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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

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The students of Jāmi‘a should adopt humility and seek Allāh’s blessings and His approbation.

Missionaries and Presidents and Amīrs should work, together with mutual cooperation, in everything on the basis of piety and *Taqwa*.

Presidents and Amīrs should show humility and a spirit of cooperation towards missionaries so that more and more young people are encouraged to enrol in Jāmi‘a.

On 10th March 2017, Hazrat *Khalīfatul-Masīḥ* V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Jāmi‘as have been established in several countries, and missionaries are now coming out into the field. At first missionaries were only trained in Rabwah and Qādiān, but a few days ago a joint convocation of those who passed from Jāmi‘a Canada and Jāmi‘a UK was held. So, now we have missionaries being trained in Jāmi‘as in UK and Canada, and these are boys who grew up in the West and then volunteered to study in Jamia and succeeded. Most of them are also a part of the *Waqf-e-Nau* scheme. Despite living in Western countries with all the attractions of the world, to devote oneself for the service of the faith speaks to the goodness of their nature and their preference for the faith over above everything else. And, remember, this is not possible without God’s grace.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: All those who are studying in Jāmi‘as in the West or in other countries should inculcate humility and consider their devotion to be a blessing from God and always seek His grace. There is a growing need for missionaries and therefore more and more *Waqfeen-e-Nau* should volunteer for Jāmi‘a. Parents have the responsibility to inculcate in their children the desire to come to Jāmi‘a. Currently there are Jāmi‘as established in Rabwah, Qādiān, UK, Germany, Canada, Ghana, Bangladesh and Indonesia. We should at least fill the capacity of these Jāmi‘as in order to meet our needs for missionaries.

Speaking about the obligations and limits of missionaries and Presidents or Amīrs, Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Missionaries should remember that they have to fully obey whoever is administratively placed above them. They have to show an example of obedience and humility so that there is no negative influence on the Jamā‘at. And if they think that they are being treated unjustly, they can report to the national Amīr or even to me.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I also say to the Presidents and Amīrs that it is their duty to foster respect for the missionaries. The President should be the foremost in every Jamā‘at with regard to respecting missionaries and

working in coordination with them. Similarly other office-bearers should also cooperate with the missionaries in their respective spheres, and the missionaries should also cooperate with the President or the Amīr with perfect humility and righteousness. After all, we have a single purpose, which is to teach and train the members of the Jamā‘at, to inspire into them respect of the institutions of the Jamā‘at, to establish a strong bond with Khilāfat, to establish *Tauhid*, and to spread the true Islām all over the world. There is no question of limits of authority in all this. We should all work together as one and remember Allāh’s commandment *تعاونوا على البر والتقوى* (help one another in righteousness and piety).

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It has been seen that wherever there occurs even the slightest divide between the President, office-bearers, and missionaries, Satan takes advantage of it and roots of piety and righteousness start shaking. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Presidents and missionaries should particularly bear in mind that they should give preference to mercy and sympathy and to cover people’s weaknesses. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I have laid down all this very clearly so that Presidents, Amīrs and missionaries should know that our goals are very vast and we have an important objective before us, therefore if sometimes there is any disagreement between us, it should be solved quickly.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Cooperation is of the essence. Neither should the President or Amīr try to have his way in everything, nor should the missionary consider his own opinion to always be correct and try to have it implemented. Missionaries are responsible for teaching and training since they have more religious knowledge, and their level of piety should also be higher than others. When missionaries understand this, they will naturally gain a status among the office-bearers and members of the Jamā‘at. Presidents and Amīrs should bear in mind that just as they are the representatives of the Khalīfa in matters of administration, in the same way it is the responsibility of the missionaries, as representatives of the Khalīfa, to use all possible means for intellectual and spiritual growth of the Jamā‘at. Therefore, Presidents, Amīrs and missionaries should work in coordination.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is the responsibility of Presidents, and office-bearers to inspire into members of the Jamā‘at respect for missionaries so that more and more young people are motivated to devote their lives. Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that a missionary devotes his entire life for the service of God and His religion, whereas the office-bearers are only selected for a certain time period. If some office-bearer is not benefitting the Jamā‘at, then the missionaries can pray for their guidance or that Allāh may remove them from their positions.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Missionaries as well as Presidents should bear in mind that they should not speak against anyone else in their homes. Office-bearers, and particularly the Amīrs and presidents, should spread love and kindness so that every member of the Jamā‘at feels that they are safe under them. They should meet everyone smiling and with kindness. The office chair should increase them in humility instead of arrogance. The doors of every office-bearer and missionary should be open for everyone. We should always keep the example of the Holy Prophet *صلى الله عليه وسلم* before us, because he used to greet everyone with a smile.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: I have said many times before that office-bearers should deal with the issues brought before them quickly, and if there is some delay in resolving them, they should at least inform the concerned parties of it. If they meet the people cordially and with a smile, people are relieved of half their problems and complaints. Every decision and action should be based upon Fear of Allāh, great humility and justice. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has admonished authorities and rulers in this regard.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Thus it is the duty of office-bearers, who are representatives of *Khalīfatul-Masīh* everywhere, to perform their duties duly. The office-bearers of the auxiliary organisations should also fulfil their responsibilities and realize their obligations. The aim of the auxiliary organisations was to motivate the Jamā‘at at all levels and so that *Khalīfatul-Masīh* receives information through various sources about the condition of the Jamā‘at. Every office-bearer should consider work of Jamā‘at a blessing of Allāh. Office-bearers, Presidents, Amīrs and auxiliary organizations all should have mutual cooperation. Mutual cooperation could increase the pace of Jamā‘at’s progress manifold.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: the office-bearers should have the heart to listen even to complaints against themselves, and then do introspection and try to reform themselves. I also advise members of the Jamā‘at to raise their own standards of *Taqwa*, because then the office-bearers will naturally progress in *Taqwa* as well. Also instil this saying of Holy Prophet ﷺ in the hearts of your children that we ought to fulfil our responsibilities. We have to listen to and obey our leaders no matter what the circumstances. We don’t have worldly leaders in the Jamā‘at thus we should obey the Jamā‘at’s institutions in the same spirit. We can convey our concerns to *Khalīfatul-Masīh* or to our superiors, but there should not be any element of rebellion.

Ḥuzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed: May Allāh enable us to do everything for His sake, may we live up to the expectations of the Promised Messiah (a.s), and may we come under God’s benign protection. *Amīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

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