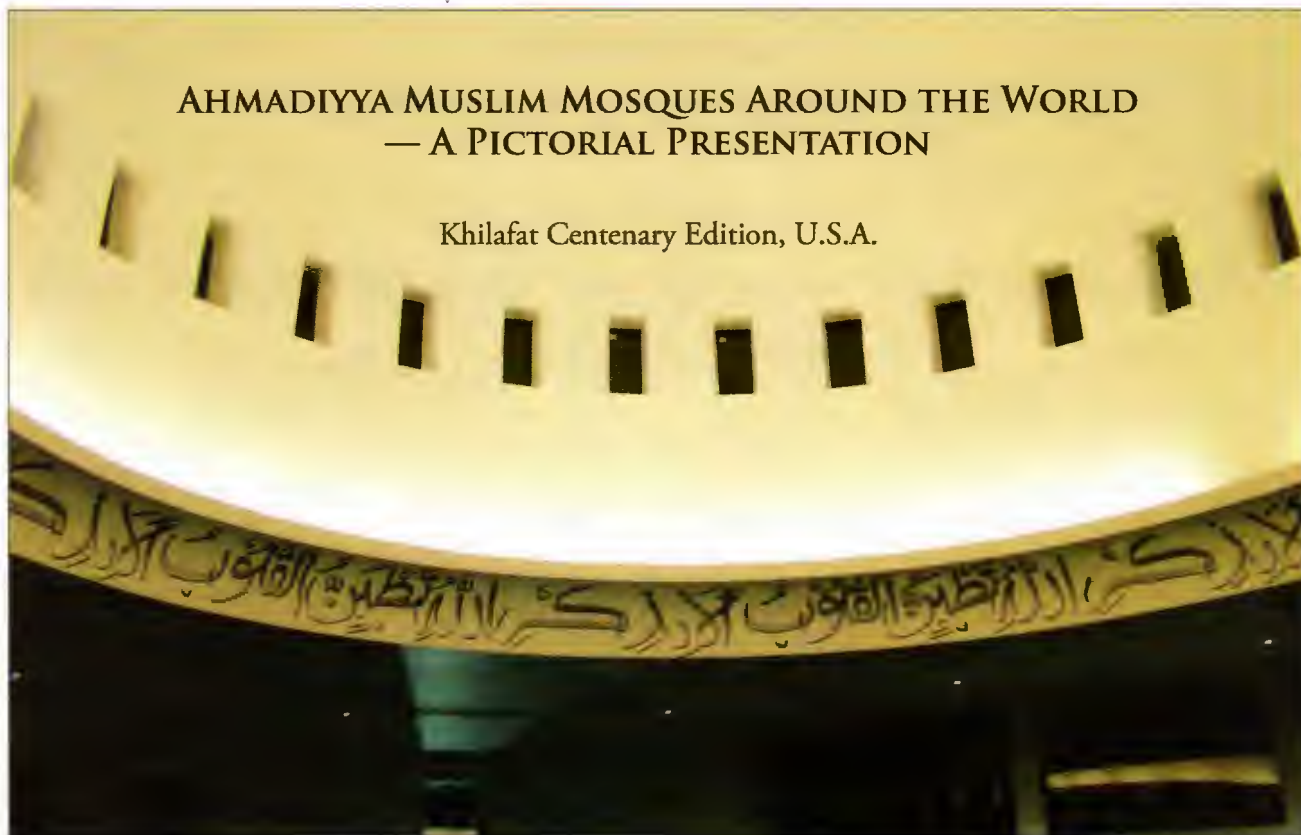


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Sundown at Joshua Tree National Park in California, USA. The Joshua tree is unique to the deserts of the southwestern United States.

ABOUT THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA

The United States of America became a sovereign nation after gaining its independence from England in 1776. The fifty states of the USA comprise over 9.8 million km² of total area with a population of 304 million, of which 75% are Protestant or Roman Catholic and less than 1% Muslim. The GDP of the United States is nearly \$14 trillion with a per capita income of \$ 46,000.

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Jama'at Ahmadiyya, USA

Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aba}, before his Khilafat (center), with Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad (left) and Maulana Shaikh Mubarak Ahmad in 1997

Ahmadiyyat in America: Spiritual Colonization



“The pioneers in the colonization of American land are always looked back upon with great honor and respect. Their work was temporal, but now, my dear brothers and sisters, Allah the Almighty has made you the pioneers in the spiritual colonization of the Western world. If you will work with the same love, zeal, sincerity and loyalty as they did, your honor and respect and name will be still greater than theirs, as you will have moreover the reward of the Last Day and Allah’s pleasure, the grandeur and beauty of which no one can estimate here in this world.”

*Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad^{ra}
The Muslim Sunrise (inaugural issue), July, 1921.*

The First Ahmadi Muslim Missionaries to the United States



*Hadhrat Mufti
Muhammad Sadiq^{ra}
1920-23*



*Hadhrat Maulvi
Muhammad Din^{ra}
1923-26*



*Sufi Mutiur Rahman
Khan Bengalee
1928-48*

“My dear friends and children! No country and no people are absolutely without seekers for truth. The voice which was taken as the babble of a madman by many, began to attract some of those who were destined to be the pioneers and torch-bearers of truth in the United States of America. Maybe some of them have left this world, their spirits might be hovering over your heads just now seeing you in the seed which is being sown by God in the wilderness, as well in some well-prepared soil, to grow in time and become heavy crop to give a new life to millions and millions of people of your country.”

*Hadhrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad^{ra}
(On the occasion of the 2nd Annual Convention of
the Ahmadiyya Community, USA in 1949)*



Ahmadiyyat in America: Visits of Khulafa



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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IIIth with members of the American delegate to Rabwah in 1973.



