

# AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY OF SEATTLE NEWSLETTER

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## Advice from Khalifa-tul-Massih

Hassan Khan

In his sermon on March 7th 2008, Huzoor said that in this age, when the Quran is being attacked from all sides, Ahmadis should study the Quran, reflect even more on its teachings and act on them. No Ahmadi should go to sleep without reading the Quran and should inculcate the same habit in the next generation.

In his sermon on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2008, Huzoor addressed those Ahmadis who are becoming restless and ask why does Allah not punish those who deride Allah and his Prophets. He said, that one of Allah's qualities is that he is Al- Haleem, the forbearing. The Quran tells that if Allah was to punish everyone for their sins in this world, the whole human race would disappear. Nevertheless, Allah has promised chastisement for people who exceed all limits. We Ahmadis should seek to avert this for others by asking them to change.

In his sermon on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2008, Huzoor encouraged us to imbue in ourselves the divine attribute of Al-Haleem, the forbearing. It was exuded most by the Holy Prophet PBUH and we should follow in his footsteps and not be harsh to people around us.

In his sermon on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Huzoor spoke about the divine attribute of Al Rafiq, one who is gentle and is like a friend. We should develop this attribute in ourselves. He said Ahmadis should engage in saying salutations to the Holy Prophet PBUH when people are trying to discredit him instead of taking the law in their own hands. Only the omnipotent God can punish those who deserve punishment. All we can do is ask people to change in this matter.



Sermons of Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Massih Mirza Masroor Ahmad are available in text, audio and video form along with their English and Arabic translations at <http://alislam.org/archives/>.

## Events Calendar April 2008

4/04/2008	07:30 PM	Sports	4/20/2008	12:00 PM	Aux Meetings
4/06/2008	12:30 PM	General Meeting	4/20/2008	12:00 PM	Lajna Marriage Workshop
4/12/2008	02:00 PM	Khilafat Program 1	4/25/2008	07:30 PM	Sports
4/11/2008	07:30 PM	Sports	4/25/2008	07:30 PM	Khuddam Aamila
4/16/2008	10:00 AM	Blood Drive	4/27/2008	07:30 PM	Aamila Meeting
4/18/2008	07:30 PM	Sports			

# Mentor's Meeting in

## San Jose

Sumrin Mir



Lajna National Mentors Meeting was held in San Jose on Feb 29th to March 2nd 2008. This served as a refresher course for amla members, to have an opportunity to meet their respective counterparts from other Jamaats as well as the National Amla.

Alhamdulillah, Sister Amtul Basit (Acting President and Taleem Secretary), Sister Shabnam (Nasirat Secretary), Sister Tahira (New Converts and Khidmat-e-Khalq Secretary) and myself (Assistant Tabligh Secretary) attended from Seattle.

The key points addressed to the lajna were:

First and foremost all members must make sure they are regular in offering Salat and listening to Huzoor's (aba) khutbas. There is also a problem of low attendance and the Lajna were requested to especially pray for this matter.

Every lajna should become a role model for the cause of tabligh. They should practice purdah and carry

themselves confidently. Different tabligh scenarios were acted out and later the audience discussed what positive and negative aspects in each case were. Also, Lajna's website ([www.ahmadiyya.us/lajna](http://www.ahmadiyya.us/lajna)) has been updated and has many links from the [www.Alislam.org](http://www.Alislam.org) site. This could be used as a tabligh tool.

Lajna needs to be more active in Rishta Nata. Those ready for marriage should fill out the form themselves instead of their parents. Be honest, avoid back biting and give preference to Taqwa. 1500 Ahmadis have registered on a non-Jamaat matrimonial website [www.Naseeb.com](http://www.Naseeb.com). Sadr Sahiba requested that we should avoid registering on websites in general other than the Jamaat website. Also, Lajna gave suggestions for improving the Jamaat's Rishta Nata website: [www.RNHelp.org](http://www.RNHelp.org).

In preparation for Jalsa Salana, Lajna have been advised to start practicing silence in their meetings for a few minutes (Good job with the first attempt in the last meeting :). Women at the Germany Jalsa last year were warned they would not be allowed to attend if they were noisy. Also, if you are planning on attending the Jalsa, please register yourself as a volunteer as many are needed.

May Allah enable us to attend this centennial Jalsa and bless us with Huzoor's (aba) presence this year in the U.S. (InshAllah) Ameen!♣



## Muslim-Christian Dialogue Group

Mark Buening

The members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Ballard have been meeting on a monthly basis for approximately two years. We alternate the meeting place every month between the locations in Ballard and Lynnwood. We have also had the great pleasure of attending special holiday functions held at each other's respective places of worship. We come together every month with a particular topic to start off the discussion. For example, in the past we have discussed the place of Jesus in Islam and Christianity, the function and importance of fasting; the Creation story in the Qur'an and the Bible; the importance of prayer; and at our last meeting we discussed the nature and types of revelation in the two faith traditions. Although we start off with a certain topic, our discussions typically wander off down many varied paths following a thread or a specific interest. We approach these dialogue groups with an open mind and open heart. There is never intent to proselytize or convert, but always an intent to learn more about the rich traditions of each faith. We identify where the differences lie, and then move on to the similarities, for it is in the similarities where the real gems can be found. The dialogues have provided many rich insights into my own faith and have made me realize that we have much more in common than where we differ. And it is in the common ground where we both find identification as children of God, and a mutual will and desire to follow the will of God in our lives.

