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# Bait-uz-Zafar Envoy

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#### DECEMBER 2016

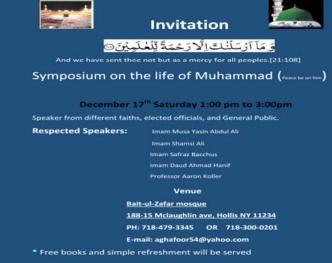
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December 10th Saturday-Khuddam/Atfal Bowling trip after Tahir Academy December 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday–Toy Drive ends December 17th: Saturday-Seerat-un-Nabi Jalsa in Bait-uz-Zafar @ 1:00pm December 18<sup>th</sup>: Sunday @ 9am-Soup Kitchen in Masbia Brooklyn soup kitchen December 18th: Sunday @ 11am-Talim-ul-Qur'an Conference in Bait-uz-Zafar December 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>- West Coast Jalsa USA December 31<sup>st</sup> @3pm– True Islam flyer distribution in Time Square December 31<sup>st</sup> @7pm- Atfal/Khuddam sleepover in Bait-uz-Zafar January 1<sup>st</sup> @5:30am – Tahajjat Prayer followed by Fajr and breakfast in Bait-uz-Zafar January 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday @11am- Auxiliary Meetings in Bait-uz-Zafar January 8th Sunday @11am- Lajna Meena Bazaar in Bait-uz-Zafar Thursdays 7:30pm - Coffee, Cake, & Islam

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**Everyone is welcome!** 

# Khuddam News:

#### Tree Planting:

On Nov 19th Saturday on a bright warm sunny day 10 khudam and 10 Lajna members from Queen joined 15 other khudam and atfal of NY metro region in taking part in the NYC tree planting event at Palham Bay park in Bronx for several hours from 9am to 1pm.

Alhamdulliah the group consisted of over 30 participants and panted over 700 trees that helped make NYC a more Greener place to live for generations to come.

The event was hosted by the NYC parks Stewardship Outreach in Forestry, Horticulture & Natural Resources.

Our Queens Youth also took part in similar tree panting event in the previous month in obedience to the call of their beloved khalifa for the khudam of USA to get directly involve with social activities such as blood drive, charity walkathon, tree planting and similar events that help all of humanity and make our earth more greener. Jazakallah to all volunteers for giving their valuable time and showing great enthusiasm for such programs.

- I. Khuddam met with the new chief of Police and other officers on December 6th 2016 in the Queens precinct.
- 2. Alhamdulillah Khuddam are adopting 2 major highways, one right next to masjid, and one near masjid where khuddam clean the highway twice a month.
- 3. khuddam collected over 10 bags of clothes and donated to the New York Army Salvation
- 4. Khuddam cleaned the masjid office after renovation
- 5. Khuddam meeting was held first Sunday's of the month where talim, Tarbiyyat, and Friday sermons of Huzur (aba) were discussed.
- 6. Khuddam initiated a toy drive where the toys will be donated to local post office for holiday collection
- 7. khuddam participated in the national Humanity First Telethon
- 8. 10 khuddam from Queens drove to Chicago for the national Majlis-e-Shura on October 30th—November 2nd 2016
- 9. Aslam Ali sahib has been appointed as the Qaid Queens to serve the next two years inshallah.
- 10. Queens local Amila for 2016-2017 was also formed and submitted
- II. Aslam Ali sahib also has been appointed to serve as the NY Metro regional Qaid for 2016-2017.
- 12. More than 9 Queens Atfal were accompanied by khuddam to the International Masroor Sports Tournament (MIST) on Nov 25-26 2016 to participate in Basketball tournament.
- 13. Queens Khuddam received a plaque for our late president, Nazir Ayaz sb as the founding father of the MIST, back in 2003.
- 14. Khuddam visited the Washington Memorial graveyard
- 15. December 31st, there will be flyer distribution, sleepover in masjid, and tahajjat prayer coordinated by MKA Queens

#### <u>Birth:</u>

By the grace of God, our Queens General Secretary Ahmad Goraya Sahib and his wife Sofia Bajwa Sahiba were blessed with the birth of their second child, a daughter. May Allah bless the new parents and their child.