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IIIth greeted by Rehmat Jamal, President L.A. Jama'at, in San Francisco, 1980.



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IIIth and Dr. Muhammad Sadiq in the U.S.



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IIIth in the US (1980).



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth during the inauguration of the Yousuf Mosque in Tucson.

Ahmadiyyat in America: Visits of Khulafa



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth conducting an Ameen Ceremony (recognizing the completion of the first reading of the Holy Qur'an) with children at Baitur Rahman Mosque in 1998.



Huzoorth receiving a token of appreciation at the U.S. Jalsa Salana in 1994.



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth with M.M. Ahmad, Amir USA, at a reception at Capitol Hill, Washington DC.



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth greeted by Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, then Naib Amir USA.



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba} addresses the U.S. Jalsa Salana live from London via 2-way satellite transmission, 2006. Left: The U.S. Jalsa audience watches Huzoor^{aba} on a large screen. Simultaneously (right), a monitor at the Jalsa shows Huzoor^{aba} addressing the U.K. audience at Fazl Mosque, London.

Ahmadiyyat in America: Leadership

Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar (Amir USA, 2003-Present)



Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar is the present Amir of the U.S. *Jama'at*. He was born in Sargodha, Pakistan in 1943 and attended Talimul Islam (TI) High School in Rabwah. He would go on to medical school in Lahore and complete a residency in radiology in New Jersey in 1974. He was appointed Amir after the passing of M.M. Ahmad in 2003. As a dedicated leader, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar has been instrumental in the growth and success of the U.S. *Jama'at* over the last several years.

Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad (Amir USA, 1989-2002)

Born in Qadian, India in 1913, Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad was the grandson of *Hadhrat Ahmad*^{as}. He became Amir of the U.S. *Jama'at* in 1989 after retiring from an illustrious career in public service, which included assignments as Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission for Pakistan and Executive Director of the World Bank. As Amir for thirteen years, the U.S. *Jama'at* made unprecedented achievements in financial sacrifice and the number of Ahmadiyya chapters grew rapidly. M.M. Ahmad Sahib passed away in 2002.



Imam Shaikh Mubarak Ahmad (Amir USA, 1983-1989)



Maulana Shaikh Mubarak Ahmad was born in District Multan, Pakistan in 1910. After several years working as a missionary in Africa, he was appointed Amir and Missionary-in-Charge of the U.S. *Jama'at* in 1983 and immediately undertook the task of establishing five mosques in the United States under *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV's*th scheme. He retired in 1990 but still actively served *Jama'at* in various capacities until his demise in 2001. He was well-versed in several languages and authored over 20 works. He defended Islam against the attacks of Reverend Dr. Graham in the 1960s.

Imam Ataullah Kaleem (Amir USA, 1977-1983)

Maulana Ataullah Kaleem was born in Amritsar in 1922. He spent 19 years as a missionary in Ghana and 6 years in Rabwah before becoming Amir and Missionary-in-Charge of the U.S. *Jama'at* in 1977. Several missions were established in the United States during his six-year tenure. Maulana Kaleem authored 18 books including *The Synopsis of Religious Preaching (Parts 1, 2 and 3)* and started the Urdu journal, *Al-Noor*, and the *Ahmadiyya Gazette* while in America. He later served as Missionary-in-Charge of Germany. He passed way in 2001 after a long life dedicated to Islam.



Ahmadiyyat in America: Current Missionaries



Imam Inamul Haq Sauser



*Imam Daud Hanif
Missionary-in-Charge, USA*



Imam Muhammad Yaqub



Imam Nubashar Ahmad



Imam Asimul Haque



Imam Irfanul Nalbi



Imam Chaudhry M. Ahmad



Imam Zahir I. Yousaf



Imam Mirza Yousaf Caplan



Imam M. Zafarullah Hussain



Imam Ziaul Haq Khan

Ahmadiyyat in America: Amir, Naib Amirs and Auxiliaries



Imam Daud Haniff



*Dr. Absanullah Zafar
Amir, USA Jama'at*



Muzaf Hamid



Dr. Nasir Rehman



Dr. Zahid Bajwa



M. Bajwa



Dr. Hamid ur Rahman



Wazir M. M. Khan

*Dr. Shahnaz Butt Sadr,
Lajna Imaillah, USA*



Munir Nadeem

*Dr. Faheem Younus,
Sadr, Majlis
Khuddamul Ah-
madiyye USA*



*Dr. Wajeeh Bajwah,
Sadr, Majlis
Ansarullah, USA*

Silver Spring, Maryland



Headquarters for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA



A view of Baitur Rahman Mosque, located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The original 8.75 acre parcel of land on which Baitur Rahman Mosque would later be built was obtained in the mid-1980s. *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* laid the foundation on October 9, 1987. Following years of fund-raising (half the donations were contributed by the Association of Ahmadi Doctors), the mosque broke ground in 1993 in a ceremony presided by the late Sahibzada Mirza Muzaffar Ahmad, Amir of the US *Jama'at*. Baitur Rahman Mosque was formally inaugurated by *Huzoorth* during the U.S. Jalsa Salana in 1994. With separate floors for the men's and ladies' prayer halls, the mosque has a capacity for a combined 1300 worshippers. National Headquarter offices are situated in the basement level.



Left: Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth with M.M. Ahmad, Amir of USA, during the 1994 Jalsa Salana in Silver Spring, Maryland. Right: The late M.M. Ahmad laying the foundation of Baitur Rahman Mosque in 1993.





Baitur Rahman

by Sayyarah Hikmat

A citadel of peace, solace and calm.
A vibrant place of magical wonder and charm.

Gone are all my fear of cares as I enter
The beautiful mansion, majestic, grand!

It is an abode of God whose blessings are showered on us day by day.
The call for prayer awakens your soul from sloth and slumber.
It stirs the embers of your soul into a Divine fire!

