

Requirements of Waqfe Zindagi (life- dedication) and Waqfe Nau October 22nd, 2010



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SUMMARY

Hudhur gave a discourse on the fine requirements of Waqfe Zinadgi (life-dedication), highlighting the aspirations of the scheme of Waqfe Nau.

With the grace of God from the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) the system of dedication of life has been set up in our Community

Hudhur (aba) gave an account of the features required in the people who dedicate their lives for the service of Jama'at

Hudhur (aba) explained the administrative organisation of the Waqfe Nau scheme

Hudhur (aba) prayed that may God enable the Waqfe Nau children to be beneficial members of the Community and may He enable us to give excellent Tarbiyyat to the trust of the Community and help them become beneficial members

وَمَا كَانَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لِيَنفِرُوا كَآفَّةً
فَلَوْلَا نَفَرَ مِن كُلِّ فِرْقَةٍ مِّنْهُمْ
طَائِفَةٌ لِّيَتَفَقَّهُوا فِي الدِّينِ وَ
لِيُنذِرُوا قَوْمَهُمْ إِذَا رَجَعُوا إِلَيْهِمْ
لَعَلَّهُمْ يَحْذَرُونَ

Chapter 9, Verse 122

It is not possible for the believers to go forth all together. Why, then, does not a party from every section of them go forth that they may become well versed in religion, and that they may warn their people when they return to them, so that they may guard *against evil?*

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى
الْحَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ
الْمُفْلِحُونَ

Chapter 3, Verse 105

And let there be among you a body of men who should invite to goodness, and enjoin equity and forbid evil. And it is they who shall prosper.

Hudhur (aba) explained that these verses cite a group of people who dedicate their lives for religion

System of Waqfe Zindagi

Hudhur (aba) gave a discourse on the fine requirements of Waqfe Zindagi (life-dedication) in his Friday Sermon, highlighting the aspirations of the scheme of Waqfe Nau.

With the grace of God from the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) such a system has been prevalent in our Community. In the second Khilafat, the life-dedication process was properly established, the Jamia was further organised and missionaries were sent abroad.

System of Waqfe Zindagi

May God enable them to serve with sincerity.

Apart from Indian and Pakistani missionaries, people from other backgrounds also joined the system of Waqfeen, especially Indonesians and Africans.

The professionals like doctors and teachers are also life devotees

Just as the needs of the Community are increasing and Tabligh work is extending so are the needs to have more people with religious knowledge to take on the responsibility of Tarbiyyat and Tabligh work.

System of Waqfe Zindagi

God states that there should be people who dedicate their lives for the cause of Allah*

Hudhur (aba) said that it is not possible for every single individual of the community to be constantly engaged in this type of work

Some people don't have enough time others may not have a suitable temperament or the required religious knowledge and not every single person can be given such specialised training

Thus it is a necessity to have a body of people specially trained with religious knowledge and whose sole job must be to spread this knowledge

Hudhur (aba) said that community operates on this principle* and by the grace of God people from different nations and backgrounds are part of the group who dedicate their lives to spread Islam

Waqfe Nau Scheme

Taqwa is the basic principle for Waqfe Nau scheme

The parents Waqfe Nau children should remember that it is for them to prepare the child for Waqf so that they present an accomplished young person to the Khalifa of the time and the Community for the service of God.

- After assessing the needs of the growing community under Divine guidance Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) initiated the Waqfe Nau scheme

Hudhur (aba) said when mothers dedicate their children they have a huge responsibility to raise the children in a manner that they are able to their obligations of Waqf

They should pray through out the pregnancy that the child becomes a sincere servant of faith. From an early age they should train their children so that by adolescence they fully understand their responsibility with sincerity

The Waqfe Nau organisation is in place to provide the guidance for the parents

The offices are based in Rabwah, Qadian and London.

In local branches secretaries have the responsibilities for education, training, counselling and guidance of these children to make them active members of the community

It is the task of both the parents and the administration to raise awareness of the Waqfe Nau syllabus among the children so that they are aware of their dedication to faith.

In spite of all this it remains a huge responsibility of parents

Waqfe Nau Scheme

Although everyone is commanded to follow the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), those who dedicate their lives have a greater obligation towards this. They should establish good models so that they can summon people to God.

Waqfeen and the expectations of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said Waqfeen should be completely free from arrogance and conceit.

Hudhur (aba) said each person who is Waqf should self-reflect, those who are practising as well as those who are at Jamia. It should be remembered that humility is a missionary's distinction

Hudhur (aba) said this instruction is important both for trainees and practicing Waqfeen

Instructing the Waqfeen, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, they should study his books abundantly, so that their level of knowledge is of an excellent level.

Waqfeen and the expectations of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The Jamia graduates from the UK Germany and Canada should prepare themselves to be ready for the hardship of practical life if they are posted in Africa

- Hudhur (aba) explained that this principle is the model of the Companions of the Prophet (may Allah be pleased with them) who underwent extreme frugality
- Hudhur (aba) said God granted the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) elder missionaries whose thrift was enviable.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said it is also important for a missionary to be thrifty/economical. He said if they are not economical enough according to his principles they cannot be given complete responsibility.

Hudhur (aba) related incidents of early missionaries to illustrate the level of their sacrifice

Hadhrat Syed Shah Muhammad sahib was returning home to Pakistan after serving as a missionary in Indonesia for 18 consecutive years.

While travelling in the ship he wished that he had at least a new set of clothes to wear on arrival at Rabwah

Later he repented that he made such a wish against the spirit of Waqf

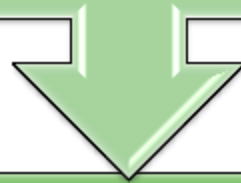
With the grace of Allah when the ship docked at the port of Singapore, an Ahmadi tailor, who had never seen him before, brought him clothes as a gift.

