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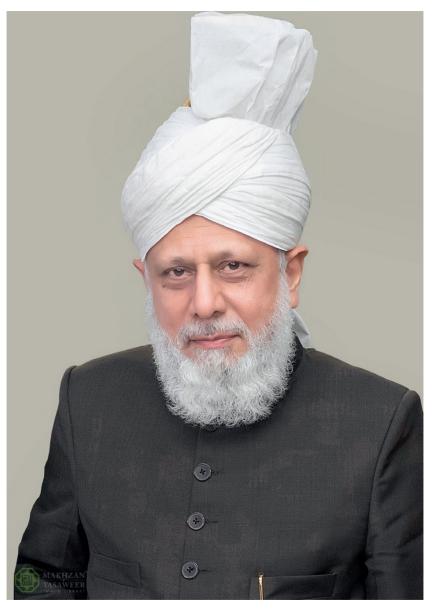
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بسم اللّه الرحمٰن الرحيم تحمده ونصلي وعلى رسوله الكريم

Foreword

It is with the blessing of Allah the Almighty that, on the auspicious occasion of the Centenary Jubilee of Lajna Ima'illah, Lajna Section Markaziya has been able to prepare a book based on the messages sent to various Lajnaat on special occasions during the blessed period of Khilafat-e-Khamsa.

It is a special favour of Allah the Almighty that the founder of the organisation of Lajna Ima'illah, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II, Hazrat Musleh Maud^(ra), provided tender care for the fledgling 'plant' of Lajna Ima'illah with his kind and valuable advice and guidance. Following this, the continuous supervision and guidance of the Khulafa such that, after a hundred years, the fledgling plant has now developed into a tall and strong tree and, day by day, the organisation of Lajna Ima'illah is spreading its wings and entering into ever new successful directions – Alhamdolillah.

In this book, from the early days of Khilafat-e-Khamsa in 2003 to 2022, the special messages for Lajna Ima'illah worldwide have been included in a sequential order. In this collection of special messages, members of Lajna Ima'illah worldwide, including office bearers, have received comprehensive guidance and advice. In these messages, attention has been drawn to a depth of advice relating to moral and personal development as well as to spiritual and administrative aspects of Lajna Ima'illah. A study of this book will prove beneficial not only to Ahmadi ladies but all those who read it – Insha'Allah Ta'ala.

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May Allah the Almighty grace Lajna Section's efforts in this regard with His acceptance - Ameen.

Humbly, Rizwana Nisar In-charge Central Lajna Section

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<u>Lajna Ima'illah USA 15th Annual National Ijtema</u> 2003

O ye Green Saplings of the Promised Messiah (as)

I am pleased that in addition to other activities during the Lajna 15th Annual National Ijtema to be held at Baitul Rahman, Maryland, the Lajna and Nasirat are holding workshops on 'Holding on to the rope of Allah.'

I have been inundated with resolutions of allegiance but what is required in this age is not more resolutions, but an understanding that the 'second manifestation' is an immense gift from God to unite the community like a string that holds the pearls together. If pearls become scattered, they lose their value. The secret of our progress lies in adhering to the institution of Khilafat: it distinguishes us from other communities. Those who abandoned this institution of God for any other system made by man only attained ruin. So hold fast to the rope of Allah, be steadfast, and never let the blessings of Khilafat slip away from you. Remember that Allah has promised that this blessing would be everlasting

but if we cut ourselves from this evergreen tree, it would be us who would be the deadwood.

Therefore, build a strong bond of love, sincerity and devotion with it, and do your utmost to remain loyal to the institution of Khilafat. Islam means submission to the Will of Allah. Islam requires absolute obedience, an obedience in the words of that English poet, Wordsworth, describing the charge of the Light Brigade: 'Theirs was not to ask how and why but to do die'. All blessings lie in loyalty to the Imam: this alone is a shield for you against all trouble and strife. You may have heard me quote Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II^(ra) who said:

"Just as only that branch is fruit bearing that is attached to a tree and a severed branch that is cut off from a tree cannot bear fruit, similarly only that person can serve the Community beneficially who is devoted to the Imam. One who does not keep a bond with the Imam, despite having all the knowledge of the world, cannot be of any use."

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV^(rh) said on MTA International: "The Muslims who should have been united and in harmony, are divided in countless sects and divisions. It is not only in religious fields but in politics too...But if the groups will oppose and counteract each other in minor and major issues and remain busy in fighting, their power will be scattered and strength broken. This is happening in every Muslim country. Unfortunately, it is being named as *Jihad*. What will they gain from all this? What resources will remain for their own nation building, defence of Islam or

fighting the enemy? Therefore, it is incumbent that Muslims should unite on the hand of One Imam. There should be one Imam of the Muslims of the whole world. But without Khilafat, it is just impossible. Khilafat is the successor after the prophet in the form of a person who is representing the deceased Prophet (saw) and Khalifa is the vicegerent and his subordinate. He is the central authority. This is the basic principle of Khilafat".

So, if you aim to progress and be triumphant over the world, then my advice to the Lajna and Nasirat of the USA is that you should maintain a bond with Khilafat and should hold firmly to this rope of Allah. Our progress is implicit with Khilafat and with Khilafat alone.

We should examine ourselves and ask ourselves: Am I listening to my Khalifa and obeying his instructions to the letter? Unless we do that, others would be the beneficiaries of God's promise because they heard the Khalifa and obeyed him.

I pray that Allah helps and supports you and inspires you to a supreme sense of sincerity and devotion with the Khilafate-Ahmadiyya.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





5th February 2005

Message for the readers of the Ad-Duha Bi-annual Magazine of Lajna Ima'illah Australia 2005

I am very pleased to send you a message through *Ad-Duha* to the members of Lajna Ima'illah Australia, as I understand from Sadr Sahiba Lajna Ima'illah Australia that the March 2005 issue is being devoted to role of mothers in the training of children.

According to tradition of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^(saw), paradise lies at the feet of the mother. Paradise can only lie under the feet if a woman, as far as is possible for her, has observed all the laws of God Almighty and has attained a nearness to Allah. If the women in our Jama'at reform their character in such a way that they can be called true Muslims, then because they represent nearly one-half of the Jama'at, half of the problems of Tarbiyat would disappear; and, because they are the masters of the home and exert a powerful influence over their sons, then a further quarter of Tarbiyat problems would vanish. An essential requirement to equip our Lajna for this important Quran and the Hadith and should read the books of the Promised Messiah^(as). They should adopt Islamic values so that there is no difference between what they preach and practice. A lot of effort is required in bringing up a healthy family and removing from it all evil influences. We need to be vigilant about anything that may harm the general well-being of the youth in our care. We have to set a very high standard of personal conduct. We must teach our children with affection. There should be a healthy environment in the home where the husband and wife relations provides a basis for the up-bringing of a good family. This is a very heavy responsibility but we must remember that each one of us is a trustee and would be questioned in the life hereafter in the manner in which we discharged our trust.

