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Up Coming Events

December 7th -Sunday @ 11am Auxiliaries meetings.

December 26th–28th -Friday–Sunday–Jalsa Salana Qadian with Live transmission of Concluding session from London with Huzoor's (aba) address.

December 26th–28th -Friday–Sunday–Jalsa Salana West Coast.

December 31st–Atfal sleepover in masjid on New Year's Eve followed by salat ul tahajjud, salat ul Fajr, and Breakfast.

Tahir Academy every Saturday from 9:30 am to 1:30pm.

2015 Calendars will be available in December.

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Queens hosts Fazle Umer Qaideen refresher Course



Alhamdulillah, this year's Queens Majlis was fortunate enough to host the annual Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya's Fazle Umer Qaideen Refresher Course held on November 14th-15th, 2014 at

Masjid Bait-uz-Zafar. More than 150 members from all across USA came together in this auspicious gathering. Alhamdulillah everyone praised Queens and NY Metro region for the hospitality, transportation, and food arrangements. This was the first time and looking forward to more.

On October 23rd, 2014 the Director and Assistant Director of the American Clergy Association of USA were invited to Bait-uz-Zafar to plan future events within New York. They visited for 2 hours and discussed many possibilities of us holding interfaith meetings in the future. President Sahib introduced to them the Jama'at Ahmadiyya, founder of Jama'at Ahmadiyya and his divine missions. At the end of the meeting both guests were given a copy of Jesus in India.

On November 5th, 2014 another meeting was organized within other Christian organizations in the Bronx. We are trying to arrange for a lecture in Spanish so the non-English speaking guests can also understand Islam Ahmadiyyat. The Christian organizations are holding a health fair which is being co-sponsored by the Jama'at. This event will take place on December 10th, 2014 and we will attend this event with a team of doctors and a Tabligh team from our Jama'at. We will also put up a book stall during the duration of this event.

On November 15th, the Jama'at co-sponsored a clergy breakfast at a church in Queens, NY. We were the only Muslim community present at this event. There were 96 guests who attended the breakfast. The Jama'at was well recognized and appreciated for everything we are trying to do in order to establish peace in the world. Every guest was gifted a copy of the Review of Religions. We also made many new contacts at the event. The Tabligh team also helped to make the FQC a very successful event.

The Jama'at is also trying to register with the University Ministry in different Universities. We also received a very emotional and thankful letter from the Afghan community who we hosted at Bait-uz-Zafar for Eid. We have also been keeping in close touch with the Afghan community.

** We request every Jama'at member that if they notice any Tabligh opportunities to please contact President Sahib. *

By: Abdul Ghafoor sahib

Ansar Report

General Meeting:

This month's regular Majlis meeting was held on Sunday November 2nd at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme of this month's meeting was, **"Let's Get Real About the Marriage of Our Children: Are we dealing with the marriage of our children in the best possible way?"** The recitation of Holy Quran was done by Rashid Ahmad sahib from Chapter 25, Verse 75 & Chapter 2, and Verse 222. The Ansar Pledge was done by Zaeem sahib. The Hadith relating to the topic were presented by Mubarak A. Jamil sahib. Next, Ahmed Mahmood sahib presented from the writing of the Promised Messiah (AS) and from Hudhur's (aba) sermon relating to the topic in discussion. Zaeem sahib, along with Mohammad Afzal, Abdul Ghafoor, Ahmad Chaudhry and Ahmad Mubarak sahib, discussed the questions relating to Tarbiyyat by holding the interactive session with all the members present and discussed their opinion of the topic of discussion. Zaeem sahib also gave a brief description of the Majlis Ansarullah National Ijtema and Majlis shura activity at the Bait-ur-Rahman mosque in Maryland. There were more than one thousand Ansar in attendance at the national Ijtema.

The Health check was performed for blood test and blood pressure. 15 members participated and were advised by the physician to contact their own doctor and or control with diet to reduce their health risks.

The meeting concluded with silent prayers and after Zuhr and Asr prayers, lunch was served.

The next majlis meeting will be on Sunday December 7 at 11:30 Am, the topic of the meeting is "Let's Get Real About Our Financial Obligations: If donations are a measure of faith then how we are measuring up?" Please plan to attend.

Humanity First Telethon:

Alhamdulillah, the New York State Jama'at donated close to \$10,000 during the annual Humanity First telethon. This could not have been accomplished without the help of President Nazir Ayaz Sahib, Rafi Sahib, Naseer Sahib, Maaham Ahmad, and Khoshnoor Paracha.

