco of Bait-ul-Hameed Halqa (Victorville) passed away on 5 November 2022. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Antonio Franco accepted Islam/Ahmadiyyat along with his wife, Edna Franco few years ago.

May Allah grant health and patience to Edna Franco to bear the loss of her beloved husband Ameen. (Naser Noor)

## Sabahat Farooq passes away

Sabahat Farooq of Covina, CA passed away on 11 November 2022. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah

2:157)]

She left behind two daughters: Rija Farooq and Umema (Amber) Farooq. May Allah grant Sabahat Farooq forgiveness and higher

station in Paradise. May Allah also grant solace and consolation to both Rija and Umema, Ameen.

Sabahat was the granddaughter of Hakeem Khalil Ahmed Mongheri.



She was the daughter of Late Khalid Hamidi and late Sadaat Hamidi. Her maternal grandmother was Zubeda Begum, wife of Hakim Khalil Ahmad Mungheri of Qadian and was daughter of Maulānā Zulfiqar Ali

### Zafar Ahmad of Buffalo Jamā'at passes away

Zafar Ahmad of Buffalo Jamā'at passed away on 12 November 2022. He was a Musi and served as local Secretary Tahrik Jadid and Waqf Jadid and as Za'im Majlis Ansarullah. He was a devout member of the Jamā'at and had a deep love for Ahmadiyya Khilafat. His son-in-law Nasir Khan is currently serving as President of Buffalo Jamā'at. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

### Naseem Sheikh of Orange County, Covina, CA, passes away

Naseem Sheikh of Orange County, Covina, CA passed away on 15 November 2022. She was mother of Sameer Sheikh and wife of Afzal Sheikh. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.)

(Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She had full faith in Ahmadiyyat. She was humorous in nature. She was very humble.

She was daughter of Hameeda Begum Rajpoot and elder sister of

Rajpoot brothers—Ashraf, Mubarak, Tahir and Arshad of Los Angeles Jamā'at and Munawar and Muzaffar of UK. May Allah grant her high station in Paradise and grant solace and forbearance to her family. Ameen. (Naser Noor)

### Kalim Ahmad Rana of Houston Jamā'at passes away

Kalim Ahmad Rana of Houston Jamā'at passed away on 10 December 2022 at the age of eighty years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.) (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and son, Dr. Bilal Rana, National Secretary 'Umur-e-Amma.

Ghulam Ahmad, Advocate (may Allah be pleased with him), Amir Jamā'at Pakpattan, Pakistan and Chaudhary Chajju Khan, Amir Jamā'at Saroya, District Hoshiarpur India.

Kalim Rana served as the second President of Houston Jamā'at and remained so for a number of years for different tenures. He also served as Qaid Finance in Majlis Ansarullah USA. Most recently he had the distinction of serving as Secretary Finance of Houston Jamā'at and continued discharging his duties until his last breath.

He was a humble, staunch and

steadfastly loyal servant of Jamā'at and Khilafat. May Allah Ta'ala elevate his station in heaven. Ameen. May Allah Ta'ala grant solace to all members of the bereaved family. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)



### Saleem Abdul Muhaimin of Dallas Jamā'at passes away



Saleem Abdul Muhaimin of Dallas Jamā'at passed away on 20

December 2022. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.) (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

Saleem Abdul Muhaimin was born on 5 April 1953 in Philadelphia, PA. In early 1973, he was introduced to Ahmadiyyat by the late Bilal Abdus Salam of Philadelphia. In 1978, he relocated from Philadelphia to York, PA along with his family and he was instrumental in founding the York-Harrisburg Chapter of USA

Jamā'at.

He served Jamā'at in various positions for many years, including Naib Sadr of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya in the 80's, President of the York-Harrisburg Chapter in the 90's, and as Secretary Tabligh and Nazim Ansar for the Central Pennsylvania Region. He also had the blessed opportunity to represent the USA Jamā'at at the International Bai'at during Jalsa Salana UK 2016.

He was humble and pious

person and had very deep love and dedication for Khilafat and Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. He is survived by his son Abdul Malik

### **Nasira Begum wife of Abdul Qadir Rajput passes away**

Nasira Begum wife of Abdul Qadir Rajput passed away on 22 December 2022 while visiting Pakistan. She was eight-one years old and lived in Palm Springs. She was mother of Munawar Chaudhry, Muzaffer Ahmad, Kouser Parveen and Samina Gul. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to

Muhaimin, three daughters, Samiyya Latif, Saadia Muhaimin, and Siddiqa and 7 grandchildren. May Allah Ta'ala grant him high

Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She was granddaughter of Mirza Mahtab, a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and daughter of Darvish Mirza Abdul Latif. She served as president in Rehman Pura, Lahore for fifteen

station in Janna, and give solace and patience to the family and relatives. Ameen. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

years.

She was a Musiyya and was buried in Bahishti Maqbarah at Rabwah, Pakistan. May Allah grant her high station in Jannah. Ameen. Both Abdul Qadir Rajput and his son Munawar Chaudhry are part of our Langar Khāna Team. (Naser Noor)

### **Maryam Bibi Basharat of North Virginia Jamā'at passes away**

It is with great sadness that I convey the news of the demise of Maryam Bibi Basharat wife of Sher Ali Khan Basharat of North Virginia Jama'at. She passed away on 2 January 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

Maryam Bibi was a long-standing member of the NVA Jamā'at. May Almighty Allah have mercy on her soul and grant peace and steadfastness to the family. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

### **Amatul Latif Zirvi of Maryland Jamā'at passes Jamā'at away**

It is with great sorrow and sadness, I am informing that Amatul Latif Zirvi of Maryland Jamā'at passed away on 6 January 2023 in Columbia, Maryland. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

She was wife of Late Dr. Karimullah Zirvi who recently passed away on 4 January 2023.

She attended her husband's funeral prayer in Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque. Upon returning home she

had a cardiac arrest and within no time passed away.

Amtul Latif Zirvi was daughter of Late Hazrat Saif-ur-Rahman Malik, Mufti Jamā'at Ahmadiyya.

She was an active Ahmadi and a Musiyya and served the US Jamā'at in many capacities. She was President of the North Jersey Lajna Ima'illah for many years. She wrote many letters to various newspapers in the USA defending Islam. Many of these were published in Newsweek, Time Magazine and newspapers

such as the Star Ledger and the Record in New Jersey.

Late Dr. Karim Zirvi and late Amtul Latif are survived by four children, including Nasir Zirvi Khalid Zirvi, Monib Zirvi and Sumra Zirvi. They also have a total of eleven Grandchildren. She was the eldest sister of Mujeeb Malik and Athar Malik of North Virginia Jamā'at. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

### **Naseem Zia passes away**

Naveed Ahmad of Bait-us-Salam Halqa informed that his mother Naseem Zia passed away on 15 January 2023 after a short illness. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

She was the daughter of Ch. Abdur Rahman and Nazir Begum of Behlolpur. She was the daughter-in-law of Ch. Ismatullah Khan and Bibi Fatima Begum of Behlolpur. She was the wife of Late Ch. Ziauddin Ahmed of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus

Salaam). She was the mother of Sadia Zia, Naveed Ahmed, Aisha Zia, Fareed Ahmad, and Hina Zia of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam) and mother-in-law of Syed Qasim Rizvi, Dawn Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed, Bonnie Ahmad, and Usman Tariq of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam). She was the sister-in-law of Late Ch. Anees Ahmed and Fazilat Anees (Halqa Bait-ul-Hamid), Ch. Jalaluddin Ahmed and Rahat Ahmed of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitul Salaam).

She was the wife of Ch. Ziauddin

Ahmed (Marhoom) of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam). She was the mother of Sadia Zia, Naveed Ahmed, Aisha Zia, Fareed Ahmad, and Hina Zia of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam) and mother-in-law of Syed Qasim Rizvi, Dawn Ahmed, Iftikhar Ahmed, Bonnie Ahmad, and Usman Tariq of Los Angeles (Halqa Baitus Salaam).