The Promised Messiah^(as) has said:

"We see that when a physician advises a patient not to do something, the patient acts on that advice without any argument. Why does he act in this way? He does so because he thinks that the physician has more knowledge than he has. The point to remember is simply this; that the root of sin are those deeds that lead man away from purity and righteousness. The true pleasure and real comfort is only found in the love of God and union with God. Thus, moving away from God and being far from Him is also a sin and is the source of pain, sorrow and hardship. Because God is holy, he dislikes 'sin'. There are some matters on which people may not agree but the greater part of the world is

jointly agreed that lying, stealing, adultery and cruelty are acts that all nations and religions jointly consider to be sins. Remember, however, that the root of sin is precisely those acts that distance man from God, that are against His sanctity, against His wishes and against man's nature. It is such acts that constitute 'sin'. If sin did not exist in the world, then there would be no goodness. Goodness develops from sin. The concept of goodness is formed by the concept of sin. To have the opportunity and capability of sinning and then not indulging in sin, that is a good and blessed deed." (*Malfoozat Vol 10 pp 357-358*).

May Allah enable us to understand our responsibilities and help us in fulfilling our obligations. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Date: 31st March 2008

Lajna Ima'illah Sri Lanka 2008

Dear Sadr Lajna Sri Lanka,

I have received and read your letter of 28th February 2008, requesting for a message to be read out in the National Lajna Ima'illah Ijtema to be held on the 19th April 2008. Jazakamullah.

The date 27th May 2008 is a milestone in the history of Ahmadiyyat. We are the fortunate ones to be celebrating the first Ahmadiyya Khilafat Centenary this year. This is no ordinary occasion nor do the celebrations bear resemblance to worldly events held elsewhere. This is a time for one of sincere thanksgiving that the bounty promised to the true believers of God has taken root and is flourishing. The Institution of Khilafat is a heavenly system of leadership which Allah the Almighty grants to the true believers, for their spiritual prosperity and progress. However, this great bounty of Allah is conditional upon the faith and righteous deeds of the believers.

Inculcate with prayers the spirit of total obedience to Khilafat not only in yourself, but in your children as well and fulfil your duties to Allah, the Exalted. Do not merely keep an eye on the secular education of your children but provide them with a religious atmosphere in your homes. Link your children with the mosques, draw their attention to acquiring knowledge of faith, and draw their attention to learning the Holy Quran. Influence future generation in a positive manner. Set virtuous example in your worship, because Khilafat has a deep connection with those devoted to worship.

Transform yourself into pristine models of the teachings of Islam, so that by the charisma of your spiritual powers and the magnetic force of your conduct, you become the cause of guidance for others in Sri Lanka and beyond. If your aim is to progress and be triumphant over the world, then my advice and message is for you to maintain a bond with Khilafat and to firmly hold onto this cord of Allah. May Allah help and support you and may He enable you to be inspired to a supreme sense of sincerity and devotion with Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya.

Please convey my loving Salaam to all Lajna and Nasirat in Sri Lanka.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Date: 26th May 2010

Lajna Ima'illah Dubai 2010

Dear Sadr Lajna Ima'illah Dubai,

I have received your letter of the 2nd March 2010, regarding the Nasirat magazine. Jazakamullah.

As you have requested, my message for the Nasirat to be included in the magazine is being enclosed. I pray may Allah enable you to successfully launch the magazine, and fulfil your pious aspirations for the Nasirat and Lajna members in Dubai.

My dear Nasirat,

I am very pleased to send you a message for your first magazine, which will be published in Dubai.

The magazine will, Insha'Allah, provide a creative forum for you to express your ideas and beliefs. It will help you to learn not more about the world around you, but also more about your beliefs and how to apply them in your daily life. The moral training of the youth is vital, as in due course it is they who will shoulder the responsibilities of the Jama'at in the service of Islam. In this day and age, it is only Islamic teachings that has the answers to the world's problems. Your good morals can change the hearts and minds of the people around you, so through your magazine spread the teachings of Islam, spread the message of 'Love for All, Hatred for None'.

I sincerely pray that the magazine is both enjoyable and beneficial for the readers and pray for its success. May Allah the Almighty bless all of you. I pray that Allah may enable you to successfully launch the magazine, and fulfil your pious aspirations for the Nasirat and Lajna members in Dubai. A warm loving Salaam to all the Nasirat and Lajna in Dubai.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





11th September 2013

Message for the National Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Nigeria 2013

Dear Sadr Lajna Ima'illah Nigeria,

I have received your letter dated 14th August 2013, regarding the National Ijtema for Lajna Ima'illah, which will Insha'Allah, be held on 13th-15th September 2013. Jazakamullah.

You have requested a message for this blessed event. I pray that Allah blesses this event and makes it rewarding in all aspects for Lajna and Nasirat in Nigeria. Ameen.

My message is that Lajna must increase in their religious knowledge and learn the translation of the Holy Quran. Refer to the commentaries and explanations of the Holy Quran by Hazrat Masih Maud^(as) and the Khulafa of the Promised Messiah^(as). This will enable you to acquire a more profound understanding of the Holy Quran. Lajna should also obtain a basic religious awareness and learn how to respond to the allegations made and arguments presented by those who oppose the Jama'at.

Another beneficial way in which Lajna can increase their knowledge is through 'Rohani-Khazain', where the Promised Messiah^(as) has presented an in-depth study of the Holy Quran, the truth about Islam and the ways in which to defend Islam. Regarding the reading of his books, Hazrat Masih Maud^(as) has advised:

"It is important for all my friends to read my books at least once, as knowledge gives you strength and strength increases you in courage. The person who has no knowledge gets confused in front of the opposition." (Malfoozat, Part 4, pg. 361)

So make it your everyday habit to read from the books of the Promised Messiah^(as), which will result in the resolution of any questions and doubts which may arise during discussions, giving you the tools to carry out effective Tabligh activities and you will know how to spread the message of Islam to others.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





9th January 2013

Lajna Ima'illah Bangladesh 2013

Respected Sadr Sahiba, Lajna Ima'illah, Bangladesh.

The centenary celebration of Ahmadiyyat in Bangladesh is a wonderful news for me. It is a matter of even greater pleasure for me that today's Lajna Ima'illah in Bangladesh will publish a souvenir in memory of the hard work and sacrifices made by those devoted and selfless Ahmadi mothers and sisters who worked tirelessly over the decades in the land of Bengal. May the Most Merciful Allah reward all the hard workers involved both directly and indirectly in this great initiative.

On this occasion, I want to sincerely congratulate each and every member of Lajna Ima'illah, Bangladesh. It is my sincere hope that you will never let the sacrifices and contributions of all the past, as well as the present sacrificing and valiant women caregivers fade away. May you celebrate the beginning of the second century of Ahmadiyyat in Bangladesh with prayers (duas) and amidst heart wrenching tears in grateful prostrations to Allah the Almighty.

Every Lajna member needs to remember that they are the teachers of the next generation and the nation's future.

Therefore, you must brush away all weaknesses and impurities that you may possess before preparing the future leaders of religion with the best teachings and ideals of religion. Take heed to ensure that a hundred percent of Ahmadi mothers and sisters are attentive and mindful regarding regularity in prayers and observing purdah. The melodious sound from the recitation of the Holy Quran should be audible from every Ahmadi house each morning, for this is also a silent Tabligh. Teach your children to be honest. Remember, in order to improve, it is important that aside from fulfilling Allah's rights one should also be respectful towards the feelings and emotions of others.

