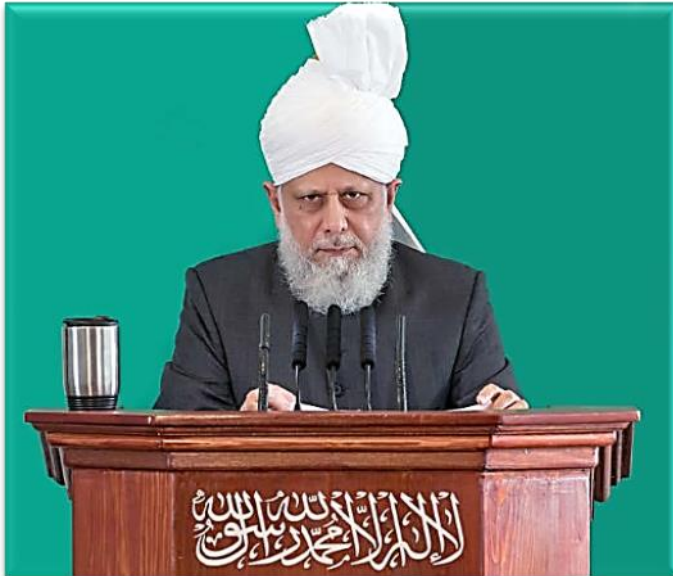
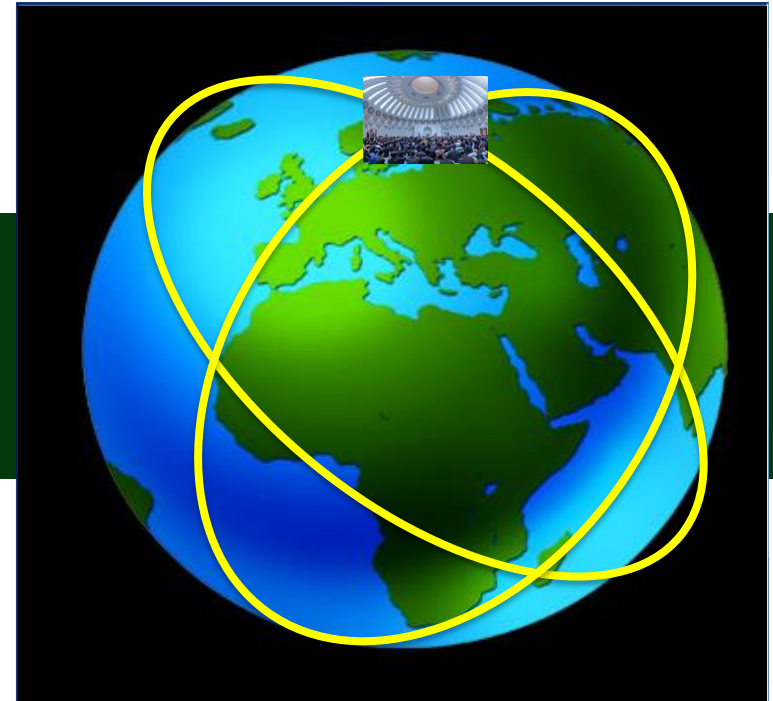


Responsibilities of Workers and Attendees During the Annual Convention



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Summary

Responsibilities of Workers and Attendees During the Annual Convention

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said that today, God-willing, the Jalsa Salana UK is commencing.

His Holiness (aba) said that in these days, everyone should pray that the Jalsa is held successfully, and everyone is able to increase in virtue and righteousness.

His Holiness (aba) highlighted some of the important points to be kept in mind by the duty-holders as well as those attending the Jalsa.

His Holiness (aba) said that volunteers must adhere to high standards of hospitality and maintain high moral conduct.

His Holiness (aba) said that one of the great purposes of attending Jalsa is reformation of the self.

His Holiness (aba) said that in order to ensure safety and security, there will be various checks, guests should fully comply.

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His Holiness (aba) said that in these days, everyone should pray that the Jalsa is held successfully, and everyone is able to increase in virtue and righteousness.

Instructions

Due to the pandemic, the physical attendance may be limited, but there are many others who are participating from their homes and mosques.

All those participating elsewhere should take part in spirit as though they are physically at the Jalsa.