She was a loving mother and grandmother. She left behind five children and nine grandchildren. She always showed special and strong belief in Allah Ta'ala. She was

a woman of strong resolve and possessed a lot of great qualities, including bravery, honesty, love, compassion, and was extremely

hospitable to all. She was always eager to help the poor and needy. She was regular in observing Salat and in paying Sadqa, and inculcated

the importance of prayers, with strong emphasis on building a strong bond with Allah Ta'ala. (Naveed Ahmad of Bait-us-Salam Halqa)

## Syed Nafees Ahmad Bukhari of Maryland passes away



Syed Nafees Ahmad Bukhari of Maryland passed away in January 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi

Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He was 77 years old. His wife also passed away about two years back. He migrated to the US twenty-five years ago. He left behind five sons. Two of them live in the United States and three are in Pakistan.

He is the elder brother of Syed Idrees Ahmad Bukhari of Maryland Jamā'at. He was the son of Syed

Muhammad Saeed Saleem of Dar-ul-Tajleed, Urdu Bazar, Lahore, Pakistan who had a printing press and used to publish Jamā'at books at cheap rates.

Syed Nafees honorarily worked full-time for the central Wasaya Department of the USA. He also served as secretary wasiyyat of Maryland Jamā'at for a long time.

## Grandmother of Saira Mateen passes away

Nusrat Begum grandmother of Saira Mateen wife of Mateen Ahmed Shahzad passed way in a tragic car accident in Sargodha, Pakistan on 24 January 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She was eighty-five years old and lived in Sargodha, Pakistan. She was a Musiyya. She was buried at Bahishtī Maqbarah, Rabwah, Pakistan. She was an active of Jamā'at and remained Sadr Lajna, Sargodha. (Naser Noor)

## Amatul Rashid Sayed passes away

Amatul Rashid Sayed, stepmother of Dr. Waseem Sayed, National Secretary Tabligh passed away in UK on 3 February 2023 at the age of eighty-nine years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon.

She was the mother of Dr. Fareed Ahmad, Waleed, Saeed Ahmad and Mrs. Amatul Shah of UK Jamā'at. May Allah grant her a lofty place in Paradise. Ameen. (Naser Noor)

## Kishwar Hameed wife of Hameed Ahmad Tabassum passes away

Kishwar Hameed wife of Hameed Ahmad Tabassum passed away on 5 February 2023 at Cancer hospital in Pennsylvania. She was seventy-four old. She was sister of Abdul Karim Qudsī, a renowned poet of the Jamā'at. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She left behind three sons; Sharif Ahmad of Germany, Shakeel Ahmad of USA and Naveed Ahmad of Canada and two daughters. (Abdul Karim Qudsī, Frederiksberg, USA)

## Nasir Ahmad Soofi passes away

Nasir Ahmed Soofi passed away on 8 February 2023 in Canada at the age of 88. He was father of Tahir Soofi, President of Zion chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Nasir Ahmed Soofi was grandson of Soofi Karam Elahi, may

Allah be pleased with him, who was among 313 companions of Hazrat Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He lived in Meerut, Qadian, Lahore, Ottawa and finally settled in Toronto, Canada. He came to Canada in 1968. He served Mississauga Canada Jamā'at in 1980s as President Jamā'at.

He left behind two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren. All

his children are serving the Jamā'at in various capacities.

May Allah Ta'ala forgive him and raise his status in paradise and grant patience and forbearance to his survivors. Ameen. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Hafeezullah Khan passes away in Virginia

Hafeezullah Khan passed away at 2 A.M. on 21 February 2023 while

in rehab of Virginia. Inna Lillāhi Wa

Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He was employed in Finance Department in 2006 and served Jamā'at Ahmadiyyat USA as an accountant for seventeen years. Presently he was working in

National Muhasib office. He was a hardworking, tireless, and punctual in his office duties.

Doctors wanted to do his heart surgery, but because of his general weakness and other health issues, he remained in the hospital for more than 2 months and heart surgery

could not be done.

May Allah Ta'ala forgive him and elevate his status in Jannatul Firdaus, and grant patience and steadfastness to all his loved ones. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Shamim Akhtar mother of Mateen Ahmed Shahzad passes away

Shamim Akhtar mother of Mateen Ahmed Shahzad and Nuzhat Hassan Chaudhry of Halqa Riverside passed away in Pakistan in February 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She was elder sister of Aslam Malik and Javed Malik. (Naser Noor)

## Abdul Basit Khan of Baltimore passes away

Abdul Basit Khan of Baltimore, Maryland passes away on 4 March 2023 at the age of sixty-one after a yearlong battle with glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Abdul Basit's devotion to the Jamā'at was unequivocal. He was a Musi. All four of his children are in

the Waqf-e-Nau scheme. He left behind his wife, Amatus Shukoor (Shukri) Khan, and his children Adeel, Aysha, Tirzah and Sajeel. He is also survived by his mother Nasira Begum.

He served Baltimore Jamā'at for more than two decades. At a local level, he served as Secretary Waqf-e-Nau and Secretary Talim, and was serving his second term as Naib Sadr

when he passed. He served Majlis Ansarullah Baltimore as Zaim, shepherding his brothers to ultimately earn the honor of Alm-e-In'ami. At a national level, he served the Majlis as Naib Qaid Umūmī, Naib Qaid Finance and Mauvin Sadr. He helped Baltimore's youth and refugees explore employment and educational opportunities. May Allah elevate his status in Jannah. Ameen.

## Ashraf Shah of Orange County passes away



Ashraf Shah son of Anas Shah of Orange County Halqa passed away on 15 March 2023 at the age of forty-five years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He was born on 2 January 1978 in Torrance to his parents, Anas and Naiyara Shah. He left behind sister Sohima, brother Anser and stepmother, Asifa. He was a gentle

soul who was always ready to help others. He could connect with everyone, young or old and would make everyone laugh with his wit and humor. May Allah have mercy on the departed soul and rest him in peace. May Allah grant patience to the family to bear this loss. Ameen. Prayers were offered at Gravesite of Forest Lawn Cemetery on 23 March 2023 after the burial. (Naser Noor, President Los Angeles chapter)

## Rasheeduddin Malik father of Rafiuddin Malik, President of Columbus chapter passes away

Rasheeduddin Malik of Toronto, Canada passed away on 2 April 2023 at the age of 82, Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He was the father of Rafiuddin Malik, President of Columbus, Ohio chapter. May Allah the Almighty grant the departed soul a place in the highest

echelons of paradise and give patience and fortitude to the family, Ameen.

He was the eldest son of Malik Salahuddin, Darvish Qadian who had served as Private Secretary to Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) and also authored the book series "Ashab-e-Ahmad" (The Companions of the Promised

Messiah, peace be on him).



Ahmadiyyat came to his family via his great-grandfather (*Pardaada*), Malik Barkat Ali (may Allāh be pleased with him), who accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1897/1898. Both of his grandfathers, Malik Niaz Muhammad (*Daada*) and Hakeem Din Muhammad (*Naana*) were also companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

Rasheeduddin Malik had the honor of being an *Aseer e Rah e Maula*. He was imprisoned twice in Pakistan, once in 1974 when Ahmadis were declared not-Muslim,

and then again in 1984 for wearing a badge of Kalima Tayyaba.

He was a zealous *Da'i Ilallah* and would do whatever it took to spread the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat. He was so passionate and fearless in spreading the message of Ahmadiyyat that during his travels, he would have the Friday sermon cassettes of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allāh shower His mercy on him) played in public buses in Pakistan in mid 1980s when there was great hostility against Ahmadis. He always made new contacts and took them to Jalsa Salana, Canada and arranged to have his Tabligh contacts watch Jalsa Salana UK and International Bai'at on MTA at his home.

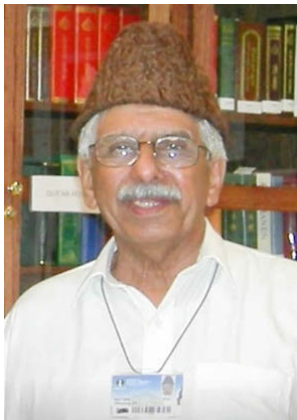
He had the opportunity to serve the Jama'at in various capacities over many decades including Qa'id Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya, Za'im

Ansarullah, and Secretary Tahrik Jadid and Waqf Jadid.