Along with plans to spread the message of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam throughout the country also, pay attention so that the other components of religion are also reflected in real life. And then no one will be able to prevent the journey to victory of Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam, Insha'Allah. Accelerate your efforts with the aim to spread this victory. May Allah the Almighty open new doors for you for success during this Centenary year as well as in the years to come, Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





2nd November 2013

Message for the Majlis Shura of Lajna Ima'illah Indonesia 2013

O Evergreen saplings of the Promised Messiah ^(as) in Indonesia,

During the Friday sermon relayed from Singapore, I reminded members of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at in Indonesia that because of their sacrifices for the sake of their beliefs, you are poised for progress. We have to show the world therefore the true teachings of Islam. Most fortunate are those who have been granted the opportunity of recognising the Promised Messiah^(as) as the Imam of the Age and have thus joined his community. Make pure changes within yourself and always guide your children to do good works. Adhere to the teachings of the Promised Messiah ^(as) with complete sincerity so that you can be the practical role models of love and sincerity to the Promised Messiah ^(as).

What distinguishes us from other Muslims is the blessings of Khilafat. You should raise the standards of your obedience to a high level. Obey the matters that come to you from the Khalifa of the time and refrain from things that are forbidden by him. May Allah enable to do that. May your Majlis Shura be a great success and may Allah guide you to render your opinion based on the fear of Allah and enable you to make the right choice in taking the affairs of Lajna Ima'illah forward with solidarity. May you continue to excel in good works and may Allah find you in a better condition than your position before this Shura. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Baitul Fazl, London 6th August 2014

Message for the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Uganda 2014

O ye Evergreen saplings of the Promised Messiah^(as)

The Promised Messiah (as) who wrote:

The believers are those whose actions testify their belief. Belief is registered in their hearts and they strive to attain the pleasure of Allah as their highest priority. They tread the fine and narrow path of Taqwa for the sake of God and are completely absorbed in His love. They keep their distance from everything that is a barrier between them and God. (*Tabligh-e-Risalat*)

The extraordinary standards of sacrifice and complete change that occurred amongst the Companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) was because of their love for Allah and His Prophet that sprouted from their increasing firmness in faith. Despite the loss of life of their beloved ones, Ahmadi ladies have served as good examples because

they fulfilled their pledges and became the recipients of Allah's bounties.

Our success lies in holding fast to the rope of Allah and ensuring that we adhere to the institution of Khilafat and show obedience to it and to Nizam-e-Jama'at. If we remain attached to Khilafat, we will witness the bounties Allah conferred upon us.

I pray that Allah the Almighty enables you all to observe prayers and teach the younger generation to observe it with greater regularity. Teach the young ones the teachings of Islam. I also pray that Allah enables you all to always speak the truth, abhor the things that displease Allah and remain good Muslims at all times, Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the National Ijtema of Nasirat & Lajna Ima'illah Uganda 2015

O ye Evergreen sapling of the tree planted by the Promised Messiah (as)

You have come together to benefit from the educational and spiritual programs and excel each other in various educational competitions to improve your knowledge and sharpen your spiritual capabilities. The future generation of society in which members are engaged in activities for self-improvement are safeguarded and never suffer from a decline. And today, if there are any women who get together purely for the sake of Allah; they are Ahmadi women. Make the most of the spiritual food that you have enjoyed in this gathering because your life and honour depend upon it.

You should never be so selfish that you care only about yourself or look after your own needs. You should also care for others. You should be ready to offer sacrifices to fulfil the needs of others. You should be sensitive about the feelings of others. We should also keep in mind that our God is All-Seeing. He watches over us at all times. My God is All-Knowing, who knows my deepest thoughts, we cannot hide anything from Him. Be aware

of this when you proclaim that you are an Ahmadi woman, then you should pay attention to all the commandments that Allah has conveyed to you through the Holy Prophet (saw)

You have to create love and affection in your homes so that young girls and boys grow up as true Muslims. Teach them to always speak the truth and stay away from all the bad things that destroy society. Teach them to fulfil the rights that belong to their Creator and engage in good works to help God's creations. True worship of Allah requires that every act of ours is conducted with the intention of gaining God's pleasure, if this is our intention then our each and every act, whether big or small, becomes a form of worship. Therefore, learn to be regular in observing your prayers. May all of you prove to the world that the women and girls of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community are shining examples of Islam's true teachings and understand the meaning of freedom through which a woman's honour and her dignity are established. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the National Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Uganda 9th-11th September 2016

My dear followers of the Promised Messiah (as)

We are fortunate that we believed in the Promised Messiah ^(as) who reminded us that only by treading the narrow path of Taqwa (righteousness and fear of Allah) can we attain the pleasure of Allah. Make the most of the spiritual food that you have enjoyed in this gathering for your life depends on it. The life and honour of your families depend on it. We should also keep in mind at all times that our God is All-Seeing. He watches us every moment of time. He is All-Knowing, and knows our deepest thoughts. He is aware of our secrets. We cannot hide anything from Him.

When the Holy Prophet^(saw) took an oath of Bai'at from the women, there were extra conditions in it. One of them was to refrain from associating partners with Allah. Another was to stay away from evil and indecencies. Another was to pay attention to the good upbringing and training of children. Remember that if you will adopt the true teachings of your religion, obey Allah's commandments, pay attention to the worship of Allah, it will free you from all kinds of complexes. Otherwise, you will find yourself drowning in the material pursuits like other worldly people. The women of the early history of Islam transformed

themselves and totally submitted themselves to God and thus became believing and obedient women who always turned to God and remained devout in worship.

Today, it behoves every Ahmadi woman that instead of being afraid of the people or at a time when the seeds of hatred for Islam are being sown in the world, while Islam is being attacked from all sides, you should cry out loud and proclaim throughout the world that no matter how many hurdles it may place in our paths, it cannot wipe away the beautiful teachings from your faces, from your hearts, or from your actions. And just because they are turning away from their religion and are running towards their ruin at an ever-increasing pace, let them know that we are not prepared to follow them to this hell. Instead, we pray that God may save mankind from the dire consequences of its evil deeds. Invite them to join us in obeying the commands of Allah, and to try and win His pleasure. This is what will make you content and safeguard your future generations. I am hopeful that every decent Ahmadi woman who has even the slightest doubt of any of Allah's commands will rid herself of it. Teach your children the good values taught by Islam and observe your prayers.

May Allah make your Ijtema a success. May your loyalty to Khilafat strengthen and may you all always respect and uphold the Nizam-e-Jama'at. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the 40th National Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Nigeria held on 25th-27th August 2017

My dearest spiritual children of the Promised Messiah (as)

You have come together to benefit from the educational and spiritual programs and excel each other in various educational and physical competitions to improve your knowledge, sharpen your spiritual capabilities and keep fit. The future generation of a society in which members engage in activities for self-improvement, are safeguarded, and never suffer from a decline. And, today, if there are any women who get together purely for the sake of Allah, they are Ahmadi women. Make the most of the spiritual food that you have enjoyed in this gathering because your life and honour depend on it.

We should keep in mind that our God is All-Seeing. He watches us at all times. Our God is All-Knowing and knows our deepest thoughts. He is aware of all our secrets. We cannot hide anything from Him. When you proclaim that you are an Ahmadi woman, then you should pay attention

to all those commandments that Allah has conveyed to us through the Holy Prophet ^(saw).

You have to create love and affection in your homes so that the young girls and boys grow up as true Muslims. Teach them to always speak the truth, study the Holy Quran and stay away from all bad things that destroy the society. Teach them to fulfil the rights that belong to their Creator and engage in good works to help God's creation. True worship of Allah requires that every act of ours is conducted with the intention of gaining God's pleasure. Therefore, learn to be regular in observing your prayers.