It brought tears to Syed Shah sahib's eyes that how God had inspired an unknown Ahmadi to fulfil his wish

He wrote that if a missionary only turns to God for help God provides from the unseen.

Hudhur (aba) related incidents of early missionaries to illustrate the level of their sacrifice

Maulana Ghulam Ahmad sahib Farrukh happily accepted to live in a small rundown house after returning from services abroad. He declined his family's request to seek help for repairs. He explained to his family with love and wisdom that not making demands was a motto of Waqf



He explained to his children that life's hardships should be accepted at every step to please God



Later, in response to his well off families requests to take retirement to stay with them he responded by saying that he was an extremely humble man and such requests had shaken his heart and mind. He said he had pledged to God that he would spend his life in Waqf. He asked his children to never make such a request again and pray that he fulfils his pledges.

Waqfeen and the expectations of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that a Waqf person should be able to endure the hardships of travelling, who could go from village to village and inform people about his advent.

Hudhur (aba) related an incidence of early days of Ahmadiyyat depicting hardship faced by two of our revered missionaries in Sierra Leon

On a Tabligh mission, Maulana Nazir Ahmad Ali sahib and Maulwi Sadeeq Amritsari sahib had to spend the whole night by the side of the river as the villagers refused to let them have shelter

This was a dangerous place infested with poisonous snakes and wild animals. Allah protected them

During the night they read Qur'anic verses, talked about faith and did passionate prayers for the guidance of the villagers and triumph of Ahmadiyyat

Hudhur (aba) said later Ahmadiyyat spread in Sierra Leon

Advice on practical aspect of Waqf

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- Hudhur (aba) said Waqf is a process in which one has to forgo one's wishes and endure hardships.
- Jamia students should be aware of this and prepare themselves to face hardship

Hudhur (aba) said that Waqfe Nau studying in Jamias should try and always fulfil the pledge their parents made in view of the sacrifices of the elders and expectations of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

Hudhur (aba) said a missionary should exude humility but also maintain a sense of dignity at the same time.

Hardship is an integral part of missionary's life and should be borne with dignity

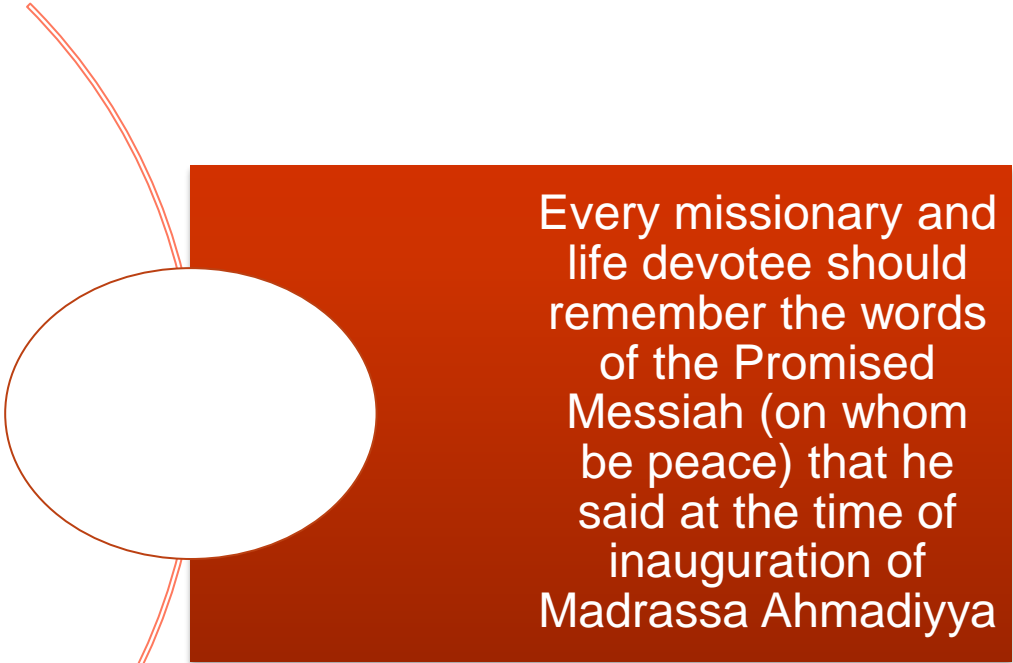
Waqfeen and the expectations of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Hudhur (aba) said each missionary is a representative of the Khalifa of the time

The dignity of a missionary and a life-devotee is in never to mention his troubles to anyone..

Only supplicate and ask God for everything

Hudhur (aba) said wives of missionaries should not make undue demands and should be their helpers in the great task for which they have dedicated themselves.



Every missionary and life devotee should remember the words of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that he said at the time of inauguration of Madrassa Ahmadiyya



‘This Madarassa should become a source of propagation of Islam. It should produce such scholars and boys who dedicate their lives and abandon worldly employments and objectives to adopt service of faith’.

Important message

Administrative matters regarding Waqfe Nau

Waqf Nau 15 years of age should decide whether they wish to continue with their Waqfe or not. It is vital for them to inform the Centre about this.

Those who do not wish to join the Jamia should write in, explaining their interests and seek advice about further education and not decide for themselves.

After completing their studies, they should write in explaining their education and whether or not they wish to carry on with their Waqf.

90% of Waqfe Nau children over the age of 15 years are receiving education outside Jamias. A formal report should be prepared on this.

The entrance to Waqfe Nau test to the age of 19 (can be extended to 20) should be 100%



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