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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 Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfa-tul-Masīh* V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.**

After reciting verse 273 of *Surah Al-Baqarah*, which is as follows:

لَيْسَ عَلَيْكَ هُدَاهُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَلَأَنْفُسِكُمْ ۗ وَمَا تُنْفِقُونَ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يُؤْتِ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تُظْلَمُونَ .

*“It is not thy responsibility to make them follow the right path; but Allāh guides whomsoever He pleases. And whatever of wealth you spend, it is for yourselves, while you spend not but to seek the favour of Allāh. And whatever of wealth you spend, it shall be paid back to you in full and you shall not be wronged.”*

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In this verse Allāh makes it very clear that only He provides guidance to His servants, enables them to remain steadfast on it, leads them to their goal, saves them from straying off the right path, and brings them to a blessed end. We can only show people the path to righteousness, but we cannot make them walk that path or to remain steadfast on it. Hence Allāh has taken this task upon Himself. Whoever strives to reach Allāh and treads the path that leads to Him and prays for this, Allāh, by His grace, enables him to achieve this objective. It is, therefore, important that, after having found guidance, we follow it in keeping with the directions laid down by Allāh and keep praying that we may meet a blessed end and that our weaknesses do not divert us from the path that leads to Allāh.

The second point Allāh makes in this verse is that whatever good you spend out of your wealth is for your own good. Allāh says, *“Whatever of wealth you spend, it is for yourselves.”* Allāh does not withhold a debt, rather He returns it manifold. Wealth that has been spent in the way of Allāh with fair intentions can and is often returned by Allāh with a thousand-fold increase. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Thousands of Ahmadīs have this experience and fair understanding of this principle. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some incidents to illustrate this point.

A missionary from Sierra Leone writes: When a new convert was told about Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd and the blessings of Chanda, he immediately paid not only his Chanda ‘Ām but also his Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd. He had saved some money to buy rice as provision for a month, but he gave this money as Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd. A few days later the brother came and told me that the day after he had paid Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd he had been transferred to another department where not only was his salary doubled

but he also received additional benefits. In this way Allāh had shown him a sign of the blessing that Allāh has promised. From then on he pledged to pay Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd every month along with Chanda 'Ām.

A Mu'alim Sahib from Guinea Bissau writes: When a brother of Jamā'at was told about the importance of Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd, he at once took out money from his pocket and gave a 1000 CFA as Chanda. He said he was going to use that money to buy some food for his children, but he went back home without it. He then went to do some fishing to get some food for the children, and when he threw his net he caught 73 kg of fish within an hour. His fellow fishermen commented that they never got so much fish even in a whole night. He replied this was all due to the blessing of Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd that he had paid an hour earlier. He then came to the mission house and paid more Chanda on his extra money he had earned. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Allāh has blessed even poor people with big hearts. When Allāh blesses them, they do not withhold their hands and instead spend even more open heartedly so that they may reap even greater blessings of Allāh. In the early days of Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd, Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) spoke of how a woman had nothing else to give, so she brought some eggs, and people gave even the little money they had. We witness similar sacrifices today as people spend out of their meagre earnings for the sake of Allāh's pleasure.

A lady from UK writes: I had already paid my Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd when I received a message from the local President that more money was needed to meet the target. At first I thought that I could not contribute anymore because the money I had was meant for some other purpose. But, on second thoughts, I decided to give all that money as Chanda. The next day when I checked my bank account, I found that I had received about four times the amount I had paid in Chanda which I had not been expecting. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: This shows us that it is not only in Africa where people spend purely for the sake of Allāh, but we find such instances in Europe as well.

Amīr Sahib of Burkina Faso writes: A brother used to give 100 Franc in Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd each month. One day someone gave him three goats as a gift, one of which he gave for Tahrīk Jadīd and kept two for himself. Allāh so blessed those animals that he now owns many more animals and gives a thousand Franc in Chanda instead of one hundred.

Mr. Ibrahim, a Tahrīk Jadīd inspector from Karnataka, India, writes: A young Ahmadī brother got a job with a salary of 20,000 Indian rupees per month. He says he remembered Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd's (May Allāh be pleased with him) appeal for members to contribute a half of their salaries for Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd. Despite the fact that his financial situation was not very good, he promised to pay 10,000 rupees as Chanda. His relatives told him that he should not have promised so much and that it would make things difficult for him, but he said that Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) has said that if a person does not strive to his utmost, the angels do not give him power and strength. A few months later, he

found a job in another company where he now receives a salary of 127,000 rupees. He says it is all due to the blessing of Chanda.

Our missionary in Moscow writes: A brother from Uzbekistan comes for work to Moscow for a time and returns after earning some money. His wife was at first hesitant to pledge Bai'at but after studying and praying she accepted the Bai'at. Some time ago he was asked to take part in Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd and Waqf Jadīd, and he said that he works as a taxi driver in Uzbekistan and his wife is a seamstress, and that they both divide their earnings into three parts, one for their children, one for the household expenses, and one for Chanda. In this way they are both leading happy and contented lives. He says that ever since he started contributing Chanda, Allāh has increased his income as never before.

A sister from Germany writes that a couple of years ago when she was expecting a child, she prayed a lot and made a pledge to contribute 100 euros each month towards Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd. Her son who is now two years old was born without any complications and she continues to pay her Chanda as she had pledged. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Even in this part of the world that is engrossed in materialism Allāh blesses Ahmadis in such a way as to make known to them His own existence and the truth of Ahmadiyyat.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Because of the revolution brought about by the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him), we witness the spirit of sacrifice even among children. A missionary from Ghana writes: Some time ago, Imām Jamā'at Ahmadiyya delivered a Friday Sermon about financial sacrifices, especially about Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd, and stressed that children should be encouraged to give Chanda with their own hands. On the next Friday, a boy who was about ten years old brought some money to pay Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd. He said that he had asked his parents for the money but they couldn't give it to him, so he had started working at a shop and collected the money that he was now paying as Chanda.

Similarly, a Mu'allim Sahib from Sierra Leone writes: When appeal was made in a Jamā'at for Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd, a child who was about ten years old came carrying a bundle of wood and asked me to buy it from him and pay the amount as Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd. The Mu'allim took the wood and made a receipt of Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd for the boy. Later he also returned the wood to the boy.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: May Allāh bless all those who make these contributions. We find such examples in every part of the world. May Allāh continue to increase them in sincerity and devotion.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh the 85th year of Tahrīk Jadīd came to a close on 31<sup>st</sup> October, and the 86th year has begun. During this year, a contribution of £13.6 million was made towards Chanda Tahrīk Jadīd, which is an increase of £802,000 from the previous year. This year Pakistan could not hold on to the first position due to the extreme devaluation of the currency as political and economic situation in Pakistan is very bad. May Allāh have mercy on them. We should keep praying for Pakistan. Nevertheless, this year Germany stood first,

Pakistan came second, UK was third, then USA, Canada, India, a country in the Middle East, Indonesia, Australia, Ghana, and another country in the Middle East, respectively.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) presented further statistics in this regard and prayed that Allāh may greatly bless the wealth and progeny of all those who have made these sacrifices. *Amīn*.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

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