Rasheeduddin Malik was the most selfless person. He had a great spirit of helping people and did this tirelessly throughout his life. He helped many new families arriving in Canada to settle there. He did not drive but went far and wide on buses and on foot to help people in need. After his demise, many people told the family members what he had done to help them that even his family did not know.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Treading in his footsteps, his sons and grandchildren serve the Jama'at in various capacities in Canada and USA. (Bashir Asad, General Secretary, Columbus, Ohio chapter)

## Rafiullah father of Quadratullah Ayaz of Milwaukee passes away



Rafiullah passed away on 24 March 2023 in Milwaukee, WI. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to

Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)].

He was son of Baboo Barkatullah, retired postmaster in Rabwah, Pakistan. He was grandson of Qadir Bakhsh<sup>ra</sup> (Headmaster of a school in Qadian), a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and nephew of another companion Abdur-Rahim Dard<sup>ra</sup>.

He retired from Telephone and Telegraph (T & T) Department in Pakistan as a Telephone Operator in 1997 and came to the US and lived in Milwaukee. His son Mr. Quadratullah is serving Ahmadiyya Muslim

Community, USA in the editorial team of the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA and Al-Nur, USA.

Rafiullah was a Musi and was buried at Wisconsin Memorial Park on 27 March 2023. He was very fond of distributing Tabligh fliers in Milwaukee. He left behind his wife, two sons Mr. Quadratullah Ayaz and Mr. Wajihullah Tariq and a daughter Mrs. Arshi Saleem. He had five grandsons and two granddaughters.

May Allah Ta'ala forgive him and elevate his status in Jannah and grant patience and steadfastness to all his loved ones.

## Abdul Shakur Malik passes away in Dallas

Abdul Shakur Malik father of Dr. Amir Malik, former President of Houston Jamā'at, now living in Dallas passed away on 7 April 2023 at the age of eighty-nine. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Abdul Shakur Malik's maternal grandfather was Ghulam Nabi

Sheikh (may Allah be pleased with him) of Sialkot, who pledged allegiance (Bai'at) to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and was instrumental in bringing Ahmadiyyat to his village Nowshera Kakay Zayyan.

He served in Pakistan Air Force as an aeronautical engineer and retired as Group Captain. He had the

honor of serving as Naib Ameer of Rawalpindi Jamā'at for over fifteen years. He was a Musi. His love and loyalty for Khilafat were unshakable and were passed on to his four children.

Abdul Shakur Malik is survived by four children, Dr. Amir Malik of Dallas, Shazia Sohail, Dr. Nadia Malik and Saadia Ahmed of Silicon

Valley, and ten grandchildren.

May Allah Almighty grant the

departed soul a place in the highest echelons of paradise and give patience and fortitude to the family,

Ameen. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Nahid Akmal wife of Mirza Mohammed Akmal passes away in Virginia

Nahid Akmal, wife of Mirza Mohammed Akmal and mother to Adnan Mirza, Farhan Mirza, Anwar Mirza, and Sara Akmal passed away on 13 April 2023 in Ashburn, Virginia. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She was the daughter of Abdul Qayyum Malik and Tahira Kulsoom

and the granddaughter of Dr. Abdul Ghani of Bhera and Thekedar Abdul Rahman of Qadian, both of whom were the companions of Hazrat Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

She was deeply committed to serving Islam and helping the less fortunate throughout her life. She volunteered her time and resources to various Jamā'at events, and her

selflessness and compassion inspired all who knew her. Her passing is a great loss to her family. She shall be buried in Pakistan.

May God Almighty grant her a lofty place in Jannat-ul-Firdaus. May Allah, the Almighty grant her family patience and strength during this difficult time. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Ghulam Qadir Chaudhry of Silicon Valley chapter passes away

Ghulam Qadir Chaudhry of Silicon Valley chapter passed away on 15 April 2023 in San Jose, California at the age of 87. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Ghulam Qadir Chaudhri was the son of Dr. Ghulam Mustafa (Allah be pleased with him) and Noor Begum of Darul Sadr, Rabwah. His paternal grandfather Hazrat Munshi

Muhammad Deen (Allah be pleased with him) was blessed being #3 out of 313 companions of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

In his youth, he was one of the closest friends of Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him). The entire family had a deeply rooted love for Khilafat and was highly dedicated to serving the Jamā'at. He joined Waṣiyyat at age 19. He came to America in 1960 and his decision to establish roots in San

Jose, California created the foundation for the now Silicon Valley Jamā'at.

He is survived by the mother of his children, Majeeda Abdullah, his daughter Nusrat Jahan Qadir Chaudhry of the North New Jersey and Saleem Ahmad Qadir of the Silicon Valley Jamā'at, daughter in law Mubarka Qadir and three grandchildren Raees, Anisa and Ilyas Qadir. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Ahmad Jamal of Connecticut chapter passes away



Ahmad Jamal of Connecticut chapter passed away on 16 April 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi

Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Ahmad Jamal was father of Dr. Soumayah Jamal and grandfather of Omar and Zara. He was one of the oldest members of Connecticut chapter who accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1951 at the age of 21 years. He once said, "I accepted Islam because it took me from darkness into light and gave me direction."

He provided extensive service

and support to Jamā'at in the 50s and 60s. Ahmad Jamal was a World-famous jazz pianist and composer, earning several Grammy awards and performing at prestigious venues worldwide.

May Allah Ta'ala elevate his status in heaven, and Allah the Almighty grant patience and solace to the bereaved family. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Munir Malik of Virginia passes away

Munir Malik of Virginia passed away on 17 April 2023 at the age of 95. He was the father of Bashir Malik and uncle of Naib Amir Wasim Malik and Shahid Saeed Malik of North Virginia. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we

belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Munir Malik was born on 10 August 1927 and was raised in Qadian. He lived in Sialkot, Lahore, and Karachi before moving to New York in 1987. He moved to Locust

Grove, Virginia in 2019 and lived there until his demise.

He was the great-grandson of Zainab Bibi, who was a companion of Hadrat Promised Messiah ('Alaihis-Salam). He was the grandson of Hadrat Malik Nooruddin and son of

Hadrat Malik Aziz Ahmad. Both of them were companions of Hadrat Promised Messiah ('Alaihis-Salam). He was a very humble and hard-working person. He was a firm believer of Islam Ahmadiyyat and a

devotee of Ahmadiyya Khilafat. He faced persecution in Pakistan at work, but his resolve never wavered.

He is survived by his Wife, Safia Munir Malik and three sons, Bashir

Malik, serving as National Amin of USA Jamā'at and as Afsar Jalsa Salana USA, Shabbir Malik and Kabbir Malik and three grandsons. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Athar Mohammad Ashraf of Columbus, Ohio passes away



Athar Mohammad Ashraf son of Mohammad Ashraf of Columbus, Ohio passed away on 18 April 2023 at the age of 43 years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]



Athar Mohammad Ashraf was learning to fly just as a hobby from an instructor when the Cessna aircraft crashed during near the approach end of runway during landing at Madison County airport in London, Ohio. The plane's pilot and copilot (Athar) were pronounced dead at the scene. The tragic crash was reported by Columbus Dispatch and US News.

Athar was born in Multan, Pakistan on 26 July 1979. He arrived in Columbus, Ohio with his mother in 1990 at the age of 11. His father is in the US since 1985. The family moved to Harrisburg PA in 1991 where Athar did his high school and graduation in computer science. They returned to Columbus, Ohio in 2003. Athar did his master's in business administration from Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio in 2003. Athar started helping his father Mohammad Ashraf in hotel management as owner-operator of the Columbus Grand Hotel and Banquet Center at the northeast corner of East Dublin-Granville Road and Interstate 71 and also owned a private company for designing power related generators

in the US and abroad. Athar got married in November 2008 and has three daughters Ariana age 9, Ammara age 6 and Aleena age 3. He was divorced in 2023 and shared custody of his daughters with their mother. Athar was living with his parents and daughters in Columbus, just north of Worthington. He was very polite, respectful to elders. He was liked by friends and co-workers. All the employees of his business loved him. He was friend of everyone.

Athar had been serving Ahmadiyya Muslim Community since his youth. He was Qaid Majlis and Nazim Finance of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Columbus chapter. In Ansarullah Columbus, he served in the finance department. He also served as Secretary Audio-Video and Secretary Rishta Nata of Columbus chapter for a long time.