Jalsa Salana Qadian:

- Jalsa Salana Qadian is scheduled for December 26, 27, 28 Insha'Allah.
- Huzoor (aba) will address the final session from London on December 28th Insha'Allah. The live transmission will start at 10:30 AM London time.
- we hope we all will watch live Insha'Allah.

National Khuddamul Ahmadiyya members visit United Nations

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association (AMYA), an auxiliary of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, came into the heart of the United Nations on Friday, November 14, 2014, to host a historical event entitled "Islamic Solutions to Muslim Youth Radicalization." The event brought together representatives of the United Nations, members of the U.S. State Department, diplomatic missions to the United Nations from more than 20 countries (including Ambassadors and Deputy Ambassadors), university professors, religious clergy, NGO leaders, and Muslim youth leaders to analyze and present a solution that will globally turn the tide of radicalization of Muslim young men.

Before the main event, the AMYA hosted a Press Conference, which was moderated by its Assistant President, Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry. He introduced AMYA's National Vice President, Dr. Basiyr Rodney, who delivered a statement about why AMYA has come to meet with leaders and diplomats of the United Nations, as well as how we can address the issue of Muslim youth radicalization. An entire crew from Al Jazeera America attended the press conference and asked several questions in advance of the main event.

The main event was moderated by National Spokesperson and Assistant President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association, Harris Zafar, who welcomed the audience after the Quran was recited by a Muslim youth. The Vice President and Missionary in Charge of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, Imam Naseem Mahdi, beautifully and passionately outlined Islam's teachings towards peace and confronted claims by radical groups like ISIS who claim that they speak for the teachings of Islam. Imam Naseem Mahdi Sahib eloquently clarified that the actions of groups like ISIS run in stark contrast to the true teachings of Islam. Report by Harris Zafar.

The keynote address was then delivered by the National President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association, Dr. Bilal Rana. Dr. Rana directly addressed the manner in which not only the teachings of Islam but also Muslim leadership can provide an active and engaging support network for Muslim youth. He explained how such a formula can enable young Muslim men to not only discover a sense of belonging, but to also feel engaged in activities generating a positive impact.

Dr. Rana presented Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association's formula for protecting Muslim youth from radicalization by not only spreading education but also engaging the youth in discussion and civic activities. Since this formula has proven successful for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association, it's leadership decided to undertake this noble effort to work with the diplomatic international community to guide them on replicating this success in countries around the world as a true antidote to Muslim youth radicalization.

"We cannot solve extremism with military excesses of our own," said Dr. Rana during his remarks. "There can be no any excuse for the actions of Muslim youth in the West who radicalize. But we must help and prevent them from radicalizing, not by misunderstanding a faith they hold dear. But rather, by engaging them with love, reconciliation, and justice."

The main event concluded with an interactive Q&A session in which Imam Naseem Mahdi and Dr. Rana addressed questions and comments from various guests in attendance. The event drew even more press, including not only Al Jazeera America but also New York Times, Associated Press, Fox News, and Urdu News.

After the conclusion of the program, Dr. Rana and some members of his youth leadership were given a guided tour of the United Nations facility. During this tour, the members saw a picture of Chaudhry Zafrullah Khan hanging among pictures of other past presidents of the United Nations.

On Wednesday November 26, at 7:30pm, we hosted an Interfaith Thanksgiving program at Bait-uz-Zafar. We had three of our neighboring houses of worship participate in the program.

This was the 4th year we have held this program.

Each year we change the location where we hold the program. This year, it was our Jama'at's turn to host the meeting. The other three congregations who participated were: the Israel Center of Conservative Judaism, the Christ Lutheran Church, and the Hillcrest Jewish Center.

Although there were thunderstorms and heavy rain that evening, there were approximately 90 people at the program, Alhamdulillah, the majority of the attendees were guests. Our young khadim, Salman Ahmad, spoke on "What Thanksgiving Means to Me as a Muslim".

Report of regional Taleem ul Qur'an Conference 2014

The Regional Taleem-ul-Qur'an Conference 2014 for the New York Metro region was held on November 9, 2014 under the guidance of the National Taleem-ul Qur'an and Waqfe-Arzi Department. The program started at 1:30 PM with the recitation of The Holy Qur'an followed by a poem written by The Promised Messiah (AS) in praise of The Holy Qur'an. In this blessed program, the following main topic were discussed:

- * Correct recitation of The Holy Qur'an
- * Qur'an and Science
- * Understanding of The Holy Qur'an and its importance
- * The Holy Qur'an a complete guidance for mankind (presentation / panel discussion)
- * Jama'at e Ahmadiyya's effort in spreading the message of The Holy Qur'an globally

By the grace of Allah, the program was very successful and 165 participants from Queens, Brooklyn/Staten Island, Bronx and Long Island jama'ats attended this blessed event. Although everyone played their role to make this program successful deserve our prayers, there are some members who played an extraordinary role to make it happen; they are Imam Daud Hanif Sahib, Nazir Ayaz Sahib President Queens, Hadi Nasir Sahib, Abrar Hosain Sahib and Naeem Ahmad Sahib and his Ziafat team.