#### Marriage:

Mubarak Ali Ahmad Sahib, son of Basharat Ahmad Sahib was married to Faiza Ahmad Sahiba, daughter of Naveed Malik Sahib this past month. May Allah bless this union and the new couple, Inshallah.

#### Tahir Academy

Tahir Academy classes will resume as scheduled for this month. Class begins at 9:30 am every Saturday and all students are expected to arrive on time and prepared for their lessons.

#### New Year's Day Tahajjud Prayer

Tahajjud prayers will be held at Bait-uz-Zafar on January I<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 AM. We hope that all members attend with their families to ring in the New Year with the blessings of Allah, Inshallah



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## Lajna Reports:

#### Tree Planting in Pelham Bay Park:

On November 19, 2016, 10 Lajna members from Queens Jama'at volunteered to plant trees at Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx. Upon registering with the Parks Department, the Lajna members were given gloves and shovels and were led to the planting location along with volunteers from various groups and organizations. After an orientation by the group leaders, the Lajna worked together to pull out old roots and plant the trees into premade holes in their designated field. In under two hours, the Lajna managed to plant at least 150 Rose bushes and Maple tree saplings in the area. Upon completing their work, the volunteers were provided with lunch courtesy of the NYC Parks Department. The volunteering trip was successful as the Lajna were able to enjoy a nice outing while also giving back to the environment and the city. Inshallah we will have more opportunities to give back to our community in the future.

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#### Lajna Meeting:

ajna meeting was held n the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 016. The meeting arted off with tilawat hat was read by Marim Ghafoor sahiba. It followed by as hadith which was ead by Nila Ahmad hiba. Pledge was then d by sadr sahiba. azm was recited by Iaham sahiba. It was ollowed by a group iscussion led by ehmina Rafeeq saba (taleem secretary) oout what do people ink about Halloween nd what is the philosphy behind not celerating Halloween. his was based on lazoor's (aba) Friday ermongiven on Octoer 29 2010 about ow God has sent the

Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) to safeguard Islam from shirk and harmful innovations. The first condition of ba'ait says Almighty Allah Will Not Forgive Shirk. Hazoor (aba) said it should always be remembered that anything done in the name of fun that is based on shirk is to be avoided. Some ahmadis let their children participate in this without giving any thought to its origin. To conclude the taleem programme Afsheen Hadi sahiba, Ismat Mangla sahiba, Sadaf sahiba and other sisters did a presentation. It was followed by tarbiyyati programme conducted by Farah Ahmad sahiba on the 9<sup>th</sup> condition of bai'at as to what it means and refers to. Hazoor (aba) said one should have a sympathetic and caring approach towards all mankind, regardless of religion etc and that it is considered unfavorable when someone only gives sympathy and kindness to their own people. Hazoor<sup>aba</sup> expressed that a person should try and ease the pain and suffering of a Muslim brother, to extend a helping hand to them in time of need and to cover their faults this will surely carry a huge reward from Allah. These are the rights of mankind and if one fulfills them then one gains the grace and blessings of Allah. By the grace of Allah there was some new ba'aits. We welcome sister Kathryn Giannelli and sister Ruksana Kirmani to the Jama'at.

## Tabligh Report- November:

<u>Coffee Cake in Islam</u> – Maintaining our weekly regimen of coffee, cake, and a dash of food-for-thought every Thursday's between 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Our Tabligh department has been actively reaching out the students of various colleges citywide (Queen's College, Saint John's University, York College, etc..) to gauge interest and invite anyone interested. We closed this month with a notable highlight – A journalist from Columbia University joined us on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for a interview. Respected Regional Qaid, Salaam Bhatti Sb. devoted his time to help answer any questions and detailed the 11 points of True Islam campaign for our guest, she then proceeded to film a documentary during Salat to conclude.

<u>Thanksgiving</u> – On Wednesday the  $23^{rd}$ , respected Asad Bajwah Sb. arranged a special Thanksgiving/ Tabligh event at the Lutheran Church (near Bait-uz-Zafar) where the Tabligh members invited each and every participant of the event individually to join us at our Coffee Cake in Islam weekly program.