## Our Leader

Translation of a poem by Promised Messiah

He is our leader, who is the source of all light;  
His name is Muhammad pbuh; he alone is my beloved.

All Prophets are holy, one better than the other;  
But from the Almighty, he is the best of the creation.

Better than those before him, a darling in his qualities;  
All eyes are on him, the moon that dispels darkness.

Those earlier brought us only halfway;  
He it is who brought us to the shore;

May I be a sacrifice; he alone is the guide.

He removed the screen, and showed the secret path;

He joined the hearts to the Beloved, such a friend he is!  
That Friend, that Infinite the Unseen Beloved;

We saw through him, so he is the true guide.  
The King of faith; the Crown of the apostles;

He revealed all secrets, an excellent gift is this.

His vision far-reaching, his heart close to the Friend;

He carries the light of faith; he is the fountain of light.

He revealed the weighty secrets of faith;

He is the King who grants wealth.

I am a sacrifice at that light; I belong entirely to him;

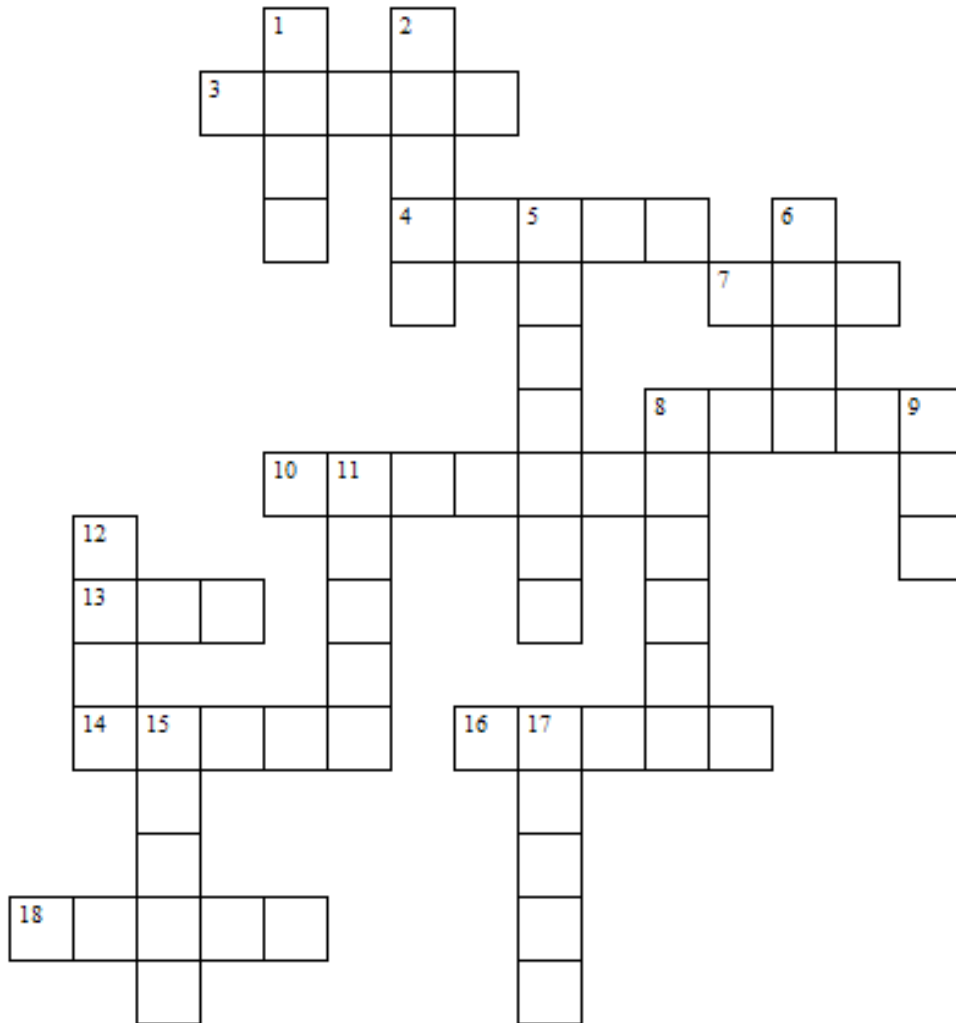
He is all, and I am nothing? This is the final verdict.

That Unique Beloved is the source of all learning;

All else is a mere tale, this is the truth unblemished.

We found everything through him, Allah is witness;

# Puzzle



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