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# Lajna Matters

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## Holy Qur'an

And remember also the time when your Lord declared, 'If you are grateful, I will surely, bestow more favours on you; but if you are ungrateful, then know that My punishment is severe indeed.' (14:8)  
'Be grateful to Allah,' for, whoso is grateful, is grateful for the good of his own soul. And whoso is ungrateful, then, surely, Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. (31:13)

## Hadith

Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas is reported to have said that the

Holy Prophets<sup>saw</sup> used to pray: "O Allah, make me one who is grateful to you and remembers you."

The Holy Prophets<sup>saw</sup> taught the following prayer to one of his companions to be recited once the Salat is over: "O my Lord, help me so that I can properly perform Thy remembrance and Thy thanksgiving, and that I may worship Thee in the best possible manner."

## From the Writings of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>

"... What I say is not an occasion for surprise,

therefore, it is an occasion, rather, for rendering thanks—repeated thanks—to God. It is an occasion for renewing faith; certainty of faith, that is to say, God Almighty through sheer Grace and Mercy has fulfilled ... you must render thanks to God. You must prostrate again and again in gratitude to Him. This is the time your fathers waited to see but it did not come. Generations went by and it did not come. It has come for you. It is for you to be grateful ..." (Victory of Islam)

## MESSAGE FROM SADR LAJNA, USA

Dr. Shanaz Butt



Jamaat USA was extremely blessed to have Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> attend our 60<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana. I want to thank all the team leaders, volunteers and attendees for their spirit of sacrifice, hard work and enthusiasm both before and during the Jalsa. The success of this Jalsa was made possible because of Allah's Grace and Mercy upon us, and His acceptance of our prayers and sincere efforts. Our post Jalsa report has captured the areas of strengths and weaknesses and I seek the forgiveness of all the mothers and their children for the poor Audio-Video quality in the Children's Jalsa Gah. We will make every effort to improve in this area, Insha Allah.

With the month of Ramadan upon us, let every Ahmadi woman cleanse her heart of ill wills. Instead of finding faults in others, look for goodness in them. Instead of arrogance, show kindness and be gentle with each other. Instead of indulging in idle gossip and back biting, convene meetings where Allah's name is glorified.

During this month of Ramadan, let us use every opportunity to become more regular in our prayers and seek Allah's forgiveness for our weaknesses and beg Allah to guide us and keep us on the right path, Ameen.

Ramadhan Mubarak! Ramadhan Mubarak! Ramadhan Mubarak!

# National Correspondence



## Letters from Khalifatul Masih V – Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aba</sup>

**May 3, 2008**

I have received and read your report for the month of November 2007 and the special report of Lajna's KCC Goals, Jazakamullah.

Your report for November describes the many activities undertaken by Lajna Imaillah USA during this month. Steady progress is being made in all areas and good contact is being maintained amongst the various regions. May Allah help you and your Lajna to progress further and may He shower His choicest blessings on you, Ameen.

It is pleasing to read of the special attention being paid to the Wasiyyat scheme and that Lajna are addressing previous issues that have been raised actively and effectively. May Allah bless you in all your sincere efforts. Please convey my Salaams to all Lajna and Nasirat in USA.

**June 24, 2008**

Huzoor Ayadullahho ta'ala has received and read your progress report on reaching Khilafat Centenary Goals for the months of January and February 2008, Jazakamullah

Your report shows that progress is being made steadily by Lajna Imaillah USA and that a high percentage of Lajna have already achieved the said goals. May

Allah shower his continuous blessings on Lajna Imaillah USA and may He enable you to progress further, Insha Allah. Please convey my Salaams to all sisters in the USA.

*Office of the Private Secretary*

**June 17, 2008**

Huzoor Ayadullahho ta'ala has received and read your report for the month of March 2008 and the Jalsa Bulletin, Jazakamullah.

Your detailed report highlights the various activities undertaken by Lajna Imaillah USA during this month. It is clear that Lajna Imaillah USA place much effort into spreading Ahmadiyyat through Tabligh and, Alhamdulillah a new Bai'at was achieved this month. May Allah shower you with His choicest blessings, Ameen.

Your Jalsa Bulletin is pleasing, and it contains many useful pieces of information and instructions for Lajna to abide by during Jamaat gatherings and highlights the importance of maintaining discipline amongst Lajna.

May Allah help you to continue your hard work and reward you for your effort, Insha Allah. Please convey my Salaams to all sisters in the USA.