Hospitality

Responsibilities

As Jalsa this year is a new experience for the organisers along with the attendees. Certain things could not be tended to by the organisers due to the various restrictions, and so the guests should also remain patient.

We should pray for the Jalsa to return to its original grandeur.

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Instructions

There are some who may not be satisfied with the selection process undertaken to decide who would attend.

Hospitality

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Those who feel this way should forgive the organisers, whether there were shortcomings or not, as this was the first such experience under the circumstances.

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Instructions to Duty Holders During the Jalsa

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Instructions

No matter if the Jalsa is being held at a smaller scale, there should be no reduction in the level of hospitality shown to the guests of the Promised Messiah (as).

Volunteers should not become relaxed, and should be hospitable with great care.

Among the volunteers there are some who are experts in their duties and possess great capabilities and have the potential to do excellent work.

At the same time, the Qur'an commands us to constantly remind one another of good things.

So, no matter the smaller numbers, the volunteers should not slacken and should carry out their duties in the best possible manner.

Hospitality

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Adopt the Virtue of Hospitality

Hospitality is one of the great attributes of prophets.

Instructions

During the time of the Holy Prophet (sa), when guests began arriving in large numbers, the Holy Prophet (sa) would divide the responsibility of hosting them among the companions.

Hospitality

Responsibilities

He would regularly inquire from the guests as to whether they were satisfied with everything.

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The guests would reply that they had never experienced such great hospitality. This was a result of the teachings and example set forth by the Holy Prophet (sa).

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Instructions

The Promised Messiah (as) said that if a guest were to arrive and their demeanour was negative, even still, the host must treat them with great care, and should not respond to harshness with harshness.

Hospitality

The Promised Messiah (as) established great examples of hospitality for us.

Responsibilities

And this was to be so, as the Promised Messiah (as) was meant to exhibit high moral standards, in order to portray the beautiful teachings of Islam.

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Hazrat Mufti Muhamad Sadiq (ra) was a guest, and upon arrival, the Promised Messiah (as) told him that he would arrange for food to be brought to him.

Instructions

He thought the Promised Messiah (as) would send someone to bring him food. However, the Promised Messiah (as) came back carrying a tray of food himself.

Hospitality

Responsibilities

Then he told Mufti Sahib (ra) to begin eating, upon which Mufti Sahib (ra) could not hold back his tears, seeing this hospitality shown by the Promised Messiah (as).

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Adopt the Virtue of Hospitality

In fact, there were times when there would not be enough beds for the guests, and so the Promised Messiah (as) would offer his own bed to be given to them.

Instructions

Hospitality

These are some examples of the great level of hospitality shown by the Promised Messiah (as).

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We must all adopt this quality.

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Adopt the Virtue of Hospitality


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Instructions

All guests must be treated equally.



No matter if one is an office-bearer, high-ranking official or an acquaintance; all guests must be treated with the same respect and good treatment.



Hospitality

This is the true essence of hospitality. His Holiness (aba) said that most adhere to the high standards of hospitality that is expected of them.



Responsibilities

Those who fall short should analyse themselves and see how they can improve.

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Always Maintain a High Standard of Moral Conduct

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Instructions

His Holiness (aba) said that he is aware of the fact that there are some guests who may act in a harsh or unbecoming manner.

However, the volunteers and duty-holders must maintain their high standard of morals and act with great patience.

There are certain things that volunteers will be reminding guests about, such as wearing a mask, social distancing etc

There are some who may dislike hearing these things, but no matter what, the volunteers must maintain their patience and high morals.

One of the signs of a believer is that they honour their guests. This quality should be found within everyone.

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Always Maintain a High Standard of Moral Conduct


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Instructions

Due to the inclement weather and muddy conditions at Hadeeqatul Mahdi, parking arrangements have also been made off-site, from where busses will shuttle the guests to the Jalsa site.

Hospitality

Responsibilities



There may be some who bring their cars straight to the Jalsa site, and insist to be let in, but the duty-holders should lovingly and patiently direct them and explain the arrangements to them.

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Responsibilities of Guests Attending Jalsa

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Islam teaches the guests to also be mindful of their hosts.

Instructions

They should not enter one's home without first informing them.