May all of you prove to the world that the women and girls of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community are shining examples of Islam's true teachings and understand the meaning of freedom through which a woman's true honour and her dignity are established. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Fazl mosque, London 25th July 2017

Message for Majlis Shura of Lajna Ima'illah Indonesia 2017

Dear Shura members,

We Ahmadis are the people who claim and desire to follow the true example and model of the Holy Prophet^(saw). We must be regular in observing prayers, be honest at all times and fulfil the trust placed in us. When after seeking counsel and opinion. the Mailis Shura makes recommendation, then it is essential that you pray with great humility and perseverance for that decision to be blessed. Full trust in Allah requires that once a decision has been reached, those people who are involved should supplicate before Allah and pray. Prayers are the means to increase our trust in Allah and they are also necessary to attain the help of Allah. It should be further noted that once I have approved a Shura proposal, the next step is of course its implementation. You will have to make detailed policies and plans of action. You will need to set up teams who work under different secretaries, and who monitor their teams efficiently to improve their work. Shura delegates who are not office bearers should remember that they are members of Shura not just for one or two days, but also for the entire year. Consequently, it is also their responsibility to make sure that their respective Jama'at, Lajna members are implementing the decisions that have been made. If you all work with this spirit and follow these principles, then you will find that the speed and progress of the Jama'at work will increase. You will find that the blessings of Allah will rain down with ever-greater force and the Jama'at will grow from strength to strength. Insha'Allah.

May Allah grant all of you the ability to understand and act upon the above. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the National Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah, New Zealand 4th & 5th March 2017

Dear Members of Lajna Ima'illah and Nasirat-ul Ahmadiyya, New Zealand

By the Grace of Allah, you have come together on the occasion of your Annual Lajna Ima'illah Ijtema, in order to benefit from the educational and religious programs. This gathering is blessed with a spiritual atmosphere where members can forge new bonds and also re-establish old ones. The purpose of the Ijtema is essential as a means for members to gather, share their religious knowledge and also vie with one another in academic and sports competitions. Today, it is Ahmadi women who are willing to sacrifice their time and worldly pursuits for their spiritual development.

However, this mantle of the Ahmadi woman bears great responsibility, as she has to live up to the duty entrusted to her. She must be capable of following the commandments given in the Holy Quran, and must not have an inferiority complex with regard to her role and status in society and particularly with her purdah. Therefore, if you proclaim that you are Muslim and you are firm in the religion, then its restrictions are necessary. You must also act upon the commandments of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^(saw) too. The Promised Messiah^(as) has reminded us that modesty is part of faith. So, in order to save your faith, veil and modest dress are necessary, and an Ahmadi girl who has accepted the Promised Messiah^(as) has taken oath that she will give preference to religion over worldly affairs.

Your homes are the basis of where these beautiful teachings and practices can be established. Mothers and future mothers play a vital role in inculcating this and if it is done in a loving manner, children will be naturally inclined to obey. Therefore, teach your children to tell the truth, study the Quran, and refrain from bad deeds. Show them how to also carry out good deeds in society to win Allah's pleasure, starting with regularity in prayers. May Allah enable you all to follow the commandments of Allah and derive maximum benefit from this auspicious gathering. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the Fourth National Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Liberia 14th – 15thJanuary 2017

O ye Evergreen saplings of the tree planted by the Promised Messiah ^(as)

You have come together to benefit for the educational and spiritual programs and excel each other in various educational and physical competitions to improve your knowledge, sharpen your spiritual capabilities and keep fit. The future generation of a society in which members engage in activities for self-improvement are safeguarded and never suffer from a decline. And, today, if there are any women who get together purely for the sake of Allah, they are Ahmadi women. Make the most of the spiritual food that you have enjoyed in this gathering because your life and honour depends on it.

We should keep in mind that our God is All-Seeing. He watches us at all times. My God is All-knowing, and knows my deepest thoughts. He is aware of all my secrets. I cannot hide anything from him. When you proclaim that you are an Ahmadi woman, then you should pay attention to all

those commandments that Allah has conveyed to us through the Holy Prophet ^(saw).

You have to create love and affection in your homes so that the young girls and boys grow up as true Muslims. Teach them to always speak the truth, study the Holy Quran and stay away from all bad things that destroy the society. Teach them to fulfil the rights that belong to their Creator and engage in good works to help God's creation. True worship of Allah requires that every act of ours is conducted with the intention of gaining God's pleasure. Therefore, learn to be regular in observing your prayers.

May all of you prove to the world that the women and the girls of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community are shining examples of Islam's true teachings, and understand the meaning of freedom through which a woman's true honour and her dignity are established. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the National Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Ghana 2018

My dear spiritual children of the Promised Messiah (as) السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

As you are all aware, in this era Allah the Almighty sent the Promised Messiah ^(as) to re-establish and rejuvenate the pure and original teaching of Islam. All of you are therefore most fortunate that Allah has given you the ability to accept the Imam of the Age and to enter his fold.

Always remember that where the Qur'an has placed responsibilities or even certain restrictions upon women, it has also established countless rights of women. Where Allah has said he will reward all good and virtuous acts, he has not said that such rewards are only due to men, rather he said both men and women will be rewarded in accordance with their righteous deeds. Therefore, if Allah has prescribed some things, which in certain situations women may consider difficult or even restrictive, then the reward from Allah will also be far greater. For example, where Allah has given the commandment to observe *purdah*, he has also stated that God is He who is forgiving

and merciful, and God's compassion, mercy and love will rain down upon those women who follow His commands. Today, Islam is being attacked and defamed from all corners. And so it is the responsibility and task of the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah^(as) to respond to these unjust allegations. It is the task of Ahmadi Muslims to wash away those false stains which are tarnishing Islam's reputation and instead to shine a bright light illustrating Islam's true pristine teachings. But you can only do this when your own acts are of the highest order. Only if you achieve such standards will your conduct be a proof that Islam is a true religion, which is completely in keeping with human nature.

As members of Lajna Ima'illah, it is particularly your responsibility to wash away the unjust allegations that, God forbid, that Islam advocates the harsh and cruel treatment of women. It is often alleged that *purdah* takes away women's rights. However, we know that this is not the case and the truth is that *Purdah* and *Hijab* actually establish the true dignity and independence and freedom of women.

The Promised Messiah^(as) has said due of the Bai 'at can be discharged when you practically act upon the teachings of Islam. It is when you practically adopt the authority of the Holy Qur'an in your lives. The Qur'an has given a multitude of commands. If we read the Qur'anic injunctions, but do not strive to implement them then we will fail to benefit from the *Bai'at* in the way that has been decreed by Allah for those who take the *Bai'at*. Thus, constantly look over your state and condition. Allah says to

worship Him, safeguard your prayers and the prayers of your children and protect and uphold the dignity, modesty and chastity of your girls. Strive to fulfil the rights of your husbands and children in your homes.

It is the duty and obligation of an Ahmadi woman that she should strive to perform her every action for the sake of Allah, so she can receive reward both in this world and in the next. Assess your own state and condition and also pay great attention to the *Tarbiyat* of your children. May Allah enable of you to do so. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the Majlis Shura of Lajna Ima'illah New Zealand 2018

My dear spiritual children of the Promised Messiah (as) السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

By the Grace of Allah, you are fortunate to attend this blessed meeting. You have a very important role to play and so always reflect upon your responsibilities and take them very seriously. Before contributing to any debate or discussion, you should think carefully about the issue at hand and only then present your view. You must also keep in mind that others may have differing opinions that are sincerely held and equally valid. Hence, you should respect the right of other people to express their views and you should never think that only your opinion counts. Indeed, as Shura members you should act with the utmost humility and never think that your opinion holds greater weight than others. Such a spirit of humility will ensure that the Shura is conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect and this will lead to a positive exchange of views and a higher standard of debate. This will ensure that whatever

consensus or recommendations are reached will be of far greater value and weight.