*Office of the Private Secretary*

**July 22, 2008**

*A Summary of US Lajna Activities (Oct. 2006—Sept. 2007)*

*Reported by Office of the Private Secretary*

Lajna Imaillah USA are deserving of praise for submitting regularly well written monthly progress reports. They have enjoyed a busy and prosperous year, they focus on a particular theme for few months at a time e.g. financial sacrifice, Ramazan or other tarbiyyat topic. They have organized numerous tarbiyyati camps with a variety of activities. Nasirat are encouraged to take part in Khidmat-e-Khalq activities in serving the community, visiting the sick and elderly and raising funds. Special attention is being paid to the 'Al-Wasiyyat' scheme. 90% attendance at the Interfaith Symposium. Surplus funds donated to UK Jalsa site and The Berlin Mosque. Ongoing Khilafat Centenary Translation Project. Quarterly National Lajna Newsletter 'Lajna Matters' is both informative and well presented. Financial budget approved. May Allah the Almighty bless Lajna Imaillah USA in their countless efforts with great spiritual rewards.

# National Matters



## Internet—A Guide

As technology evolves and new inventions are introduced, we need to understand and experience them ourselves. Since we have the immense responsibility to educate our children about the new technology, we must explore the advantages and disadvantages that come with it.

Previously we have discussed the dangers of websites such as MySpace, Facebook etc. Recently a video was posted on YouTube, which has been removed. This video was presented by a non-Ahmadi who had accessed a picture of Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> from Face Book followed by his 'fan club'. He pointed out that the women, who had joined his 'fan club' were not observing Purdah and many were quite immodestly presented and how shameful it was that Ahmadi, who professed to be the true 'Sect' of Islam were not keeping to the true teachings of Islam that the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> had taught us. He said that he was aware that other Muslim women also do not observe Purdah, but they do not profess to be the true 'enlightened sect' of Islam. He said that while he was aware that some Ahmadi women were modest and observed Purdah, he knew the community well and many of them only wear Purdah at the Mosque, but in the rest of their activities they discard it. He described such behavior as hypocrisy and exhorted Ahmadi to leave Ahmadiyyat and join the 'true Islam'. Another link brought a similar 'fan club' of Khalifatul Masih IV<sup>ra</sup> on Facebook. Most of the pictures of Ahmadi have now been removed. What we should learn is that:

- ⦿ Khulafa DO NOT go on to Facebook to create a fan club. If you stumble on this kind of thing, you can be absolutely certain that someone else has put Huzoor's picture either as an anti Ahmadi campaign or possibly some Ahmadi person might have mistakenly thought that this would be a good Tabligh tool. Either way our Khulafa and our community are put in a very bad light.
- ⦿ Our Purdah is to protect us from this kind of misjudgment. Through Purdah we learn about *Hayya*—modesty and self worth, which becomes our inner guardian and helps us to know how to conduct ourselves in any situation. Our Purdah is there to protect our honor and integrity. When we understand this we will not want to remove the 'covering' that Allah has provided for us. Nor would we want to go on Facebook or any other similar Internet site.

Incidents like these prove to us how public the Internet is. You put your face there for any one to use or misuse. Allah says, everything we do is 'recorded' – we leave a trail of evidence. Allah puts a covering over everything – that is one of his provisions. He will cover our faults and misdeeds, but if we remove the covering ourselves then there is no protection from Him. (*Daughters of Eve, One Nation*)

Each of us is a representative of our Community. Whatever we do leaves an impression in people's minds about Ahmadiyyat. Each of us should strive our utmost to leave a good impression and support our Khulafa in every way. May Allah give us the strength to represent and serve Ahmadiyyat in the best way possible. Ameen.

*National Tarbiyyat Secretary, Saliha Malik*

### Majlis-e-Shura, 2008

The National Majlis-e-Shura for Lajna Imaillah-USA will be held, Insha Allah, from October 10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at Ba'it ul Nasir Mosque in Columbus, OH. The meeting will begin on Friday after Salat-ul-Juma and conclude on Sunday afternoon (around 2.00 PM). We are grateful to Dr. Salam Malik Sahib, Jamaat President and Nudrat Malik Sahiba, Lajna Sadr for their kind offer and thank their members in advance for their hospitality. Please remember that this year, the Majlis-e-Shura is being held one month earlier than in previous years and the registration deadline is September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Majaalis that have submitted their Delegates' Election Results online have started to receive approval notifications. Please note that this year again, we are sending approvals as well as the link for registration directly to the delegates (local Sadr's are copied on these email).

All local Sadr's are humbly requested to please follow up and ensure that:

- ⌚ All your approved delegates have received their approval notification and are able to register on time.
- ⌚ If an approved delegate is unable to attend, please inform me if the approved stand by is able to attend in her place.
- ⌚ Please follow up with the stand by and forward the registration link and instructions to her.

If you have questions, please contact me at [gslajna@aol.com](mailto:gslajna@aol.com). Jazakamullah.

*General Secretary, Samrah Ahmad*

### Guidelines for the Election of Local Lajna Sadr, USA

Elections should be conducted in a prayerful manner with utmost sincerity and devotion to serve Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Rules should be read out ([www.ahmadiyya.us/lajna/communications.htm](http://www.ahmadiyya.us/lajna/communications.htm)) to the members and followed through. Mature and responsible person should assist the presiding person in counting votes. In larger Majaalis more than one person should count votes to avoid any miscalculation.

