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# Bait-uz-Zafar Envoy

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## Upcoming Events

September 6th: Lajna and Ansar Meetings  
@11:00 AM

September 11th—3th: National Lajna Ijtema  
@Masjid Bait-ur-Rahman

September 13th: Blood drive at Bait-uz-Zafar  
@2:00 PM

September 18th—20th: National Ansar  
Ijtema @Masjid Bait-ur-Rahman

September 19th: Tahir Academy  
Registration begins @9:30 AM

September 24th: Eid-ul-Adha at Bait-uz-Zafar  
@10:00 AM

September 26th: Walkathon at Flushing  
Meadows Park @10:00 AM (Open to all:  
men, women and children)

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## SEPTEMBER 2015

### Welcome Visit to Ghana UN Representative



Members of the delegation in a group photo with Ms. Pobee (Middle) Newly Appointed Ghana UN Representative

Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, New York branch paid a courtesy visit to the Ghana Consulate in New York on August 10th 2015. The purpose of the visit was to extend the Jamaat's welcome message to the newly appointed Ghana UN Representative; Madam Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee.

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## Visit to Ghana Consulate...

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The delegation led by Mr. Nazir Ayaz, the President of the Queens chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA also included Ghanaian Ahmadi living in the Tristate area. Members assembled at the Ghana Consulate in New York at 2pm and were received by Mr. Harry Reynolds Head of Information, Ghana Mission. After a brief introduction, the delegation met with Ms. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Ghana UN Representative.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Pobee has been a career diplomat, serving in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs for almost 30 years, most recently as Deputy Head of Mission and Chargé d'affaires at the Ghana High Commission in Pretoria since 2012. Before holding that position, she was Director of the Information and Public Affairs Bureau at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs from 2010 to 2012 and Head of Chancery at the Ghanaian Embassy in Washington, D.C., from 2006 to 2010.



Mr. Nazir Ayaz expressed gratitude on behalf of the Jamaat, for the opportunity to meet with the UN representative and welcomed her to New York. He further outlined the contributions made by the Ahmadi community to the socio-economic development in Ghana, he mentioned Humanity First which is a non-profit organization set up by the Ahmadiyya community to help communities worldwide. Ms. Pobee thanked the delegation and acknowledged that Ghana is grateful for the contributions by the Ahmadi community and mentioned the immense role that the Late Maulvi Wahab Adam the former Ameer and Missionary in-charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community played in securing religious peace in Ghana.

The delegation extended an invitation to Ms. Pobee to attend the 67th Annual AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY USA CONFERENCE to be held in Pennsylvania on the 14th to 16th of August 2015. She tentatively accepted the invitation. Ms. Pobee thanked the delegation and accepted the present and invitation. The UN Representative was presented with a book on the Late Maulvi Wahab Adam and after a short discussion; the event came to an end with exchange of contacts and a group photo.

*By: Mahmud Ennin*

## Tabligh Report

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, the Bellerose Jewish Center held an interfaith conference and invited us to participate. We set up a bookstall with various books, and although we did not participate in the speeches, we were certainly acknowledged for our efforts in improving the community with peace and tolerance. There were 263 guests at the event, and each was given flyers titled "Our Belief" and "Ahmadiyya Muslim Community" and some guests received a copy of the book "Philosophy of Teachings of Islam". Aside from printed material, the guests were informed of our Jalsa Salana conference and were most welcomed to join.

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, the Jamaat was invited by an interfaith group – the ICFCD – to organize an interfaith event on Sunday Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the same above location – The Bellerose Jewish Center at 254-14 Union Turnpike, Queens, NY 11004. We ask all members of the Jamaat to please join us in participating in this fruitful event.

The Tabligh department is also reaching out to our younger members currently attending any college/university to help us gain more ground in holding various hosted lectures throughout NYC at their respective learning institutions. Most colleges/universities have Theology and/or Religious Studies departments who relish on the opportunity to host such events.

Letter from a Guest at Jalsa Salana – Our respected president Nazir Ayaz sahib had invited a guest to our Jalsa Salana conference, below is a Thank You letter we received:

*"Dear Nazir,*

*I would like to thank you for allowing me to attend Jalsa Salana this past weekend. The immense attention and generosity that I have received from the entire community have been truly breath taking. I have had a wonderful time and an experience I will never forget. Thank you.*

*Please do keep me informed about any events that might be taking place at your centre in Queens, I would love to attend!*

*I hope you have a restful week after a hectic weekend and once again, thank you for everything.*

*Best,*

*Tereza"*

*By: Abdul Ghafoor*



The New York Regional Tarbiyyat Fitness camp was held from July 31 to Aug 2, 2015 at Bait-uz-Zafar. It was the 29th camp held in New York. In the earlier years, the camp was one week long for boys and one week long for girls and the students would have a sleepover. Later it became day camp, but still one week long. Soon after, it was reduced to 6 days and then eventually to 4 days and now under the national guidelines we hold it for the weekend. The camp began after Juma Prayers and continued for two full days, Saturday and Sunday, with a closing ceremony in which certificates were awarded to all those who attended all three days.

