

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 8th January 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited verse 246 of Sūrah *Al-Baqarah*, which is translated as follows:

“Who is it that will lend Allāh a goodly loan that He may multiply it for him manifold? And Allāh receives and enlarges, and to Him shall you be made to return.” (2:246)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: No worldly or religious institution can work without financial contributions. Our contributions are used not only for meeting the needs of the country, the society and the Jamā‘at but also to serve mankind at large. Chandas are not something new. All Prophets are known to have invited contributions from their followers in times of need. Chandas help to strengthen the faith of the members and increases their love and devotion. They are also aimed at meeting the requirements of our Jamā‘at. Zakāt is one of the basic tenets of our faith and its payment is obligatory on everyone to whom it applies.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In our Jamā‘at we also have the institution of Waṣiyyat which was initiated by the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام in 1905. Every Mūṣī is expected to abide by the norms of *Taqwa* and to pay his chanda honestly in keeping with his true income. We also have Chanda ‘Ām which is paid at 1/16th of a member’s income. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام laid great stress on this chanda and asked the Jamā‘at to pay it punctually every month.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In order to widen the scope of Da‘wat Ilallāh and to meet the increasing financial demands, Ḥaḍrat Mūṣleḥ Mau‘ūd رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ introduced Taḥrīk Jadīd and later, in 1957, he introduced the scheme of Waqf Jadīd. Initially Waqf Jadīd was limited only to Pakistan, but Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ extended its scope to the whole world to convey our message to the rural areas of India and Africa.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The verse I have recited does not apply only to financial sacrifices but to all kinds of noble and charitable deeds. When a believer sincerely offers sacrifices for the sake of Allāh, Allāh rewards him manifold, as He has promised. Allāh, whose grace and bounty extends to all beings, is surely not going

to waste the good deeds we perform for His sake. But it is Allāh Who increases our wealth and enables us to do good deeds, so we should always remain obedient and devoted to Him.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: Through Waqf Jadīd, new mosques are being built in different countries of Africa, new Jamā'ats are being established, new Imāms are being trained, more and more people are coming into the fold of Islām-Aḥmadiyyat and the awareness is growing among Aḥmadīs to make even more sacrifices.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى announced the commencement of the 53rd year of Waqf Jadīd, and prayed that in the coming year we may continue to witness Allāh's numerous blessings and the Jamā'at may be able to make even greater sacrifices. *Āmīn*.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: An analysis of the figures of the previous year shows that Pakistan stands first in terms of Chanda Waqf Jadīd, followed by USA and UK respectively. By the grace of Allāh the total number of members who have contributed towards Waqf Jadīd has reached 573,000 with the addition of 36,323 new members in the past year. May Allāh accept all our sacrifices and bless the contributors in every way and strengthen their faiths even more.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "We must all strive to come to a good end, and try to acquire virtue—upon which our salvation depends—by sacrificing our time and our resources in the way of Allāh. Allāh says that you cannot acquire true virtue that leads to salvation unless, for His sake, you give out of the things that you love most."

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى prayed that may Allāh always enable us to do good deeds and to offer sacrifices for His sake. May we be able to further the cause of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. *Āmīn*

At the end of the sermon, Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى informed the Jamā'at of the tragic martyrdom of Professor Muḥammad Yusuf Ṣāhib of Rachna Town Lahore, Pakistan. Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى spoke of the virtues of the martyr and his services for the Jamā'at and led his *Namāz Janazah Ghā'ib* after the Jumu'a prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 24 May. 10