- ⦿ The General Secretary should inform all the members concerned about the meeting for the election of the Sadr
- ⦿ The quorum for such a meeting should be half of the total number of chanda-paying members of the majlis. If the required quorum is not met in the first meeting, the quorum of the second meeting called for this purpose should be one third of the total number of members. If quorum is not met in the second meeting also, then in the third meeting there will be no restriction of quorum.
- ⦿ Person must vote for the person who they nominate or second.
- ⦿ Select a person without any bias who can best serve the Jamaat and this office and do not elect a person because of any relationship or friendship.
- ⦿ During the election session it shall be binding for every member to exercise her right to vote (every member eligible to vote must vote)
- ⦿ At least three names shall be proposed for the election of Sadr Lajna Muqami. (local Majlis)

# Jalsa Salana USA



## 60<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana USA, 2008

Alhamdulillah! The 60<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana Jamaat Ahmadiyya USA was successfully held from June 20<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA. By the Grace of Allah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> honored us with his presence. Lajna USA is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this blessed event. This year, guests to the Jalsa Salana came from all across the USA and the world. There were more than 9,500 members who participated and contributed in making the Jalsa successful.



The Jalsa proceedings began on Friday, with speeches being relayed from the men's side. On Saturday, Lajna had the privilege of being addressed by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup>. Huzoor gave spiritually uplifting advice to Lajna Imaillah USA.

- ❖ Reflect on Lajna and Nasirat pledge
- ❖ Sacrifice and strive for victory of Islam
- ❖ Always be ready to sacrifice for the sake of Khilafat
- ❖ Nasirat must fully equip themselves to take over the responsibilities

- ❖ Lajna are guarantors of future generations and their primary goal should be proper upbringing of children
- ❖ Refrain yourselves from talking against Jamaat officials
- ❖ Give up worldly desires
- ❖ Constantly analyze your actions and pray for one another
- ❖ Instill modesty and chastity from childhood
- ❖ Those who are distant, draw them closer to create means for paradise
- ❖ Jihad of self

The Lajna session included several highlights that were spiritually motivating. About 20 Ahmadi Sisters who had recently signed the Bai'at were warmly welcomed to the stage where they each received a gift from Syeda Amtul Sabooh (Wife of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup>). Talent awards from the Jamaat were presented to deserving scholars. By the Grace of Allah and the cooperation of all the participants, the Jalsa was a success. Jazakamullah to all members who were part of keeping silence while gathered together for an extraordinary experience. May Allah reward all the participants and volunteers, whose hard work made this Jalsa possible, Ameen.



### Welcoming Our Newest Sisters to Islam Ahmadiyyat

*Welkom*

**New York:** Lisa D'Angelo, Tahira

*Bienvenido*

Ahmad, Hosne Ara Chaudhry, Sonia Akthar

**Illinois:** Carla Ray—Hanif, Kara Gunter, Lori Ledezma, Reginal Rohlsen, Shaza Karim,

Arzoo Saqib, Roshan Camacho

**New Jersey:** Vitra Mahraj

**Pennsylvania:** Baseerah Mutaquin

**Maryland:** Jennifer Bashir

**Ohio:** Khadija Ali

**Nevada:** Voncina Monroe, Zana Kausar White

**Virginia:** Aneesa Akhtar, Naila J. Stevens

**Willkommen**

*Bienvenue*

### Ahmadiyya Talent Award Gold Medal 2008

Saba Naseem  
Kinza Ahmad  
Farzana Bashir Farhat  
Ayesha Waheed  
Sofia Chaudhry  
Saba Mubarak Ali  
Farida Ahmad

### Ahmadiyya Talent Recognition Award 2008

Hashmi Sultana  
Sabiha Ahmad

### Ahmadiyya Talent Award Finalists 2008

Wajeaha Choudhary  
Baria Hafeez  
Maliha Bahri  
Hiba-tur-Rauf Naseem  
Shumaila Farhan  
Sumra Khalid

# Jalsa Salana USA



"I like the idea of the Children's Jalsa gah, and many things were very nice, especially having Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> come to the children's arza twice! The children (and moms) really enjoyed these visits from Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> and Apa Jan. It was also nice to have a separate entrance for the Children's Jalsa Gah... May Allah bless all the hard working volunteers in the Children's Jalsa Gah... There is little visibility from the main Lajna Jalsa Gah for the volunteers in the Children's Jalsa Gah, but their efforts are extremely important and very much appreciated."

"I humbly express my gratitude for giving me the opportunity of volunteering during the Jalsa US and my special thanks for the unique experience of attending a Jalsa where no noise was heard, no littering was seen, where a supreme sense of discipline and obedience was observed, where the namaz was performed in a perfect silence, and where the speeches were really listened to!

