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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Continuous progress of the Jalsa Sālāna from the time of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and Hazrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضي الله عنه to this day.

The prayers of those who were forsaken by friend and foe became the seeds for future progress.

The days are not far when chartered flights will bring delegates to the Jalsa.

On 25th December 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the start of Jalsa Sālāna Qādiān and also mentioned Jalsas being held in other countries such as Australia and the West Coast of the USA. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some extracts from speeches of Hazrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضي الله عنه in which he described how Jalsas were held in the time of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and how they were attended by God’s help and support, and gave some advice to Ahmadīs to keep the institution of Jalsa expanding and flourishing.

According to Hazrat Musleh Mau‘ud’s رضي الله عنه description of one of the initial Jalsa Sālāna, one or two large rugs were laid out on which 200 to 250 people were seated, mostly from the lower and middle class. Compared to the population of the world they were completely insignificant. In fact, people used to mock at them. These were the people forsaken by their own friends and driven out of their homes, indeed they were like orphans. But they were far advanced in their love and had gathered at the beck and call of God’s appointed one to bring about a revolution in the world. It was the prayers and supplications offered at that time of helplessness and weaknesses that have resulted in this Jalsa being held in Qādiān on such a large scale with much better facilities.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Hazrat Musleh Mau‘ud رضي الله عنه was speaking of Qādiān as it was in 1936, whereas today the Jalsa has expanded ever further. Qādiān now has much better facilities and the Jalsa is attended by delegates from about 25 countries. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Jalsas are also being held in other countries and spoke about the acquisition of a new site in Australia.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if we study history, we will realize how the Jamā‘at is progressing and spreading and how God is showering His blessing upon us. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Ahmadīs in Rabwah and Pakistan should not be perturbed, I tell them that things will change. But for this they need to

pray and not show any weakness in their faith. If they draw God's grace through prayers and the strength of their faith, things will change.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said we must remember that when Divine Jamā'at progress they also have to face opposition and are targeted by those who are envious. But God always rewards those who show steadfastness. In addition to attacks in Pakistan and Indonesia, enemies of the Jamā'at have recently martyred an Ahmadī in Kyrgyzstan, and a blast in an Ahmadī mosque in Bangladesh injured several Ahmadīs. While opposition will keep growing with our progress, we have to show perseverance and strength of faith, and we have to supplicate.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also cited some advice that Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud رضي الله عنه gave to the Jamā'at regarding Jalsa Sālāna. One was that Ahmadīs ought to attend the Jalsa, otherwise their children will begin to draw away from the Jamā'at. Ahmadīs in every country should attend their respective Jalsas. Those who attend the Jalsas should remember that while the Jamā'at does its best to offer hospitality to the delegates, if there is still some shortcoming they should not allow it to weaken their faith but should show patience and forbearance while keeping in mind the actual purpose of the Jalsa, which is to increase their knowledge, offer prayers, and make sacrifices for spreading the message. Try to inculcate in your hearts the faith, the sincerity and the zeal that was present in the companions of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام whose prayers resulted in our progress. And you should again sow the same seeds so that your children continue to see the Jamā'at grow and they too should keep spreading its message. We have a great objective before us and we have to achieve it together.

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud رضي الله عنه said that at first people would travel to the Jalsa on foot, then they would come on carts, then on cars, then on trains, and it is quite possible that someday planes will fly to Qādiān carrying the delegates for the Jalsa. This is not something impossible in the eyes of God.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the tragic martyrdom of Mr. Yunus of Kyrgyzstan and led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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