There is no more talk of material profit and loss in these turbulents times of chaos.
From this mosque is raised the voice of harmony, love and peace!

The Friday sermon is an invitation to the doors of Islam.
In immaculate English, it sounds like the pattering rain!

The Advocates of the Messiah^{as} (I meet in the mosque), my brothers and sisters
Whose faces are radiant with Divine light, whose souls are enveloped with angelic spirit!

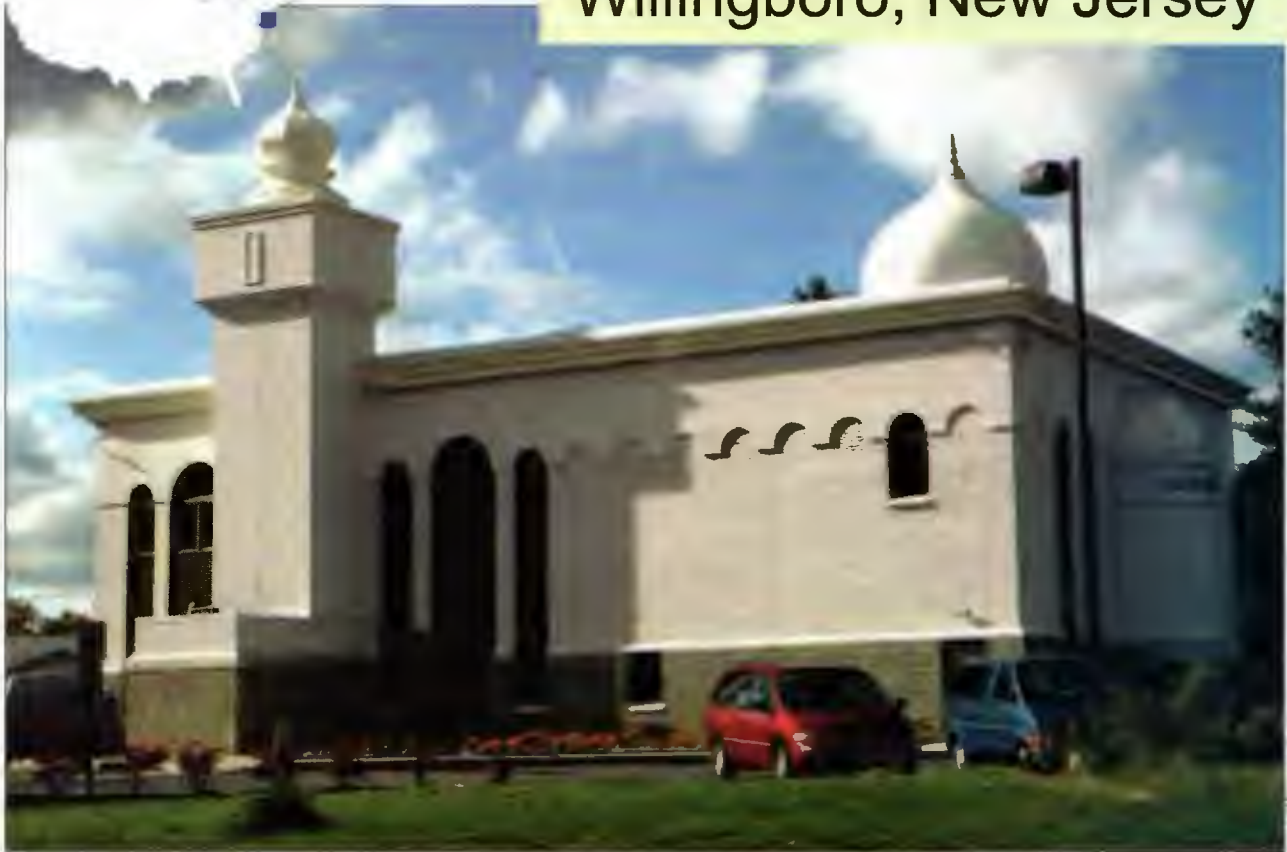
In the Holy Month of *Ramadhan*, the atmosphere is permeated with God's glory!
You experience a sense of fulfillment where ego gets crushed

And you transcend into a spiritual universe with angels, Divinity and the Word of God!
This world and its museum show seems empty, futile and hollow!



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Willingboro, New Jersey



Baitul Nasr in Willingboro, New Jersey

In 1984, members of the New Jersey *Jama'at* acquired a 2.5 acre plot of land where the mission house was situated. In 2007, Baitul Nasr was completed on the same site through the contributions of the Willingboro *Jama'at* members.

Hamid Khan for The Ahmadiyya Gazette USA: Jan 2007



Colorfully carpeted rows with individually demarcated spaces greet worshippers entering the prayer area of Baitul Nasr.

Hamid Khan for The Ahmadiyya Gazette USA: Jan 2007



Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir Jama'at USA, addresses a gathering at Baitul Nasr.

Chicago, Illinois



Baet ul Jaamay located in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, about 20 miles east of Chicago.

Masjid Baet ul Jaamay

Falahud Din Shams

All praise belongs to Allah who gave us the opportunity to build a beautiful mosque in the metropolitan Chicago area. It is only through His mercy and grace that this kind of accomplishment takes place.

It was *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* who personally took an interest in the mosque to be constructed at this location. In 1997, while he was visiting Chicago for the foundation laying ceremony, he met with the architect over his renderings and gave his comments and approved to proceed with the project.

It is also with great gratitude that I must mention the enthusiasm and vigorous work that our late Amir of USA, Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad did in reference to this mosque. His guidance and keen interest was a major factor in accomplishing the completion of this huge project. After he became ill, it was our current Amir, Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, who continued to support this project with the same vigor.