May Allah rewards you and bless your extraordinary efforts abundantly and may He bless all Lajna US for giving a perfect example of what a servant of Allah should be."

"I just wanted to share my heartfelt gratitude to you all for preparing your Lajnaat so well in the way of keeping silence for Jalsa. Our Jalsa was beautiful and our silence and attention to the Jumma service and the speeches was awesome. I hope and pray that we will continue from here so that all our Jumma services and meetings, local, regional, and national may be an example of the good focus and observance to the true purpose of the occasion that we achieved at Jalsa. JazakAllah to all for your diligent work in this regard. May Allah bless you all."

"When you hear about a person who is special and spiritual, you wonder are they real? ...I was so excited and grateful at just the thought of seeing Huzoor<sup>aba</sup>! We had planned for the whole year to attend Jalsa and now the Blessed Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> would be coming, Alhamdulillah! At the last hour our transportation arrangements were drastically changed. We prayed and looked at alternative ways to attend the audience with Huzoor<sup>aba</sup>, in Silver Spring and at Jalsa in Harrisburg... We prayed until we decided to drive ourselves... By the Grace of Allah, we had a safe and beautiful trip... Our audience with Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> was so relaxed and peaceful. We laughed and talked just like family. Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> acknowledged my sister who has been Ahmadi for over thirty years and his words of encouragement I will always remember. In a very firm and comforting voice, he reminded me of my responsibility as a Ahmadi woman. I must be a positive example to my children and my community. I know Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> had seen hundreds of people that day, yet his attitude was refreshing. I am so grateful for the audience with Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> and sharing this experience with my sister. My relationship with my sister is very special, because we are sisters in Islam and biologically. To sit next to her and share an experience with Huzoor<sup>aba</sup>, was Alhamdulillah! We are already planning for the next Jalsa. ...I am more encouraged and determined after this blessed experience!"

# National Matters



## Letter from Ameer Jamaat USA Dr. Ahsanullah Zafar

July 20, 2008

We are having serious shortfall in the collection of the Khilafat Centenary Fund, which should have been wrapped up by April 30th as per original projections. A serious effort needs to be made by all parties.

I am asking Lajna Imaillah as a group to collect \$250,000.00 towards the Khilafat Centenary Fund, preferably by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009.

I recognize Lajna members have to date contributed towards the Fund within the general Jamaat structure and there is no effort to curtail. However, collections are short against the expenditures and there is need for an extra effort.

With the Grace of Allah the Jamaat in general and Lajna in specific has come together in the most wonderful way this year, in recognition of the Khilafat Centenary.

It would be most befitting if this is embellished by this effort and its results as well, Insha Allah. May Allah Help and Reward all who have and will participate going forward, Ameen.

## From Our Children to Your Children

Lajna provides "Eidi" or Eid gift to one needy country each year. So far, your children have given generously for the children in Ivory Coast (2002), Sierra Leone (2003), Benin (2004), Muzaffarabad, Qadian and Ghana (2005), Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda (2006) and Qadian, Bangladesh and Indonesia (2007). An important goal of this program is to teach our children the joy of giving and sharing with those who are less fortunate. Contributions from our children should be collected approximately two months before Eid-ul-Fitr. **The deadline for collections is September 10, 2008.** Once all the donations are collected, please send the funds collected (in one check) to Najmi Azam, [nsfinance2@yahoo.com](mailto:nsfinance2@yahoo.com).



*Volunteerism—A worthwhile way for us to contribute our time, energy and skills for the cause of our faith.*

Do you browse the web and wish Lajna USA was using that technology? Do you watch MTA and wait for a day to see programs by Lajna USA? Do you know a passionate sister skilled in these areas??? If so, please email us right away at [gslajna@aol.com](mailto:gslajna@aol.com). We need volunteers that are expert in one or more of the followings: Adobe, Dreamweaver, Java Script, SQL, ASP, and Audio/Video productions.

## MAIDSERVANTS OF ALLAH



*Love for all Hatred for none  
An auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam*

## The Fast

People celebrate Eid al-Fitr considering that their fasting has been accepted. They are pleased that God provided them the opportunity to worship.

But the question is whether God did in fact give us the opportunity to worship and whether he did in fact accept our worship. If we availed the opportunity to worship, then do we know if our worship has been accepted? Some of our prayers are not accepted, in the same way the fasting of some people is not accepted. There are also some who could not avail the opportunity to fast because of their illnesses and inabilities. There are others who do not fast despite their ability. All these people participate in the celebration. Rather, the latter are ahead of the others in the celebration of festivities.

A joke is well known in our country. A servant lady arose diligently during Ramadan to eat in the morning but did not keep the Fast. One day her mistress said, "You get up in the morning to eat but you do not keep the Fast despite eating before dawn. Why then you need to get up before dawn?" She responded, "I do not offer Prayers. I do not keep the Fast. I will become an infidel if I do not eat before dawn either."