Winter Coat Drive

This year's winter coat drive was held by the Khuddam in November. Members were requested to donate used coats and jackets in all sizes. The response was great, and the drive was very successful. Some Jama'at members even purchased new coats for their donations. We collected about 150 pieces. Later on, our Muntazim Social Services, Khalid Khan Sahib, delivered them to the needy families. The children called him Santa when he delivered jackets to a family. The rest were given to a church organization that helps the needy. We thank all who donated. Khalid Khan sahib was very instrumental in holding the drive.

Prayers timing in Bait-uz-Zafar:

- * Due to short days, Asr is combined with Zhur prayer.
- * Isha prayer is at 7:30pm.
- * For all other prayers, please follow calendar timings.



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-It is that time of the year again where we collect all earning members' chanda budget for next year (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) and submit them by December 15, 2014. Someone from the finance department will be reaching out to you, and/or alternatively forms are available at Bait-uz-Zafar for you to fill out.

-The form requires you to fill out personal information (i.e. contact information and profession) and the budget worksheet:

Estimated Net Annual Income (A):

Aam = Net Income (A) X 0.0625 (B):

Wasiyyat = Net Income (A) X 0.1:

Jalsa Salana = Net Income (A) X 0.0083 (D):

Finance:

- * We urge all members to accurately submit their budget to the finance department by December 15, 2014. May Allah bless you and reward you for all your financial sacrifices.
- * We are almost half way through the current fiscal year and will soon mail out statements to all members. Please have a look at these statements and take appropriate action so as to meet your personal Chanda Aam/ Wasiyyat and Jalsa Salana obligations. All earning members, men and women must pay their obligatory Chanda dues according to the prescribed way.
- * **Take advantage of the Tax deductions:** Please increase your various chanda dues so as to make best of tax deductions in the month of December.

Waqfe Jadid:

Waqfe Jadid year comes to end at the end of this month, but we need each and every member to participate and let us complete our pledges by December 15th.

This is the undertaking of Allah, and He Himself will complete it. Since it is Allah Almighty who has put this inspiration in my heart, I shall endeavor to fulfill it even if I have to sell my house and my clothes to do so and even if not a single person assists me. Allah shall cut them off from the Jama'at who are not helping me in this regard and will send down angels from heaven to help me." [Friday Sermon, January 5, 1958]

Jazakallah For all the help:

Let us pray for all those who put up hours of hard work to put our Bait-uz-Zafar in order. There was need to fix many items and paint the place. We are grateful to many who provided financial help to overcome the extra expenditure. Our ladies helped in cleaning and floor waxing and much more. It was indeed a team effort regardless of gender and age factor. We are grateful for the expertise of everyone who either provided us with discounted services or sold items at cost price. May Allah reward them all and bless them. It is indeed a joyful feeling to that sees so many come forward in need of time and put all their effort for the noble cause of making our Bait-uz-Zafar shine.

Birth:

Congratulations to Asad Bajwa and his wife as they were blessed with a baby girl. May this child be a righteous servant of Allah. Ameen.

Visitors to New York:

- * Mr. Ashfaq Malik sahib of MTA International visited New York and was deeply impressed with our Bait-uz-Zafar.
- * Sadr MKA, Bilal Rana sahib and his national Amila visited Bait-uz-Zafar during the FQC 2014.

Obituary:

Zaidah Hanif sahibah, a former member New York Jama'at and currently with Binghamton Jamaat passed away due to severe heart attack. She is the sister of Rashid Nasir, Irfan Nasir and sister Bushra Razzaq and mother, Iqbal Begum sahibah. Her Janaza was held at BZ and buried at the Jama'at cemetery in Long Island.

اَنَا لله وَاَنَا اليه راجِعُونَ

Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un

May Allah The Almighty elevate her status in paradise and grant Patience to the family members to bear this great loss. May Allah grant all the deceased a high status in Paradise. Ameen.

