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UPCOMING EVENTS

We pray that this coming year brings all of us a **Happy New Year** and may Allah make this year a source of blessings and peace for all of us Inshallah and Amin

Jan 1 5:15 am Tahajjat prayers followed by Fajr and breakfast.

Jan 6th and Feb 3rd Sunday at 11:00 am Lajna and Ansar Meetings

Jan 4th and Feb 1 Friday 7:30 pm Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Meeting

Jan 13th Sunday 10:45am Regional Tarbiyyat / Talim Seminar at Baitul Zafar.

Tahir School classes every Saturday 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th @ 9:30 am

Gym every Sunday at 1:00 pm starts with zuhr prayer

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New York Jama'at wishes everyone a Blessed New Year

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year. The new year 2008 is a blessed and historic year for us Ahmadi Muslims as it is the year that we will witness 100 years of Khilafat. It is going to go into history and we will witness it and some of us will relate it to generations to come. So let us be part of it and enjoy the celebrations of Khilafat year and get utmost blessings from it. May Allah bring great joys to all of us and to our loved ones. May Allah enable us to achieve our all noble objectives in 2008, may it be individual or Jama'at.

Eid-ul-Adhia Celebration



Alhamdulillah by the grace of Allah, Eid-ul-Adhia prayer took place in Bait-ul-Zafar on December 20th, around 10:30am. Murabbi Inamul Huq Kauser sahib led the Eid Prayer and sermon where over 625 members listened to the story of prophet Abraham (as) and the sacrifice he and his wife Hagar made in the cause of Allah. Members included men, women, and children. The weather favored the day as it was sunny though temperature was in the lower 30's.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

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2008 Calendar with it's theme focused on Khilafat

The beautiful Jamaat calendar is out with the theme on Khilafat. This year there are no advertisements and that gave more space to the calendar contents. The first reaction is that it looks beautiful. Please make this a gift for your friends. We printed fewer copies than usual and so please go for it before we run out. The calendar is distributed to local elected officials, Some U.N diplomats, clergy, and to our Jama'ats in Canada, Germany, UK including Huzur (aba), Tanzania, Nigeria, Ghana, Indonesia, Bangladesh, and of course it is on sale at www.alislam.org book store. It is only \$1.00 plus postage if applicable.

Ansar Monthly Report

The monthly Ansar general meeting was held after the Jamaat general elections. More than 35 members attended the meeting, and Imam Kauser sahib was also present. After recitation of the Holy Qur'an, poem, and Hadith, an essay was read which entitled, Mirror Mirror on the Wall, which explains that a Muslim is a mirror for another Muslim and we should strive to reflect our image to others. Zaeem sahib requested all Ansar to attend Tahajud Prayer on New Years eve at Bait-ul-Zafar because the Next year is the Jubilee year and we should all start the year with the prayers for the success of Islam and Ahmadiyyat in the world.

RICHMOND HILL HULQA NEWS

December Halqa Meeting was held on the 15th. Recitation of Holy Qur'an was done by sister Fizeen. Sister Sherina read from "Our Teaching" page 24 to 41, Sister Farkhanda gave a detailed explanation followed by a Question and Answer session. The meeting closed with prayer. Brother Nasir reminded all of their Waqfi Jadid pledge, their 2008 budget and their K.C.C. Fund. President Ayaz sahib made the closing remarks and reminded everyone of all upcoming programs. Some sweets were shared at the end.