We witnessed many signs throughout this project. It was a miracle how the zoning process went smoothly. There was opposition but nothing compared to what other organizations faced in the area. The highlight was when the pastor of a local church across the street stood up in front of the zoning board, without our prior knowledge, in favor of the project.

Construction on the mosque began in 2001, at which time *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* gave the name, Al Masjid Baet ul Jaamay. It was complete three years later, and in April of 2004 the formal inauguration took place.

Baet ul Jaamay has 21,000 square feet of space on two floors for men and women. Half the space on each floor is divided into a prayer area and meeting area. The mosque has two full-sized kitchens, several offices, a childcare room and a library.

In a time come and gone, on a warm summer day
I watched as the groundwork for His house was laid.

To gather mankind, it was titled Jaamey
So aptly invoked by our blessed Raabayth.

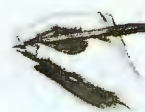
And throughout our struggles, and throughout our plights
It remains as a beacon of hope in the night.

A beacon of honor, of God, of His proof
To answer those seeking Islam in its truth.

For if you watch close, you might see it, that glimmer
That vision forseen by Khilafat, that shimmer.

Of the moment that comes in the future one day
When all mankind gathers, at Baet ul Jaamay.

The House of Gathering



by Qasim Rashid

Below: the original Sadiq Mosque. Right: The new Sadiq mosque adjacent to the original property



USA



USA

The Sadiq Mosque, on 4448 Wabash Street in Chicago's southside neighborhood, was the first Ahmadiyya mission house established in the United States (1920) by the first USA missionary Hadhrat Mufti Sadiq Ahmad ^{ra}. This location served as *Jama'at* headquarters until 1948. In 1994, the house adjacent to the original property was purchased. The new Sadiq Mosque was inaugurated by *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* on October 23, 1994.

Texas

Houston



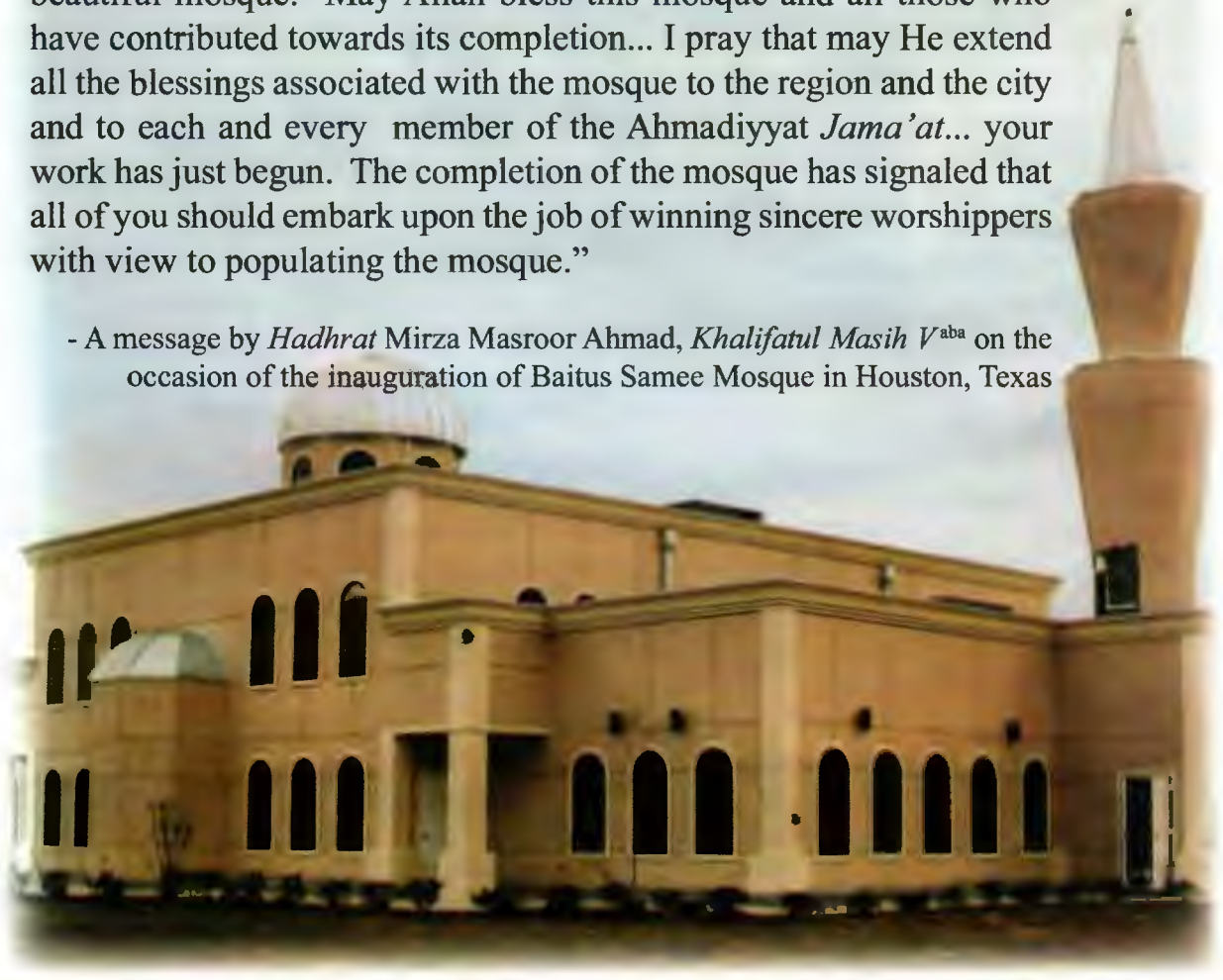
The Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA, May-June 2004

Baitus Samee Mosque in Houston, Texas

Baitus Samee sits on a 5-acre mosque property which was purchased and donated by Mohammad Younus Chaudhary in 1996. The foundation was laid by *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih Vth* in 1998 and construction completed in 2 phases by 2003. The total facility, which includes a community center with halls and offices, can accommodate over 800 people.

