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The Amīr/National President

Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

Inauguration of Bait-e-Mahmood Mosque at Regina, Canada, and advice to the office-bearers and auxiliary organizations of the Jamā‘at to thank Allāh, make financial sacrifices and keep the houses of Allāh well-inhabited.

It is in the nature of the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at to sacrifice life, wealth and time for the sake of Faith, for its members have made the winning of Allāh’s pleasure their objective.

The Jamā‘at has set a good example by working voluntarily for the construction of the mosque. This tradition should be kept alive and efforts should be made to save as much money in this way as possible.

Before delivering the Friday Sermon on 4 November 2016, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) unveiled the inauguration plaque at Bait-e-Mahmood, Regina, Canada, and led members of the Jamā‘at in silent prayer. Later, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited verse 18 of Sūrah Taubah:

Verily, he alone is worthy of maintaining the Mosques of Allāh who believes in Allāh, and the Last Day, and observes Prayer, and pays Zakāt, and fears none but Allāh; so these it is who are far more likely to be counted among the guided. (9:18)

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We are thankful to Allāh that He enabled the Jamā‘at in Regina, Canada, to build a mosque. Indeed, it is a beautiful mosque. Around 160 members of the Jamā‘at live here and in the area surrounding the mosque. About 400 people can offer Prayer in it and additional arrangements can be made to accommodate around 100 more people. In other words, the mosque is three times bigger than the current need of the Jamā‘at in this area. The expenses for the construction of the mosque have also been borne by the local chapter of the Jamā‘at. The minimum bid made for the construction of the mosque was 2.8 million dollars which was to reach a total of 3.5 million dollars after having incurred various other expenditures. However, the total cost of the project has been 1.6 million dollars, which means the mosque was completed in less than half the estimated cost. A worldly-minded person cannot understand how this has happened. The reason is that he is absolutely unaware of what financial sacrifice is and how commendable the standards of sacrifice set by the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام are. Indeed, it is members of the Jamā‘at of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام among whom you can find the examples of sacrificing one’s life, wealth and time for the sake of Faith. And, this is the hallmark of the Aḥmadiyya Jamā‘at everywhere. Wherever they are living in the world, God enables them to make sacrifices, and the reason for this is that they have made the pleasure of the Almighty God their objective.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) mentioned the three real brothers of the Saskatoon Jamā‘at who helped save half of the estimated cost of the project. Also, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about other volunteers including male and female members of the Jamā‘at from Saskatoon and from other areas in Canada and said: These people cared least for their money and time. I have been told that the volunteers worked for around 41500 hours on the project. Such passion can be witnessed among the Aḥmadīs everywhere by the grace of Allāh.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: On the one hand, there are people who want to spread disorder, and on the other Aḥmadīs are offering their wealth and time for the construction of a house of Allāh in a country which, from the worldly point of view, is a developed and materialistic society. The reason for this is that the Holy Prophet صلی اللّٰه علیہ وسلم, said: ‘The one who builds a house of Allāh [in this world], God builds for him a house in heaven.’

The purpose of the sacrifice made for the building of the houses of Allāh is to obtain the pleasure of Allāh as well as to remove the misconceptions that the people of this world harbour regarding the true Faith. We need to convey it to the world that our mosques and teachings are not going to be a means of disorder and destruction in the world; rather they are means of earning good of this world and the hereafter, of creating love for Allāh's creation in the world and of fulfilling Allāh's rights upon us.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By doing voluntary work for the mosque, the volunteers of the Canada Jamā'at have also obtained the distinction of saving a large amount of Jamā'at funds. May Allāh abundantly bless the finances and lives of all those who have made contributions in this regard.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke about the plan to construct some smaller mosques and said: Our resources do not allow us to construct a mosque at every place. Therefore, the tradition which has been set by doing voluntary work for this mosque is really a commendable one and must be kept alive. Efforts should be made to save as much of Jamā'at's money as possible.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) highlighted the importance of building mosques in light of an extract from the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام and said: We should try to fulfill the wish of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. Another thing which we ought to keep in mind is that sincerity towards the Jamā'at should not be a temporary and transitory passion; rather there is a need to perfectly fulfill the objectives. One shouldn't show off. Instead mosques should be built for the sake of Allāh alone.

Speaking about those who immensely sacrificed their time for the sake of the construction of the mosque, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God never leaves one without reward if one's intention is good. God showers His blessings upon such people. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) drew the attention of the members of the Jamā'at towards thanking Allāh, fulfilling the rights of the mosques upon them, establishing Prayer and spending in the way of Allāh.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also drew the attention of the office-bearers and auxiliary organizations of the Jamā'at towards inhabiting the mosques and said: 'In order to express your thanks to Allāh for the construction of the mosque, we should convey the message of the true Faith to every single person of this area. By doing so, we will not only be thanking Allāh, but also fulfilling the rights people have on us. It is their right upon us that we should convey to them the message of the true Faith and bring them out of the filthy life they are living. In certain respects, these people have abandoned all moral values in the name of freedom. It is for the Aḥmadīs today to save the world from destruction. However, the only condition for this is that our steps should always move forward. It is a huge responsibility of the Aḥmadīs to save the world from destruction. We should try to save the world which is fast forgetting God. Hence, we all need to feel the anguish the Promised Messiah عليه السلام felt for the sake of the people of this world. We should set such excellent examples so that the Jamā'at and the Promised Messiah عليه السلام are commended by everyone. May God enable us to obtain this objective and may our tomorrow be better than today. May our children and future generation be able to understand that the true wealth are the sacrifices our forefathers made and the mosques they built and the propagation of the true Faith they performed and the advice they tendered to their children to firmly stick to the true Faith. May Allāh enable our coming generations realize this and develop such thinking in them. May our coming generations too be recipients of the fruits of Allāh's grace. May God enable us to achieve this objective. *Amīn*

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

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