By: Nasir Bacchus

Tabligh

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- A Rabbi from the neighborhood temple came to Baitul Zafar and discussed Islam and its teachings with Imam Kauser sahib.
- Members from local board Jewish Temple visited Baitul Zafar where Koshered dinner was served and Imam Kauser sahib answered an hour long questions. They were about thirty of them. Most of them felt that their misconception about Islam were satisfactorily answered and found themselves better knowledgeable about Islam particularly the Islam that Ahmadiyya Jama'at presented it to them.
- Ghulam Rabbi is leading the mission on tabligh work for the Bengali Non-Ahmadi population of Queens, NY. He is receiving phone calls from Bangali people from the newspaper ad. A meeting is scheduled to be held end of this month.
- People that we keep a constant contact with have been given calendars for the year of 2008. This includes various Churches, Rabbis, Pastors, as well as Imams for different Mosques
- We approached a Catholic Church in regards to the death of Jesus Christ (AS). They were very interested and have requested more information on the outlook of Islam and Ahmadiyyat in regards to this topic. That being said, we gave them a copy of the the BBC documentary in regards to Jesus' death,

as well as other books and various quotations form the Holy Quran in regards to this.

- Nadir Mahmood Has contacted various Colleges and Universities in the New York City area in regards to what topics, if any, they would like to choose for holding Interfaith Symposiums.
- Qazi Mubarak Ahmed Sahib gifted two copies of the Holy Quran to non-Muslims
- Taqwa and other books are being mailed out to various people
- A man of Spanish decent is being preached to by Nasir Baccus Sahib and is very close to accepting Ahmadiyyat. Please pray that this may be successful and also please pray for Nasir Bous Sb so he may continue to do good works in the way of Islam and Ahmadiyyat

By the grace of Allah, the year of 2007 has come and gone. Please take some time to stop and think and ask yourselves how much you have done for Islam and Ahmadiyyat. It is humbly requested to make a resolution for the new and blessed year of 2008 that you may, at least, convey the message of Islam and moreover the message of Ahmadiyyat to one person. Surely, Allah is with those who compete in good works. Allah has given us all sources and means to convey the message of Islam, however we are not taking advantage of it.

Compiled by: A. Ghafoor, Sec. Tabligh

Howard Beach Hulqa News

Our December Hulqa meeting was held on Dec 23rd, Sunday. It was hosted by Nadeem Ahmed. This month's meeting was incorporated into a Eid Milan Party. All the members showed up and enjoyed the hospitality and delicious food cooked by Nadeem Ahmed family and Reaz Rahman family.

Compiled by: Reaz Rahman

Public Relations Update

Naib Amir Zinda Bajwa Sahib has requested everyone in Eid-ul-Adhia prayer to pray for the Ahmadis in Indonesia as there was a series of attack that were carried out on the Ahmadis there right before Eid. Bajwa sahib also urged members to protest through pen to US delegates and make them aware of the continuous persecution of Ahmadis in Indonesia.

Talim

Tahir classes were off on December 22nd due to Eid Holidays and on return had their end of semester exams. Report cards will be sent early in January, Inshallah.

Let us make a point to attend on time the upcoming seminar on Khilafat that will be conducted by National Talim and Tarbiyyat secretaries. It will surely benefit all men and women and youths of our Jama'at. Let us come on time as our guests coming out of town do not feel left out.

Finance

Annual Budget for the year July 2008 to June 2009 was being taken towards the end of 2008 and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter. As this newsletter is being compiled, the figures show considerable increase in chandaam budget. May Allah reward you in abundance.

By: Naseem Bajwa

Tarbiyyat

All members are requested to come say at least one prayer in congregation preferably at the Mosque. Let us make a routine in new year to visit more often to Baitul Zafar along with our family members and say a prayer or two in congregation. Lets start the new year, the new day by offering Tahajjat prayer in Masjid and may this be our spiritual boost. Amin.

By: Sultan Sandhu

Waqf-e-Jadid Report

Masha Allah, Queens Jamat's total contribution for Waqfe Jadid for the year 2007 is \$32,993, compared to \$30,642 contributed in 2006. Please pray for the following families who contributed over \$1000:

1. Ghulam Rabbi Ahmed
2. Ahmad Nawaz Chaudhry
3. Mohsin Mahmood
4. Mahmood Ahmad
5. Abdul Hameed Ahmad, and
6. Salamat Majeed

May Allah reward them and blessed every members who has contributed to this scheme.