“Allah be praised who enabled the Houston *Jama’at* to put up a beautiful mosque. May Allah bless this mosque and all those who have contributed towards its completion... I pray that may He extend all the blessings associated with the mosque to the region and the city and to each and every member of the *Ahmadiyyat Jama’at*... your work has just begun. The completion of the mosque has signaled that all of you should embark upon the job of winning sincere worshippers with view to populating the mosque.”

- A message by *Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V^{aba}* on the occasion of the inauguration of Baitus Samee Mosque in Houston, Texas



Our Lady Texas, Listen Closely
Dedicated to Baitus Samee Mosque



by Bilal Rana

Stirring beneath her soil
 Permeates a hidden gold
 Laden, a spirit centuries old
 Waiting to be found
 Eager to erupt
 Like the rich sands of desert Arabia.

She too
 Has her First House
 Where all unite to pray
 Jews and Christians too
 Believer and sinner alike
 Light, Endless Light.

How strange! How ecstatic!
 That here, I express
 But in fact I am being told
 That God listens, wordlessly
 But in truth is shouting!
 And it is I who am listening.



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth lays the foundation for Baitus Samee Mosque on June 30, 1998



Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth with Munum Naeem, President Houston Jama'at and Muhammad Younus Chaudhary during the foundation of Baitus Samee

Dallas



Baitul Ikram, Dallas, Texas

In 1996, the Dallas *Jama'at* acquired five acres of land in Allen, Texas located 10 miles north of Dallas. *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* gave the name Baitul Ikram. The foundation was laid in 2002 with a brick received from *Huzoorth*. Within five months, the first phase was complete and inaugurated by Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar, Amir, USA. Baitul Ikram, with 4900 square feet of space, consists of two large prayer halls, a library, two offices, a kitchen and a childcare room. Two additional phases are planned.

Ohio

Columbus



Baitul Nasir near Columbus, Ohio was constructed in 2007. This was the last American mosque constructed during the first century of Khilafat.

Islam in America USA

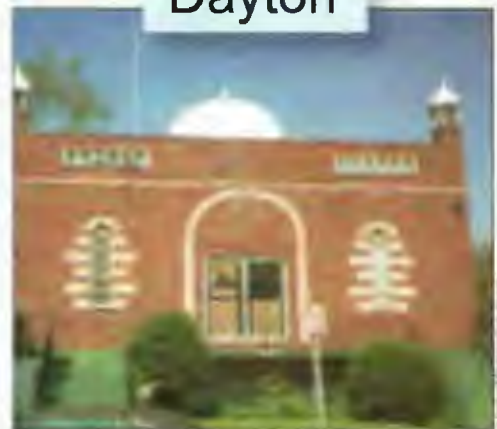


The original mission house in Columbus, Ohio was acquired in 2001.

Baitul Nasir in Columbus, Ohio was built in 2007. It was the last U.S. mosque constructed during the first century of Khilafat. Local members of the Columbus Jama'at contributed entirely to the construction of Baitul Nasir. It has a capacity for 500 worshippers.

The original site for the Fazal Mosque in Dayton, Ohio was acquired in 1952, and the Fazal Mosque was constructed in 1972 (the first mosque built in the U.S.). Sufi Mutiur Rahman Bengali, the 3rd missionary sent to the U.S., worked from this historic mosque.

Dayton



The Fazal Mosque in Dayton, Ohio

The Cleveland chapter began in the late 1930s. Mr. Sayed Abdul Rahman and his family were the first local Ahmadis to actively serve the *Jama'at* in the area. As the chapter grew, twelve families contributed to the purchase of a church in Bedford, Ohio, which was renovated and converted to Baitul Ahad Mosque in 1986. The present structure is a 5000 square foot, 2 story building with a basement. It consists of meeting rooms, a large prayer room, a stage, a closed circuit TV and sound system, as well as a satellite system for national and international communication. There is also an apartment for visiting missionaries. One of the most prominent features of the building is the large golden dome on top that was custom built in the Islamic tradition. The Cleveland *Jama'at* was blessed with the visits of *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* who also visited the mosque.



Baitul Ahad near Cleveland, Ohio



The late Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Zafr, former Amir and Naib Amir USA, was a tireless worker, a dedicated leader and a devoted servant of *Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya*. His eloquent speeches on propagation were inspiring to audiences of all ages. He would take charge of security arrangements whenever the *Khalifa* would visit the United States. *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* once said, "He was so active that whenever I visited the U.S. he was always in charge of my security, as far as human efforts were concerned. It appeared he never slept in those days. Whenever I came out he was always there." Dr. Zafr served the Ahmadiyya Community as Naib Amir for many years. He led the American delegation to Rabwah and Qadian frequently and represented North America at the International *Ba'a'it*. He passed away on Friday, November 15, 1996 in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio.

Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA

Detroit, Michigan



The new Detroit mosque



Hadhrrat Khalifatul Masih IVth laying the foundation for the Detroit Mosque in 1987



The original Detroit mission house

Al-Muzaffar



by Omar F. Ahmad

No towering domes or sleek minarets--
Al-Muzaffar is plain, but such is its charm.

No arches spanning o'er marble steps--
Victorious it stands; God kept us from harm.

No flowers blooming in lofty gardens--
Remember the day when the arsonists failed ?

No water splashing from pristine fountains--
They suffered their fate in a fiery jail.

No grand mehrab facing hallowed halls--
The Messiah's opponents thought they'd won.

No silk tapestries adorning the walls--
But they'd forgotten his servants acted as one.

