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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 1st Nov. 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Muqet, Auckland, New Zealand.

After reciting verses 37-39 of Sūrah *An-Nur*, which are translated as follows:

"This light is now lit in houses with regard to which Allāh has ordained that they be exalted and His name be remembered in them. Glorify Him therein in the mornings and the evenings;

Men whom neither trade nor commerce makes oblivious of the remembrance of Allāh and the observance of Prayer and the giving of the Zakāt. They fear a day in which hearts and eyes will be agitated.

So that Allāh may give them the best reward of their deeds, and give them increase out of His bounty. And Allāh does provide for whomsoever He pleases without measure." (24:37-39)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Today by the grace of Allāh Jama‘at Ahmadiyya New Zealand has been able to build its first formal mosque. May Allāh bless it in every way. The Jamā‘at here is very small with only about 400 members, but the mosque is quite spacious and beautiful; it can accommodate more than the current members of the Jama‘at. May the day come when this mosque overflows with worshippers. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of the sacrifices made by members for the construction of the mosque, and said that it is not enough to make such occasional sacrifices, rather a believer should always remain steadfast on the right path and remember the purpose of his creation, which is to recognize and worship his Creator.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that our objective, when we pledge allegiance to the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, is not to make sacrifices out of temporary zeal, but to worship God steadfastly. We should not only worship when we are in trials, but also when we are prosperous and carefree. Our worldly responsibilities should not keep us from worship. Allāh says that trade and businesses cannot hinder a true believer from worship. May Allāh enable us to be such believers.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Ahmadīs should close all their businesses at the time of prayer and go to the mosque. Those who live too far away from the mosque to attend regularly should arrange to pray at their own places. In this way, people will be affected by your example and will be drawn towards Islām. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the great revolution brought about by the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was such that his Companions,

despite the fact that some of them were wealthy traders, their hearts were always inclined towards God. Offering prayers and making sacrifices was their primary focus.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام teaches us to prefer God above all else. If we seek God and be His true servants, then we will not only find God but the world will also be ours. God's true servants are those who love God and are devoted to Him. We do not say that you should give up your worldly endeavours, rather that while your hand is engrossed in your work, your heart should be with God. God wants us to do our work but to desist from disobeying Him. Become so pure of heart that your work does not make you forget God. If you become such, then your worldly endeavours will also come under the purview of faith. This is how every Ahmadī should be.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that our mosques should also be a means of Da'wat Ilallāh. But for this to be so, we have to set our own example and find new ways to spread our message. So today while you make a pledge to worship punctually, you should also promise to demonstrate high moral standards, and to foster mutual love and brotherhood.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said the new mosque, Baitul Muqet, is built on a 1.75 acre piece of land. If we include the old building, it can accommodate about a thousand worshippers. A *Langar Khana* has also been built alongside the mosque. Members made extraordinary sacrifices for its construction. Women gave away their jewellery and children sacrificed their pocket money. May Allāh accept all these sacrifices and bless all the members immensely. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may enable us to bring about a holy transformation in ourselves. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jama'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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