A funeral for Ashraf was held on 20 April 2023 at Bait-un-Nasir Mosque, 3360 Toy Road in Groveport where large Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi friends and relatives participated. (Contributed by Dr. Mobusher Mahmud, Columbus, Ohio)

## Professor Dr. Mahmood Ahmad passes away in New Jersey

Professor Dr. Mahmood Ahmad of Silicon Valley passed away in New Jersey on 20 April 2023 at the age of 94 years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Dr. Mahmood Ahmad son of Seth Mohammad Khwaja was born on September 1, 1928 in Hyderabad Deccan, India. He pursued a career as an educationist. After graduating

from Osmania University in Hyderabad Deccan, he joined TI College in Lahore to teach Biology. Later, he completed his Ph.D. in the UK. He then joined University of Karachi and became the Chairman of Physiology followed by Chairman of Pharmacology at University of Baluchistan. He founded several educational societies and published over hundred original research articles.

Dr. Mahmood Ahmad's uncle,

renowned Seth Shaikh Hassan Ahmadi (elder brother of Seth Mohammad Khwaja) of Hyderabad Deccan, India alleged allegiance to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). Seth Hassan along with his younger brother Seth Mohammad Khwaja provided scholarships for students and volunteers to visit Qadian for higher religious education and were instrumental in establishing important infrastructure for Ahmadiyya

Jamā'at in Hyderabad Deccan including the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Ahmadiyya Madarasah, Ahmadiyya Mahman Khana (Guest House) and Ahmadiyya graveyard. These services are outlined in detail in the books: "Hayat-e-Hassan" and "Tarikh-e-Ahmadiyyat Hyderabad Deccan."

He resided with his wife, Dr. Safia Khan (daughter of Babu Allahdad Khan) and three sons, Aijaz Ahmed, Mansoor Ahmad and Nasir Ahmad in Dastgir Society, Karachi (Halqa: Dastgir). He instilled the importance of Ahmadiyyat and education in his sons. His three sons are physicians and reside in the US.

May Allah in his infinite mercy grant Mahmood Ahmad the highest place in Jannah and provide his family the strength to bear with this irreparable loss. (Syed Sajid Ahmad, National Publications Secretary, USA)

## Memunat Kukoyi mother of Hafiz Mubarak Kukoyi passes away

Sister Memunat Kukoyi passed away in a Hospital in Chicago on 24 April 2023, after a brief illness. She was the beloved Mother of our National Secretary, Ta'limul Quran Hafiz Mubarak Kukoyi. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Sister Memunat Kukoyi was the

## Mubashera Khan of Bait-ul-Hameed Halqa passes away

Mubashra Khan wife of Bisharat Ahmad of California and mother of Sisters Sadia Khan, Sofia Khan and Shazia Khan passed away on 26 April 2023 at the age of 68. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we

wife of the late Al-haj Abubakar Kukoyi. He was one of the first Musi in Nigeria and was the longest-serving Nazm-e-A'la for the Majlis Ansarullah Nigeria. He visited Rabwah and Qadian several times for Jalsa Salana. He sent his two sons to Rabwah for Hifzul Qur'an, namely Hafiz Mubarak Kukoyi and Hafiz Quddus Kukoyi.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is the mother of Bro. Zafrullah, Hafiz Mubarak, Ibrahim and Samad Kukoyi. May Allah accept her into Jannatul Firdaus and grant solace and patience to the bereaved family members. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She was daughter of Maulana Chiragh-ud-Din, missionary in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (NWFP), Pakistan. She was very punctual in Salat and had a very deep love for

Khilafat. May Allah shower His mercy upon the grieved families and give them solace and fortitude and enable them to bear the loss with patience, Ameen! (Naser Noor, President of the chapter)

## Bushra Nasim, mother of Sajid Khan, passes away

Bushra Nasim mother of Sajid Khan, Assistant Secretary TaQWA passed away on 26 April 2023 at the age of 83. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She was a Musiyya. She was always known for her immense kindness, loving nature, and caring hospitality. She served as the first Local Sadr of

Lajna Imā'illāh of Township Jamā'at in Lahore. Presently she was a member of Castlemore, Brampton Canada.

She was born in Amritsar, India to Choudhry Allah Baksh, a companion of Hadrat Masih Mau'ūd (may peace be on him) and Miraj Begum (Late). She was married to Muhammad Rafiq Khan (late). She is

survived by her five children, sixteen grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

May Allah rest her soul in peace. May she be given a lofty place in Heaven, and grant solace to the bereaved family, Ameen. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Professor Mirza Bashir Ahmad of North Virginia chapter passes away

Professor Mirza Bashir Ahmad of North Virginia chapter passed away on 5 May 2023 at the age of 87 years due to heart complications. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Mirza Bashir Ahmad was a Musi and devoted Ahmadi. He had served the Jamā'ats in Peshawar and

Nowshera (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan) in various capacities, including President, Qaid Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Za'im Ansarullah Nowshera. He also served as Principal of T. I. College Ghatalian and later as a Professor of Philosophy in Government Colleges of Nowshera, Kohat and Swat. He received LLB degree from Peshawar University and practiced law during

his early career.

Mirza Bashir Ahmad was son of Mirza Ghulam Rasool Peshawaree who was a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He was son-in-law of Hazrat Malik Saif-ur-Rahman who served as Mufti Silsila for a long time. He was brother-in-law of Malik Mujeeb-ur-Rahman and Athar Malik of North Virginia chapter.



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He is survived by his Wife Amtul Hameed Mirza, three daughters,

Duresameen Mirza, wife of Suleman Choudhry of North Virginia chapter, Wajeeha Bushra of UK, and Fareeha Gul of Australia and a son, Talha Mirza of North Virginia Jama'at. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Syed Tanvir Shah of Saskatoon, Canada, the elder brother of Syed Tabshir Shah of Los Angeles passes away

Syed Tanvir Shah of Saskatoon, Canada, passed away on 23 May 2023. He was the elder brother of Syed Tabshir Shah of Baitul Hameed Halqa, Los Angeles CA. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) very kindly mentioned Syed Tanvir Shah in his Friday Sermon of 16 June 2023:

“Syed Tanvir Shah of Canada who recently passed away while in Paraguay where he was serving. He

has one son Syed Raza Shah who is a missionary. He hailed from the family of a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) and the family of Hazrat Umme Tahir. He had a passion for propagating the message of Islam. In fact, during his trip to Paraguay two people entered the fold of Islam Ahmadiyyat. He was very content with his means and trusted in Allah to tend to all of his needs. He enjoined his son to understand his duties and perform them in the best manner. He loved the Khalifa a great deal and instilled the same love in his children. He never spoke ill of anyone and also cared for his in-laws. Despite having held various offices, he always remained humble. His personality left a deep

imprint upon the youth of Paraguay. He was always smiling and he was never seen to be angry. Instead, he was very tenderhearted and kind. He always seemed to be searching for ways to please Allah. He showed that words are not always necessary to teach others, rather actions can leave a deep impact. May Allah grant forgiveness and mercy to the deceased and elevate his station.“

Syed Tabshir Shah is a long-time member of Los Angeles Jamā'at. He is also a member of our local Langar Khana team. Tabshir Shah is the father of Azzaz and Basheer Shah; and Nida Nasir, wife of Taimoor Nasir.

(Naser Noor, President Los Angeles chapter)

## Ashraf Malik of Maryland chapter passes away



Ashraf Malik of Maryland chapter passed on 8 May 2023 at the

age of away 86 years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

His father Malik Barkat Ali was Amir Jamā'at Hafizabad and his elder brother Afzal Malik was also Amir Wah Cantt, Pakistan. His younger brother Major Mahmood Malik is serving as Afsar Hifazat-e-Khas in London, UK.

