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The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 1st June 2012, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon in the German city of Karlsruhe. The sermon also marked the opening of the 37th Jalsa Sālāna of Jama'at Ahmadiyya, Germany.

Speaking in the context of the aims and objectives of the Jalsa, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ stressed the need for spending the days in worship and prayers, trying to develop one's spiritual condition, and endeavouring to spread the message of Islām. At the same time, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ also emphasized the importance of fulfilling our duties towards one another, treating everyone with love and kindness, fostering the spirit of fraternity and brotherhood, showing humility and meekness and developing all the social ethical values.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ quoted the fourth and ninth Condition of the Bai'at wherein it is stated:

"That he/she shall cause no harm whatsoever to the creatures of Allāh in general, and Muslims in particular, neither by his/her tongue nor by his/her hands nor by any other means. And that he/she shall keep himself/herself occupied in the service of God's creatures for His sake only; and shall endeavour to benefit mankind to the best of his/her God-given abilities."

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: If such spirit is infused in all Ahmādīs and they strive to fulfil their obligations, the Jama'at will be rid of all kinds of personal quarrels and disputes. The office-bearers should fulfil their duties with a spirit of fairness and sympathy, for they will be answerable to God. The responsibilities assigned to members of the Jama'at are not like worldly offices; every individual is there to serve the Jama'at. The office-bearers should at all events set a higher standard.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: All the aggression and barbarity we are witnessing in the world today has its roots in jealousy and lack of the fear of God. We are fortunate that, having accepted the Imam of the age, we have been saved from all forms of extremism. At a lower and domestic level, however, we find such disputes in our environment, whereby jealousy leads brother to become estranged from brother. Such jealousies are particularly common among women, and sometimes there are disputes over offices and responsibilities. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: If each one of us is convinced that this is a Divine Jama'at, then, instead of striving for

offices, we should pay more attention to doing *istighfar*, and seek forgiveness for our weaknesses and shortcomings. Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh has exhorted us not to make an offer for a transaction while another offer is still under consideration. Similarly, it is not permissible to send a proposal for marriage while another proposal is being considered. One should first pray and come to a decision about the first proposal and only then think about another.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that kindness and sympathy towards humankind is also an important aspect of worship and a valuable means for winning Divine approbation. Have pity on God's creation, strive to be of service to them and become meek and humble and sympathetic so as to be accepted by God.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: During these days of the Jalsa, while we try to establish a strong bond with Allāh through prayers and remembrance, we should also cleanse our hearts of all rancour and strive to attain the highest ethical standards. May Allāh protect all Ahmadīs from the enemy's mischief and save the world from the impending destruction. Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ stressed the need for offering prayers with congregation and exercising vigilance during the Jalsa.

At the end of the sermon, Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of Sayyeda Amatullah Begum, daughter of Hadrat Dr. Mir Muhammad Ismail Sahib and led her *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* after the Jumu'a prayers.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Mansoor Ahmad Khan)

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