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National Midwest Ijtema June 25th-27th 2010-Milwaukee WI

"Islamic institution of Marriage and its sanctity"

Alhamdulillah our National Midwest Ijtema was a success. Members from all over the Midwest participated in this blessed event. Approximately 300 members were in attendance to say prayers in congregation, increase sisterhood, share thoughts, learn Islamic point of view on marriage and to increase our love for Allah. Mashallah we had 6 National office holders attending the event with 2 Regional Sadran welcoming them. Topics that were discussed in workshops, power points and skits format ranged from "Challenges of finding the right spouse" to "Comparison of other marriage systems-Religion vs. Culture". Also members discussed the topic of "Rights and Obligation of a Mother/Wife".

Dr. Kishwar presented a workshop on "Consequences of Marital Discord" while Sister Tamara Rodney welcomed the new Converts and presenting their history in Chronological order of accepting Ahmadiyyat. Sister Salihah Malik addressed us with a very moving speech and guided us throughout the Ijtema reminding us of the importance of Purdah, Haya, prayers, sisterhood, and the etiquettes of attending events like these. She also met with all the Youth in the region to address their concerns and questions.

Regional Sadran Amtul Musawir Ahmad and Samina Ijaz met with all the new converts during Lunch time to help them introduce them to rest of the members and address their concerns and issues. They were all presented with Gift bags with the help of Sister Tamara Rodney (representing Sister Riffat Wali-National Sec. Nau Mubaiyat).

Members enjoyed each other's company while enjoying good food provided by the Hosting Majlis-Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They also had fun during Meena Bazaar arranged by the West Midwest Region.

At the same time, Nasirat had 3 fun filled days with Sister Laeeqa Mirza as she kept all the Nasirat busy by involving them in various activities. They made posters, Banners, and artwork which was displayed and shared on the concluding day of the event. They also learned about the purpose of their Creation, Love of Allah, learning the Attributes of Allah and understanding their meanings, learning forgiveness and patience. Nasirat did march past with their Taranas during the ending ceremony.

JazakAllah to the Hosting Majlis-Milwaukee for doing an excellent job on hosting, accommodating, and transporting members for these 3 days. May Allah enable us to serve our Jamaat to the best of our abilities. Ameen.