He is survived by his wife Amtul Rehman Malik, two sons, Musa Malik and Fazal-e- Umar Malik of Maryland. He had five daughters, Qudsia Amjad of Virginia, Sadia Sethi of Belgium, Marium Irfan of UK, Nadia Ahmad of Kentucky, Maria Saeed of Sweden and eighteen grandchildren. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Khawaja Muniruddin Qamar father of Ansa Rajpoot of Los Angeles passes away



Khawaja Muniruddin Qamar of UK Jamā'at passed away on 27 May 2023 at the age of 86 years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Khawaja Muniruddin Qamar was the father of Sister Ansa Rajpoot of Orange County Halqa (Cerritos) Los Angeles CA, and father-in-law of Mubarak Rajpoot. He was the grandfather of Zahraa Chaudry (wife of Anas Chaudry) of Baitul Hameed Halqa.

## Nusrat Jahan, wife of missionary Mubasher Ahmad, Maryland, passes away

With sorrow and sadness, it is informed that Nusrat Jahan, wife of missionary Mubasher Ahmad, Maryland, passed away on 17 June 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)] (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Inayat Shah of San Francisco Jamā'at passes away



Inayat Shah of San Francisco Jamā'at passed away on 28 June 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He was the eldest brother of Hidayat Shah, Late

Ashiq Shah, Khadim Shah, Anwar Shah, and Munawar Shah. Salma Shah is the eldest sister of all of them. Late Syed Sharif Ahmad and Salma Shah established San Francisco Jamā'at in the early 1970s.

He came to the US in 1973. He settled first in Fitchburg, Massachusetts as his sister was in that state at that time. Later he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where his sister had moved. Shah brothers and their families make a large and active part of the Jamā'ats in the San Francisco area. The passing away of Inayat Shah is a great loss for the family. He was very patient when his son Saleem Shah died during his lifetime. He was very courteous and hospitable. His company was always enjoyable. He was a caring and sympathetic soul. (Death news reported by: Syed Sajid Ahmad, National Publications Secretary, USA)

## Shakila Fida Nomani of California Jamā'at passes away

Shakila Fida Nomani (Chumki) of California Jamā'at passed away on 19 July 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She was the daughter of the late Fida Ul Haq. She left behind her mother Nusrat Jahan Haq and

children Gazala Sirajee, Ahsan Haq, Shaila Naseem, Samir Nomani, and Amir Nomani.

She was a loving, cheerful, and wonderful lady. She had the skill of lighting up the mood of anyone she came in contact with. She was a devoted mother, daughter, and sister, but most importantly she was

a devoted Ahmadi Muslim. She would wake up every morning to offer Fajr prayer, read the Holy Qur'an daily, and listen to and attend the various online webinars and local chapter meetings. May Allah elevate her status in Paradise, Ameen. (Report by Naser Noor)

## Ijaz Malik of Maryland Jamā'at passes away

Ijaz Malik of Maryland Jamā'at passed away on 21 July 2023 in Laurel, Maryland. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He was the brother of Naib Amir USA, Masoud Malik, Mubarik Malik,

and Saeed Malik. He was born in Warburton, Pakistan in July 1941 and later moved to the U.S.A. in 1992 and served as Secretary Wasaya for the Laurel chapter for many years. He is survived by two sons, Asif Malik and Kashif Malik, and three daughters, Alia Tahir Malik, Sadia Malik, and Ammara Malik.

May Allah Ta'ālā grant him Maghfirat and grant patience and steadfastness to all bereaved family members. Ameen (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Shahida Sultana Asia of Los Angeles Jamā'at passes away

Shahida Sultana Asia wife of Mazhar Ul Haque of the Riverside chapter passed away on 31 July 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She was the daughter of Younus Farooq. The cause of her death was non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that had metastasized to her lungs.

Shahida Sultana Asia was mūshīyya. Her husband is serving Los Angeles Jamā'at as Secretary Waqf-e-Jadid. She left behind her husband, a son Rizwan, a daughter Sana and eight brothers and a sister.

She was a dedicated, sincere, and selfless servant of Ahmadiyyat. For many years, she hosted several guests of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) during West Coast Jalsa Salana in her home. She would even accept guests during other Jamā'at events. Furthermore, she would perform security duty during WCJS where she had to stand for long hours in spite of a hip replacement procedure. She took care of the terminally ill Jamā'at members for several months. She provided financial support to several orphan children in Pakistan. She held "Book Clubs" for the

educational training of Lajna. She had a desire to have a mosque near her home, so she converted her home garage into a salat center where she would gather all her family members to offer congregational prayers. By the grace and mercy of Allah, she had the opportunity to perform six Hajj and several Umrahs.

May Allah elevate her ranks in paradise; and grant fortitude to the bereaving family, Ameen. (Report Naser Noor)

## **Mashood Ahmad brother of Abdul Jabbar and Abdul Shakoor of Columbus passes away in Lahore, Pakistan**

Mashood Ahmad brother of Abdul Jabbar and Abdul Shakoor of Columbus, Ohio passed away in Lahore, Pakistan on 13 September 2023 at the age of 45 years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He was a Musi and was serving as Sadr Halqa Gulshan Park, Lahore. He is survived by his wife. May Allah Almighty grant the departed soul a high station in paradise and give solace to the family, Ameen.

He was the uncle of our graphics and designer of the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA, Mr. Raghib Ahmad.

## **Nasir Ahmed Qureshi of Detroit Jamā'at passes away**



Nasir Ahmed Qureshi of Detroit Jamā'at passed away on 4 August 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we

belong, and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Nasir Ahmed Qureshi was born in Qādiān, India in 1935. His father Mr. Shamsuddin Baghalpuri accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1913 and migrated to Qādiān, India.

Nasir Ahmed Qureshi was an electrical engineer and performed government service up until his retirement. He was a Musi and served Jamā'at Ahmadiyya in various capacities. He is survived by

his wife Amtul Bari and five children; Dr. Amtul Musawir Ottawa, Canada, Dr. Mansoor Qureshi Michigan, USA, Amtul Saboor London, England, Mahmood Qureshi Michigan, USA, and Amtul Shafi Toronto, Canada.

May Allah have mercy on his soul and grant him high status in paradise, Ameen. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA)

## **Professor Muhammad Sharif Khan of Philadelphia Jamā'at passes away**

Professor Muhammad Sharif Khan, son of the Late Dr. Habibullah Khan, passed away on 8 September 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He was born in 1939 and was Ahmadi by birth. He graduated from the University of the Punjab in 1960.

He obtained an M.Sc. degree from Punjab University, Lahore, in 1963 and was awarded the Sir William Roberts Gold Medal for standing first in the M.Sc. final examination. He did his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Punjab in 1996. He then started his career at Ta'lim-ul-Islam College, Rabwah, as a Lecturer in Zoology and then retired in 1999

after about 38 years of service. He was the lone herpetologist in Pakistan. After searching almost every corner of Pakistan for reptiles and amphibians, he discovered thirty-four new species, which include eleven snakes, fifteen lizards, and eight amphibians. He published over 250 research papers in different scientific journals of the

world, ten books, and field guides on amphibians and reptiles of Pakistan.



He had the great honor of being the teacher of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) at Ta'lim-ul-Islam, Rabwah. He was a Musi. He was regular in Tahajjud prayer and reciting the Holy Quran. May Allah Ta'ala grant him an exalted place in Paradise and solace to family members. Ameen. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Tashfeen Haq of California passes away



Tashfeen Haq Sahib of Riverside Halqa, CA passed away on 20 August 2023 in a car accident. He was 44 years old. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He left behind his mother Shamima Nusrat Haq wife of the Late Sanaul Haq and younger brother Faheem Haq. May Allah shower His mercy on him and raise his status in Paradise. May Allah grant patience and forbearance to Shamima Nusrat Haq and Faheem Haq to bear the loss. Ameen.