Furthermore, you should all understand that you cannot fulfil your duties without seeking the help of Allah the Almighty through prayer. Thus, before making any contribution or taking part in the Shura you must sincerely pray that Allah guides you in the best way. Only if you adopt Taqwa (righteousness), and only if you strive to attain the pleasure of Allah, will you be in a position to fulfil the trusts placed in you. Every Shura member must that nothing can be achieved without understand righteousness and that no amount of debate or discussion will ever prove fruitful without it. Righteousness requires you to have a constant fear of Allah in your heart and an understanding that Allah the Almighty knows your every thought and intention. He knows if the intentions underpinning your public views are sincerely held or whether they are clouded by vested interests.

Certainly, it is particularly important for all office bearers and Shura members to have the highest standards of conduct and to set the very best example for others to follow. It is essential that you all regularly read the books of the Promised Messiah^(as), as well as other Jama'at literature and you should encourage other Ahmadis to do the same. Furthermore, it is necessary to strive towards building a close connection with Khilafat and, in this regard, it is of utmost importance that all Jama'at members listen to the Friday Sermons of the Khalifa-Waqt, in which

he guides the Jama'at according to the needs of the time. They should also listen to the other programmes of the Khalifa-Waqt.

All Ahmadis, particularly office bearers and Shura members, should abstain from all forms of wrongdoing and seek to increase in righteousness at all times. I pray that may Allah grant you all the ability to fulfil the trusts that have been placed upon you. I pray that whatever advice or opinions you express are made with the fear of Allah ingrained in your hearts and that at all times you keep the commands of Allah at the forefront of your minds. Furthermore, if the Shura recommendations are approved by me, either as suggested by the Shura or with certain amendments, I pray that Allah the Almighty enables you to act upon them and to implement whatever is decided with firm conviction and complete obedience. May Allah enable you to fulfil all of your duties in the best possible way. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the National Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Nigeria 2018

O ye evergreen saplings of the tree planted by the Promised Messiah ^(as).

You have come together to benefit from the educational and spiritual programs and excel each other in various educational and physical competitions to improve your knowledge, sharpen your spiritual capabilities and keep fit. The future generation of a society in which members engage in activities for self-improvement are safeguarded and never suffer from a decline. And, today, if there are any women who get together purely for the sake of Allah, they are Ahmadi women. Make the most of the spiritual food that you have enjoyed in this gathering because your life and honour depend on it.

Our success lies in holding fast to the rope of Allah and ensuring that we adhere to the institution of Khilafat and in our absolute obedience to it and to the Nizam-e-Jama'at. If we remain attached to Khilafat, we will witness the bounties of Allah conferred upon true believers.

You have to create love and affection in your homes so that the young girls and boys grow up as true Muslims. Teach them to always speak the truth, study the Holy Quran and stay away from all bad things that destroy the society. Teach them to fulfil the rights that belong to their creator and engage in good works to help God's creation. True worship of Allah requires that every act of ours is conducted with the intention of gaining God's pleasure. Therefore, learn to be regular in observing your prayers and also teach the younger generation to observe it with regularity.

May Allah enable you all to always speak the truth, abhor the things that displease Him and remain good Muslims at all times. May Allah make your Ijtema a great success. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Uganda 2018

My dear spiritual children of the Promised Messiah (as) السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

By the Grace of Allah, you are fortunate to attend this blessed Ijtema. You, the members of Lajna Ima'illah are those ladies and girls who have accepted the Imam of the Age, the Promised Messiah^(as). Always remember that the Jama'at founded by the Promised Messiah (as) is that Jama'at which according to the commands of Allah given in the Holy Qur'an and according to the prophecies of the Holy Prophet of Islam^(saw), was to be established in the latter days. At the time of the Promised Messiah (as), the written text of the Holy Quran was preserved in its original form and there were still vast number of people who call themselves Muslims in the world. There was a vast number of people who had memorised the Holy Our'an. However, in truth, the vast majority had completely forgotten the true teachings of the Holy Quran. Thus, Allah the Almighty sent the Promised Messiah (as) to establish a community who

would once again manifest the true teachings of Islam in the world.

Indeed, the Promised Messiah (as) said that Allah desires for his Jama'at to be an example to all others. He explained that to be an example means that when others see or hear you they are influenced and seek to imitate what they have witnessed. So today, you are those people who having entered the fold of the Promised Messiah (as) have pledged to live your lives according to Islam's true teachings and to spread them far and wide. On another occasion the Promised Messiah (as) said that his followers should forsake all types of personal desires and emotions because having claimed to be Ahmadis and having claimed to follow the true teaching of Islam other would surely look at them extremely critically. He said that others will assess the standards of his followers and so it was imperative that Ahmadi Muslims maintained the very highest standards of morals and kept only good habits. He said his followers must always follow the commands of Allah so that no one could cast aspersions on them. Or say that they were not good Muslims or that there was no difference between Ahmadis and others. Therefore, every Ahmadi, man and woman, should understand their heavy responsibilities. If they do not set a positive example to others then it will not only reflect badly upon them, but upon the entire Jama'at. Whether a person is a member of Lajna Ima'illah, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya or Majlis Ansarullah, they must always seek to abide by the true teachings of Islam. Certainly if their own examples are weak then their Tabligh

and efforts to convey true Islam will have no impact. And no one will listen to them. The Promised Messiah (as) has also said that if his community wishes to be considered a true Jama'at then it is essential that all members set aside their personal desires and this is for the sake of their faith. Your focus should not simply be on earning money or urging your husbands to earn more money, rather you should create a religious atmosphere in your homes. You should try to provide your children with such a spiritual atmosphere whereby religion is always given precedence.

You should try to instil this realisation in your children that faith is always to be given preference over worldly affairs. If women were to reform their household, then future generations will also be reformed. Similarly, if women are righteous then majority of the men can also be reformed. Nonetheless, the future generation will certainly be reformed. The Jama'at and the Khalifa of the time will at least be assured that the future generations are being taken care of. It is your responsibility to take care of the future generation, and this is a huge responsibility, which you must pay attention to. May God Almighty enable you all to do this Ameen

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah of New Zealand 2018

My dear servant of the Promised Messiah (as) السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

We are fortunate that we believe in the Promised

Messiah^(as) who reminded us that only by treading the narrow path of Taqwa (righteousness and fear of Allah) and without any deviation from this path can we attain the pleasure of Allah.

In this connection the Promised Messiah (as) wrote:

The believers are those whose actions testify their belief. Belief is registered in their hearts and they strive to attain the pleasure of Allah as their highest priority. They tread the fine and narrow path of Taqwa for the sake of God and are completely absorbed in His love. They keep their distance from everything that is a barrier between them and God, whether it's from their conduct or behaviour or because of their negligence and laxity.

(Tabligh-e-Risalat Vol.10: p.103)

The extraordinary standards of sacrifice and complete transformation that occurred amongst the companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ^(saw) was on account of their love for Allah and His Prophet that sprouted from their increasing firmness in faith. This will contribute to your moral and spiritual progress.

