

Meeting the Messiah(AS)

Alhamolillah, here in Kansas City, the Lajna and Nasirat held their first semi-regional Ijtema on Sunday, May 25th 2014. We were also honored by the presence of our sisters in faith from St.Louis Jamaat. Altogether we had an attendance of 40 members, counting all Lajna, Nasirat, and children under seven, MashAllah

Just as the purpose of the program was to talk about the truth of Ahmadiyyat, the real Islam and the Promised Messiah (AS) himself, the program became a living proof of that truth. It was very faith inspiring to see sisters making a 7 hour drive in one day just to be together with us. Our own Salat center that we are so proud of was not even thought of 6 months ago!!! The way our total tajneed of 18 members came together to help out with putting the program together and how our men stepped in to help out were all but proofs of the truth of Ahmadiyyat and its founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (AS). We saw one drop turning into an ocean in front of our very own eyes. Many many thanks to Allah and our members, guests and respected Sadr Sahiba and our regional Sadr Sahiba for their help and encouragement at each and every step.

The program consisted of two sessions. The first session was dedicated to the Nasirat competitions and performances. Nasirat started with the recitation of the Holy Quran and the Hadith. One Nasira also presented the poem by Hazrat Promised Messiah(AS) with the English translation.

Afterwards, the memorization of the Holy Quran, Nazm and religious knowledge quiz was conducted. Masha Allah, all the Nasirat were very well prepared and exceeded all our expectations. Nasirat also worked on an art project decorating the Beautiful Names of Allah. The credit goes to the mothers and the secretary Nasirat for preparing the children so well. May Allah bless them in abundance.



The second session started after lunch and prayers and it was the time for Lajna to shine. The competitions held were the recitation and memorization of the Holy Quran, prepared speeches, and impromptu speeches. We selected Chapter 18:95-100 and Chapter 41:31-33. And for the memorization we had Surah Al Asr and Surah Al Kahaf (verses 1-4).



Sisters blessed with melodious voices also presented the following verses from the poetry of Hazrat Promised Messiah (AS) with English translation.

[Masih-e-waqtabbdunya main aaya](#) (3 Verses)

[NishanKoDaikh Ker Inkaar](#)(3 verses)

The topics for the prepared speech were as follows:

1. The Purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah^{as}
2. Why do we believe in the Promised Messiah^{as}
3. The importance of our bond of dedication and obedience with Khilafat

Sisters presented really faith inspiring and heartwarming comments on all the given topics.

Impromptu speech was another highlight of the program. The topics were as follows:

1. Why Am I an Ahmadi?
2. Modesty and Purdah in this time and Age
3. The importance of making financial contributions (Chandajaat)

Presentation, panel discussion and questions from the audience on the book "**Need For The Imam**" was prepared by one of the sisters and delivered in a very interactive manner.



The most favorite part of the program was the true accounts shared by our sisters who had converted to Ahmadiyyat and stayed loyal and attached to the Nizam-e-Khilafat. Their stories were not only full of inspiration but also thought provoking for people like us who had been fortunate to be born Ahmadis. The stories of their tireless quest for truth at very young age sent a great message to our youth present at the Ijtema. The mention of their hardships and sacrifices brought tears to our eyes. This in itself became a sign of the truth of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam.



Our fundraiser consisted of various donated items for sale. We also had a dessert making competition along with homemade baked items.

For our handicraft competition we had the sisters prepare and submit the items on the theme, Beautiful names of ALLAH by using any medium.

We concluded with awards and the silent prayer. This event really brought the spirit of sisterhood in the community of the Imam of the Age. Guests from St.Louis made a seven hour drive in one day to be with us. Our all 18 Lajna members rose to the occasion and offered all the needed help. Our men volunteered to cook for us. We realized that we do not need great signs to show the world that we are the true Muslims who practice the real Islam. Little efforts like these put together as a community speak for themselves. May Allah reward all those who participated.