The attached picture of Tashfeen Haq was taken with Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Ameer AMC, the USA during the West Coast Jalsa 2022. (Naser Noor, President Halqa)

## Ruquia Jamil wife of Sahibzada Jamil Latif of Chicago Jamā'at passes away

This is to inform you with great sorrow about the demise of Ruquia Jamil wife of Sahibzada Jamil Latif of Chicago Jamā'at passed away on 2 September 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

The deceased was the daughter of Rustam Khan Shaheed of Jalozai,

Pakistan, and the daughter-in-law of Sahibzada Tayyab Latif son of Hazrat Sahibzada Syed Abdul Latif Shaheed (Allah be pleased with him) of Kabul, Afghanistan. Ruquia Jamil was the mother of four children: Syeda Sadiqa Ahmad, Late Sahibzada Farhan Latif, Sahibzada Dr. Usman Latif and Syeda Faiza Latif. She was a Mūṣīyya and a devout and active member of the

Jamā'at. She served as Sadr Lajna Kohat, Pakistan. She had a pleasant and friendly personality. She maintained a strong connection with Nizam-e-Jamā'at and Khilafat throughout her life. May Allah Ta'ala elevate her status in paradise. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Malik Muhammad Yusuf Khan brother of Malik Javed Younas of Columbus passes away in Mississauga, Canada



Malik Muhammad Yusuf Khan brother of Malik Javed Younas passed away on 15 September 2023 at Mississauga, Canada at the age of 74 years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Malik Muhammad Yusuf was a devoted servant of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Islamabad,

Pakistan. He was the son of well-renowned Ahmadi Malik Muhammad Yunus, Superintendent of Police Islamabad, Pakistan. He was a humble and pious person who had the opportunity to serve Jamā'at as Secretary Ziyafat and Sadr Halqa in Pakistan for over three decades. He was a Musi. He paid great importance to the spirit of financial sacrifice and was always at the

forefront of helping the needy and less fortunate.

May Allah elevate his status in the Heaven. May Allah also shower His mercy on the grieved family.

Ameen. (Malik Javed Younas, Columbus, Ohio)

### Iftikhar Ahmad Anjum of California passes away



Iftikhar Ahmad Anjum father of Asad Choudhry of Riverside Halqa,

city of Corona, CA passed away on 30 September 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Iftikhar Anjum was the son of Ch. Mushtaq Ahmad. He left behind his wife Fozia Anjum and two sons Asad Choudhry and Sameer Anjum. He was a humble individual who lived his life for the pleasure of God, Almighty. He guided his family to

stay pious. As a pharmacist, he treated his patients with concern, care, and diligence.

May Allah Ta'ala grant patience, solace, and comfort to the members of his family and all loved ones who are affected by this loss. May Allah Ta'ala have mercy on the departed soul, and grant him a high status in the heavens. Ameen (Asad Choudhry)

### Chaudhry Rashid Ahmad of California passes away



Chaudhry Rashid Ahmad of Riverside Halqa, CA passed away on 12 October 2023 at the age of 94 years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Dr. Rafique Tahir, the son of Rashid Ahmad reports:

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I share the news of the passing of my father Chaudhri

Rashid Ahmad. He was a Musi.

He was a pious soul filled with love, obedience, and devotion to Ahmadiyya Khilafat. He had the opportunity to serve the Jamā'at in various capacities including President Halqa for many years.

He held a degree in Law and was appointed as the Deputy Registrar of the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan during the years when our beloved Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) was studying at the university. In the anti-Ahmadiyya riots of 1974, my father's house was looted and burnt by a violent mob. He patiently bared that worldly loss and humbly started a new life while preaching patience to his family.

Chaudhry Rashid Ahmad moved to Islamabad after retirement from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. His house had been a

Salāt Center of Halqa G-9, Islamabad for about five years. After Maghrib prayer, there was an arrangement for Dars of the Holy Qur'an. Major Asim was the president of Halqa and he was an active member of his Amila.

He instilled the love of Holy Quran and Salāt in his children and grandchildren. He practiced truth and honesty in all his matters throughout his life and always advised his children to practice the same. He always exhorted his children to be at the forefront in the obedience to Khilafat, service of humanity, and Islam Ahmadiyyat.

He is survived by four sons, two daughters, and twenty-four grandchildren. May Allah grant him a lofty space in paradise. Ameen. (Dr. Rafique Ahmad Tahir Secretary Ziyafat Eastvale, CA)

### LA Jamā'at offers funeral prayer in absentia of Khadija Begum, Shamshad Parveen Malik, Mirza Mohammad Arshad, and Shameem Malik

Los Angeles Jamā'at offered funeral prayer in absentia of the following on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2023:

1. Khadija Begum, mother of Waheeda Malik of Baitul Hameed Halaqa died at the age of 102 years.

2. Shamshad Parveen Malik, mother of Nadia Malik of Torrance Halqa died on 10 October 2023.

3. Shameem Malik, brother of Nadia Malik of Torrance Halqa died on 24 August 2023.

4. Mirza Mohammad Arshad,

father of Bina Majeed of Baitul Hameed Halqa died on 1 October 2023.

Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon.

Following is a brief introduction of each provided by the family.

#### Khadija Begum

Khadija Begum mother of

Waheeda Malik, former Sadr Lajna Imā'illāh LA-East, wife of late Malik Dost Muhammad. She was a Mūṣīyya and was a true embodiment of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. She was very pious, God-fearing, loving, kind, humble, and strong in her faith. She was regular in her prayers, recitation of the Holy Quran, Tahajjud, paying all her Chanda, and helping the poor. She served in Lajna in Bahawalnagar district for nineteen years as Sadr and General Secretary and was awarded the Certificate of Recognition by Hazrat Mariam Siddiqa (Chootee Appa). She left behind two sons, five daughters, 26 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. May Allah grant her a high station in Jannah. Amen (Waheeda Malik)

### Shamshad Parveen Malik

Shamshad Parveen Malik was the mother of Nadia Malik of Central Jersey Jamā'at. She was the eldest daughter-in-law of Hazrat Maulana Zahoor Hussain Bokhara, a pioneer missionary to Russia. She was a very

loving member of the Central Jersey Lajna Imā'illāh for nearly 40 years, remaining dedicated and involved until her demise, despite being in poor health. She had a special love for Salat, the Holy Quran, Hadith, and the teachings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). She was devoted to Ahmadiyya Khilafat and had a special regard and love for members of the Promised Messiah's family. She is fondly remembered for her unique hospitality, especially toward many newly arriving missionaries to the US since the early 1970's. May Allah Ta'ala grant her lofty station in Paradise, Ameen.

### Shameem Malik

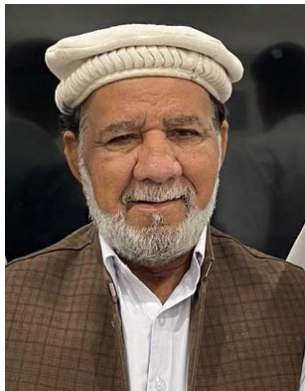
He was the eldest brother of Nadia Malik, Naib Sadr Lajna Imā'illāh of LA-West. May Allah grant him a lofty station in Jannah.

### Mirza Mohammad Arshad

Mirza Mohammad Arshad was the father of Bina Majeed of Baitul Hameed Halqa. He was the son of Mirza Mohammad Sadiq and grandson of the companion of the

Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He lived his life in Quetta, Pakistan until moving to Binghamton, NY, and was a revered member of Binghamton Jamā'at for the last 20 years. He was one of three elders who laid a foundation stone of Binghamton Mosque with a brick that was blessed by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper). He was a very kind, compassionate, and humble man. Throughout his life, he served the Quetta Jamā'at in different capacities. He played a big role in building the Quetta Mosque. He used to do Tabligh, especially within Quetta's tribal areas. At all times he advised his children and grandchildren to build a close friendship with Allah. He was blessed on many occasions with the guidance of Allah with true dreams. He leaves behind three sons and four daughters, twenty-one grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. May Allah grant him a high station in Jannah. Amen

## Renowned poet Abdul Kareem Qudsi passes away



With sorrow and sadness, it is informed that Abdul Kareem Qudsi, a renowned poet, passed away on 9 November 2023 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Abdul Kareem Qudsi was born on 6 June 1946, in "Kirtu" District Sheikhpura, Pakistan. He moved to Lahore in 1968 due to his job. He

migrated to Sri Lanka in 2013 and moved to the U.S.A. in 2016. He was a renowned poet of both Urdu and Punjabi languages. He wrote many books of poetry and won National awards for some of his books. All his life, he served and spread the message of Ahmadiyya Khilafat.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Nasima Laique of Detroit Jamā'at passes away

Nasima Laique of Detroit Jamā'at passed away on 14 November 2023 after a prolonged Hospitalization at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Maryland.