Jazakumullah Khairan

Fasasi Sanusi, Secretary Waqfe Jadid

Khilafat Centenary Books for sale

In connection with the Khilafat Centenary Celebration 2008, members of Queens Jama'at are requested to purchase 11 books that has been prescribed by the Center (Markaz). All these 11 books discusses the second manifestation of God, which is Khilafat. The followings 11 books can be purchased from local bookstore:

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| 1. Al-Wasiyyat | 6. With Love to the Muslims of the World |
| 2. Asmani Faisela | 7. A Message of Peace and a Word of Warning |
| 3. Nishan-e-Aasmani | 8. Message of Love and Brotherhood to Africa |
| 4. Tajalliyat-e-Ilahiyya | 9. Was Ahmadiyya Jama'at planted by the British? |
| 5. Essence of Ilma, vol. IV | 10. Nur-ud-Din |
| 11. The Truth about the Alleged Punishment of Apostasy in Islam | |

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

A Book Catalog has been compiled to check the complete list of books in various topics & languages that are available for purchase. It can be found in Masjid's lobby

Announcement from Al Islam / International Publications Department

Alhamdulillah, Al Islam online bookstore is continuing to sell books on www.amazon.com successfully by the grace of Allah. There was one orders in the month of November and one in the month of December. 2 copies of the Holy Qur'an with English short commentary, 1 copy of Jesus in India, and 1 copy of Life of Muhammad were sold.

Al Islam online bookstore received 42 orders for the month of November, 43 orders for the month of December so far, and added 6 new books on Al Islam store.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam
Secretary Publications

New Holy Qur'an for Sale!

The new version of the Arabic Text and English Translation Holy Qur'an is now available; translated by Maulawi Sher Ali sahib.

This version is published with alternative translation of, and footnotes to, some of the verses by HADRAT MIRZA TAHIR AHMAD, Fourth Successor of the Promised Messiah.

This current version was published under the auspices of HADRAT MIRZA

MASROOR AHMAD, Fifth Successor of the Promised Messiah and Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at. The price is only \$15. The bookstore is open after Jumma and also on Saturday from 9am-12pm. You can also email: queenspublications@yahoo.com

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

Mohsin sahib and sister Fatimah are humbly requesting all Members to make an effort whatever is in their capacity to contribute for the Mosque Fund. The need for a new Mosque is a crying need and we need your contributions to make this happen!



2007 Qaideen Refresher Course



Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, USA held the Annual Qaideen Refresher Course (QRC) this year in Bait-us-Samee Mosque, Houston, Texas from November 16-18, 2007. The setting and weather was very much favorable in this faith inspiring event. The host Majlis this year was of course Houston. Overall attendance of 179 members of Qaideen, Local, Regional, and National Amila members participated from all over the country, from New York to Los Angeles, Charlotte to Seat-

tle. Five members from New York Jama'at participated this year and they were Kashif Chaudhry, Ahmed Chaudhry, Asad Bajwa, Qaid Queens, Mohammed Zaman, and Shoeb Abulkalam. Rizwan Alladin, Naib Sadr MKA USA from Long Island Jama'at, Mohammed Farukee, Qaid Brooklyn, and Tahir Gulzar, Qaid Bronx also attended from New York.

Bait-us-Samee was an excellent venue to host the event simply because there was ample space for the variety of sessions. The program commenced with an in-person National Amila meeting with Respected Sadr Sahib. Key points from the meeting included an annual review of Majalis activities, discussion of next year's department plans and beloved Hazoor (aba)'s feedback for the Majlis as a whole. The next day began with collective Tahajjud followed by an ardent dars about the need for Khuddam to embrace obstacles and overcome them by special guest Sadr Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Nigeria, Dr Saheed Timehim Sahib. After breakfast the opening session started with an interactive session where participants mentioned and wrote down the challenges they face as leaders of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA on board. This session afforded participants the unique opportunity to control the focus and direction of the QRC. Following the opening session, Muhtamim Atfal, Imran Hayee Sahib, spoke about the importance of Majlis Atfal-ul-