This year the attendance of the camp was 43 Boys and 43 Girls ranging in ages from 10 to 19 with three levels separately for each, boys and girls. These numbers are slightly higher than previous years. The syllabus chosen this year included direct and to the point issues such as Dispel allegations against Islam, Chastity – not for women only, Social evils, Etiquettes and importance of Salat, Why Khilafat, Growing up as Muslims in USA, Nizam-e-Jamaat, Cleanliness, Ahmadiyyat, Islam and Life of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w.. There were also arrangements for games, both for girls and boys. Delicious food was also catered for the taste of this group.

We would like to thank every teacher and staff member of our Camp staff for the success of this Camp. Taking so much time out of a busy Summer month was a lot to ask and we were able to gather the best teachers for our children. The organizers are also grateful to MKA for their assistance in keeping discipline and general help and Lajna Volunteers for food serving and Ziafat team and cleaning volunteers. May Allah bless you all and allow us to continue to dedicate our time in the way of Allah. The tutors included: Imam Azim Akram, Rizwan Alladin, Anees Ahmad, Qasim Rashid, Zulfikar Sikder, Nadeem Ahmad, Waheed Adil, and among ladies: Salima Ahmad, Sania Ahmad, Mansoorah Gaffar, Jamil Sandhu, Maham Ahmad, Fahmeedah Shah, Ruby Shah, Ghazalah Qazi, Qudsia Tanveer and Dr Salamat Majeed. The administrator of the camp was Shanze Hamid. The Syllabus was prepared by Rizwan Alladin and Abdul Hadi Nasir Sahib.



According to the survey results, there was an overall positive response to the quality of teachers, classes, camp organization, food and syllabus. We look forward on strengthening our weaknesses this year based on various other results and feedback, Inshallah

*By: Shanze Hamid*

## Walk for Humanity

MKA USA is requesting all Queens members (Khuddam, Ansar, Lajna and Children) to participate in the upcoming Charity event “**Walk For Humanity**” for “Stop Hunger” in USA. This special event is the direction of our beloved Huzur (aba) as Huzur wishes that the Jamat members should hold these types of charity walks for the betterment of the citizens of the country that we live in.

All the fundraising will go towards two charitable organizations, Whyhunger.org and [USA.humanityfirst.org](http://USA.humanityfirst.org).

**Event: Walk For Humanity - 5K Run**

**DATE: Saturday, September 26th**

**Time: Arrive by 10am, Walk and 5K Run starts 11am**

**Place: Flushing Corona Park, Queens NY (by the lake)**

**Register & Donating:** [www.walkforhumanityusa.org/newyork/](http://www.walkforhumanityusa.org/newyork/)

If you wish to donate cash in person, please contact myself, Belal Ahmed or Qaid Sahib MKA, Aslam Ali.

*By: AbuBakr Rana*

## Jalsa Salana USA



Members of the New York Jamaat participated in the Jalsa Salana in great numbers. Most felt that the arrangements were better than last year. The quality of food and speeches was also liked by many. Members from New York were up there in providing humble services to the guests of Promised Messiah. Our Ziafat team did a superb job in cooking and our men who were assigned to serve meals were there almost at all meals serving cheerfully. Our Khuddam and Atfal were also busy doing Khidmat-e-Khalq duties and duties with the Audio/Video. In the Blood drive, our Queens Jamaat member played the lead role in organizing committee. In

the Lajna side, many of our Lajna were in charge for Ziafat supplies and serving food. A large number of our young Lajna were also served security and discipline duties and at the book store.

In the awards ceremony, our Atfal placed third in the country among the large Majalis.

There were ten or so VIP guests from New York Jamaat due mostly to the hard work by Ghulam Rabbi, Mashallah. The New York Jamaat was instrumental in bringing one guest speaker and he was welcomed by the Ghanian Ahmadis of the Metro New York area prior to the session for guests.

There were over 8000 guests this year at the Jalsa and it was indeed our pleasure to serve the guests.