The late Nasima Laique was the mother of Dr. Syed Tanveer Ahmed of Detroit Jamā'at, Syed Uzair Ahmed of Seattle Jamā'at, Syeda Humaira Ahmed, and mother-in-law

of Salaman Akhtar of Maryland Jamā'at. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon.

Her husband, Syed Laique Ahmed, was martyred in 2010 in Model Town Mosque, Lahore, on May 28, 2010. She became stronger in faith after she lost her husband for the cause of Ahmadiyyat.

Nasima Laique was born in Bhagalpur, Bihar, India, on January 1, 1940. Her father, the late Mahboob-ul-Hassan, was not an Ahmadi. Her mother, the late Umul Wara, was an Ahmadi. Ahmadiyyat came to her family through her grant parents. They were devout Ahmadi. She was most devoted to Jamā'at and had eight children. Seven of

them are Musis and are serving Jamā'at in different capacities. She worked tirelessly to educate all her

children and ensured that all children committed to Jamā'at above anything in life. (Mukhtar

Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Saliha Qanita Bhatti wife of Rashid Ahmad Bhatti of Philadelphia Jamā'at passes away

Saliha Qanita Bhatti, my mother, and wife of Rashid Ahmad Bhatti of Philadelphia Jamā'at passed away on 18 November 2023 at the age of 84 in Philadelphia. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaīhi Raji'oon.

She was Mūṣīyya. She was born in the house of Khan Qazi

Mohammad Rashid, Wakil-ul-Maal Rabwah, and Mrs. Amatul Hameed Begum of Ferozepur, India. She served the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya as local Halqa President in Rabwah and Rawalpindi. She taught the Holy Qur'an to many Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi children. In the USA, she served as National Secretary of

Nāsirat for about eleven years. All her four brothers are life devotees—two retired and two still serving the Jamā'at in Rabwah. May Allah the Almighty accept her services and give solace to the family members, Amen. (Maqbool Bhatti Sec. of Finance, Columbus, Ohio)

### From the Archives

## West Coast Region Holds Its First Annual Regional Conference

Berkeley. California: The Jamā'at Ahmadiyya West Coast Region held its First Regional Annual Conference in the spacious Hall of the Masonic Temple at 897 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley, on Sunday, May 25, 1980. Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir the Missionary-in-Charge U.S.A. was especially requested to preside the Conference which he did ably with his scholarly remarks after each speech on the respective subject.

The Conference opened with the recitation of a portion from the Holy Quran by Lt. Intisar Ahmad Abbasi who also presented the English version of the verses. This was followed by an inaugural short speech of Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir who exhorted the members against despair. He encouraged the audience by an analogy that the First Annual Gathering held by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in 1891 was attended by 75 persons, but last year almost 190,000 persons participated in the Annual Gathering of the Jamā'at at Rabwah, Pakistan. Hence, he told his audience that there is no question of disheartenment. This Conference is like a seed which shall Insha Allah grow into a big tree in the coming years.

Br. Rahmat Jamal, President of

Los Angeles Jamā'at spoke on the Importance of Preaching and supported his views with verses from the Holy Quran and quotations from the Sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) regarding the dissemination of truth to the other people.

Then, Alhaj A. Raqib Wali delivered his well-prepared speech on The Renaissance of Islam Through Ahmadiyyat, and indeed did justice to his subject.

The next speech on The Blessings of Khilafat was given by Br. Anwar Mahmud Khan who referring to Aayati Istikhlaf in Surah An Noor explained in detail various blessings of Khilafat mentioned in the Holy Quran.

Among the other speakers were Br. Latif Victor Malik and Maulawi Ata Ullah Kaleem who addressed the Conference on What Ahmadiyyat Demands of Us and Islam and Its Relationship with Other Religions, respectively.

The principal speaker of the Conference, the Missionary-in-Charge U.S.A., Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir expounded the Excellences of the Holy Quran and elucidated his subject with nine distinctions of the Holy Quran in which it stands unique among all other scriptures. His speech was

applauded by all the participants.

The Conference was rounded up by the collective silent prayer led by Br. Nurul Hasan Qureshi.

The Lajna Imaullah held its special session after the Zuhar and Asar prayers were lead by Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir. This session was addressed by the Missionary-in-Charge U.S.A., Sister Bushra Sajid, Sister Shamin Akhtar Malik, Sister Amatul Latif Malik, and Sister Amatur Rashid Qureshi.

Beside the members from the Bay Area, the Conference was attended by 17 delegates from Los Angeles and four delegates from Tucson, Arizona. The Jamaats in Portland and Seattle could not take part in the Conference. Among the members who laboured to make the Conference a success are Br. Latif Victor Malik, Br. Shamin Haroon, Br. Sajid Ahmad, Sister Noor Ilyas, Sis. Zubaidah Feroz, Sis. Mufiden Lal, Sis. Jameela Mubarak and Sis. Bushra Sajid. May Allah reward them with best reward. The Lajna Imaullah Bay Area presented a delicious lunch to all the participants of the Conference and thus shared the double blessings of the Conference. (Ahmadiyya Gazette, June 1980)

# Message From Khalifat-ul-Masih IV to Second Regional Conference of West Coast Region

Please convey Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatohoo to all participants of the Second Annual Convention of the West Coast Region of U.S.A. Ahmadiyya J amaat. May this Convention be a source of great blessings and spiritual progress. You have a vast field for preaching and conveying the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Make a firm resolve that the message of Islam should reach every person in the West Coast Region of U.S.A. Endeavor to improve your own moral conduct in your own lives as you go out to convert others to Islam. Your lives should themselves be examplary to attract others. (Ahmadiyya Gazette USA, January 1983)

## Second Regional Conference of West Coast Region

Los Angeles, CA: The J amaat hosted the Regional Conference of the West Coast Region which was held in Culver City Memorial Hall on December 26, 1982. A considerable number of delegates from San Francisco Bay area and Tucson Arizona also participated in the conference. Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Knalifatul Masih IV graciously cabled a special message to the participants of the conference which was read by Maulvi Ahmad Sadiq Mufti, the Regional Missionary of the West Coast Region.

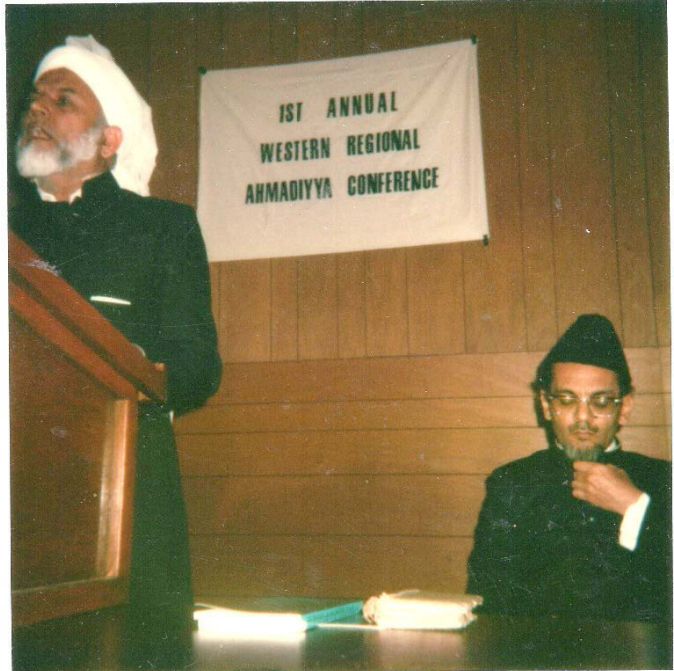
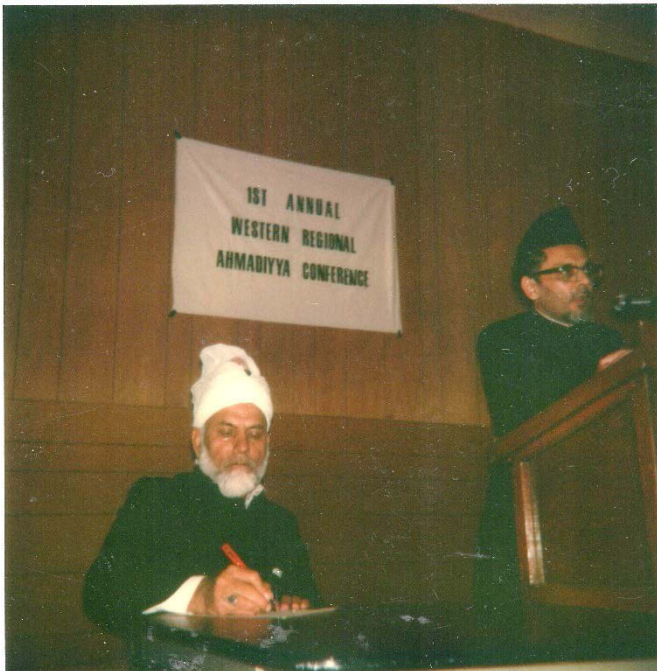
The Conference was addressed by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Ameer and Muballigh Incharge; Br.

