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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

The importance and blessings of making financial sacrifices in the way of Allāh. The start of the new year of Tahrīk Jadīd, and the sacrifices made by devout members of the Jamā‘at.

Spending one’s wealth in the way of Allāh is also a measure of a person’s goodness and piety.

Pakistan stood first in terms of making financial sacrifices towards Tahrīk Jadīd, followed by Germany, UK, and USA respectively.

On 6th November 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 93 of Surah Al-e-‘Imrān, which is translated as follows:

“Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allāh surely knows it well.” (3:93)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in these verses Allāh reminds the believers that if you wish to attain righteousness in order to win Allāh’s pleasure then you must remember that piety requires sacrifices. Therefore, in order to win Allāh’s pleasure you should sacrifice that which you love most and which gives you the greatest benefit, comfort, and ease. We know that wealth has always been cherished by humankind and that the love for wealth and striving for its attainment crossed all bounds. Materialism is at its peak. At such a time it might sound ridiculous to the worldly minded to hear of sacrificing one’s most cherished possessions for winning God’s pleasure, trampling upon one’s own desires for those of others, and making sacrifices for the faith. But they do not realize that even in this age there are people who comprehend these teachings of the Holy Qur’ān and try to follow them. Even in this age there are people who strive for righteousness in such a way that it seems to others like a great sacrifice. They strive for piety and set high standards in making sacrifices of their wealth, life and time in order to spread their faith. Such are the sacrifices that foster obedience and *taqwa*.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the greater part of the world does not know who these people are. But they are the ones who, by following in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and by attaching themselves to the Imām of the Age, have found

the true means of attaining piety. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام in many of his sayings and writings has elucidated the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān and provided understanding of how piety is achieved and how high standards of sacrifice are attained.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that in this world people are very much infatuated with wealth and possessions. But the Holy Qur'ān says that you cannot attain righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love, and this is because kindness to mankind calls for spending one's wealth, for how can one benefit another without foregoing one's own needs? Self-sacrifice is necessary for benefitting others. In this verse we have been taught to make self-sacrifices. Thus spending one's wealth in the cause of Allāh is also a reflection of one's piety and goodness.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the Jamā'at of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام has set high standards in sacrifice, and by the grace of Allāh even today there are men, women and children in this Jamā'at who are well advanced in sincerity and devotion. They have a true understanding of the verse لن تتالو البر and are making greater and greater sacrifices. These include both old and new Ahmadīs. There are those who prior to accepting Ahmadiyyat gave priority to their worldly desires, but now they are ready to give away their cherished possessions. This is the revolution brought about by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in this age. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) mentioned some faith-enhancing instances of the sacrifices made by sincere members of the Jamā'at and highlighted the blessings of making sacrifices for Tahrīk Jadīd. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said there are many such examples of sacrifices made by men, women and children all over the world and Allāh has blessed the Promised Messiah عليه السلام with devoted followers in every corner of the world who understand the true spirit of sacrifice. We pray that Allāh may keep this spirit alive and we all keep progressing in *taqwa*.

Announcing the start of the 82nd year of Tahrīk Jadīd, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some figures for the year that has ended. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that by the grace of Allāh the worldwide Jamā'at offered a sacrifice of 9,217,800 Pounds Sterling. Pakistan has retained its first position. Among other Jamā'ats, Germany stood first, followed by UK and USA respectively. Among African countries, Ghana stood first, followed by Nigeria and Mauritius respectively. By the grace of Allāh the number of members who contribute towards Tahrīk Jadīd has reached 1,311,000 with 100,000 new members joining this year. Among the Jamā'ats in Pakistan, Lahore stood first followed by Rabwah and Karachi respectively. Among the districts, Sialkot stood first followed by Faisalabad and Sargodha respectively.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also named the prominent Jamā'ats in Germany, USA, UK, Canada, Australia and India.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may bless the lives and possession of all those who have contributed towards this chanda and they may grow in sincerity and devotion. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh
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