It seems as though there were only three parts of faith in her view, Prayers, Fasting, and eating before dawn in Ramadan. In her view, a person still remains a Muslim if the former two, Prayers and Fasting, are not observed, but if the third one is left out, it makes a person a nonbeliever.

This is a joke but if pondered upon, it appears that there are many people like this. They do not offer Prayers, do not fast, but celebrate the Eid more than everyone else.

# Majaalis Highlights



## Lajna Highlights January—March 2008

### Meetings

Tajnid as of March 2008:	3,825
Total number of meetings held:	320
Average attendance:	41%
Total number of Halqa meetings:	291
Monthly reports received:	100%

### Tabligh

<b># of Bai'ats obtained: 4 Alhamdulillah!</b>	
Chicago West	1
Baltimore	1
Virginia North	1
Miami	1

### Outreach (Number of People/Guests)

People under one-to-one Tabligh:	1,879
Needy served outside the Jamaat:	1,920
Needy Lajna served:	1,230

### Average percentage of members active in

Daa'e Ilallah Committee:	382/month
Khidmat-e-Khalq:	626/month
Listening to Khutba/MTA:	43%
Learning Qur'an Nazira:	13%

The following Majaalis have achieved 100% who listen to Khutbas at least once from January—March 2008: **Rochester, Merced and Charlotte**. Other Majaalis that have come consistently very close to 100%: Oshkosh and Las Vegas. May Allah reward these Majaalis immensely and lead all of Lajna USA to such goals. Ameen.

## Tehrik-e-Jadid & Waqf-e-Jadid

This is a request for every Lajna Majlis to aim for 100% participation in the blessed scheme of Tehrik-e-Jadid & Waqf-e-Jadid for the 2008 year. The Tehrik-e-Jadid fiscal year is coming to an end in less than 75 days. Members are requested to pay their pledges as soon as possible, so that they do not feel too much pressure at the end of the year to pay it. Local Sadrs are requested to remind their membership to include all children in the noble scheme of Daftar Punjum.

Some Majaalis have not started collecting yet. All the secretaries should try their best to collect for these blessed schemes, Jazakallah.

Secretary Tehrik-e-Jadid—Mubarika Malik  
Secretary Waqf-e-Jadid—Shazia Sohail

## Lajna Highlights April—June 2008

### Meetings

Tajnid as of June 2008:	3,815
Total number of meetings held:	247
Average attendance:	43%
Total number of Halqa meetings:	206
Monthly reports received:	98%

### Tabligh

<b># of Bai'ats obtained: 6 Alhamdulillah!</b>	
North Jersey	1
Philadelphia	1
Zion	2
Long Island	1
Queens	1

### Outreach (Number of People/Guests)

People under one-to-one Tabligh:	2,728
Needy served outside the Jamaat:	1,789
Needy Lajna served:	1,318

### Average percentage of members active in

Daa'e Ilallah Committee:	391/month
Khidmat-e-Khalq:	997/month
Listening to Khutba/MTA:	46%
Learning Qur'an Nazira:	12%

### KCC Goals

# Chapters Submitted Forms	57
# Members Achieved 100% Salat	1,535
# Achieved 100% KCC Prayers	1,036
# Members Moosis	716
# Members Pledged Wasiyyat	95

### Region Achieved 100% Salat: South East

**Chapters Achieved 100% Salat:** Detroit, Cleveland, Al/TN, Tulsa, Houston South, Dallas, Austin, Phoenix, Washington DC, York HSB, VA North, VA South, Boston, Syracuse, Rochester, Brooklyn, Bronx, Philadelphia, Silicon Valley, Portland, Miami, Orlando, GA/SC, Charlotte, RTNC, St. Paul

**Chapters Achieved 100% KCC Prayers:** Tulsa, Dallas, Austin, Washington DC, York HSB, VA North, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Portland, Orlando, GA/SC, St. Paul

**Chapters Achieved 50% Wasiyyat:** Tulsa, Silver Spring, York HSB, Seattle, Charlotte, RTNC

**Chapters Achieved 100% All 3 KCC Goals:** Tulsa, York/HSB



# Nasirat Matters

Nasirat Reporting Attendance Summary January to March 2008					
Month	# of Majaalis	# of Reports Rec'd	Reported Tajnid	# of Meetings Reported	% Attendance
January	62	55	676	122	64%
February	63	51	683	113	62%
March	63	51	690	92	68%
Average		52	683	109	65%

# of Activities in...	Nasirat Activity Summary January to March 2008			
	January	February	March	Average
Khidmat-e-Khalq	29	29	27	28
Tabligh	16	16	13	15
Workshops	22	24	22	23
Sihat Jismani	25	25	25	25
Handicraft	12	12	12	12
Arabic-Urdu Classes	26	17	20	21

### Nasirat News

Monthly Nasirat reports are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month nsnasiratreporting@yahoo.com. Please direct any questions/concerns to Tahera Anwar, National Nasirat Secretary at nsnasirat@yahoo.com, Jazakamullah.