Hospitality

Though this may not apply to the Jalsa guests in general, this year, due to the conditions, an age-limit has also been set for the attendees of Jalsa, along with other conditions.

Responsibilities

In this regard, certain individuals who meet these conditions have been selected to attend the Jalsa.

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There are also newcomers to the country who insist upon being allowed to enter the Jalsa.

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Responsibilities of Guests Attending Jalsa

His Holiness (aba) said that by going against the guidelines, they raise the potential risk of discord.



But as Islam has said, a guest should not enter without prior permission.



And if they are turned away, then they should happily oblige without any complaints.



One of the great purposes of attending Jalsa is reformation of the self.



By following the guidelines which may restrict one from entering the Jalsa, one increases in their own piety by showing obedience.

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Responsibilities of Guests Attending Jalsa

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Those who have not been able to attend should pray with great fervour, so that those who have been unable to attend this year, may freely attend the Jalsa in the future.




Instructions

The Companions (ra) would always try to fulfil the commandments of the Holy Qur'an in their own way.



Hospitality

Once, a companion said that he would go to people's homes at odd hours, so that upon being turned away, he could fulfil the commandment of the Holy Qur'an of returning home happily when not granted entry by the host.



Responsibilities

However, he would never be turned away from anyone's door.

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Overcoming Difficulties Faced During the Convention

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Under normal circumstances, the organisers do not reject the requests of guests.

Instructions

However, this Jalsa is being held under unique circumstances. Hence, those who are not able to attend should not hold any malice in their heart.

Hospitality

Similarly, those who have been given invitations should do their utmost to attend, barring any extenuating circumstances.

Responsibilities

There are some who make the excuse of not attending due to the rain.

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His Holiness (aba) reminded that in Qadian and Rabwah, the Jalsa would be held out in open fields during the winter months, yet people happily attended.

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Overcoming Difficulties Faced During the Convention

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Even the earlier UK Jalsas, held in Islamabad would at times be held during heavy rain. of guests.

Instructions

His Holiness (aba) recalled one such Jalsa which he attended, where the rain had come into the marquee, to the extent that whilst praying, the worshippers' knees and faces would become wet.

Hospitality

In fact, His Holiness (aba) said that this happened with him as well.

Responsibilities

Hence, the weather should not be made an excuse for not attending the Jalsa.

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There are also those who make excuses and seek out mistakes to highlight. His Holiness (aba) said people should also remain mindful of this.

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Overcoming Difficulties Faced During the Convention

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Instructions

In the dining marquee, guests should adhere to the social distancing measures put in place and anything they are reminded about by the volunteers.

All guests should be extremely careful in this regard.

Masks must be taken off to eat, however whilst in line to get food, masks should always be worn.

Volunteers and duty-holders should make it compulsory for themselves to always be wearing their masks, no matter where their duty may be.

Even whilst raising or responding to slogans, everyone should ensure that they continue wearing their masks.

In order to keep everyone safe, everyone should keep their mouths and noses covered.

Hospitality

Responsibilities

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Diligence in Security Measures

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In order to ensure safety and security, there will be various checks.

Instructions

The guests should fully comply and not become annoyed by the various checks.

Hospitality

Similarly, there should be no slackness in security, and everyone must remain vigilant.

Responsibilities

Everyone should listen attentively to the Jalsa proceedings, rather than meeting in small groups and talking to one another.

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There will be many who are seeing each other after quite some time, but this should not be an excuse or deterrent from listening to the proceedings of Jalsa.

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Focus on Prayers

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These meetings should also not take one's attention away from prayers.

Instructions

In these days, one should focus on the remembrance of Allah.

Hospitality

Wherever people may be watching and listening to the Jalsa, everyone should focus on the remembrance of Allah.

Responsibilities

His Holiness (aba) presented a quote of the Promised Messiah (as) in which he said that merely the oratory skills of speakers should not be lauded, rather whatever is done should be done for the sake of Allah.

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People do not leave such gatherings having been reformed.


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Diligence in Security Measures

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Instructions

His Holiness (aba) said that this points to the fact that we must not merely pay attention to how a speech sounds, rather we must pay close attention to the content and what is being said.



Hospitality

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may everyone attending or listening to the Jalsa bring about a true change within themselves.



Responsibilities

May the weather not present any hindrance, rather may Allah turn it in our favour.

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