<u>Temple Tikvah</u> (New Hyde Park) – The Jama'at was invited to a separate Thanksgiving program hosted by the Temple's Event Coordination leaders. Respected Ahmad Mubarak Sb. attended on behalf of the Jama'at where he delivered marvelous introduction to Surah Al-Fatihah through recitation, translation and commentary.

## Property Report:

In this month we actually had a lot of big accomplishments that we completed over the course one month and 5 days. The month started off with our basement tiles. We have replaced our old tiles with newly purchased tiles installed with the help of our Jama'at members. The second task we had was the do-over of our parking lot . As you can see the parking lot has been fully renovated with clearer parking lanes and the addition of speed bumps for the safety of our jamaat members. This project was given to a outside contracted over seen by our property secretary Saab. Our next task consisted of a leaked on the kitchen sink . One of our pipes had leaked but this issue was given immediate attention and resolved quick. The biggest task we had this month had to be out heating system. This matter took a lot of time and effort to ensure that our facility had a fully functioning heating system for the comfort of our Jama'at members. By the grace of god we have successfully completed all these task. All this would not be possible without the help of our voluntary Member please remember them in your prayers. Special thanks to Reaz Saab for assisting in all of these tasks please remember him in your prayers .

## Tarbiyyat Report:

I) All members regardless of age and gender have been approached to convey them with the directives of Huzur (aba), National and local.

2) Saturday Tahir school is on with its focus on Tarbiyyat basically for both Waqf-e- Nau and other students.

3) Dars from Tafseer e kabeer is given on every Wednesdays after Isha.

4) There are points to ponder bringing to the member's notice in Friday sermons about listening to Huzur's (aba) sermon regularly.

5) Every effort is being carried out to increase the turn out at salats.

## Amoor-e-Ama Report:

- I. Clothing drive was held.
- 2. About 25 Khuddam and Ansar participated in tree plantation.
- 3. Two members volunteered for feed the hungry
- 4. Visited and called three sick members.

## Tehrik-e-Jadid Report:

Tehrik-e-Jadid ended on 31st October total collection is \$32,391.50. we have collected over a \$1,000 more than last year.

## Agriculture Report:

Inside and outside of the Masjid, we always take care of plants by cleaning up & giving water. Also 10 holes were dug for Evergreen tree and were planted.

## Waqfe Nau Report- November:

- I. For the last two months we have tried to keep in touch with all waqfenau and tried to involve them in all jama'at and auxiliary activities.
- 2. In those months every Saturday we have Tahir class and we try to follow most of the waqfenau syllabus in Tahir Academy and also every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month we hold Waqnenau class separately.

## Audio / Video Report- November:

- I. Setup new Security Systems with Cameras in the Security room
- 2. Setup library as a video conference room & meetings display
- 3. Install and Config New High End TV with New Apple TV
- 4. Setup Computer with New TV to display Conference meetings, Show presentation PowerPoint, Video, MTA, Sermons, etc.
- 5. Existing security Cameras Systems in the audio video up and running just need to fine tune
- 6. Purchase New Video Hub to display and record program and Function
- 7. New Config to re-setup MTA in Men Hall, Lanjna Hall, Main Hall and Library Room
- 8. Inventory of Audio Video Equipment's parts and all accessories
- 9. Setup Computer for Tahir class
- 10. All TV configuration for any event including MTA
- 11. Audio Upgrade to Eid coverage

## Waqfe Jadid Report:

Dear brothers, sisters and children I humbly remind everyone that the Waqfe Jadid year is coming to an end and we are behind in our promises that we have made. I urge everyone to participate. We all need to remember that by participating in the blessed Waqfe Jadid Scheme our wealth increases and the reward is so great that Allah The Almighty increases it up to 700 times and in some cases even more. So my dear don't be left behind.