Opening remarks by Dr. Faheem Younus Qureshi, Sadr MKA, USA



Bait-us-Samee Mosque, Houston, Texas

Ahmadiyya as a separate auxiliary of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya. His team reviewed the annual progress of Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA and explained the goals for next year. Next, participants benefited from an hour of "hands on help." The interactive session consisted of four different information booths - finance (ma'al), tajneed (census), website reporting, and Khilafat Centenary Celebration projects. After Zuhr and lunch, the next agenda was a special two-hour Resource Fair. As in previous

years, Muhtamimeen arranged attractive booths for their respective departments. Participants educated themselves about the various facets of Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya work. Following the Resource Fair, participants divided into Regions to discuss the goals for the coming year. After Asr Salat, participants benefited from two additional sessions. Naib Sadr, Rizwan Alladin Sahib, taught the new Qaideen the essential ingredients for being an effective Qaid. Following Isha, Houston Majlis provided a delicious Texan-style barbecue dinner for all participants which included beef briskets and spicy burgers followed by delicious pies, sweets, and ice cream.



Day 2 session inside Bait-us-Samee

During the third day, QRC's final session, Respected Sadr Sahib awarded Respected Ansar, Rashid Sahib and Abid Sahib the first ever Mufti Muhammad Sadiq Sahib Lifetime Commitment Awards. In addition, all Qaideen and outgoing Muhtamimeen received service awards, and Los Angeles East earned the top Majlis overall for Khidmat-e-Khalq, while Charlotte earned the award for the Majlis with the highest index score for Khidmat-e-Khalq. After the prize distribution, Respected Naib Ameer Jama'at, USA, Munum Naeem Sahib, spoke about the importance of staying committed to the cause of Ahmadiyyat. Respected Sadr Sahib concluded the QRC by reminding all participants of the value of trust. Sadr sahib mentioned that Qaideen must strive to maintain communications with Regional Qaideen, Muhtamimeen and Naib Sadran. Respected Naib Ameer Sahib closed the session with silent prayers.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

2008 Khilafat Celebration

The regional committee met at the Central New Jersey Mosque and went over the various centennial programs and budget under the chairmanship of Imam Kuaser sahib. It is requested that members should take May 27th off for the centennial Jubilee celebrations and for other events. Please follow the Jama'at calendar for all the events. If anyone of you would like to participate in speech, poem, tilawat for the regional meeting to be held in New Jersey in May, then please forward their names to Nazir Ayaz.

Check us on the web!

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Queens Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya 2007-2008 Amila Members

Qaid	Asad Bajwa
Naib Qaid	Khurram Bajwa
Mohtamid	Kashif Chaudhry
Amoor-e-Tulba	Amir Bhatti
Nazim Atfal	Reaz Rehman
Nazim Ishaat	Shoeb Abulkalam
Nazim Islah-o-Irshad	Abubakr Rana
Khidme Khalq	Ahmad Chaudhry
Maal	Imran Ahmad
Sanato Tijarat	Usman Sindhu
Sami Basri	Naved Saeed
Sehate Jismani	Kashif Chaudhry
Tajneed	Atiq Yasser
Talim	Shoeb Abulkalam
Tarbiyyat	Moeenuddin Saleem
Nua Mobaeen	Abubakr Rana
Tahrik Jadid	Nasir Bhuiyan
Umoomi	Mansoor Ahmad

2008 USA JALSA SALANA NEWS

2008 USA Jalsa Salana will take place at 2300 North Cameron Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The place is just off route 81. The dates of the Jalsa Salana are set for June 20th – 22nd as mentioned in our Jama'at calendar. This information is provided for you to plan ahead.



New York Jama'at Election

The re-scheduled election of the New York Jama'at was held on December 23rd under the supervision of Imam Inamul Huq Kauser sahib.

