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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) on 16 November 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Our Imam, *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V* (May Allāh be his Helper) Speaking about his recent tours of USA and Guatemala, said:

By the grace of Allāh these tours had very positive impacts. During my tour to the USA I inaugurated three mosques. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that generally the American politicians and common people listen carefully and praise and appreciate what is good. The fact is that the true teachings of Islām have never reached them in an appropriate way. As for those whom it has reached and are in contact with the Jamā‘at, have a positive image of Islām. It is our duty to portray the true image of Islām to America and the rest of the world through hard work and appropriate means. Some non-Aḥmadī guests who attended our functions said that the way we present the teachings of Islām is the correct way.

The guests who attended the inauguration of *Baitul Aafiat* in Philadelphia made the following remarks:

They said that they welcomed our message of peace and that they stood with us against hatred and bigotry and violence. They said that our message was excellent in establishing peace and harmony and that they looked forward to hope and peace. They said that this place will prove to be an excellent place for your mosque. Responding to my speech, they said that this was a message of love, unity and of coming together. If people understand this message, things can become much better. If we act upon these teachings we will surely be on the right path. They said that the message you have given us will help dispel the wrong notions that are being spread about Islām. People have a lot of prejudice against Islām, which is totally false. They said that they can say with certainty that Islām teaches peace and service to mankind. They said that they were very much impressed by my statement that we would wipe their tears, for there are not many who can say such a thing. They found it extraordinary. This was in response to my words that we are ever ready to serve the poor and to wipe the tears of those in adversity and pain.

A mosque was inaugurated in Baltimore by the name of *Baitus Samad*. It was previously a Church that was bought and modified into a mosque. It was bought at a cost of 2 million dollars. It has separate halls for men and women and can accommodate 400 worshipers. It also has offices, a library, classrooms, a commercial kitchen and a

dining hall, etc. The mosque is located along a highway. A reception was held on this occasion and was attended by politicians, religious leaders and intellectuals. After listening to my address they remarked that what I had said with regard to peace is a message that is much needed today. There is a need to foster love, peace and justice in Baltimore. They said that the address contained important messages, such as caring for one's neighbours. These messages are very helpful in creating an atmosphere of unity, oneness and love. They said that they had learned a very easy way of establishing peace in society which is through being kind to one's neighbours. We don't need to change everybody, if we can only serve and spread love among the people we interact with, then the whole society will become peaceful. They said that they had also learned the teachings of Islām that the faith can truly be spread through only one's own example. They said you urged us to end fear and establish love. You extended your kindness not only to people of other faiths but also to those who do not have a faith. They said that your message of serving humanity without discrimination between colour or race or religion is a beautiful message. They appreciate our endeavour to present the true teachings of Islām.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: *Bait Masroor* mosque was inaugurated in Virginia. This was also previously a church that was bought and transformed into a mosque. The whole area is 17.6 acres and its initial cost was 5 million dollars. Another 75,000 dollars were spent upon its modification and renovation. It is almost facing the *Qibla*. The covered area is 22,403 square feet. There are separate halls for men and women and it can accommodate 650 worshippers. It also has eleven rooms which include offices, a library, a conference room and a commercial kitchen.

After listening to my address at the reception held at the opening of this mosque, the guests made the following remarks: Your address was beautiful and full of wisdom. America and the world should listen carefully to your message of "*Love for all and Hatred for none*" and practice it. You said that we should give preference to others and serve them selflessly. This is the message that is indeed needed in today's political atmosphere. To prefer others over oneself and to be kind to one's neighbours was a great message. Your message was also full of wisdom because we cannot fight hatred, hatred can only be countered by spreading love. Hatred should be countered with love. And this love should be established between all faiths. The message was for the whole world. It contained teachings of peace, harmony, love and justice and giving people their rights. Everyone should adhere to this message and help cultivate unity. In today's address you presented the true teachings of Islām which, in short, is to create an atmosphere of peace, love and justice. They said that the mosque was a beautiful addition to the area.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Along with the inauguration of mosques, a big hospital was also opened in Guatemala.

On this occasion, the guests made the following remarks: They congratulated the Jamā‘at for building the hospital and creating peace and harmony between the communities. They were surprised that members of the Jamā‘at had themselves come together to complete this project in order to help the needy and thus practically demonstrated their love for humanity. If all people adopted this path of love, surely peace can be established in the world. They said that the address contained exhortation to help the poor. They said that what impressed them most was that there is no coercion in religion and that everyone should be kind to everyone else.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Spanish version of the Review of the Religions magazine was also inaugurated from Guatemala. In USA and in Latin and Central America there is a Spanish speaking population of about 400 million. Now by the grace of Allāh we are establishing Jamā‘ats in those countries as well. Many people came from other neighbouring countries and expressed emotions of love and joy upon meeting the Khalīfa for the first time. The love for Khilāfat was apparent from their eyes.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in America our message reached 2,869,000 people through TV and about 5,398,000 people through the radio. The message reached 2 million people through the social media. 45 newspapers published articles which reached about 10 million people. There was also good media coverage in Guatemala. According to one estimate, the news of the opening of the hospital and our message reached 32 million Latin Americans through the print and electronic media. It also reached 2.3 million people through the social media.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā‘at of the sad demise of *Savadoogo Ismael Sāhib* of Burkina faso and led his funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan.

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