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### **Up Coming Events**

September 1- Eid -ul-Azha at 10:00AM.
September 3- Auxiliary Meetings in morning and Blood Drive from 1:00PM to 7:00PM at Bait-uz-Zafar

September 9- Tahir Acedamy Registration, Parents must register their children at Baituz-Zafar

September 10- Jama'at general membership meeting at Bait-uz-Zafar

September 15-17- Lajna East coast Ijtema at Bait-ur-Rahman, Siver Spring MD September 22-24—Ansarullah USA Ijtema at Bait-ur-Rahman, Siver Spring MD September 29, 30, Oct 1—Khudam-ul-Ahmadiyya USA Shoora at Bait-uz-Zafar

Tahir Class will continue every Saturday at 9:30am
Jumma Prayer timing:

Return Address:

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Manhattan: 1:10pm to 1:35pm

## SEPTEMBER 2017



Alhamdulillah more than 30 Atfal, khuddam, and Ansar from Queens participated in the national "Meet a Muslim" campaign on September 9th 2017 where more than 3,000 flyers were handed out and posters were held with signs "I'm a Muslim, ask me anything". There were 3 groups stood for couple of hours in Jamaica avenue, and in Time Square, Manhattan. All the photos were also tweeted nationally.

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- We have I Bai'ats in July during Jalsa USA with sheer Grace of Allah. Alhamdolillah.
- \* Weekly Coffee Cake are held in Queens' Mosque and Manhattan's Princeton University club.
- \* Queens CCTI event have an average of 4 guests and 6 Daeens
- Manhattan just started and averaging I guest and 2 Daeens
- Facebook Ad continue to provide us with new friends interest in Islam. We added approximately 5 friends this month along with 500 impressions.
- We are trying out Meetup.com and received a couple of guests from the AD
- \* 21 guests attended the CCTI and 3 guests referred via email from True Islam Campaign
- \* Ahmed Hossaimeldin and Tahir Ahmed are appointed as Assistant Tabligh Secretary Queens. Please forward all Tabligh activities to Tabligh.qns@ahmadiyya.us
- \* 26 guests from Queen Jamaat participated in US Jalsa and 3 guests participated in MKA Ijtima
- \* We are request Ansar to bring guest to Ansar Ijtima (Sep 22-24). Their expenses will be reimbursed.
- 4 members from Queens participated in National Tabligh Conference in Chino, CA
- Overall participation from Jamaat members remain poor and lot of focus to activate members and prayers are requested.
- \* All Jamaat members requested to notify their friends and colleagues to CCTI program and write to Huzoor Aqdas and pray for them for the success in tabligh.
- \* All Jamaat amila members are request to participate in Tabligh as per Huzoor's aqdas Friday Sermon

### Talim-ul-Qur'an:

- I. Please visit alfurqan.us. This website has many classes and resources to help you improve your skills at reading and understanding the Holy Quran. Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper) wrote to the national department once, "May Allah enable more and more Jama'at members to take benefit from these classes. Still the number of participants in these classes is very low and needs to be increased. You should try that more people attend the classes and learn the Holy Qur'an through these classes."
- 2. The Taleem-ul-Quran Department Calendar has the New York Region scheduled to hold its Regional Quran Conference on Sunday, October 1st, 2017.
- 3. If anyone is able to dedicate themselves for Waqfe-Ardhi (Volunteer at a select location for a chosen period of time), they should contact the local president and secretary for further information. Emphasis is presently on Bay Point CA (USA), Merida (Mexico), Belize, Guatemala.

## Wasiyyat:

We continue to reach out to individual to join Wasiyaat to meet our 50% earning member requested by Huzoor aqdas. If you have any question please reach out to secretary Wasayya at Ghulam.Rabbi@ahmaidyy.us.

## Waqfe-Nau:

- 1. Two of our waqfeen attended the Jamia Orientation camp. Both of them had a great experience there and enjoyed the company of fellow waqfenaun from around the country and the jamia students.
- 2. On Jalsa Salana July 14 to July 16 we tried to have all of our waqfenau including their parents attend all of the Waqfe Nau Programs on Friday and Saturday.

## Agriculture:

we clean up wild & trimming of garden . Cut grass around Masjid by professional, give water regularly.

## Marriages:

- 1. Bariah Ahmad Daughter of Naeem Ahmad Sharif sahib married to Azaz Ahmad Son of Mukhtar Ahmad Mahli sahib.
- 2. Khawar Ahmad son of Muhammad Moosa got married to Rubab Hina Sheraz.

### Birth:

Binesh Nayab and Khawar Ahmad are blessed with baby girl.