## Ansar Report

This month's regular majlis meeting was held on Sunday August 2nd at Baituz-Zafar. The theme of this month's meeting was: "**Is backbiting hurting our family's atmosphere?**" The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Abdul Ghafoor sahib from Chapter 104 Verse 2 and Chapter 49 Verse 13. The Ansar Pledge was done by Zaeem sahib. Khalifatul Masih's religious guidelines were presented by Nazim sahib. Zaeem sahib, along with Naeem Mansoor and Ahmed Mahmood sahib discussed the questions relating to Tarbiyyat and held an interactive discussion with all the members present. The memorizations of the Holy Quran verses were taught by Mahmood Ahmad sahib which is part of the syllabus.

Nazim sahib was also present at the meeting. Nazim sahib urged members to make sure to register and attend the Ijtema which is scheduled to be held at Bait-ur-Rahman on **September 18, 19 and 20**. Members were also reminded to pay their majlis chanda and also pay the Tahrik-Jadid and Waqf-a-Jadid chanda. **Jalsa Salana USA** was held on August 14, 15 & 16 in Harrisburgh PA. The majlis members volunteered in food preparation, food serving, Speech translation, MTA and Bangla Desk.

**Tahajud Prayers** were held on Saturday August 22 to commemorate the 75 years of the establishment of Majlis Ansarullah and 25 members participated. We will hold another Tahajud prayer in September (Insha Allah).

### **Feed the hungry program:**

During the month of August, Ansar members volunteered for the Feed the Hungry program at the 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. 10 man hours were spent volunteering.

**Ansar National Ijtema** will be held at Bait-ur-Rahman on September 18, 19 & 20, please make sure to register at the website [www.ansarusa.org](http://www.ansarusa.org) and make sure to attend even if you can attend for one day only. We will make travel arrangement for those who need a ride to the Ijtema. Please let Zaeem sahib know at 917-599-8382 or Abdul Ghafoor sahib.



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On Sunday evening of August 9, 2015, the Ta'lim Department held its Annual Education Day Event (EDE) to recognize students from all ages for their academic achievements in the recent school year. While all students and parents were encouraged to participate, only those who submitted documentation for their scholastic accomplishments were ultimately given awards.

The program began after *Asr prayer with recitation of the Holy Qur'an and translation by Haseeb Mirza. After a brief introduction about the Ta'lim Department, its upcoming programs and available services to students, I presented our two student speakers.*

The first address was given by Kamal Mohamed who spoke about his experience as a fifth grader. He said he had to work extra hard and seek guidance from his parents and teachers to be where he is today. Because his parents had stressed the importance of prayers and seeking Allah's forgiveness, Kamal supplicated and was able to overcome his toughest subject – math -- and was given an award as a result. He advised his fellow students to focus on school work and not cut corners in order to be successful.

The next student speaker, Husna Mirza who graduated as a salutatorian in her junior high school attributed her academic success to being an Ahmadi Waqf-e-Nau. She said Huzoor's words have shaped the course of her school career. She built trust with her teachers, demonstrated steadfastness in the face of prejudice and espoused friendship among her peers in the name of *tabligh. Overcoming these adversities with grace earned the trust of other students who elected her the student class president.*

Following the student speeches, we began the award ceremony. Lajna Sadr Sahiba distributed awards from the ladies' side. First, graduates were recognized for completion of school and then awards were given for students who excelled in their studies. This year, in addition to receiving certificates recognizing their achievements, students were awarded custom designed Ta'lim t-shirts and chocolates. Prepaid gift cards were awarded to those select students who performed best in their respective group. Finally, gifts were distributed to all students for participation.

Then the esteemed panelists, Vice President Sanusi Fasasi Sahib and Murabbi Atfal Mirza Ghulam Rabbi Ahmed, each spoke on the importance of secular education and establishing a connection between students and their parents. They highlighted the correlation between spiritual and worldly success and that the achievement of the latter was conditioned on involvement in Jama'at. Sanusi Sahib concluded the program with *dua*.

Dinner was served later that night followed by *Magrib prayer*.

Despite dealing with schedule conflicts with other programs, this year's EDE was a success. It was abundantly clear that there were a disproportionate number of younger and female students in the audience. Students who were not in attendance failed to appreciate that the purpose of event was for the collective benefit of all Ahmadi students. Celebrating scholastic success of our brothers and sisters encourages progress and promotes healthy competition among our youth. The acquisition of knowledge is incumbent on all Muslims and the Ta'lim Department bears the responsibility of advancing this principle. Contact us for more information on upcoming Ta'lim programs and help with school, scholarships, college applications, resumes, and even career guidance.