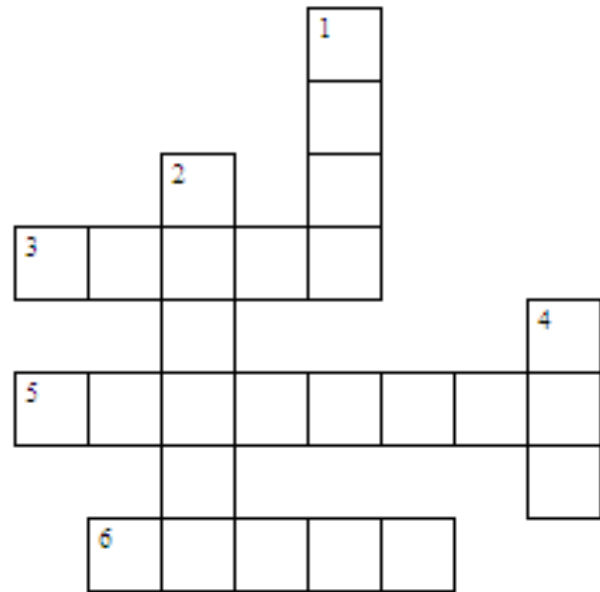
#### Month of August in History

- ✦ MTA started on August 21<sup>st</sup> 1992.
- ✦ Messiah 2000 Conference was held in Zion on August 12<sup>th</sup> 2000.

#### Month of September in History

- ✦ Hadhrat Mirza Bashirruddin Mahmood Ahmad<sup>ra</sup> laid the foundation stone for the new town of Rabwah, the future World Headquarters of the Movement on September 20<sup>th</sup> 1948.
- ✦ Inauguration of first mosque in Spain on September 10<sup>th</sup> 1982.
- ✦ Inauguration of first mosque in Australia on September 30<sup>th</sup> 1983.
- ✦ Hadhrat Mirza Bashirruddin Mahmood Ahmad<sup>ra</sup> got married to Hadhrat Sayyeda Maryam Siddiqi<sup>ra</sup> on September 30<sup>th</sup> 1935.
- ✦ Hadhrat Chaudhary Mohammad Zafarullah Khan (Companion of Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>) passed away in Lahore, Pakistan on September 1<sup>st</sup> 1985.
- ✦ Hadhrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad<sup>ra</sup> passed away on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1963. He was the son of Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and the younger brother of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup>.

### Khilafat Crossword Puzzle



#### Across

- 3 Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>'s book "Message of \_\_\_\_"
- 5 Second manifestation of God
- 6 Fundamental message of Islam is \_\_\_\_ of God

#### Down

- 1 \_\_\_\_ for all hatred for none
- 2 Place where first Jalsa Salana was held
- 4 "\_\_\_\_ - Reaching the Corners of the Earth"

Answers: 1.Love; 2.Qadian; 3.Peace; 4.MTA; 5.Khilafat; 6.Unity

# Nasirat Matters



## FINISH THE SENTENCES

Finish the following sentences by looking up the provided references:

- ☺ “Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> said people of other religions have forgotten God and it is only the community of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that is mindful of...” [Summary of Friday Sermon 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008 “Gratitude and Thanks to Allah”]
- ☺ “Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> remarked how does one pay the dues of Salat?.....” [Summary of Friday Sermon April 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 “Worship of God”]
- ☺ “Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> remarked why was there a need for the Messiah to come in this era?.....” [Summary of Friday Sermon April 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 “Worship of God”]
- ☺ “Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> said this year in which we are commemorating the centenary jubilee of a hundred years of Khilafat, what is this jubilee about?.....” [Summary of Friday Sermon April 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 “Worship of God”]
- ☺ “Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> said once the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) was asked how should the Qur’an be read and he replied that.....” [Summary March 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 “Practicing the beautiful teachings of the Holy Qur’an”]



## DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know who said the following?

- ★ “God loves this Jamaat so much that even if all the powers of the world ... were to approach me and tell me that they had united in order to destroy and annihilate the Ahmadiyya Community, I would, without any hesitation tell them... they will never have the power to finish Ahmadiyyat.”
- ★ “Islam teaches us to live with love, harmony and humbleness. And enjoins doing good to others regardless of their being Muslims or not. That is what the humanity needs... My only message is LOVE FOR ALL HATRED FOR NONE”.
- ★ Which Khalifa’s Friday sermon was relayed for the first time by loudspeaker in the Aqsa mosque, Qadian? This Huzoor<sup>ra</sup> prophesied that a time would come when the successors of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> would deliver lessons on the Holy Qur’an and Ahadith to the whole world through modern means of communications.