Congratulations to both parents and may Allah make these children a source of happiness for the parents. Ameen

## Obituary:

It is sad to convey the demise of Mother of Towhid ur Rahman died on August 23, 2017, She was sister-in-law to Advocate Mujib-ur -Rahman sahib (Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un). Her body was taken to Bangladesh for burial. 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 all the deceased a high status in Paradise. Ameen.

## Woodside Halqa Nigran Update:

Basharat Mahmood sahib is now the Halqa Nigran for the woodside halqa. He can be contacted at cell 646-344-2149, Please work with him if you need any assistance and cooperate with him. May Allah give him strength to serve.

# Congregational Salat

Sep	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Mgrb	Isha
<b>01</b> - 07	5:15	1:15	5:30	7:35	8:35
08 - 14	5:20	1:15	5:30	7:20	8:20
<b>15</b> - 21	5:25	1:15	5:30	7:10	8:10
<b>22</b> - 26	5:30	1:15	5:00	7:00	8:00
<b>27</b> - 30	5:35	1:15	5:00	6:50	7:50

QNS Collection Status								
Queens, New York 2016-2017								
		Total		%				
	Budget	Collection	Excess	Collection				
Hissa Amad	132,608	147,277	14,669	111%				
Chanda Aam	166,516	217,482	50,966	131%				
Jalsa Salana	32,278	35,732	3,454	111%				
Total	331,402	400,490	69,088	121%				
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Tehrik-e-jadid fiscal year is coming to an end, and members have been reminded more often to fulfill their pledges. Queens jama'at has a target of \$66,000.00. please fulfill your pledges. jazakallah

- Sec Tarik Jadid, Alhassan Attah.

\*Please note that starting September 15, The Jumma will start at 1:00PM and finish around 1:35PM.

### Taleem:

- 1. Informed all Khuddam about the importance of attending the National Ijtema in LA;
- 2. Informed students about the on-going K-8 program, inspiring them by showing the potential prizes they can win and sharing names of past winners;
- 3. Sharing Taleem newsletter with students on monthly activities.

- Zulfikar Sikder, Secretary Taleem

### Amoor-e-Ama:

- I. two members volunteered for feed the hungry
- 2. 5 members visited the sick and elderly members

### Letter from New York Blood Center:

Dear Abdul Ghafoor,

We would like to thank you and all of the donors at the Bait-Uz-Zafar Mosque. For sponsoring the blood drive held yesterday on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Your organization really hit the ball out of the park. The highest collection organization has ever collected with the New York Blood Center.

Your blood drive results are as follows:

Collected a total of 57 lifesaving donations, which can save up to 171 lives (RECORD BREAKER!!!!!)

Bait-Uz-Zafar Mosque finished at 163% of plan. You were goaled for 35 pints

52 people registered

7 people were deferred

12 people performed on the Alyx machine which made 24 of your 57 pints

We thank you for all of your hard work and effort. I look forward to working with the mosque on your next upcoming blood drive. Feel free to write me an email on how you enjoyed the customer service of the New York Blood Center.

Sincerely,
Damian Pough
Account Manager
New York Blood Center

## Respected U.S. Amir Sahib's visit to Queens, NY:

Respected Amir Jama'at USA, Mirza Maghfoor Ahmed Sahib and his national Amila visited Queens, New York on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>. This year respected Amir sahib decided for national Amila meetings to be held in various chapters of USA to encourage communication with local Amila's and also conduct refresher courses for local Amila members to be reacquainted with Jama'at rules and regulations.

Several Amila members arrived on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> with local Amila members present to greet them. President sahib along with his team made dinner and guest accommodation arrangements in the guesthouse.

Amir sahib arrived on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10: 30AM and was greeted by local president and few members of his Amila members. Amir sahib was given a tour of Bait-uz-Zafar mosque and after that Amir sahib encouraged local MKA to conduct regular Waqr-e-Amal to keep our mosque clean. President sahib also informed Amir sahib about the problems we encounter on a regular basis in Bait-uz-Zafar due to its old infrastructure.

National Amila meeting started at 11:00 AM and continued for 4 hours. Local Audio Video secretary, Tahir Mahmood Sahib, worked tirelessly preparing for this meeting in order to provide all the equipment requested by National Amila to conduct their meeting. After the adjournment of meeting everyone offered Zuhr and Asr prayer and lunch was served right after Namaz. Lunch arrangement was in the basement where everyone sat together and enjoyed lunch with Amir sahib. Amir sahib met with the local Ziafat team and appreciated them for their hard work.

