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Sermons of Khalifa-tul-Masih

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Oct 5: Huzur said that accepting Ahmadiyyat is to put the commandments of Allah and His messenger (SAW) into practice. However, it is wrong to think that accepting the Promised Messiah is unnecessary. Recognizing the imam of the age is important and it is the duty of all the Ahmadis to take the message of the Promised Messiah to everyone and to pray for them.

Oct 12: Huzur gave this sermon on the last Friday of Ramazan and said that to think that this Friday is more important than others is erroneous and an invention of later Muslims. Ahmadis should take the message of Ahmadiyyat to Muslims all over the world so that they can be saved. Attending all Friday prayers is important.



Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Masih V

Allah blesses the work of those who leave their businesses and turn to Him and attend Friday prayers.

Oct 19: Huzur spoke about the divine attribute of Al-Aziz, the All-Mighty. Allah has the power to do everything including raising more prophets. It is therefore wrong of Non-Ahmadis to say that God cannot raise another prophet and persecute Ahmadis. Ahmadis should strive hard to free the present day Muslims from the clutches of ignorance and pray to the All-Mighty God for them.

Oct 26: Huzur countered the objection that God of Islam is cruel and he is one who punishes. This is incorrect. According to the very first verses of the Quran, God is most merciful. People are punished only when they transgress all limits, just like people have to face consequences when they break man-made laws. Ahmadis should make efforts to understand these concepts and present the real concept of the God of Islam to everyone.❖

Events Calendar

October 2007

11/4/2007 12:00 PM	General Meeting
11/18/2007 12:00 PM	Aux Meetings
11/25/2007 10:00 AM	Amila Meeting

Eid-ul-Fitr

Muzdah Malik

Eid-ul-Fitr is a holiday celebrated when the new moon is sighted towards the end of Ramadhan, usually on the twenty-ninth night. When the new moon is sighted, the preparations for Eid begin right away: homes and streets are decorated (particularly in Muslim countries), clothes are made ready for the following morning, and henna is brought out for girls and women to paint their hands. Those who are observing Itaqaf (seclusion of oneself from worldly things to focus energy on the worship of Allah during the last ten days of Ramadhan) terminate it. All of this might be familiar to you as chaand raat.

A traditional breakfast on the morning of Eid is sheer khurma, which is vermicelli cooked in milk with dried dates, raisins, almonds and other nuts.

The Eid prayer is held before noon. The specific time is generally set a few days in advance as is convenient for the local people. No adhan is called out prior to the prayer; people just line up for prayer at the set time. When the prayer begins

seven takbirs are called out for the first raka'at and five takbirs for the second, after which the Imam delivers a sermon. The sermon is usually about the background and significance of the festival.

Once the sermon is delivered a silent prayer is said by each Muslim, and then they greet each other by saying 'Eid Mubarak' and embracing each other.

On this festive day, friends and family get together, and gifts are exchanged. Children are given money, or eidi, from relatives and elders.

An important thing to know is that Eid isn't just about getting dressed up and visiting friends and relatives. It is also about being grateful to Allah and helping His people who are less fortunate. Muslims are obligated to pay fitrana, a donation for the underprivileged. It is best to pay this before Eid service so that everyone can join in the festivities.

We must all remember to be thankful to Allah for as much or as little as we have. It is also important that we obey Allah in helping His servants who are in need. May Allah help us all in becoming the best Ahmadi-Muslims that we can.

Ameen.



Khidmat-Khalaq

Tuseef Chaudhry

O people of Islam, “You are the best people ever raised for the good of mankind, because you have been raised to serve others...” (Holy Qur’an, 3:111)

Peru was recently hit by an earthquake. How could we help thousands of miles away? Due to the generous and quick support of our Jamaat members, we were able to have an emergency essential-needs drive and collected over 17 boxes worth of necessities just in a couple days, with items ranging from canned food to first aid kits. Our dedicated Khuddam stayed up until after 2am packing and labeling the boxes in both English and Spanish.

Such are the responsibilities of the Khidmat-E-Khalq Department. This department organizes and executes projects which enhance the conditions of humanity and society with no intentions to preach or convert. Everyone is served regardless of religion, gender, race, or any other biases. This past year, we have conducted many projects, including food, clothes, and books drive; Adopt A Highway cleanups; Food Lifeline food-packaging; King County Juvenile Detention Center Chaplaincy etc.

Our most successful project was at the UW. According to the National MKA Khidmat-E-Khalq Mohtamim, Brother Kashif Zafar, we set “history in MKA USA” as “never before have we had this many units of Blood collected in my drive in MKA USA.” Madeline Haydon, the Puget Sound Blood

Center Representative said that “On behalf of the 218 patients here in the Northwest that will benefit from this single drive, please pass along my deepest thanks for AMSA for the support, effort and time.”

The Khidmat-E-Khalq Department has ambitious goals for the upcoming year. Yet, in order to attain them, we need the help of everyone. Although this is a Khuddam department, our success and excellence relies on the involvement of all the auxiliaries: Ansar, Atfal, Lajna, and Khuddam. Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has dedicated any of their time to our department. You will be in our prayers, Jazakallah!



Waqf-e-Zindagi

Imran Ghumman

If you try to perform each action of your life for Allah your life becomes more meaningful. Khalifatul Masih 4th (ra) inspired me to be a devotee for Allah and to change all of my perspectives about life. On Huzoor's acceptance of my waqf and on his advice to submit a waqf application I was approved to be a waaqf-e-zindagi. On my approval jam'at asked me to continue doing what I am doing and let them know if anything changes. I have since then tried to engage myself and other Ahmadi brothers in propagation of Islam, a foremost obligation of each Ahmadi. May Allah abundantly bless those who are doing tabligh for Allah and enable all of us to understand the importance of this obligation for ourselves and for our generations to come. Aameen. In one of these days during my youth I want to quit working for any boss except Allah and spend every second of my life in service of jam'at, inshAllah. This is how I am trying to progress and to receive Allah's mercy. Please pray for me, jazakAllah.



Al-Qasidah

(Peom about the Holy Prohet SAW of Islam)

Promised Messiah

O fountainhead of Divine grace and knowledge!
All creation flocks towards you like the thirsty.

O ocean of the grace of the Generous Benefactor!
Multitudes throng towards you holding empty cups.

O sun of the kingdom of beauty and grace!
You illumined the face of deserts and dwellings.

A nation beheld you and another heard
Of this full moon that has enchanted me.

They shed tears in remembrance of your beauty;
The pangs of separation from you made them cry.

I find hearts throbbing wildly;
And tears streaming from the eyes.

O ye whose light is like the sun and the moon;
And who has illumined the day with his light.

O moon of ours, O the sign of our Gracious Lord!
O the guide of all guides, the bravest of the brave.

I perceive in your bright face
A quality far superior to human qualities.

Genial, gracious, bounteous, lover of righteousness;
Generous, and one who has excelled all the youth.