I pray that Allah the Almighty enables you all to observe prayers and teach the younger generation to observe it with greater regularity. Recite the Holy Quran daily and encourage your children to read it and understand it. Teach your young ones about the teachings of Islam so that they are fully familiar with its teachings, to speak with confidence wither their friends about their beliefs and to live their lives according to its teachings. I also pray that Allah enables you all to always speak the truth, abhor the things that displease Allah and remain good Muslims at all times. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





<u>Islamabad,UK</u> HM-27th June 2019

Message for the Special Edition of Nasirat Magazine Phoel-Holland 2019

Dear National Sadr Sahiba Lajna Ima'illah Holland, السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

I have received your letter in which you have stated that Lajna Ima'illah Holland is celebrating its 50-year Jubilee, and for this special occasion, you have requested a message for the Nasiratul Ahmadiyya to be published in the special edition of the children's magazine 'Phoel'.

My message for you is as follows: You are Ahmadi Muslims and your parents and forefathers have been Ahmadis because they have accepted the Imam of the Age, the Promised Messiah^(as) who was ordained to appear in the latter days for the reformation of mankind. Through the Promised Messiah ^(as), Allah Ta'ala has revived for us the true teachings of Islam which were forgotten by the Muslims in the past. He has taught us the underlying and true messages of the Holy Quran, which enables us to reform ourselves and reach spiritual heights by fulfilling the true purpose of our lives. Thus, you should seek to reform yourself and bring about such a positive and

productive spiritual change in your life which is in complete alignment with the message that the Promised Messiah^(as) has delivered to us.

Your practical lives should reflect the true teachings of Islam as expounded by the Promised Messiah^(as) in his writings and discourses. You should become exemplary in your conduct and uphold the true values of your faith.

You should endeavour to excel in your services for the Jama'at and not indulge in worldly pleasures and entertainments that eventually lead one away from the right path. You should always prioritise to offer the five daily prayers with absolute humility and sincerity. Recite the Holy Quran on a regular basis and study it in depth to understand its underlying message. It will not only purify your hearts but enable you to develop your spiritual faculties as well.

You should concentrate on aiding your religion in the best possible manner with devotion and good will. Pray to Allah the Almighty that He enables you to remain steadfast in His path and have firm and loyal relationship with Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya. May Allah be with you always and enable you all to do so. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the Majlis Shura of Lajna Ima'illah Indonesia 2019

Dear members of Majlis Shura,

By the Grace of Allah, you are fortunate to attend this blessed event. As Shura members, you must keep in mind that you have been called to give your honest opinion for the sake of the religion of Allah the Almighty. Therefore, every recommendation you make, no matter how big or small, should be based on the fear of Allah. Every comment or view must be entirely truthful and devoid of all forms of self-interest. All Shura members bear a heavy burden of responsibility and must always keep in mind that their suggestions, their service to the Jama'at and their means of taking service from others, must be entirely devoid of personal interest, ego and self-regard.

Your duty as a representative of your Jama'at will continue throughout the year. So, if the decisions of this year's Majlis Shura are approved by me, you must ensure that you personally make every possible effort to fulfil them and strive to ensure that others are also making a concerted effort to implement them. It is my sincere hope and prayer that the fear of Allah remains firmly ingrained in your hearts and that you take all of your responsibilities very seriously and devotedly strive to fulfil your obligations as members of Majlis Shura. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah New Zealand 2019

My dear spiritual children of the Promised Messiah (as) السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

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Indeed, the Promised Messiah (as) said that Allah desires for his Jama'at to be an example to all others. He explained that to be an example means that when others see or hear you, they are influenced and seek to imitate what they have witnessed. So today, you are those people who having entered the fold of the Promised Messiah (as) have pledged to live your lives according to Islam's true teachings and to spread them far and wide. On another occasion the Promised Messiah^(as) said that his followers should forsake all types of personal desires and emotions because having claimed to be Ahmadis and having claimed to follow the true teaching of Islam other would surely look at them extremely critically. He said that others will assess the standards of his followers and so it was imperative that Ahmadi Muslims maintained the very highest standards of morals and kept only good habits. He said his followers must always follow the commands of Allah so that no one could cast aspersions on them. Or say that they were not good Muslims or that there was no difference between Ahmadis and others. Therefore, every Ahmadi, man and woman, should understand their heavy responsibilities. If they do not set a positive example to others then it will not only reflect badly upon them, but upon the entire Jama'at. Whether a person is a member of Lajna Ima'illah, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya or Majlis Ansarullah, they must always seek to abide by the true teachings of Islam. Certainly if their own examples are weak then their Tabligh and efforts to convey true Islam will have no impact. And no one will listen to them. The Promised Messiah (as) has

also said that if his community wishes to be considered a true Jama'at then it is essential that all members set aside their personal desires and this is for the sake of their faith. Always remember that every act and every instruction of the Promised Messiah (as) was in accordance with commands of Allah the Almighty and the teachings of the noble Prophet of Islam^(saw). Thus, it is my ardent desire and prayer that Allah the Almighty enables all Ahmadi Muslims to remain firmly attached to the Promised Messiah^(as) and to follow his teachings and guidance in every single matter. Further, may every Ahmadi Muslim remain firmly attached to the institution of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya, which, according to the Promise of Allah, was established following the demise of the Promised Messiah (as). Always pray that you remain steadfast in your faith. Every Laina member should be regular in watching MTA programmes. At the very least, they should ensure they watch my Friday Sermons and the other programmes of Khalifatul-Masih. And they should make sure their children sit and listen. This will be the means of their spiritual and moral development and will increase their religious knowledge. I pray that may Allah the Almighty continue to bless Lajna Ima'illah in all respects. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





29th August 2019

Message for the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Nigeria 2019

My dear spiritual children of the Promised Messiah (as) السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

By the Grace of Allah, you are fortunate to attend this blessed Ijtema. The Promised Messiah ^(as) said that Allah desires for his Jama'at to be an example to all others. He explained that to be an example means that when others see or hear you, they are influenced and seek to imitate what they have witnessed. So today, you are those people who having entered the fold of the Promised Messiah^(as) have pledged to live your lives according to Islam's true teachings and to spread them far and wide.

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I pray that may Allah the Almighty continue to bless Lajna Ima'illah in all respects. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





29th November 2020

Message for the Prospectus of Online Ayesha Deenyaat Academy, Australia 2020

Dear Lajna members of Australia,

I am pleased to know that on the occasion of Lajna Centenary Celebrations, Lajna Ima'illah Australia is working on projects of which one is the establishment of Online Ayesha Deenyaat Academy. May Allah bless this initiative and reap pious results. Ameen.

I have been requested to send a message for the prospectus of this project. My message is that, in our beautiful religion the seeking of knowledge is heavily emphasised. A Hadith states that one should seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave- that is from young age until old age. In another Hadith, the Holy Prophet^(saw) stated that the attainment of knowledge is an obligation on every Muslim man and woman. Similarly, on another occasion the Holy Prophet^(saw) mentioned that whosoever sets upon a journey to seek knowledge, God opens not just the door of knowledge, but also the door of paradise for him.

