

Tabligh Guidelines
Lajna Imaillah USA 2020

Guidelines for Face to Face Tabligh/Public Speaking	Guidelines for Tabligh on Social Media Facebook, Blogs, Twitter and Instagram	Guidelines for Tabligh on live Radio Shows/ live Press and Media interviews	Guidelines for Lajna involvement in Jamaat Tabligh Activities
<p>Includes- one on one Tabligh discussions, interfaith events/peace symposiums, iftar dinners at Mosque and Tabligh interactions in small groups.</p>	<p>General media safeguarding/ Etiquette:</p> <p>General guidelines for the proper use of social media provided by AMC is available on our Lajna website at the following link: http://lajnausa.net/web/webfiles/IT-Website/AMCSocialMediaBestPracticesGuidelines%20July%2016%20Final.pdf</p>	<p>National Sadr Sahiba is seeking guidance from Huzoor (aba) regarding Lajna Participation in hosting radio shows. Here is some guidance to ponder on: Local sadr to seek advice and permission from National Sadr and provide information on the media platform, purpose, lajna member/s selected, etc..</p>	<p>Jamaat Tabligh secretaries do not have permission to utilize the services of Lajna for Tabligh activities. If the Jamaat secretary wishes to utilize the service of Lajna in any Tabligh program they MUST contact their National Secretary who will need to seek permission from Lajna National Sadr Sahiba.</p>
<p>Women SHOULD ONLY do Tabligh to women. If an instance arises with males for example workplaces or school. Lajna should not engage in lengthy discussions. Instead, give clear guidelines and the contact of the local missionary or Jamaat/Ansar/ Khuddam Tabligh secretaries. (Waqifaate Nau Class, 14 August 2008, Masjid Baitur Rashid, Hamburg)</p>	<p>According to Huzur's (aba) guidance Lajna has to maintain proper purdah on social media. That is, they should not use their own photos as profile pictures. Under no situation should Lajna/Nasirat post their photos on social media platforms.</p>	<p>These situations require a dignified representation of Lajna Imaillah/Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Therefore composure, mannerism, nonverbal communication should all be perfectly fit to the Islamic code of modesty. Hence, a pious and humble, mature manner with observance of outside purdah is required. (head/hairline covered/ no makeup/loose, knee length outer garment)</p>	<p>Lajna members should not be encouraged or urged by Jamaat Tabligh secretary to participate in programs such as "Real Talk" and "Coffee Cake and True Islam" (Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V aba letter to Ameer Sahib USA)</p>
<p>Men and women should not sit in the same room</p>	<p>Lajna should not engage in</p>	<p>Communications should be fluent and friendly with</p>	<p>Lajna members should follow and focus on the</p>

<p>at Tabligh events. Women should not give speeches to men at Jamaat events. If a Lajna member has brought a guest they may sit in the men's area behind a screen or in a separate section in the hall. However, a separate arrangement must be made for women to eat: they must eat with the women. (Letter from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V aba to Sadr Lajna Ima'illah, August 2014)</p>	<p>conversation with men regardless of whether they are Ahmadi or non-Ahmadi men <u>on various social media</u>. Sometimes one may not know that the person on the other side is a man. Thus, it is best not to engage in a one on one or extended dialogue. This information was taken from the book "Social Media" p. 36-37. Huzur's (aba) original comment is referenced to his address at the Annual Ijtema Lajna Imaillah UK, October 19, 2003. This address was published in AlFazal International April 17, 2015.</p>	<p>a profound understanding of true Islamic values and principles. Do not engage in debate/discourse with those who abuse or seek to cause mischief. Redirect such inquiries, politely to approved Jamaat resources.</p>	<p>Lajna Tabligh program which has been specifically designed to do tabligh to women and on women/children/family issues. (National Lajna Ima'illah USA program)</p>
<p>Mature Lajna members who have been approved by National Sadr Sahiba can address a mixed gathering at a public event and Jamaat interfaith event. They MUST observe proper purdah. (Letter from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V aba to Sadr Lajna Ima'illah USA, 2016)</p>	<p>Women should be aware of people who post comments on social media sites such as Youtube and Twitter who may initially seem to be interested in Ahmadiyyat, however, they have hidden intentions to weaken the faith of Ahmadi women and young girls. (Huzoor aba letter to National Sadr January 17, 2019)</p>	<p>Utilize the words of the Promised Messiah (as) as your best guidance to any negative encounters (Friday Sermon 8th April, 2011).</p>	<p>Jamaat Tabligh forums are NOT mandatory for the lajna. If they do join these forums, there should be NO video conferencing and questions should be typed in the chat box. (Per National Sadr USA following AMC guidelines of Purdah)</p>
<p>At book fairs, there should be a separate stall for Lajna. Women should only hand out literature to women and avoid engaging in conversation with men.</p>	<p>Lajna may post educated comments on Jama'at social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. They may participate</p>	<p>Request questions or topics to be addressed in advance. Avoid live questions on radio: request questions to be submitted to</p>	

<p>But if men approach the women book stall then answer the question briefly and direct to the men's stall. (Letter from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V aba to Ameer Sahib USA, March 2017)</p>	<p>in discussions as long as they follow the guidelines provided by the Jama'at.</p>	<p>online/chat/etc.</p>	
<p>Lajna members' participation in parades: Lajna may walk behind men in parades as long as they observe proper purdah, wearing modest clothing. They are not allowed to mingle and walk alongside men. Lajna members should be in the rear of the parade behind AMC males. (Letter from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V aba to Ameer Sahib USA, March 2017. Huzoor aba letter to National Sadr 11-15-2019)</p>			
<p>When a Lajna member is invited to speak at a mixed gender non-Ahmadi event, local sadr MUST seek approval of National Sadr Sahiba. (Huzoor aba letter to National Sadr-August 2, 2014)</p>			
<p>Photographs taken at events MUST be a broad view, wide angle or side view photograph that is taken from a distance so that the Lajna members cannot be identified. Full observance of purdah is compulsory. The exception to this is Lajna members over the age of 60 and</p>			

<p>converts. However, they should also observe full hijab. (Huzoor aba letter to Sadr Lajna USA- January 13, 2013)</p>			
<p>In events such as “Day on the Hill”, Lajna members should not meet with male Congressmen or their male staff, only with female members or staff. (Huzoor (aba) letter to Ameer Sahib USA, March 2017)</p>			
<p>Guidelines on Ahmadi women shaking hands with men:</p> <p>On 11th October 2013, Huzoor aba stated in his Friday sermon that “No Ahmadi girl/young woman should have any complex of any sort that they cannot greet men. When handshake with men is not allowed then this should be followed. Similarly men should try and not do handshakes with women. If God’s grace is to be had, then all apparent small commandments should be followed.”</p> <p>https://www.alislam.org/friday-sermon/2013-10-11.html</p> <p>The 4th Khalifa explained you can shake hands if it cannot be avoided or becomes</p>			

<p>a sense of disrespect (Ask Islam). The 5th Khalifa gave an alternative to hand shake.</p>			
<p>Pathway to paradise (Chapter 4-Daily life of a Muslim woman): The conduct of a Muslim woman is a very important part of observing hijab/purdah. Whether at work, or among family and friends, a Muslim woman must conduct herself with great propriety and decorum. It is advisable to avoid idle chit chat with the opposite gender, mixed parties and shaking hands with the opposite gender.</p> <p>http://www.alislam.org/books/pathwaytoparadise/LAJ-chp4.htm</p> <p>Are Muslim men and women allowed to shake hands with each other? Find out the answer on ask Islam by clicking on this link.</p> <p>http://www.askislam.org/society/question_964.html</p>			