No couches, cushions, or carpets spread out--
We did not respond with a list of demands.

No treasures of man, no shame or doubt--
God helped us rebuild it--with our own hands.

The First Ahmadi Martyr in the U.S.

Four days prior to the 35th to be held at Oakland University in Michigan, on August 8, a devoted worker of the Ahmadiyya community, Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad, was shot and martyred at his home in Canton, Michigan. The following morning, the Detroit Mission House was set on fire. Oakland University refused to host the Jalsa out of fear. *Hadhrrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* instructed the US Jama'at not to cancel the Jalsa. It was held in Belleville, Michigan on August 12-13 and attended by 1000 Ahmadies.

"Muzaffar is alive even today ! Nay, he got a life far greater than that he had ! O Muzaffar ! Peace be on to you ! At your back are millions of Muzaffars ready and anxious to move forward and take your place. O you who quenched the flame of Muzaffar's life, you have given him a cup of everlasting life to drink. To him life is granted, and to you nothing but death."

*Hadhrrat Khalifatul Masih IVth,
August 12, 1983*



Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad

California — Silicon Valley



Baitul Baseer in Milpitas, California (Silicon Valley)

Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, *Khalifatul-Masih IVth*, visited the Silicon Valley (located in northern California) and inaugurated the Baitul Baseer Mosque in Milpitas, California, on Friday, July 1, 1998.

On July 3, 1998, *Hadhrat Khalifatul-Masih IVth* addressed a gathering of more than 1,000 people including more than 100 guests. The mayors of Milpitas and Fremont, the chief of staff of the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, and many other local leaders were present. In his address, *Hadhrat Khalifatul-Masih IVth* said that Islam was not a territorial religion but it ruled over the hearts and minds of the faithful. He observed that in the context of the present world situation Islam is misunderstood to be a territorial religion and the responsibility for this misconception "lies squarely on the shoulders of Muslim scholars, who live in the modern times but actually belong to medieval ages". He said that the mission of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is "to rehabilitate the original values of Islam". He noted that "the key that opens up all hearts is the key of the love of God; it is the key to the submission to God." *Hadhrat Khalifatul-Masih IVth* declared that the doors of Baitul Baseer Mosque, like the doors of every other Ahmadi mosque, remain open to anyone who wishes to worship and pay homage to the unity of God. This short but thought-provoking address was listened to with rapt attention. The event was covered by local television and newspapers.

Wasim Malik



Huzoorth escorted by Wasim Malik President, San Jose Jama'at during a visit in 1998.

Wasim Malik



Hadhrat Khalifatul-Masih IVth delivering the inauguration speech for Baitul Baseer with the Mayor of Milpitas, California on the stage in 1998.

Los Angeles



Baitul Hameed Mosque in Chino, California, 30 miles east of Los Angeles.

Baitul Hameed Mosque: Groundbreaking Ceremony - 1987

The original mission house in Chino, California was purchased in the mid 1980s. *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* laid the foundation for the mosque in 1987, and later inaugurated Baitul Hameed Mosque in 1989. On April 19, 2003, members of the *Jama'at* gathered to mourn the passing of *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth*. During the prayer service lead by Imam Inamul Haq Kauser, Missionary of Los Angeles, a structure fire broke out rendering it inoperable. The mosque is currently undergoing a massive reconstruction and renovation, to be completed in late 2008, *Insha'Allah*.



Local members of the Ahmadiyya community in Los Angeles collectively pray at the groundbreaking ceremony of Baitul Hameed Mosque in 1987.



Seated first row from left to right: Dr. Hamidur Rahman (seated behind him is Dr. Muzzafar Ahmad Zafr), Chaudhry Munir Ahmad, Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth, Rehmat Jamal, Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, and Anwer M. Khan. From center left to right: Ashraf Rajput, Dr. Gulzar Ahmad, Inayatullah Khan and Amir ud Din.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth at Yosemite Falls. From left to right: Karl Reichhold (a new convert), Dr. Hamid ur Rahman (President, L.A. Jama'at), Huzoorth, Faiz Rahman and Chaudhry Munir Ahmad, Missionary serving Los Angeles.



"The best way to express thanks to Allah is to increase our level of prayer at every occasion when a mosque is built. There is no meaningful or better expression of thanks than this."

Excerpt from the Friday sermon of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth on October 30, 1987.

Baitul Hameed Mosque: Foundation Ceremony - 1987



Dr. Hamidur Rahman

Far left: Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth lays the foundation of Baitul Hameed Mosque. Immediate left: Huzoorth leads silent prayers during the ceremony.

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Muslim sect lays foundation of mosque in Chino

Spiritual leader visits from Pakistan to lead ceremony

By Scott Fitzgerald
The Register

CHINO — They believe in one God — Allah — and in his prophet Mohammed.

They pray five times a day, bowing in the direction of Mecca.

They observe the holidays and dietary laws of the Koran, which they consider God's word.

They consider themselves Muslims, although their doctrine dif-

fers from more traditional Muslim teachings.

About 10 million people — including about 800 Orange County families — are members of the Ahmadiyya Movement, a rapidly-growing sect whose members consider themselves faithful followers of Mohammed.

Local members of the movement are planning to build California's first Ahmadi mosque in Chino, dramatically raising the profile of what has been an obscure sect.

Construction of the mosque, expected to take six to eight months, officially began at 4 p.m. Friday, when Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, spiritual leader of the movement

and the founder's grandson, laid the foundation stone at the site of the mosque, 11941 Ramon Ave.

The group's unique teachings about Christ (they believe he survived the Crucifixion and lived to old age in what is now India) and a 19th century teacher named Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (they consider him a prophet) are rejected by most Muslims.