## FEW FACTS ABOUT HAZRAT MIRZA TAHIR AHMAD<sup>ra</sup>, KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

- ♠ Hadhrrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad was born on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1928.
- ♠ He was the son of Khalifatul Masih II, Hadhrrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad<sup>ra</sup> and Hazrat Syeda Maryam Begum.
- ♠ He was the grandson of Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>.
- ♠ At the age of 10, he was asked by Maulana Abdul Rahim Nayyer, "Which reward would you cherish most for doing good work?" "Allah - Only Allah" was the 10 year olds spontaneous answer.
- ♠ He was elected as Khalifa on June 10<sup>th</sup> 1982.
- ♠ He inaugurated the "Basharat Mosque" the first ever to be built in Spain in 750 years.
- ♠ In April 1987 he launched the Waqfe Nau Scheme.
- ♠ During his 21 year period of Khilafat Holy Quran was translated in 56 languages; in addition to the 100 languages in which selected verses from the Holy Quran had been translated.
- ♠ He passed away on April 19<sup>th</sup> 2003 at the age of 74.

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# Local Matters



## Letter from Secretary Wasaya USA—Dr. Khaled Ata Sahib

Minimal standard of sacrifice for Chanda Wasiyyat Hissa Amad in the USA has been revised by Majlis Karpardaaz with the approval of Syedna Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup>. According to instructions received here the revised minimal standard has been set on a monthly income of \$250 (two hundred and fifty dollars). Hence, any Moosi/Moosiah who has no personal source of income, and has previously been paying \$20 per month as Chanda Hissa Amad Wasiyyat (provided that his/her rate of Wasiyyat is 1/10) shall now pay a sum of \$25 per month.

The above revision does not apply to students who will continue to pay their Chanda Hissa Amad as agreed upon previously with Majlis Karpardaz. Please note that for students there is no fixed monthly/yearly amount for Chanda Hissa Amad. However, they must reach a mutual understanding with Majlis Karpardaaz through National Wasaya Office for a minimal payment.

Please convey this to every Moosi/Moosiah in your Local Jamaat, Jazakallah Ahsanal Jaza.

Al Hilal presents...



# 100 Years of Khilafat



### Issue Theme:

The 5th Khalifa & A Guide to Qadian - Deadline: [ 9/15/08 ]

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## Khilafat Centenary Translation Project—Orhni Waliyon Kay Liyay Phool, Volumes I and II

Alhamdulillah! In accordance with the Khilafat Centenary directive from Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> to Lajna USA, a dedicated team led by Sadiqa Mian Hafeez have successfully translated all the sermons that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup> addressed to women in his life time. The translations were sent to Respected Ameer Sahib, who asked Brother Naseer Ahmad Sayed Sahib of North Carolina to review them again. According to his letter, "...the translation is of good standard. The language used is simple and easy to understand. Effort has been made to use prevalent English idioms while remaining true to the message being conveyed." He has recommended that the translations merit printing.

These two English Volumes of translated works have been sent to London by Respected Ameer Sahib with a recommendation that they be printed. May Allah bless the Lajna Translation Team for their hard work, sincere effort and dedicated perseverance, Ameen.

## Do you know a Graphic Designer or Web Developer with a passion for humanity?



### Humanity First

The Humanity First USA IT team is looking for Web Programmers & Graphic Designers willing to dedicate 5-10 hours per week to work both domestically and internationally. The only requirements are a passion for humanity and experience in the field. We are looking for Web Developers and Web/Print Designers.

**If interested, please email the [itteamusa@humanityfirst.org](mailto:itteamusa@humanityfirst.org)**

## Faith Affirmed

In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Ahmadiyya Khalifat, "Faith Affirmed", a compilation of testimonials by women in America who accepted Ahmadiyyat Islam, has come to fruition. This book is for those readers who were born Muslims and need to be reminded of the beauties that Islamic philosophy holds for them. This book is for readers who are searching for religion and a means to ameliorate their stressful lives. This book is a source of inspiration, motivation and guidance for countless readers searching for God.



The cost of the book is \$3.00. For book orders please contact Sister Tahmeeda Ahmed, National Books Secretary, at [nslajnabooks@yahoo.com](mailto:nslajnabooks@yahoo.com).

