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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,
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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Huzoor (May Allāh be his helper) said:

Every Ahmadī makes a pledge: ‘I will give precedence to faith over worldly matters’. It is, therefore, imperative for each and every Ahmadī including the office-bearers of the Jamā‘at to act upon their pledge.

Faith means to live in accordance with the commandments of the Almighty God and seek to please Him by performing good actions and saying good words.

God blesses the sincerity of and confers His nearness to those who serve faith while feeling its pain.

On October 17, 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: There is a phrase well-known to every Ahmadī in the Jamā‘at: ‘I will give precedence to faith over worldly matters’. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام drew great attention to this. We often repeat this phrase in our speeches. Indeed, the phrase sums up the very essence of the Conditions of Bai‘at. Also, it forms the very synopsis of the pledges made by the auxiliary organization of the Jamā‘at.

In short, every Ahmadī makes this pledge, and on this pledge rest the foundations of his or her faith. In other words, by making this covenant we express our devotion and submission to the institution of Khilāfat and to *Nizām-e-Jamā‘at*.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that God does not care for a person who makes this pledge while taking Bai‘at but does not act upon it in his practical life. This makes it clear that no worldly object should impede the matters of faith. And, as for faith, it is to live one’s life in accordance with the commandments of the Almighty God and to seek to please Him through all one’s actions and words which should be good. We will earn Divine pleasure only when

we do not allow worldly matters to overtake the matters of faith; rather the matters of faith should be given precedence.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God has not forbidden us to earn a living in this world. However, it is unwarrantable to allow worldly matters to become a hindrance to the progress of faith. This is why we have been taught not to treat faith with negligence. Only this can enable us to truly give precedence to matters of faith over worldly objects. We should always be mindful of the fact that we need to remove all such hurdles in our way as impede our progress in faith.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has not forbidden us to earn a living. The companions of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم also had trades and ran businesses but they gave precedence to faith over all worldly objects.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that those who become slaves of the world and devote themselves to the worldly pleasures alone, they are overcome by the Satan who vanquishes them. But, those who are ever eager to see the progress of the faith are called the servants of God who overpower the Satan and prevail over his hosts.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Salāt is a basic article of Faith, but most of the people do not observe it. If we do not populate the mosques keeping in view the highest and blessed purpose for which they are to be populated, our visits to the mosques will be futile. However, it is our duty to build mosques all over the world, so that we are able to make people the true worshippers of the Almighty God. For this we have to engage ourselves in planning in every country of the world. We have to establish the best ideals of human values and with all this even earning a living becomes an aspect of faith.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The best thing is to render sacrifices that are timely and in accordance with the needs of the time. If we are not paying the Chandas and are giving precedence to our personal needs, or if we are not contributing towards the construction of the mosques and putting our own needs first, we are committing an unwarrantable act. The reason for this is that although it is warrantable to pursue our personal desires and goals, it is unwarrantable to pursue them at the cost of Faith. Therefore, we need to inculcate in ourselves such a spirit of sacrifice as enables us to win the pleasure of God. Therein lies our success and this is what constitutes 'giving precedence to faith over worldly matters'. We have been given the responsibility to do great tasks. We pledge to sacrifice our life, property, time and honour. Therefore, we should always ponder over how we could best utilise our capacities to give precedence to faith over worldly matters.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Ahmadī parents have been assigned the great task of raising their children in a manner as enables them to serve Faith and inculcates in them from an early age the realization that they are expected to give preference to faith over worldly objects. Office-holders of every level, from local to central, having correct realisation of their status, should try and fulfil their pledge as indeed they should. God considers what passes

through our hearts and He confers His grace and nearness to those who serve His faith with eagerness and love. Indeed, every office-holder of the Jamā‘at should strive to obtain this blessed station.

Next, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced the martyrdom of Latif Aalam Butt Sahib, son of Khurshid Aalam Butt Sahib, of Kamra, District Attock, Pakistan, and spoke of his services for the Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that he would lead the funeral prayer in absentia of the martyr after the Jumu‘a Prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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