Rahmat Jamal, the President of Los Angeles Jamaat; Br. Muhammad Ishaque Qureshi, the President of Tucson J amaat; Syed Sajid Ahmad, the officiating President of San Francisco Bay Area Jamaat and Br. Anwar Mahmud Khan, the General Secretary of Los Angeles Jamaat. Br. Nasir Mahmud Malik, the National Qaid, also addressed the Convention. .

A tape recorded message of Hazrat Ameerul Momineen, Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV, to the Ahmadies of the United States was also played for all the participants. This message urged the Ahmadies to contribute \$2,500,000 towards the construction of five

Mosques and Mission Houses in the U.S. in the next five years. While the message was played, the English speaking members were provided copies of English translation of the message by the Ameer and Muballigh Incharge.

Separate sessions of the three auxiliaries-Majlis Ansarullah, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Lajna Imaillah-were also held during the conference. A children's program regarding the display of their religious knowledge organized by Br. Mahmud Anwar was appreciated by all the participants. (Ahmadiyya Gazette USA, January 1983)



*Missionary Mir Mahmud Ahmad Nasir and Missionary AU Kaleem addressing the First Annual West Coast Jalsa in 1980.*



# The Third West Coast Annual Convention 1984

The first West Coast Convention was held in San Francisco in 1980 and the second in LA in 1982. The third West Coast Ahmadiyya Annual Convention was held on Sunday May 27, 1984 from 9 AM to 7 PM at Meiklejohn Hall (bottom picture taken that day), Rooms 2032, 2038 and 2064, at California State University at Hayward CA in San Francisco area. Members from all west coast chapters participated.

In response to a letter requesting prayers for the success of the convention, the event was blessed with the prayers of and a message from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV, may Allah shower His mercy on him. A copy of the message as it was read

and made available at the convention is given on the next page.

Before the convention, Samie Qureshi sent out information about the venue and the accommodations available in the area, Food and snacks were provided at the convention.

Murabbi Zafar Sarwar arrived from DC on May 26, 1984 to represent Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir and Missionary In-Charge USA. Maulana Munir Ahmad Chaudhry, Regional Missionary, Rahmat Jamal, Ishaq Qureshi, addressed on various topics.

In the early afternoon, auxiliaries held their separate meetings.

Lajna session was addressed by Amtul R Qureshi, Tayyaba Zafar, Rifat Wali, Siddiqa Qadeer, Amtul Hakeem, Tanveer Rajput, Aliya Rasheed, Amtul K. Nusrat.

The Khuddam Session was addressed by Maulana Munir Ahmad, Regional Missionary and Syed Sajid Ahmad, Regional Qaid,. Educational and sports competitions were also held.

Ansar session was addressed by Ishaq Qureshi and Rashid Latif Rashidi (picture below). Educational and sports competitions were held.

Children made a presentation on pillars of Islam moderated by Anwer Khan in a combined session of Atfal, Khuddam and Ansar.



## MESSAGE FROM HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

On the occasion of the Second Annual Convention, San Francisco, California, May 27, 1984.

*Alhamdo Lillah*, the San Francisco, USA Jamaat is having its Second Annual Convention on May 27. I pray to Allah that He bless this gathering in all respects. May He imbue an extraordinary religious zeal in all the participants. May you partake of the prayers of the Promised Messiah abundantly. Amen.

My message to you on this occasion is that you should spend these days in prayers and the remembrance of God. Pray with such fervor and meekness that the prayers are heard in the heavens. Make special plans to increase your propagation activities and put them into practice.

Every Ahmady in his sphere and out of his sphere must become *Daeelillah*. Call the worldly people to God. Make them aware of the opportunities to cultivate nearness to God. The world is too much absorbed in material pursuits and is oblivious to the hereafter. The Holy Quran mentions this state of affairs thus:

الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَبِيلَهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ يَحْسَبُونَ  
أَنَّهُمْ يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا آيَاتِ  
رَبِّهِمْ وَلِقَائِهِ فَحَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فَلَا ثَمَرٌ لَّهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ  
وَنُزَاةٌ

“Those whose labor is all lost in search after things pertaining to the life of this world, and they think that they are doing good works. Those are they who disbelieve in the Signs of the Lord and in the meeting with Him. So their works are vain, and on the Day of Resurrection We shall give them no weight.” (18:105-106)

It is true that Islam does not encourage the foresaking of the world, as this is a way of running away from our responsibilities. Islam does intend to give preference to the real purpose of man's existence, which is cultivating a love for our Creator and Master and being steadfast in His way by giving preference to spiritual things over worldly matters.

So, my dear ones, never let this aim be forgotten. Construct the Mission Houses and Mosques in the USA as soon as possible under the scheme in force. I pray to God that any past slackness in this direction be immediately remedied.

My dear ones, time is short and life is uncertain. Advance rapidly as the goal is in sight. *Insha Allah*, God's decree will be fulfilled and will certainly be fulfilled; but as the Prophet of the day wrote in his book *Victory of Islam*, it won't be until our hearts melt and we are prepared to accept all hardships in this path.

May God grant you the power to do good and may He accept your efforts. Ameen.

May God be with you. May God be with you. May God be with you.

(Signed) Mirza Tahir Ahmad

Khalifatul Masih IV



*With no digital cameras those days, we could know only after developing the negative how good pictures cae out to be. Above is a group photo taken at the 1984 West Coast Convention. Below, presidents with guests of honor: From left, Muhammad Ishaq Qureshi (Tucson president), Murabbi Munir Ahmad Chaudhry, Murabbi Zafar Sarwar, Rhmad Jamal (LA president), Rashid Latif Rashidi (Seattle president), Syed Sajid Ahmad (SF president).*



# The Original Tucson Mosque



*Above is a view of the original Ahmadiyya mosque built in Tucson.  
Due to road expansion, it was replaced by a new structure in the 1980s.*

## Corrections

It was tremendous work that was done to collect all the information printed in the recent issues. There were problems with data integrity. It appears that some information was never published. Below are some corrections. Please share with us if you encounter any discrepancies.

### **Ahmadiyya Gazette USA April-September 2020:**

Page 100. The top picture is from West Coast Convention held on May 27, 1984 at Hayward CA.

Page 111. The First West Coast Jalsa was held on May 25, 1980 in Berkeley CA.

### **Ahmadiyya Gazette USA October 2020-September 2021:**

Page 283. The Phoenix chapter was established on February 1, 1989. Syed Sajid Ahmad was the president until February 7, 1990.

### **Ahmadiyya Gazette USA October 2021-September 2022:**

Page 131. National Officers 1986-1989. Manzoor Rehman was the National Secretary Waqf-e-Jadeed and National Secretary Tahrik-e-Jadeed in the National Amila during this period. The list appears to be incomplete.

Pages 132-133. National Officers 1992-1995. Manzoor Rehman was the National Secretary Property and the Chairman National Mosque Committee.

Pages 135-136. National Officers 2013-2016. National Amir, Ahsanullah Zafar, appointed Manzoor Rehman the National Secretary Property when Mir Daud Ahmad left for a long leave during the tenure.

Page 136: National Officers 2016-2019. Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi: General Secretary. Mustafa Zahir Ahmad: Secretary Umur Ammah. Na'ib Amirs: Azhar Haneef, Nasim Rehmatullah, Hamid Rahman, Munam Naeem, Wasim Malik, Falah Shams, Masood Malik, Faheem Younus.