*By: Zulfikar Sikder*

### **Meeting with Pakistani Ambassador**

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, we met with the Pakistani Ambassador to the United Nations, Dr. Maleeha Lodhi. Dr. Lodhi was recently appointed as Ambassador and we welcomed her to NY on behalf of the Jamaat.

Dr. Lodhi talked about the political situation in Pakistan and how minorities are being affected by it. Nazir Ayaz sahib shared the history of our Jamaat in US and the efforts of the Jamaat in promoting the peaceful teachings of Islam in America and the world. Dr. Lodhi said she hopes that more Pakistanis in the USA would enter into professions such as journalism, politics, etc. where they can influence society. We presented her with Huzoor's book "Pathway to Peace". Attending the meeting were Ahmad Mubarak sahib, Nazir Ayaz sahib, and Asad Bajwa.

*By: Asad Bajwa*

### **Jalsa Salana UK and Canada**

Dozens of members from our Jamaat attended the Jalsa in UK while we gathered for the international Bait at Bait-uz-Zafar. Though arrangements were made at Bait-uz-Zafar to listen to the proceedings of the Jalsa, many members opted to listen in the comfortable surroundings of their homes.

As we write, Jalsa Salana Canada is about to commence and we hear that several members from Queens are on their way to that Jalsa.



## Waqf-e-Ardhi in Merida, Mexico

Respected All, As'salamo Alaikum wa Rehmatullah

I hope and pray this mail finds you and your Jama'ats in good health and rejuvenated after having attended/watched the Jalsa Salana USA. Following up on Respected Ameer sahib's repeated appeals to us—the USA Jama'at members—during the jalsa, I request you all to urge your memberships in doing Waqfe Arzi in Merida, Mexico.

By the Grace of Allah we are witnessing the manifestation of His blessings as a result of the prayers of Huzoor-e-Aqdas, the USA Jamaat members and the great hard work being put in there by the members, may Allah bless them all! We now have a sizeable Jamaat of locals (new Mexican Ahmadis: men and women) who need Tarbiyyat in many ways. It is us, the well-grounded Ahmadis, who must step forward and impart the necessary and desired Tarbiyyat (recitation of Holy Quran, Salat, General Information about Islam-Ahmadiyyat, etc.) they need.

Once again, I, very humbly, request the Missionary Sahibaan, along with the Presidents, to encourage your Jama'at members to accede to Respected Ameer sahib's appeal. If I may also suggest here that the Presidents may want to lead by example and perform this noble task themselves too.

Requesting prayers. May Allah bless you all!

Wa'salam

Wasim Malik

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

### Frequently Asked Questions Waqf-e-Aarzee in Merida, Mexico

1. **Best suggested air route:** Book a flight to MERIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - best route will likely be through Houston.
2. **Address of Mission house in Merida:** Calle 60, No. 453A x 51, Centro, Merida, Yucatan CP 97000 Mexico
3. **Who to inform in Merida of my intended arrival/itinerary:** Noman.rana@ahmadiyya.us
4. **Noman's contact info:** cell: 999-129-4594; Mission House: 999-924-2222
5. **What not to bring to Mexico:** Same stuff you should not travel with anywhere.
6. **On Landing Card, purpose of visit:** Tourist/Personal
7. **Do not purchase any SIM card at the airport. If you have to make a call, use your US cell phone it will likely cost you 99 cents a minute.**
8. **What is the project?**
  - a. Support the Tabligh work being done in Merida, Mexico principally by helping in distribution of flyers and helping train the new Ahmadis learn reading of Holy Quran and Salat.
9. **Why should you do it?**
  - a. To win the pleasure of Allah by helping take the message of Islam-Ahmadiyyat to a continent still almost entirely bereft of this knowledge of in compliance with the wishes of Huzur Aqdas
10. **What will you gain?**
  - a. Inspiration
  - b. Rejuvenation of your faith
  - c. Blessing of Allah
  - d. Prayers of all the new converts
- e. Increased knowledge of Spanish language
- f. First hand experience in Mexico
11. **What to do before you come?**
  - a. You should plan on volunteering for at minimum one week and up to one month
  - b. You should be ready to work 12-14 hours a day doing volunteer work
  - c. The temperature ranges from 80-110 F
  - d. Google Merida and learn about the city, learn the map, etc
  - e. Learn some basic words and phrases in spanish
  - f. Know the address and main phone number: Ph:
12. **What you need to bring?**
  - a. \$10-\$15 per day for your pocket money (do not convert)
  - b. light comfortable clothing
  - c. comfortable shoes -- you will walk 2-3 miles a day
  - d. Hat and sunscreen - it will be very hot and sunny
13. **What will your duties be when you come?**
  - a. Distribute flyers in the morning and afternoon every day... 2,000 daily
  - b. Teach new Ahmadis Reading of Holy Quran
  - c. Teach new Ahmadis salat.
  - d. Help with general duties at mosque/mission house
  - e. Assist with other various duties to do with running of mosque/mission house.
14. **What should you NOT do when you reach Mexico?**
  - a. Go off anywhere without knowledge of and consulting local Imam Sahib.
  - b. Start criticising local new Ahmadis without getting briefed by local Imam Sahib of the exact situation of each new Ahmadi
  - c. Go off on your own splitting off from the group while giving out flyers
  - d. Do not at any time become careless with your whereabouts and surroundings
  - e. Engage in any critical debates with anyone
  - f. Disrespect anyone or disobey the local laws and customs