The Promised Messiah (as) states:

The relationship of a guide and devotee can be understood by the example of a teacher and student. Just as the devotee/disciple reaps benefit from their guide, a student also benefits from their teacher. However, if the student does not work to excel and enhance his knowledge - he cannot reap benefit; the same applies to a follower. Hence, one should develop a relation with this community to enhance their knowledge and wisdom. A seeker of truth should not become idle after having reached a level or else the cursed Satan will divert him. Just as still water becomes the source of putridity- similarly if a believer does not try to excel in the matter of faith then he falls. Thus, the work of a seeker of happiness is to continue advancing in the matter of religion. Apart from our Holy Prophet (saw) there existed no man who was so perfect - but even he was informed of the prayer to enhance knowledge "Rabbi ZidniIlma". So then, who dares to stop their search relying on their limited knowledge and wisdom and feels that he does not need further improvement? As one advances in the journey of knowledge and wisdom - he will only further realise that abundant things still exist which require a solution. (Translated from Tafsir of Holy Quran by The Promised Messiah (as)-Vol 5 p 293)It is a great favour of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II(ra) upon Ahmadi women that such an Auxiliary was established in which they could highlight their potentials. As a result, they can benefit themselves and others from these skills and potentials. The starting of the Ayesha Deenyaat Academy by Lajna

Ima'illah Australia is a very blessed initiative. More and more Laina members should seek benefit from it. On one occasion, Hazrat Musleh Maud^(ra) stated: Analysing the early days of Islam- it becomes apparent that just as the men spread Islam, the women also played their part. And just as men taught Islam, the women also taught Islam... The Holy Prophet^(saw) states that if anyone wants to learn my faith then half of it should be learned from Ayesha^(ra). Hence, applying the noble characters of holy women from early Islam - you should also seek religious knowledge with great passion and hard work. This way you will become remarkably familiar with the Holy Quran, the various blessed Ahadith as well as the literature of the Promised Messiah^(as). You will be better to act and implement upon religious teachings and better train and educate your future generations. Furthermore, such religious knowledge will also serve you in the realm of preaching work, and you can answer the questions and criticism of others on solid grounds bravely. May Allah enable you to reap due benefit from this rare opportunity. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah New Zealand 2021

Dear Nasirat and Lajna members,

I am pleased to learn that you are holding your Annual Ijtema. May Allah the Almighty bless this event in all respects -Ameen

As we move towards success and prosperity, it is essential that we intensify our efforts to protect and preserve our true Islamic values and our core identity as Muslims. The only way to achieve this is for us to strive, more than ever before, to act upon the teachings of Islam.

More than ever before, we must endeavour to fulfil the desires and expectations of the Promised Messiah^(as). He was the one sent by Allah the Almighty to restore the glorious and noble teachings of Islam. He was the one sent to rectify the weaknesses that had gradually corrupted the practical manifestation of the Islamic faith amongst Muslims over the preceding centuries.

In addition to restoring the lost Islamic values within Muslims, he was also sent to convey the message of Islam to the corners of the earth and to enlighten the people of all faiths and beliefs to the incomparable and universal teachings of the Holy Quran. It is for this reason that the Promised Messiah^(as) stated that his era was the era of the propagation of the true teachings of Islam.

In order to fulfil this great objective, Allah the Almighty has not left us bereft or ill equipped; rather, He has created the means for the spread of Islam in this era. In today's world, television, radio, the internet, the print media and social media are just a few ways through which communications have advanced to the point where global communication has become instantaneous.

These are all technologies that we as a Jama'at are utilising to spread the teachings of Islam. However, it is not enough to merely convey the message of Islam to others; rather, our objective can never be fulfilled until each and every one of us become living and practical examples of the benevolent and noble teachings of Islam. This is why the Promised Messiah^(as) repeatedly spoke of the need for the members of his Jama'at to live their lives in accordance with Islamic values and to live and breathe its teachings.

Where these new technologies have been created as a means for us to serve and spread the holy teachings of Islam, they are also being used by others to immerse the world in depravity and shameful immorality. They are being exploited to lure mankind towards worthless, timewasting pursuits that are often obscene. It is the task of Ahmadi men, women and our youth, as members of the community of the Promised Messiah^(as), to use modern-day technologies to counter the influence of irreligious and immoral forces and to show that upholding religious values in the contemporary world is not just possible, but is absolutely vital.

Every one of us knows how much time we are devoting to watching religious programmes or studying religious texts, in comparison to viewing content that promotes materialism and immorality. In this era, Allah the Almighty has blessed us with MTA, which has many programmes that increase a person's religious knowledge and so Lajna members must strive to watch it as much as possible and to ensure their family members are also benefitting.

Unquestionably, women play an indispensable role in society because the future generations lie in their laps and grow up in their tender care. This fact alone greatly increases the responsibility placed upon Ahmadi women to ensure that they view those programmes or read those books that strengthen their moral fibre and which help them to fulfil the purpose of being part of the community established by the Promised Messiah^(as).

May Allah the Almighty enable all of you to act upon the true teachings of Islam, to understand and realise that the true purpose of your lives is to attain the pleasure of Allah the Almighty and to be ready for all sacrifices in its cause -Ameen

With best wishes and prayers,

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





<u>Islamabad, UK</u> 23 April 2022/K

Message for the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah South Korea 2022

Respected Sadr Sahiba Lajna Ima'illah Republic of Korea,

I am pleased to know that you are having the opportunity to hold your Annual Ijtema.

The primary purpose of Jalsas and Ijtemas is to improve the spiritual and moral standards and strengthen faith. If these objectives are not met, there is no point holding Ijtemas and similar events.

It is our responsibility to convey the true message of Islam to all of society. This is a great task entrusted by Allah to the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah^(as). If we want to rise to this challenge, and bring about a spiritual revolution in the world, we must first start by reforming ourselves.

We must increase our religious knowledge and increase in spirituality by worshipping Allah. We must never forget that Allah sees all, so when we are alone, Allah is always watching us, and we must act upon His commands all the time.

May Allah enable you to do so. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





Message for the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Uganda 2022

Dear members of Lajna Ima'illah and Nasiratul Ahmadiyya Uganda,

Your Sadr Sahiba Lajna had requested me to send you a message for your National Ijtema. My message for you on this auspicious occasion is that Allah the Almighty revived for us the true teachings of Islam through the advent of the Promised Messiah^(as) which had been lost during the passage of time. At many places, the Promised Messiah ^(as) has elaborated that the primary purpose of his coming is to inculcate in a man a sincere devotion to Allah and His religion, and to restore ethical and moral values that had faded away. Man is obliged to fulfil the rights towards his Creator and towards His creation, and to live a life of peace and harmony, which can only be obtained when he is guided by the teachings of the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet ^(saw).

One of the foundational principles of Lajna Ima'illah is to keep this purpose in mind and strive for its achievement. The future generations of the Jama'at are being nurtured and brought up in you laps. Hence, you should be the upholders

of this teaching in true faith and follow each and every injunction of Allah to the best of your abilities. This is not only an individual responsibility but a collective responsibility which has been entrusted upon you.

Alongside, you should strive to do your utmost to follow the instructions of the Khalifa of the time and establish a true, loyal relationship with him. The success of your mission is highly dependent upon this principle and it is incumbent upon you to ensure that none amongst you deviates from this path. It is of utmost importance for you to achieve your primary objective, which is to promote Islam and its true teachings in all walks of life by your words and deeds. May Allah Ta'ala enable you all to do so. May Allah bless your Ijtema in every way and make it a source of gaining His divine favours and of your spiritual development. May Allah keep you all in good health and well-being and safeguard you from all harm and evil. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





<u>Islamabad, UK</u> 28th August 2022

Message for the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Benin 2022

Dear Sadr Lajna and members of Lajna Ima'illah Benin,

It has come to my knowledge that you are holding your National Ijtema from the 26th-28th August 2022, and you have requested a special message for this gathering.