## Ansar Report- November:

This month majlis monthly meeting was held on Sunday October 2 at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme for this month meeting was"**Being attentive to the Moral training of our Chlidren?** "The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mahmood Ahmad Bhutta sahib from Chapter 20 Verse 133. Ansar Pledge was recited by Mohammad Belal Ahmed sahib. The discussion of tarbiyyat exercise was started by Zaeem sahib and followed by Mirza Ghulam Rabbi sahib and Shazad Latif sahib relating to the guideline describes in the taleem and tarbiyyat exercise book, the various saying of the promised messiah (AS) and his Khulfa's. Ahmad Mubarak sahib discussed the health topic about "Healthy Vision" and answered questions from the majlis members. Zaeem sahib also related about the Majlis Nasarullah Ijtema, how a record number of 45 members attended the Ijtema and encouraged members to plan to attend Ijtema next years.

Zaeem sahib reminded members about Listening to Hazoor khutba every week, Offering congregational salat at the mosque as much as possible, Recitation of Holy Quran every day of the week, Keep optional fast every Thursday, Exercise daily, Reading this month book of Promised Messiah (as).

#### Priories for this year:

Ansar praying congregational salat most of the days at mosque or at home.

Reciting Holy Quran every day.

#### Medical services

If you need to contact an Ahmadi doctor about medical treatment please call 716-800-1889.

#### Feed the hungry program:

During the month of October, 2 Ansar members volunteered for Feed the Hungry program at SNAP Center. SNAP is a social services agency providing for the needs of the senior citizens residing in the borough of Queens. Along with other services they are delivering 2700 meals a month. I2 man hours were spent.



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## Waqfe Nau Report- September & October:

- 1. For the last two months we have tried to keep in touch with all waqfenau and tried to involve them in all Jama'at and auxiliary activities.
- 2. Three of our Waqfenau (Munib Iqbal, Danial Mahmood and Mahir Mahmood) joined Jamia Canada the day after Eid. Requested prayer for them.
- 3. In the month of September Queens Jama'at started the Tahir Academy the national added most of the Waqfenau syllabus in Tahir Academy InshaAllah also every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month we hold Waqfenau class separately.

## Ansar Report- September & October:

This month majlis monthly meeting was held on Sunday July 10 at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme for this month meeting was **"Topic Qaule Sadeed (the right word)?"** The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Mohammad Afzal sahib from Chapter 33 Verse 71-72. Ansar Pledge was recited by Zaeem sahib. The discussion of Tarbiyyat exercise was started by Zaeem sahib and followed by Nazim Aala Arshad Janjua relating to the guideline describes in the taleem and Tarbiyyat exercise book, the various saying of the promised messiah (AS) and his Khulafa's . Nazim sahib spoke about the topic "Quale Sadeed" and relayed Hadith of Prophet Mohammad (SAW). He also discussed the about how the majlis Ansarullah works and what need to be done to bring inactive members into the fold of meetings and other Jamaat activity to save the families. Attah Alahassan sahib discussed the health topic about "Hearing Loss" and answered questions from the majlis members. Zaeem sahib reminded members that they should make sure to listen to Hazur khutba every week; also reminded about the majlis chanda as well as Tahrik-jadid & Waqf a jaded.

Regional Nazim sahib reminded the majlis members the majlis Ansarullah USA priorities for this year and emphasis on:

- I. Listening to Huzur (aba) khutba every week
- 2. Offering congregational salat at the mosque as much as possible.
- 3. Recitation of Holy Quran every day of the week.
- 4. Keep optional fast every Thursday.
- 5. Exercise daily.

Reading this month book of Promised Messiah (AS) "Eik Issaee Key teen sawalat aur un kay jawabat" or "3-questions-bya-Christian"

#### Priories for this year:

- I. Ansar praying congregational salat most of the days at mosque or at home.
- 2. Reciting Holy Quran every day.

Participating in National Ansar Ijtema in September 23-25 at Bait-ur-Rahman MD.

#### Ansarullah National Ijtema:

By the grace of God 45 members from NY majlis attended the National Ijtema at Bait-ur-Rahman. This was a record attendance at the national Ijtema by the NY majlis. At the Ijtema, Zaeem sahib NY majlis was honored to preside over an Ijtema session on Saturday. One nasir won the second prize in Horse shoe competition. On Sunday we listened to Huzur (aba) address live at the Ijtema. Mohammed Zaman sahib, Nasar Ahmed sahib and Asad Bajwa sahib drove two rental vans to Ijtema. All those who participated in Ijtema enjoyed very much and we request that all those who could not attend this year should plan to attend next year Ijtema and get the blessing of Ijtema in person.