- * We have a new Qaid, Aslam Ali bhai, and Alhamdulillah under his leadership, the new Khuddam and Atfal Amila has been formed. We wish our qaid sahib all the best of luck and pray for his success, Inshallah.
- * Queens Khuddam participated in the Masroor International Sports Tournment (MIST) this year from November 28-30 2014 in Maryland. Khuddam participated in soccer and basketball tournaments. There were international teams with whom Khuddam played, i.e Denmark, Germany, Canada. Alhamdulillah Queens Khuddam made it in the playoffs.
- * Khuddam had a quick gateway to Washington DC to visit around the white house.
- * The new Khuddam Room has been established in the masjid.
- * Khuddam held a food drive for the thanksgiving in the masjid.
- * Khuddam held a **Fajr Fit** on Sunday morning November 23rd, Inshallah Khuddam will be gathering in the masjid for salat ul Fajr every Sunday morning followed by dars ul Qur'an. Afterwards Khuddam will go to the park for exercise which will follow by breakfast in the masjid.
- * Khuddam already held two Amila meeting in the month of November as the new year began.
- * Every Friday there will be Book Study club in the masjid right after salat ul Isha @ 7:30PM. The first class was on November 27th 2014 where excerpts from "Our Teaching" was discussed. All Khuddam and Atfal are encouraged to join. Khuddam and Atfal both joined alhamdulillah. In the first class.
- * Khuddam will be joining a nearby gym where groups of Khuddam will go and work out on regular basis and encourage others to join Inshallah.
- * Atfalul meeting was held on November 22nd 2014 with Nazm Atfal, Qaid sahib, Murabbi Atfal, and Atfalul Ahmad-iyya amila members from Queens. Inshallah there will be 2 atfal classes every month during Tahir Class.
- * Khuddam and Atfal worked tenaciously day and night during the 4 nights of the Fazle Umer Qaideen refresher Course that was held in the masjid by helping guests with transportation, cooking, serving food, providing accommodation in their homes, providing security, taking guests on tour into Manhattan, with Audio/video support, and cleaning the masjid and ensuring overall hospitality was met with warm satisfaction.
- * Qaid sahib and few Amila members hosted Khuddam from Denmark who were visiting for MIST; the guests were treated in Qaid sahib's house and were later taken to Manhattan for tour and shopping.

Queens Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Amila

Zulfikar Sikder

Nazm Atfal, Queens Chapter

(Badar ages 13-15)

- Suleman Ahmad - Tarbiyyat

- Danial Ahmed - Talim

(Qamar ages 11-12)

- Danial Mahmood - Waqfe Jadid/Khidmate Khalq

- Munib Iqbal - Waqare Amal

(Hilal ages 9-10)

-Usmaan Razzaq - Maal/finance

- Zane Mahmood - Sehat-e-Jismani/health

(Sitara ages 7-8)

-Kamal Ahmad Mohamed

-Mirza Haseeb

Nazim Tarbiyyat: Tahir Ahmad

Naib Nazim Tarbiyyat: Farhan Ahmad

Nazim Umoomi: Rizwan Hamid

Naib Nazim Umoomi: Khalid Bhatti

Nazim Waqar e Amal: Ackail Curne Ali

Nazim Waqar e Amal 1: Ali Ahmed

Nazim Waqar e Amal 2 : Asif Ali Mohamed

2014-2015 Queens Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Amila

Qaid Queens: Aslam Ali Mohammed

Motamid (ai'tmad): Shoeb Abulkalam

Naib Motamid : Ali Ahmed

Nazim Maal: Rizwan Hamid

Naib Maal: Kawser Ahmed

Nazim Atfal: Zulfikar Sikder

Naib Nazim Atfal: Munib Iqbal

Nazim Murabi: Atfal Mirza Gulam Rabbi

Naib Murabi Atfal: Shabeer Ahmad

Nazim Amoor- e - Tulba: Danial Ahmed

Nazim Isha'at : Shoeb Abulkalam

Naib Nazim Isha'at : Ahmad Hoosam

Nazim Khidmat-e -Khalq : Khalil Ahmed

Naib Khidmat-e- Khalq : Imran Hakim

Nazim Sanat-o-Tijarat: Atiq Yassar Ahmad

Nazim Sehat e Jismani: Ali Ahmad khokhar

Naib Sehat e Jismani: Sammer Ahmad Nasir

Nazim Tabligh: Abubakar Rana

Naib Nazim Tabligh: Shahnoor Piracha

Nazim Tarik e Jadid: Syeed Uddin Ahmed

Naib Nazim Tarik e Jadid: Faiz Nassir

Nazim Tajneed: Kaleem Mohamed

Naib Nazim: Mohammed Sehhar

Nazim Taleem : Omer Naseer