In the chaos in which the world finds itself today, it is only the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at that is the community blessed by Allah, where each Ahmadi finds himself in peace, love, and brotherhood, while spreading this message to others. Surely, this is the grace of Khilafat. We can only fulfil our duty to this blessing when we deepen our relationship with Khilafat and integrate the guidance given by the Khalifa into our daily lives.

Today, Ahmadi women have a great role to play. Not only do you have worldly responsibilities but also those within your homes, and educating your offspring according to the Islamic teachings. To this day, I remember the motivation and passion of the Lajna Ima'illah of my dear Jama'at, during my stay in Benin. May Allah enable this loyalty to Khilafat abide in you forever. I pray that Allah makes this Ijtema a success and that it increases your spirituality. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





<u>Islamabad, UK</u> HM-13-09-2022

Message for the Majlis Shura of Lajna Ima'illah Indonesia 2022

Dear delegates of Majlis Shura, Lajna Ima'illah Indonesia, السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Your Sadr Sahiba Lajna had requested me to send you a message as you are convening for your Annual Mailis Shura. On this auspicious occasion, my message for you is that as members of the Jama'at and delegates of this prestigious counsel of Majlis Shura you have a great responsibility upon your shoulders. The institution of Mailis Shura holds great standing and importance in the Jama'at according to the teachings of the Holy Quran and the perfect example of the Holy Prophet (saw). From the early history of Islam we find that it was customary for the Holy Prophet^(saw) to seek counsel from his companions in matters of importance and even such matters that were of lesser significance. It has been reported that he would consult his companions about is decision to make a trip, about the selection of a military commander, in matters pertaining to war and peace and even about dividing spoils of war.

Hence, true believers are those who observe prayer and who consult in communal matters, who reflect and then give an opinion and once a decision is made, they cooperate and employ all their strengths and faculties to implement it. The Holy Prophet^(saw) said that one who is consulted is a trustee and one whose brother seeks his consultation and he gives it to him without due integrity betrays him. By illustrating the importance that this Hadith lays on giving advice, the significance of counsel when it is sought on a Jama'at level and at the behest of the Khalifa of the time becomes very apparent. Therefore, as delegates of Majlis Shura, you should be mindful of your duties and obligations that have been entrusted upon you and any counsel or advice that you may give during this time should be entirely for the sake of Allah, with a pure and sincere intention and a clear conscience. This responsibility is not to be forsaken or neglected regardless of how trivial a matter may seem to some. Righteousness and purity of the heart and mind should be reflected in every action, word and deed, as this is the only way whereby you will be able to fulfil your responsibilities as representatives of the Jama'at and please Allah as well. May Allah Ta'ala enable you all to do so and guide you in every matter by His sheer grace and mercy. May Allah make this Shura very successful in every way. Ameen.

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Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





<u>Islamabad, UK</u> <u>HM-08-09-2022</u>

Message for the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah Liberia 2022

Dear members of Lajna Ima'illah and Nasiratul Ahmadiyya Liberia,

Your Sadr Sahiba Lajna had requested me to send a message for your National Ijtema. My message for you on this auspicious occasion is that Allah the Almighty revived for us the true teachings of Islam through the advent of the Promised Messiah^(as) which had been lost during the passage of time. At many places, the Promised Messiah^(as) has elaborated that the primary purpose of his coming is to inculcate in man a sincere devotion to Allah and His religion, and to restore ethical and moral values that had faded away. Man is obliged to fulfil the rights towards his Creator and towards His creation and to live a life of peace and harmony, which can only be obtained when he is guided by the teachings of the Holy Quran and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet ^(saw).

One of the foundational principles of Lajna Ima'illah is to keep this purpose in mind and strive for its achievement. The future generations of the Jama'at are being nurtured and brought up in your laps. Hence, you should be the upholders of this teaching in true faith and follow each and every injunction of Allah to the best of your abilities. This is not only an individual responsibility, but a collective responsibility, which has been entrusted upon you.

Alongside, you should strive to your utmost to follow the instructions of the Khalifa of the time and establish a true and loyal relationship with him. The success of your mission is highly dependent on this and it is incumbent upon you to ensure that none amongst you deviates from the right path. It is of utmost importance for you to achieve your primary objective, which is to promote Islam and its true teachings in all walks of life by your words and deeds. May Allah Ta'ala enable you all to do so. May Allah bless your Ijtema in every way and make it a source of gaining His divine favours and of your spiritual development. May Allah keep you all in good health and well-being and keep you in His loving care and protection. Ameen.

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD





<u>Islamabad, UK</u> <u>HM-09-12-2022</u>

Message for the National Lajna and Nasirat Magazine's Centenary Issue

Dear Sadr Sahiba Lajna Ima'illah Qatar

I have received your letter requesting to send a message for your National Lajna and Nasirat Magazine's Centenary Issue.

As you celebrate the Lajna Centenary, the best and lasting gift you can give yourself is to stay true to the cause for which the organisation of Lajna Ima'illah was formed in 1922 by Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra).

Indeed, it is a time for celebration, but also a time to reflect on the vision of Hazrat Musleh Maud^(ra), and be inspired to work hard and stay dedicated in pursuit of this noble mission.

Lajna Ima'illah must collectively remember the importance of providing a strong platform for all sisters to continue to develop their faith and increase their knowledge of Islam-Ahmadiyyat as revived by the Promised Messiah ^(as). You must continue to strive for adhering to the highest moral

and spiritual principles. The Lajna Centenary is an opportunity to commemorate and reflect on how you can move forward, while striving towards gaining the pleasure of Allah the Almighty, which should be the ultimate purpose of every endeavour.

Lajna Ima'illah holds a special position within the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, as it was founded to equip and empower women and girls to become ambassadors of Islam and beacons of peace and morality.

One of the central goals of this venture is to promote the education and moral development of children and future generations, so that they can possess the necessary knowledge and skills to create a lasting, positive mark in the world.

Lajna Ima'illah is devoted to serving humanity and fostering unity and solidarity among its members and the wider society. When we work together, it is essential that we overlook each other's flaws and strive for improvement with patience and determination rather than sowing discord with unfounded grievances and indignation.

As Ahmadi women, it is imperative that you strive to comprehend the essential values that come with being an Ahmadi. To do this, you must engage in self-reflection and assessment in order to ensure that you are best serving your community and fulfilling your societal obligations.

This magazine of Lajna Ima'illah can reach its full potential when it reflects the values and principles of the organisation and I hope and pray that the centenary issue of your magazine serves as an inspiration to all Ahmadi women in Qatar. Moreover, I also hope that it can serve to remind you of your duties and responsibilities, some of which I have outlined above. May this issue of your magazine reinvigorate all those associated with Lajna Ima'illah and facilitate you in performing your duties to the best of your abilities, so that we may succeed in our mission altogether of spreading love, peace and harmony throughout the world. Indeed, this is the only way you can truly honour and fulfil the pledge you have made.

May Allah Ta' ala enable you all to do so and guide and support you in all your pious and noble endeavours. Amin

Wassalam

Yours sincerely,

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