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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Exhortations about intellectual and moral training of the Jamā‘at in the light of the sagacious words of Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ

The missionaries should strive for higher intellectual and spiritual status in order to uphold their respect and dignity.

In our every action, even play and leisure, we should not damage the reputation of the Jamā‘at and should always be mindful of its dignity.

On 8th July, 2016, Ḥazrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in his message to the Jamā‘at of Qādiān, Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ once said: “Allah has promised to spread the message and the name of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام to the ends of the world, and He is doing this in keeping with His promise and will continue to do so in the future as well. But the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام also advised His Jamā‘at to seek knowledge from his books and do tabligh.” In this message Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ reminded the Jamā‘at in Qādiān that despite their limited numbers and resources they still had a duty to spread the message of truth. Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ also had words of encouragement for the Aḥmadīs who were safeguarding Qādiān. Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ said when the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام embarked on this divine mission there were only two or three Aḥmadīs in Qādiān and no Aḥmadiyya Jama'ats outside of Qādiān, but now there are hundreds of Jama'ats in India and it is your duty to keep them active. Along with tabligh, you also have to take care of new Aḥmadīs. If these new Aḥmadīs face any persecution it is your duty to reach out to them and raise their spirits.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Aḥmadīs should read and understand the books of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام and prepare lectures and speeches based on them. Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ said that those who go out and deliver lectures should be given well prepared material which they should present in their lectures. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that this is a guiding principle for missionaries and other preachers.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that old Aḥmadīs used to prefer the work of tabligh to that of office work, but today many people insist that they want to be stationed in the centre. Missionaries should try to develop their intellectual and spiritual faculties in order to preserve their dignity in the Jama'ats so that no one should have any occasion to criticise them. In some Jama'ats the members of administration speak ill of the missionaries. When a missionary tries to reform them they start criticising him.

Ḥazrat Muṣleh Mau‘ūd رضی اللہ عنہ said that the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام came to show such miracles and create such people whose prayers would bring about great

revolutions. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, “That which cannot be done by the whole world can be done through prayer.” Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also answered an objection about the acceptance of prayers and the showing of signs citing words of Hāzrat Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd رضي الله عنه. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also cited some brief anecdotes related by Hāzrat Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd رضي الله عنه. One of these was the story of a jealous hunchbacked woman. Hāzrat Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd رضي الله عنه said that such people instead of wishing to be relieved of their own suffering, wish the same suffering upon others. We should pray to be saved from the evil of such jealous people. Citing the story of a blind man, Hāzrat Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd رضي الله عنه said that while people are afraid of death, a believer is not, and when people come to kill him he says that I already died the day I accepted the truth. Hāzrat Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd رضي الله عنه cited the story of a miserly woman and said that there are some rich people who are themselves miserly and claim credit for the overall Chanda of the Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that once people were joking and jesting and saying things that were contrary to the faith and against the decorum of the Jamā‘at. Upon this Hāzrat Muṣleḥ Mau‘ūd رضي الله عنه said that it is not forbidden to laugh and joke, but it should not be done in a manner that is derogatory and belittling. And if such a word is uttered by error, one should offer *Istighfar*. Do not go so far in jest that it brings a bad name to the Jamā‘at. We should be mindful of this on all occasions. We have to be mindful not to injure the image of the Jamā‘at whether it is in games or leisure or other social gatherings.

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 Aḥmadiyya Pakistan,

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