Arwer Khan, general secretary of the Los Angeles area chapter, said Ahmad's visit from Pakistan is as significant to area Ahmadias as the pope's visit was to Catholics.

The 11,000-square-foot mosque, with traditional dome and minarets, will provide space for youth

and adult Koran studies, as well as Islamic observances, he said.

"We are very excited," said Khan. Until now, members of the 15-year-old Los Angeles chapter have had to worship in parks or public auditoriums, he added.

The Ahmadiyya Movement was born in India in 1889, when the group's founder proclaimed that his teachings would lead mankind into a golden age.

Muslims traditionally have believed that Christ was taken up to heaven after the Crucifixion, and also that Mohammed was the final prophet. Ahmadias say the traditional Islamic doctrine about Jesus, Jews and about the meaning

of Mohammed's status are misinterpretations of the Koran.

Such points of contention might seem minor to non-Muslims, but in some parts of the Muslim world, Ahmadias are persecuted for their doctrines, Khan said. In Pakistan, for instance, the government punishes Ahmadias for identifying their faith as an Islamic movement, he added.

Khan, 42, a marketing manager for Beckman Instruments, said he left Pakistan in 1971 to escape such persecution. He now lives in Brea.

Ahmad is staying in Orange County this weekend, but for security reasons the Ahmadias will not reveal his exact location.



Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, spiritual leader of sect's founder

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News of the foundation ceremony of Baitul Hameed Mosque appeared prominently in the local press.

Baitul Hameed Mosque - 20 Years



Ahsan M. Khan

In a small California town, circa 1987 --
A spectacular blessing arrived from the heavens.

Five new mosques in America was the Khalifa'sth scheme
And in a matter of years, it was no longer but a dream.

After months of withstanding dissension from neighbors,
The Jama'at of Los Angeles tasted the fruits of its labor

The first shovel was struck, the first brick was laid --
Ahmadies rejoiced—A House of God would be made.

Huzoor blessed us with a visit, and planted the seed.
With Divine inspiration, he named it Baitul Hameed.

Two years later, in triumphant jubilation,
Hundreds gathered for the momentous inauguration.

A field once covered with insects and hay
Now filled with men, women and children eager to pray.

A Chino sky once silent at dawn,
Now rang with the call of Adhan.

Churches were visited, invitations were extended --
In a matter of months, the citizens were befriended.

The mosque was where the message was told.
Truthseekers from everywhere now entered the fold.

Not just a building, but a symbol of unity.
A beacon of peace in a righteous community.

Alas, we will never forget that April morning in 2003
As we mourned the loss of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masihth.

Our cries of sadness turned to screams of confusion.
Was our home burning down, or was this an illusion ?

The ashes and flames may have stripped the brilliance,
But they could do nothing to destroy our resilience.

We prayed to Allah, and He heard our supplications,
And alas today, we witness the restoration.

As humble servants of Ahmad^{as}, truly are we blessed.
Indeed, *the sun of Truth will rise from the West.*

Baitul Hameed Mosque: Renovation Efforts - 2008

Mosque prepares to emerge from ashes

By Melodie Henderson

After spending nearly 20 years in a community that once opposed its presence and five years to recover from a fire that caused close to a million dollars in damage, Chino's Baitul Hameed Mosque strives to be a beacon of peace in the communi-



Imam Shamshad Ahmad Nasir is featured in a news item about the renovation of Baitul Hameed Mosque in the local newspaper, The Chino Champion (Sat., May 24, 2008 issue).

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Baitul Hameed Mosque is being newly renovated after being partially destroyed by a fire which occurred by accident in 2003. This is how it appears now as this book goes to press.



Ahmadiyyat in America: A Brief Timeline

1920

Hadhrat Mufti Muhammad Sadiq^{ra}, a devoted companion of the Promised Messiah^{as}, arrives in Philadelphia, becoming the first missionary to the U.S.

1922

The first Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission is established in Chicago, Illinois. *The Muslim Sunrise*, a quarterly magazine, is started.

1923-1926

Hadhrat Maulvi Muhammad Din^{ra} becomes the 2nd missionary to arrive in the U.S.

1928-1948

Hadhrat Sufi Mutiur Rahman Khan Bengalee serves for 20 years as a U.S. missionary during which the *Jama'at* sees great progress in America.

1933

Hadhrat Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrullah Khan^{ra} visits the U.S. and speaks at the World Faiths Conference in Chicago.

1948

The first *Jalsa Salana* (annual convention) is held in Dayton, Ohio.

1950

2141 Leroy Place in Washington DC is purchased and renamed American Fazl Mosque; it serves as U.S. *Jama'at* headquarters for 44 years. A mission house is acquired in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

1952

A site is acquired in Dayton, Ohio, where later (in 1972) the first constructed Ahmadiyya mosque, the Fazal Mosque, is built.

1965

Ayesha Magazine is started by *Lajna Imaillah*, USA.

1972

The first *Majlise Shura* (consultative body) of the U.S. *Jama'at* meets at the *Jalsa Salana* in Lake Forest, Illinois. A mission house is acquired in St. Louis, Missouri.



Hadhrat Mufti Muhammad Sadiq^{ra}



The cover of the inaugural issue of *The Muslim Sunrise*.



The American Fazl Mosque in Washington DC



The Fazal Mosque in Dayton, Ohio

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1975

A mission house is acquired in Baltimore, Maryland.

1976

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IIIth makes his first visit to the United States and attends the Jalsa Salana at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

1980

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IIIth makes his second trip to the United States.

1982

The National Mosque Fund is initiated by *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth*, calling for the construction of 5 mosques in the US: Washington D.C., New York, Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles, with an initial target of \$2.5 million.

1983

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth launches a divinely inspired scheme to invite people towards Islam, or *Da'wat Ilallah*.

1984

Mission houses are purchased in New York (Baitul Zafar), Zion and Boston.