# Obituary:

Mother of Basharat Mahmood and Ghulam Ahmad of Jackson Hts passed away in Rabwah Pakistan. She was 86. And also Was Aunt of Abdul Hamid Ahmad of Al Naimat Restaurant.

#### أنا لله و أنا اليه راجيعون

Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

May Allah The Almighty elevate the status' of the deceased in paradise and grant Patience to their family members to bear their loss. May Allah grant the deceased a high status in Paradise. Ameen.

## Wasiyyat Report- September, October, & November:

- I. Announcements were made for Schedule C every month
- 2. 15 completed Schedule C's submitted to national secretary Wassaya in person
- 3. 2 additional Schedule C's submitted to national secretary in November
- 4. 2 assistant secretaries submitted for approval
- 5. obtained a list of A class Chanda payers and reaching out to them for signing up for Wasiyaat.

## Tabligh Report- September & October:

Sept. II - Blood Drive – By the Grace of Allah Almighty, we hosted our annual blood drive at Bait-uz-Zafar in loving memory of all 9/11 victims- in cooperation with the New York Blood Center. We welcomed 36 registrants and collected 22 pints of blood in total with Guest donations outnumbering Member donations for the first time.

**2016 - Coffee Cake & True Islam** – This year, our National Tabligh Department has launched a new Tabligh initiative named "Coffee Cake & True Islam". The program invites people of all race, age, religion and gender to join us for an informal get-together to enjoy snacks, network and/or answer any questions anyone may have with regards to Islam – the event hosts a very light and enjoyable atmosphere.

We've been distributing flyers promoting through-out the metro area in all public places including big chain stores in promotion of this hour-long program which is scheduled to be held every Thursday evening between 7:30 - 8:30 pm at Bait-uz-Zafar along with other mosques across the nation – InshAllah.

We have successfully held 3 events thus far and entertained 3 new (non-Ahmadi) guests to whom we gave a brief introduction and noted the *true* teachings of Islam.

We are making a humble and earnest request to all members for their help by participating in this national program and bring along some friends and/or co-workers. Being this a very informal friendly social gathering, business men may happily join just for networking and your friends may wish to come simply for the company or chit-chat about the day. Please contact our respected Tabligh Secretary – Abdul Ghafoor, Sb. if you or anyone you know may need help with transportation to and/or from the event.

Lastly, we wish to extend special thanks to MKA Qaid - Aslam Ali, Sb. and Ghulam Rabbi, Sb. for their exceptional help in making this a successful event.

# Lajna Meeting—September:

This month's General Lajna meeting was held on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Bait-uz-Zafar. The meeting began with Tilawat recited by Aleena Ahmad followed by a Hadith recited by Bariah Ahmad. This was followed by a beautiful nazm recited by Shaiza Mansoor. The first presentation was led by Tahmina Rafiq on the Taleem topic of the Roles and Responsibilities of Office Holders in Lajna Imaillah. She went over the many different roles of Lajna office holders and described the various responsibilities they held. She also mentioned that local Lajna members who are not office holders have the important responsibility of following the directives discussed in their meetings. Next, the Tarbiyyat presentation was led by Farah Ahmad on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Conditions of Ba'ait. She emphasized that we should give precedence to faith over worldly matters. The meeting then concluded with announcements and silent prayer.

## Audio / Video Report- September & October:

#### Accomplished

- Eid Audio & Video setup broadcast live on projector for Lajna (Again we barrowed I standalone Camera I handheld Cameras )
- 2. Setup new Security Systems with Cameras in the Security room
- 3. CC TV camera repairing and configuring power supply and re setting up the systems working together with Umoomi
- 4. Existing security Cameras Systems in the audio video up and running just need to fine tune

#### In Progress

- I. A/V team building
- 2. New Configuration to re-setup MTA in Men Hall, Lajna Hall, Main Hall and Library Room
- 3. Inventory of Audio Video Equipment's parts and all accessories.