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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Pledging Bai'at to the Promised Messiah (a.s) should not only be a means to strengthening our faith, it should also motivate us to spread the message of Islām without any inferiority complex.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) came to create a Jamā‘at that would bring about practical reformation in all aspects. Enhance the standards of your practical lives. This is what we need to do.

Impressions of dignitaries at the opening of mosques and addresses by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper). Let us continue to spread Islām’s message of love and fraternity.

On 21st April 2017, Hadrat *Khalīfatul-Masih V* (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Raunheim, Germany.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is by God’s grace that we have been able to accept the Promised Messiah (a.s) and pledge allegiance to him. While this should serve to strengthen our faith, it should also motivate us to spread the message of Islām without any fear or inferiority complex. Some young people tend to think that in view of the current situation of the world where violence is attributed to Islām, it is better not to talk about these issues. On the contrary, the actions of these so-called Muslims should give us courage, because the Holy Prophet ﷺ had said that Muslims would become corrupt and would be given to worldliness, and then the Promised Messiah (a.s) would come to spread the message of Islām. We believe in the Promised Messiah (a.s) and act upon the Islām he taught us, hence there is no reason for us to give in to any sort of inferiority complex.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: People living in the West are becoming more and more inclined towards worldliness. While they have become better in their ethical values, their standard of worship is low. They pledge with their tongues, but their actions are not consistent with what they say. There is also lack of interaction among members of the Jamā‘at. It is important to teach people to respect the office bearers. The Promised Messiah (a.s) came to create a Jamā‘at that would undergo practical reformation in every aspect.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: As our mosques increase, we come under greater scrutiny from people. And this requires that every one of us should improve our practical condition and fulfil the purpose of our Bai'at to the Promised Messiah (a.s). By the grace of Allāh, most Ahmadīs here have set good examples and have amicable relationships with people, which brings a good name to the Jamā‘at. The impressions given by local administration and politicians on the occasion of the opening of mosques shows that they have a favourable impression of the local Ahmadīs. However, they did not know much about the teachings of Islām. Some even had reservations about coming to the

gathering fearing terrorism. But after listening to my address, they said that they were wrong and that they now understood that the actions of some should not be attributed to Islām. They said that many of their doubts had been removed, and they said that if they were ever inclined towards religion, they would come to Islām Ahmadiyyat.

Some of the impressions after listening to Huzoor's (May Allāh be his Helper) address were as follows: "Today our view of Islām has changed. Today we have learned the meaning of Jihad. Today we realized that you do not take lives but give lives through the service of humanity. Today we have seen the Islām that spread love and not hatred." A lady said, "Today I have learned about the life of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the early years of Islām. Islām teaches the fulfilment of our obligations. If the world understood this teaching, it would become an abode of peace and harmony."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The fact is that the media does not want to portray a positive image of Islām. It is therefore our duty to go on spreading Islām's message of peace and harmony. After every negative act committed in the name of Islām, it is our duty to show the world the positive image of Islām.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Along with inner reformation, we also need to spread the books of the Promised Messiah (a.s). Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Mustafa Thabit Sahib was a profound scholar, and that the Promised Messiah's (a.s) book *The Philosophy of the Teaching of Islām* played a big part in converting him to Ahmadiyyat. Learned people should be given this book. Today true knowledge and the true image of Islām can only be found through the books of the Promised Messiah (a.s). Our young people should read these books and foster their knowledge. Since God sent the Promised Messiah (a.s) as the Arbiter for this age, He also directly granted him knowledge.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Whoever professes faith should develop his faith to the point of certainty and not indulge in speculations. Only certainty can bear fruit. The Promised Messiah (a.s) says: If having believed in me, you have doubts about my decisions, then you should worry about your faith. Faith and doubt cannot coexist. Those who object have not truly recognized me. Alas, had they come to me with pure intentions, I would have shown them God that was shown to me and God would bless them and would grant them understanding, but they instead resorted to meanness and envy. How then can I make them understand. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We have accepted the Promised Messiah (a.s) and it is our duty to make the world to understand the true message of Islām.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Having believed in the Promised Messiah (a.s), we have taken on the responsibility of reforming the world in spite of opposition. If worldly people make laws that are contrary to religion, then we have to make it clear that if something is considered wrong by our religion, we will also call it wrong. Every Ahmadī should bear this in mind. Let us raise our standards of obedience.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says: Corruption is growing in this age and every kind of idolatry and innovation and evil is spreading. When at the time of Bai'at you pledge to give preference to the faith over the world, it is a pledge you make before God, and you must remain steadfast upon it till your death. Otherwise you have not pledged Bai'at. But if you do remain steadfast, then

God will bless you both in faith and in the world. In keeping with God's will, you should adopt *Taqwa* to the fullest extent. The time is perilous and the signs of Divine wrath are becoming manifest. In view of the state of the world, everyone should turn towards God.

The Promised Messiah (a.s) says: If you say something before a man but do not act upon it, he will not be happy. The same is true of God. You should not care about what others think. Keep your body clean and your heart free from envy and malice. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Any activity, whether it be in the form of the internet or in other form, which makes you forget your prayers, is an idolatrous activity. Attend the five daily prayers punctually. I see a lot of room for improvement in this regard. And save yourself from social evils. Raise your standards of brotherhood. If everyone does self-analysis and reforms himself, all other evils will disappear. We should always seek forgiveness for our sins and shortcomings. May Allāh enable us all to do so and may we live up to our pledge of Bai'at to the Promised Messiah (a.s).

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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