1985

The Yousuf Mosque is built in Tucson, Arizona. A mission house is acquired in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Rashid Ahmad represents USA during an international Ahmadiyya conference. Rashid Sahib, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin is former President of Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA.



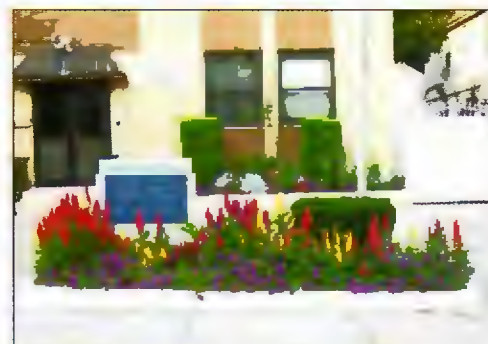
Mission House near Boston, Massachusetts



The Zion Mission House



Yousuf Mosque, Tucson, Arizona



Baitul Zafar in Queens, New York

Ahmadiyyat in America: A Brief Timeline

1987

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth visits the U.S. and lays the foundation for future mosques in Washington D.C., Detroit and Los Angeles.

A mission house (Baitul Ahad) is established in Cleveland, Ohio.

1989

Baitul Rizwan is constructed in Portland, Oregon and inaugurated by *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* in 1989. Baitul Hameed Mosque near Los Angeles, California is also inaugurated by *Huzoorth*. A mission house is acquired in Rochester, New York.

1990

A building is purchased in Houston, Texas to be used as a mosque and mission house.

1992

Mission house properties are purchased in St. Louis, Missouri, Charlotte, North Carolina and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

1993

Bashir Afzal, president of the Ahmadiyya Community in New York, passes away.

1994

Baitur Rahman Mosque in Silver Spring, Maryland is completed and inaugurated by *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth*. Ahmadiyya headquarters are officially relocated. MTA North America is officially launched as Earth Station, broadcasting programs to Canada and the U.S. In 1995, www.alislam.org is started.

Huzoorth inaugurates the newly renovated Sadiq Mosque in Chicago. The Van Buren Center is purchased near downtown Chicago.

1996

Properties are purchased in Bay Point, California; Milpitas, California near San Jose; and Hawthorne, California near Los Angeles.



Baitul Rizwan, Portland, Oregon



Jamaat Ahmadiyya USA

Bashir Afzal, a former Baptist minister, studied Islam and Ahmadiyyat intensely. He eventually visited Rabwah and Qadian in the 1950s, at which time he devoted his life in the service of Ahmadiyyat. He served as President of the New York Ahmadiyya community for 30 years and dedicated a lot of effort towards the spiritual training of new converts. He passed away on July 18, 1993 at the age of 90.



Baitus Salam in Los Angeles



Mian Mohammad Hussain, born on March 2, 1905, is the oldest living Ahmadi in the United States. He was a former instructor at Taleemul Islam School in Qadian and a private instructor for Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth. This 103 year old Moosi currently resides in Riverside, California.

Ahmadiyyat in America: A Brief Timeline

1996 Muhammad Sadiq, an early American Ahmadi convert, passes away.

A church building is acquired and converted to a mosque in Old Bridge, New Jersey (Baitul Hadi) and land for a future mosque is acquired in Dallas, Texas. In Albany, New York, a local Ahmadi family donates a school building to be used as a mosque.

1997 Public meetings commemorating the centenary publication of *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam*, a divinely inspired writing of the Promised Messiah^{as} are held throughout the US.

1998 *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth* attends the 50th US *Jalsa Salana* and inaugurates mosques in New Jersey and San Jose, and lays the foundation for the mosque in Houston, Texas. He delivers his final Friday sermon on U.S. soil on July 3, at the inauguration of Baitul Baseer near San Jose.

2000 The 'Messiah 2000 Conference' is held in Zion, Illinois to celebrate the fulfillment of the prophecy pertaining to Dr. John Alexander Dowie. The function, presided by M.M. Ahmad, Amir USA, is attended by 1,500. Five grandsons of *Hadhrat Ahmad^{as}* are also in attendance.

2003 Humanity First, USA is established.

2003 A mission house (Baitul Huda) is acquired in Long Island, New York. Another mission house is purchased in Brooklyn, New York.

2005 Properties for mission houses are acquired in Syracuse, New York; Bronx, New York; Research Triangle, North Carolina; Seattle, Washington and Phoenix, Arizona.

2006 Properties for mission houses are acquired in Orlando, Florida and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aba}*, in a live two-way MTA satellite transmission from London, addresses the U.S. *Jama'at* during the final session of the *Jalsa Salana*.

2007 Church buildings are purchased for future mission houses in Austin, Texas and Hartford, Connecticut.

2008 *Khilafat* Centenary celebrations take place all across the United States. The 60th U.S. *Jalsa Salana* takes place in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA

Brother Muhammad Sadiq was born in Newark in 1912. He accepted Ahmadiyyat after reading books written by Missionary Sufi Mutiur Rahman Bengali. He was a dedicated and humble servant of Islam. Brother Sadiq was well-versed in the Holy Qur'an and had a profound love for *Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya*. He passed away in New Jersey in 1996.



Baitul Huda, Long Island, New York



Imam Inamul Haq Kauser accompanies *Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IVth*, as he is greeted by Naib Amir, Muzaffar Ahmad Zafar during Huzoor'sth tour of the U.S. in 1996.



Mosque in Albany, New York



Phoenix Mosque



Baitul Aman, Connecticut



Baitul Naseer, Miami, Florida



New mosque under construction in St. Louis, Missouri.



Baitul Muqet, Austin, Texas



Baitul Tahir in Brooklyn, New York



Baitul Hadi, Old Bridge, New Jersey