# Mark your Calendars



Department	Send to	Deadlines
Childrens' KK Collection (for Eid)	Sister Najmi Azam	September 10 <sup>th</sup>
Budget Report and Finance Income Report	Sister Booshra Ahmad/Najmi Azam	September 30 <sup>th</sup>
Lajna Monthly Reports	<a href="mailto:SendReports@aol.com">SendReports@aol.com</a> and Regional President	10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month
Nasirat Monthly Reports	<a href="mailto:nsnasiratreporting@yahoo.com">nsnasiratreporting@yahoo.com</a> and Regional President	10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month
Shura Registrations	follow the link provided in approval notification	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
Local Lajna Elections	<a href="http://www.ahmadiyya.us/lajna">http://www.ahmadiyya.us/lajna</a>	November 1 <sup>st</sup> —30 <sup>th</sup>

## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ☞ Respected Huzoor<sup>aba</sup> & his family
- ☞ Respected Ameer Sahib & his family
- ☞ Respected Sadr Sahiba & her family
- ☞ Sister Salma Ghani & her family
- ☞ Sister Fouzia Ahmad & her family
- ☞ Sister Halima Latif & her family
- ☞ Sister Samina Mansoor
- ☞ Sister Naimah Ahmad and her family
- ☞ Sister Safia Saeed and her family
- ☞ Naeema Latif and her family
- ☞ Sister Tahira Khalid and her family
- ☞ Sister Shamshad Malik and her family
- ☞ Sister Baseer Zubair and her family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Births

- ☞ Sister Amna Kaleem (DC) was blessed with a daughter, Mahida Kaleem
- ☞ Sister Zahida & Mansoor Ahmad (DC) were blessed with a son, Ibrahim Ahmad
- ☞ Sister Ayesha & Parvaiz Iqbal (Cypress Houston) were blessed with a son
- ☞ Sister Sarah Ahmad (LA East) was blessed with a daughter, Eiliyah Mahum Ahmad
- ☞ Sister Shazia Khan & Arshad Farooq (LA Inland Empire) were blessed with a daughter, Brishna Khan
- ☞ Sister Maryam Laeeq (Austin) was blessed with a son, Ismail Laeeq



### Achievements

- ☞ Sister Nargis Latif's son and sister Camilla Latif's husband, Adrees Latif was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in photography
- ☞ Sister Mariam Rahman (LA East) received a bachelor degree
- ☞ Sister Sara Malik (LA East) received a bachelor degree
- ☞ Sister Sabiha Khan (LA East) received a PhD degree
- ☞ Ramlah Malhi scored a 4.09 GPA in 10<sup>th</sup> grade in Mount Diablo Highschool Concord CA. She has been awarded English, Spanish and GPA Awards and has also been selected as the general secretary of the student body.

## EDITOR'S DESK

Lajna Matters has enjoyed more than 7 years of publication. It has become a regular quarterly publication and has evolved through many changes based on the needs of the moment. MashaAllah, due to the amazing growth we have seen within Lajna Imaillah-USA, we have tried to come up with more efficient ways to provide you with a snapshot of what is happening around the country. We hope that you will enjoy reading the newsletter. Your feedback and input are greatly appreciated.

The Lajna Matters team would like to thank all of you who have sent timely announcements for this issue. We look forward to **your contributions and feedback** for the January 2009 issue by December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to [lajnamatters@yahoo.com](mailto:lajnamatters@yahoo.com).

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## "I will give precedence to my faith above all worldly objects"

### RAMADHAN

*"O ye who believe! fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed to those before you, so that you may become righteous." (2:183)*

Attaining righteousness should be the foremost desire and aim of a Muslim, and especially the aim for us, Lajna Imaillah, Maidservants of AllahH. We have accepted the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and have pledged at the hands of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup>. So through self-analysis we should always be aware of our shortcomings and weaknesses; and at the same time, we should be ever anxious to overcome them and to make constant progress towards our cherished goal of righteousness and self-purification. We should never be satisfied with our present spiritual condition.

Abstention from food and water will not serve any spiritual value unless the spirit of fasting is present in our hearts. Ramadhan brings wonderful opportunities for making spiritual progress. Just as a climber cannot expect to reach the summit of a mountain in one stride, nor can we, servants of Allah, expect to attain spiritual purification in one stretch of fasting. We cannot attain the rank of righteousness in one jump but it is possible to attain this goal of purification by moving from stage to stage, goal to goal, within our comfortable reach. Some ways from which we can benefit during Ramadhan are:

1. Read a portion of the Holy Qur'an daily to fill our minds with its Divine and Holy Truths
2. Strict observance of daily prayers with greater fervor and emotion, as God has said that during this Holy month He answers prayers more than ever.
3. Guard our tongue very carefully against backbiting, rudeness and any kind of unpleasant behavior
4. While fasting we are more able to relate with one's less fortunate who are suffering with lack of food and even starvation. We need to help them generously, and we will also be helping ourselves with a feeling of gratefulness and be able extend heartfelt thanks to God for the good fortune we enjoy. A kind word, good deed, helping hand, tenderness, sympathy, cheerfulness, and friendliness are also acts of charity. Charity is the noblest employment and it is righteousness in action.
5. Avoidance of Sins—Sin is the violation of a commandment of God and usually caused by submitting to temptation; and fasting strengthens us in self control and self-restraint which one is able to apply in resisting temptations when they arise.