U.S.A. Amir Sahib visits New York Jama'at

In a beautiful sunny day of Sunday, December 9th, Amir Sahib visited New York Jama'at in Baitul Zafar. He started his talk from the sayings of the Promised Messiah^{as} that there is no distinction between the Promised Messiah^{as} and Holy Prophet Muhammad^{saw} and anyone who does make this distinction fails to understand him.

Amir Sahib then talked about the Khilafat Centenary, and he mentioned that the preparation begins from Jan 1 2008 with Tahajjat prayer. He emphasized on the need to coordinate programs, holding meetings to invite outsiders, mainly Non Muslim, non Ahmadis, so we can introduce them what is Khilafat -e-Ahmadiyyat. In Khilafat Ahmadiyyat, there is separation between church and state and this is a fundamental fact.

The topic of Al Wasiyyat was brought up by Amir sahib and he reminded all of us that the target is ½ chanda paying should be Musi in our Jama'at.

Amir sahib pointed out that chanda is used to measure the persons dedication to the Jama'at. If the person pays his chanda regularly then the person should be also offering five daily prayers, and he should also be considerate to other fellow men because chanda reflects something you can measure.

Amir sahib goes on saying that the Promise Messiah's message was from God so everything is in his favor will survive. Therefore we should all benefit from him by taking that message and learn how to express it, what to say, and know how to say it.

A brief Question / Answer session was held followed by concluding address by Imam Inamul Huq Kauser Sahib. The program concluded with silent prayer led by Amir Sahib.

By: Abubakr Rana



A child looks in wonder in front of the Humanity First Camp in Bangladesh

The furious cyclone Sidr charged Bangladesh brutally on November 16, causing total damage of \$450 million. So far, 3,447 deaths have been blamed on the storm, with that number expected to rise. Tidal waves reached up to a height of 9.8 ft. More than 6 million people in southern districts were directly affected by the cyclonic storms. An estimated 300,511 homes were destroyed and 626,088 houses were partially damaged. Widespread damage to roads and public buildings also occurred, including 792 educational institutions destroyed. An estimated 870,000 acres of crops were damaged. The disaster is worsened by the difficulty in transportation and continual blackouts, making it difficult for relief efforts to reach survivors. Vast amount of people became victims of diarrhea related deaths.

Humanity First responded by deploying doctors and medical relief from UK, Canada, and from the USA. Dr. Manzur Sikder from New York, was one of the volunteers who spent a week in one of the affected area in Bangladesh. According to his experience, the situation in coastal Bangladesh is incredibly heartrending in general and the cyclone just made it far more challenging in terms of providing aid to the victims. The people there are extremely poor over and continuous natural disasters in those locations just worsened the situation. But the local people there are brave and they just live with it. It was quite a humbling experience for Dr. Sikder to witness.



Dr. Sikder is examining a mother along with a child in Rangabali, Bangladesh



The long lines to receive medical treatments in the Humanity First Camp

In addition to providing fresh water to the affected people, Dr. Sikder ran a medical camp in Rangabali, which is a remote island in the district of Potuakhali (few miles off the coast of Bay of Bengal). According to him, the lines to see a doctor from America "who could cure everything" were very long. On his second day of work, he saw over 180 patients, and also made some house-calls for patients who could not come to the temporary clinic. Luckily, there were not too many cases of injuries from the cyclone, or outbreaks of infectious diseases.

New York Jama'at's Superb Volunteer Stars

Jama'at e Ahmadiyya's unique success is on its force of Volunteers and here in New York Jama'at, we had many who devoted and dedicated their time and energies for the sake of their faith and all is done by providing time from their ever busy schedule. May Allah reward you all and bless you and may Allah provide you the ability and strength to carry out Jama'at obligations and built spirit of volunteerism in among all of us so that when we go to bed at night our conscious says that we indeed did something useful for our faith and when we start the day we start it with the prayer that Almighty give us the opportunity to serve Ahmadiyyat to our best ability. Amin. Here are the names of those committed individuals:

Nazir Ayaz as a Jama'at president and for his leadership, guidance, and for all the significant works he has accomplished in coordinating many Jama'at programs and especially for his devoted time for New York Jama'at.
Iqbal Ahmad for Ansarullah, as Hulqa Nigran, MTA setup help, and for being there whenever Jama'at needs any help.
Zinda Bajwa as Naib Amir and for consultation to Jama'at Members.
Asad Bajwa as Secreatry Amore Kharija and Qaid of khuddamul Ahmadiyya

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Centenary Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya

KCC fund reminder. We have a suggested total amount of \$1000 per family to be paid by June 2008. Kindly work on it to fulfill our target. Jazaklalh khair. It is a life time opportunity to participate as our gift to the centennial celebration of Khalifat.

By: Shoeb Abulkalam

New York Jama'at's Superb Volunteer Stars (...continued from page 6)

Farhat Ayaz as a teacher at Tahir School.
 Abdul Hamid Ahmad for zaifat aid.
 Humera Ahmad as Lajna Amila Member
 Mansoor Ahmad as former Hulqa Nigran of Baitul Zafar.
 Mukthar Ahmad for assisting our Property Secretary.
 Rashid Ahmad as an Ansarullah Amila Member.
 Farhan Ahmad as former Hulqa Nigran.
 Nasir Ahmad for planting flowers at Baitul Zafar.
 Raiz Ahmad as Ansaullah Amila Member.
 Dureadan as Lajna Amila Member.
 Sultan Akbar sahib as Imam of Baitul Zafar.
 Attah Al Hassan as Ansarullah Amila Member.
 Hassan Bajwa as a teacher in Tahir School.
 Naseem Bajwa as Secretary Finance.
 Khurram Bajwa for Waqr Amal.
 Sofia Bajwa for KCC project.
 Maqsood Bhatti as Moasil in Ansarullah Amila.
 Amir Bhatti as Khuddam Amila Member.
 Nasir Bhuiyan as Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila Member.
 Tahira Rehmatullah for KCC project and Humanity First.
 Ehsan Bouliton for Humanity First.
 Asima Ghazi for Humanity First.
 Alla Ditta as Ansaullah Amila Member.
 Farzana Farhat as Lajna Amila Member.
 Atiya Farhat as Lajna Amila Member.
 Huma Hamid as teacher at Tahir School
 Rehana Ahmad as teacher at Tahir School.
 Saleem Ahmad as Jama'at Auditor.
 Mueen Ahmad as Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila Member.
 Farah Ahmad as teacher at Tahir School
 Monirah Ahmad, Lajna Amila Member.
 Alia khan for helping Richmond Hulqa
 Tahir Amin Khan for ziafat and clean up
 Mohammad Ahmad for khawaja and Humanity first
 Nadir Mahmood for his help to the Tabligh department
 Naeema mahmood as Lajna Amila Member
 Tahir Mahmood as Hulqa Nigran of Baitul Zafar
 Mohsin Mahmood as vice president
 Fatima Mahmud for general projects and tabligh
 Fahim Malik Humanity First and Public Relation project.
 Nadim Malik for Huanity First
 Ismat Mangla for KCC project
 Naeem Mansoor as Ansarullah Amila Member
 Qudsia Tanveer as teacher for Tahir School
 Halima Mohammad for special Hulqa projects.
 Abdul Ghafoor as Secretary Tabligh and Ansarullah Amila Member
 Salamat Majeed as Lajna Amila Member
 Faiza Bajwa head of the Review of Religion Mailing team
 Reaz Ahmad as Nazm Atfal, Tarike Jadid Secretary, and as a Hulqa Nigran
 Rizwan Akbar as Secretary Audio Video Secretary, special Jama'at programs and events
 Nasir Bacchus as Hulqa Nigran Richmond Hill and Ansaullah Amila Member.