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# Waqf-e-Aarzee Application Instructions

Assalaamo Alaikum!

Waqfe Arzi in Mexico consists of an exciting Tabligh plan to convey the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat to the people of Mexico.

We plan on using every mean possible, which include distributing flyers, open houses, lectures, media, billboards, social media.

The minimum commitment needed is set at one week. Ideally we would like people to come for ten days. You may choose to sign up for a longer period if you wish.

The airfare varies, and you will need perhaps \$150 cash for food and drink for a period of one week to ten days stay. Accommodation will be provided.

If you are interested please complete the "Application for Waqf-e-Aarzi in Merida, Mexico" form here:

<https://docs.google.com/a/ahmadiyya.us/forms/d/1Fh8XsOtSx87FVn2-KFerTaKXDO530wTmg6Pe5I-brRk/viewform>

and submit as soon as possible. Jazakallah ahsanaljaza.

## MKA Activities



*Khuddam volunteer  
at food pantry*



*Khuddam meeting  
with congressman*

Many Lajna and Nasirat members attended the Jalsa Salana USA 2015. Most of our members were also responsible for duties throughout the Jalsa gah. At least 30 Lajna members gave their time in duties in Ziafat, Security, Discipline, and Book Stall. Many Nasirat also performed duties for serving water to the guests.

One of our Lajna members, Khoshnoor Paracha, recited Tilawat on the second day of Jalsa preceding the women's session. Another young Lajna, Husna Mirza, also received a Media Watch award for her written contributions to various media outlets.

*By: Maham Ahmad*

### **Bait-uz-Zafar Goes Green**

If you have visited Baituz Zafar recently, you may have notice bright lights. We have converted to LED lights in the hall way and in the main hall. This will bring considerable savings in our electric bills. This is another way to save energy costs. We have also converted our heating to gas from oil and spent a great amount in replacing windows. Also in the class rooms, we have installed energy saving split air conditions which were provided as gift by a Chicago based corporation. The LED conversion was funded by State of New York.

### **Marriages**

Munawar Nasir, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abdul Hadi Nasir was married to Amal.

Haaris Hamid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Momin Hamid was married to Magdalena.

Adnan Ahmad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Khalil Ahmad was married to Kanwal in the UK.

Congratulations to all the newlyweds and may Allah bless them with immense happiness. Ameen!

### **Online Qur'an Classes**

Those parents interested in having their children learn the Holy Quran online should consider tutors from the Jamaat list provided by the Talim-ul-Quran and Waqf-e-Arzi department. For further information please contact Talim-ul-Quran Secretary, Hadi Nasir Sahib.

### **2016 Planning**

We have started working on the 2016 Jamaat calendar. We are looking for suggestions for the theme of the calendar as well as suggestions on how we can improve it. If you would like to make any recommendations, please share them with Hadi Nasir Sahib.

Also, if you have suggestions as to help us plan 2016 events, please talk to the General Secretary.

Also, if you have any ideas as to the events we can plan for 2016, please speak to the General Secretary.  
JazakAllah!

### **Jamaat Address**

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### **Obituary:**

Maksuda Rahman, sister of Tahera Tara and khala of Shoeb Abulkalam passed away in Bangladesh on August 19, 2015. She served as national Sadr Lajna of Bangladesh in the past and used to write regularly on the Bangladesh national bi weekly magazine called "Ahmadi".

أنا لله و أنا اليه راجعون

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 all the deceased a high status in Paradise. Ameen.