After lunch, the regional refresher course was presided by Amir sahib. Queens, Bronx, Long Island, Middletown and Brooklyn local Amila's attended this refresher course. The purpose of this refresher course was to bring all Amila members together and refresh their memories about the rules and regulations of Jama'at. The program concluded with a Q&A session, followed by silent prayer, and combined Maghrib and Isha salat. Dinner was served along with refreshments, after which most members left for their respective homes.

Amir sahib visited the local guesthouse before his departure and instructed president sahib to make some improvements to it. Amir sahib thanked everyone for hosting National Amila meeting and making amazing arrangements for refresher course. Queens's president, Abdul Ghafoor sahib is grateful to the local members of the Jama'at who participated in making all the arrangements for Amir sahib and his Amila's visit to New York.

By: Mohammad Goraya

# New York Tahir Camp:

Alhamdolillah Tahir camp 2017 was held on August 18, 19 and 20th. This year the camp site was Kittatinny Campgrounds & Barryville Base NY. There were 47 participants with children ages 10 and above. The caravan started after silent prayers on Friday and in less than 3 hours drive, reached the camp site. Sadar Lajna took care of girls in separate transport and boys were in their own van with 10 khuddam and Ansar.

After reaching the site tents were assembled and put in place by themselves in separate places for Girls and boys. This exercise was a real experience for the camp students. It was raining but it didn't stop all to be busy enjoying fixing the tents and preparing for salat.

After the combined salats Lunch was served and a brief recollection was rendered about the objectives of this spiritual fitness camp. Salat Maghreb and Isha were offered followed by dinner at the segregated camp fire where till late groups interacted on various topics then retired to their respective tents. All had a great experience since there was no WIFI and Telephone which brought boys to work together and talk, similarly student girls with Sadar Lajna were engaged among themselves. There was day long rafting, hiking and zip lining activities. Open air and no cell made everybody fresh to listen and act.

Despite the camp security we had our own for the safety of children. Children will long remember this trip. All returned safely back home on Sunday afternoon. Tahir camp is grateful to the president Queens and Mukhtar shab and exclusive Ansar member to be of remarkable service.



Khuddam News:

I. Khuddam cleaned 2 major highways, one right next to masjid, another on Francis Lewis BLVD

- 2. khuddam participated in Meet-a-Muslim Campign where over 30 khuddam atfal Ansar gave out over 3,000 flyers, held posters in Time Square, Jamaica avenue.
- 3. Khuddam helped in the blood drive that was held in masjid on September 3rd 2017.
- 4. More than 20 khuddam participated in the national Ijtema in LA, California, where 3 guests attended from the Bronx

## Tarbiyyat:

- I. Please make sure everybody recites Quran daily with children especially in the morning or before or after dinner.
- 2. Those who can do plain recitation should move a step further for recitation with translation and those who know translation should start Tafseer e Kabeer. May Allah grant all of us the urge to recite Holy Quran every day.
- 3. Please keep copies of Holy Quran everywhere at home, on the dining table, on top of TV, in the car, in the bags so that we are always with the Book. Download Quran apps and use them in breaks

### Umoor e Ama:

- I. Jama'at members volunteered for feed the hungry
- 2. helped three families for burial arrangements
- 3. members visited sick and seniors
- 4. provided security at jumu'ah and Lajna Ijtema

## Lajna Report:

By the Grace of Allah, Queens Lajna held their General Meeting on August 6, 2017. Program started with tilawat/translation, followed by Hadith. Afterwards, Nazm was recited.

Our Secretary Taleem discussed some of the main points on the Promised Messiah's book – The Will. Specifically, the background of writing this book – the repeated revelations he received about his end of life that was approaching. The Promised Messiah wanted to give crucial advice to the Jama`at. This book explained the First and Second Manifestations, and the 'Heavenly Graveyard' and its requirements.

Our Waqf-e-Jadid secretary explained the background and aims of the Waqf-e-Jadid fund. This fund was initiated in 1957 by Khalifatul Masih II, for the propagation of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Lajna's goal is to achieve 100% participation, and the Nasirat should be encouraged to participate as well. The Nano-Mujahid scheme has been initiated for children who pay \$50 or more for this blessed fund. In line with Waqf-e-Jadid, our finance secretary reminded us about paying our dues monthly so that we become regular in our financial sacrifices.

Lastly, video on sisterhood was played created by National USA team. It is very important for Lajna to provide their feedback by completing a I minute survey on this video, as per Huzur's instructions.

#### Announcements:

Tahir Camp - Nasirat and Atfal - those interested in going need to register their names

National USA Lajna Ijtema – Sept. 15-17 will be held in Baitur-Rahman, MD – register your names if you require a ride – busmay-be arranged based on the numbers.



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