Abdul Hadi Nasir as Talim ul Quran and Talim Secretary, as Principal of Tahir School, for Friday Qur'an classes, and for giving Friday Sermon
 Naeelah Nasir Review of Religions team
 Ismail Nayyer for special projects, Public Relations, & Ansarullah
 Rehana Nayyer as Lajna Amila Member
 Saira Nayyer as the Editor of Baitul Zafar Envoy
 Isaiq Rosiji for cleaning and maintenance of Baitul Zafar, for allocation of Baitul Zafar Envoy, & for mailing Review of Religions
 Javed Saeed as an assistant to financial Secretary, also for Audio Video, and for Khuddamul Ahmadiyya
 Naveed saeed as assistant to Audio Video and other assignments
 Sultan Sandhu as Tarbiyat Secretary and Ansarullah Amila
 Usman Sandhu as Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila Member
 Fassai Sanusi, Waqfe jadid Secretary and Ansarullah Amila
 Karim Sharif as General Secretary and Tarbiyyat programs
 Nusrat Sharif as Lajna Amila Member
 Hasan Shahid as the Caretaker of New York Jama'at web page
 Naeem Sharif as the Zaifat Secretary and Hulqa Nigran
 Kamran Shaukat for KCC project
 Irfan Sikder as Ansarullah Amila Member
 Manzur sikder as former Publication Secretary and KCC project
 Atiq Yasser as Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya Amila Member
 Momin Hamid for editing Urdu section in Baitul Zafar newsletter
 Aysha Bajwa and her family members for mailing the monthly Baitul Zafar newsletter
 Mariam Bajwa for assisting the Financial Secretary
 Bushra Ahmad for her time at Tahir School as a Lajna office holder
 Imran Ahmad for his work for MKA as a Maal Secretary
 Farkanda Ahmad for all her time and work as a Lajna President
 Farida Ahmad as Member of Review of Religions team
 Mahmood Ahmad as Ansarullah Amila member, and as Jama'at's Secretary Amore Ama
 Mansoor Ahmad for ziafat work and as the former Hulqa Nigran
 Shahzad Ahmad for bringing children from Manhattan to Tahir School and also as former Hulqa Nigran
 Ghulam Rabbi as Secretary Wasiyyat and for his tabligh activities.
 Shoeb Abulkalam as National and local Amila member, as a Publication Secretary, involvement with alislam.org book sales, as registrar for Tahir School, for Calendar project, for Baitul Zafar envoy, and for other assignments
 Abubakr Rana as Khuddam Amila Member and for helping Tabligh department
 Hafiz chaudhry as Jama'at Property Secretary and Ansarullah Amila Member
 Khashif Chaudhry as National and Local Amila Member of Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya
 Rashida Hamid as teacher at Tahir School, for editing Urdu in Jamat newsletter, Lajna Amila Member
 Ahmad Chaudhry as Hulqa Nigran, Humanity first, Zaim Ansarullah, and Secretary Waqfe Nuh
 Saira Bajwa as a Lajna Amila Member, Member of Review of religion team, and for special KCC project

Jazakallah to all of you for all your generous contributions in year 2007. We humbly apologize if we forgot to mention anyone's name. May Allah bless them all and give them the reward of their great efforts (Amin).

Lajna Imaillah held its monthly meeting on Sunday, December 2nd. This month's meeting focused on the life of the Holy Prophet ^{pbuh}. This Seeratun Nabi meeting began with Quranic recitation by Rashida Hamid, Lajna pledge led by Farkhanda Ahmad, Hadith read by Salamat Majid and a poem sung by the Nasiraat of Elmhurst hulqa.

The speeches detailed the life of the Holy Prophet ^{pbuh} and his perfect character. Sara Nayyar started off this meeting with a thought provoking speech about the moral values of the beloved Prophet and his insightful solutions to social issues which exist even today. Racism, poverty, alcoholism, environmental problems and world peace are all social ills which were addressed by Prophet Muhammad ^{saw} 1400 years ago.

