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The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 7th January 2011, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 266 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, which is translated as follows:

“And the case of those who spend their wealth to seek the pleasure of Allāh and to strengthen their souls is like the case of a garden on elevated ground. Heavy rain falls on it so that it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if heavy rain does not fall on it, then light rain *suffices*. And Allāh sees what you do.” (2:266)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Every command of the Holy Qur’ān is meant to be followed and their obedience is what that makes one a true believer. An important commandment relates to financial sacrifices. The Holy Qur’ān says that it is a source of guidance for the righteous, who believe in the unseen, observe prayers and spend out of what Allāh has given them. When an Aḥmadī makes these sacrifices with an understanding of their importance and then witnesses firsthand how Allāh blesses him in return, it strengthens his faith in these sacrifices, in the existence of God and in the truth of Islām and the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In this verse, Allāh has exhorted both the rich and the poor to spend in His path to the best of their ability and has promised twofold reward for sacrifices made with sincerity. Allāh values the spirit behind financial sacrifices and all such deeds; He values the motivation and the proportion of a sacrifice rather than the amount. In this verse Allāh says that He sees what you do, which means that He knows the spirit behind your sacrifices and He is aware of your financial situation. In His court it is the intentions that are rewarded and that determine the standards of financial sacrifices.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Companions رضی اللہ عنہم of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام benefitted directly from his spiritual blessings and set high standards of sacrifice and piety. By the grace of Allāh, the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام has been able to carry on the same spirit. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ gave several instances of how, even in the present day and age, Aḥmadīs are continuing to make extraordinary sacrifices and witnessing Allāh’s favours as a result. Far from declining, this spirit is continuing to grow and can also be witnessed in newly converted Aḥmadīs.

Speaking about the new year of Waqf Jadīd, Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: This Chanda was at first limited to Aḥmadīs in Pakistan, but Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ extended it to the whole world. Through Waqf Jadīd, Jamā'ats in developed countries are not only able to accomplish their own schemes, they are also able to help Jamā'ats in less developed countries. May Allāh accept these sacrifices.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The 54th year of Waqf Jadīd has commenced from 1st January 2011. During the last year, the global Jamā'at contributed more than 4,183,000 pounds sterling towards Chanda Waqf Jadīd, which is 664,000 pounds more than the previous year. As previously, Pakistan stands first in terms of the amount contributed, followed by U.S.A. and U.K. respectively. Within Pakistan, Lahore stands first, followed by Karachi and Rabwah. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ also gave a comparison of the sacrifices by the African countries towards Chanda Waqf Jadīd. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ gave Jamā'at Ghana and Nigeria a target to include a further 50,000 members into Waqf Jadīd during this year.

At the end Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā'at about the sad demise of Mr. Hidayatullah Hubsch, a German Aḥmadī, and spoke in detail of the extraordinary manner of his conversion and his high moral and intellectual standing. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ rejected the notion spread by some people that the eclipse which took place on Tuesday was related to his death. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Our faith has no room for such notions.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ also informed the Jamā'at of an incident in Mardan in which a young Aḥmadī, Mian Wajih Aḥmad Noman, son of Mian Bashir Aḥmad Ṣāḥib, was wounded. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ asked the Jamā'at to pray for his quick and full recovery.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 12 Jan. 2011