Afshien Butt went on to give a general overview of the Prophets' family, life and background as well as the society he was born into. Idolatry, alcoholism, and many other ills indicated the lack of spiritual guidance in Mecca before the advent of the Holy Prophet of Islam ^{saw}. Faiza Idrees then spoke about the Holy Prophet's divine call to Propethood. After being told he was given a mission to spread the word of Allah, Hazrat Muhammad ^{saw} stamped out idolatry in Mecca, facing opposition and suffering from persecution.

Maryam Ahmad described the Prophet's compassionate and generous nature in the context of his love for children. The Holy Prophet ^{saw} was always considerate of a child's self respect and urged parents to deal with them justly. Asifa Mahmood then gave a speech about the Prophet's respect for women. The status of women was a very lowly one before the Holy Prophet granted them rights. Baby girls were buried alive before the Prophet raised their status from being a shame to being a blessing. He taught his followers that baby girls were to be honored and cherished. He was also very considerate to women, and taught us that "paradise lies beneath the feet of mothers." The English translation of the speech was then read out by Homaa Hamid.

The last speech, given by Ismat Ahmad, highlighted the humble nature of the Holy Prophet ^{saw}. His clothing and manners were always simple and he never opted for luxury. When asked by Hazrat Omar if he would like a softer bed, the Holy Prophet ^{saw} replied that this world is transitory and is like that of a traveler who stops under a tree for shelter. The meeting closed with Farida Ahmad reading out the Holy Prophet ^{saw}'s last pilgrimage speech.

We should all keep in mind the loving, humble and righteous character of the Holy Prophet ^{saw} and should make an effort to emulate it to the best of our ability. Poems were presented throughout the program by members of the Richmond Hill Halqa and by Farhana Ahmad.

The meeting concluded with silent prayers and the following announcements:

- Lajna tests are due by December 15th
- Waqfe Jadid should be paid as soon as possible up so that all members can take part in elections
- A few changes have been made in the Lajna Amla: The new Vice President is Rehana Nayyar, the new Tabligh secretary is Farida Ahmad, and the new Tajneed secretary is Nasreen Jahangir.
- Changes have been made to the Lajna syllabus: which means Lajnat will also be tested about Al- Wassiyat, Nabuwat Khilafat and Truth About Split every three months.
- Waqfe Nau children should be models for other children but are instead lagging behind; mothers have a duty to provide proper training to these children.

After the meeting, each Lajna member was given a scarf and a naan kebab roll for attending this Seerat-ul-Nabi Jalsa despite the snow.

The Lajna Amila would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, may it be one that is very prosperous and hold great blessing for every member of the Jamaat.

Report By: Farida Ahmad

Visitors to New York Jama'at

We had Amir sahib visit us and it was indeed a joyful occasion for the members of the Jama'at to meet with him. The National secretary finance, Mirza Naseer Eshan Ahmad sahib, also visited us. He had the opportunity to visit three of our Hulqas, Manhattan, Howard Beach and Elmhurst. The other hulqas were left out due to time constraints. The secretary met with Amila members of the Metro Jama'at at Baitul Zafar and went over some of the concerns raised by the local financial secretaries and other Amila members. He conveyed the importance of KCC fund and urged members to become regular in their chandas. He emphasized to bring members to fold of chanda paying at subscribed rate through love and understanding.

The national assistant Waqfe Jadid secretary Gayyar Manan Khan sahib visited Baitul Zafar and urged members to increase their last year's amount so that we can again become number one in the world and earn Huzur's (aba) special prayers.

The last Jum'ah of the year just before we are to enter the new year, the year that will make 100 years of Khilafat was led by Mubarak Ahmad sahib Nazir, principal Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada. He emphasized the importance of the new year that brings many responsibilities to members of the Jama'at particularly the younger generation who have to take over the tasks from the generation that with dedication and devotion and sacrifices got Jama'at-e-Ahmadiyya to where it is now. Let the youths of today build on the successes and achievements of the past and take Ahmadiyyat to new horizons.

Mubarak Nazir sahib was pleased to meet so many members coming from different background and nationalities. He also met with senior Waqfe Nau students from Tahir School.