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Summary slide

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"Call unto the way of thy Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and argue with them in a way that is best. Surely, thy Lord knows best who has strayed from His way; and He knows those who are rightly guided." (Ch.16:V.126)

A recommendation was included in the Majalis-e-Shura of numerous Jamaats around the world. The recommendation was how to expand and improve the scope of *Tabligh* to spread the true message of Islam to the widest cross section of people possible within each country.

I would like to draw the attention of every office holder that they should extend complete cooperation to the Tabligh Secretaries for the implementation of this proposal within their Jamaat. It is the duty of the National Secretary Tabligh to send the established programme of action to the Tabligh secretaries of the local Jamaats. Further, they should ensure that the plan of action is conveyed to every member of the Jamaat

September 8th 2017 Most of all understand the guidance given by Allah the Almighty in this verse and every Tabligh Secretary, every office holder and every <u>Daeyaan</u> <u>Khasoosi</u> (specialist preacher) should act accordingly.

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Firstly, Allah the Almighty says to carry out Tabligh using wisdom (hiqmah). Hiqmah is knowledge; also denotes 'a resolute and firm word' and 'a conclusive argument, not requiring yet further proofs to establish its validity.' It also denotes 'fairness'; also denotes 'forbearance and clemency'; also denotes 'prophethood'; it is to refrain from ignorance You should be aware of where in our literature and websites the intellectual responses to their questions can be obtained from.

Tabligh [outreach] department that they should - considering the current trends - compile such allegations and their rebuttals and make them available to the Jama'ats so that the maximum number of people may have intellectual and strong arguments at their disposal.

It should not be that once or twice in the year one celebrates the 'Ashra-e-Tarbiyyat' or 'Ashra-e-Tabligh' [programme of ten days where special focus is given on Tabligh/Tarbiyyat],

distributed literature on the streets and think one has done justice to conveying the message.

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Allah has said that your duty is to convey the message and deliver the message of truth to every person of the world.

You must show others the beauty of Islam and its beautiful teachings.

Only God Almighty knows who will be granted guidance and who will not. It is only God Almighty Who knows whether he will be granted the opportunity to accept or not,

We have fulfilled our duty by introducing him to the true teachings of Islam.

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We will fulfil the task given to us but at the same time it is the promise of God that He and His Messenger will prevail, God willing. That is why we have hope that one day the majority will come into our fold.

One should always remember that wisdom does not mean to show cowardice and nor to testify to something incorrect in order to draw someone closer to yourself.

One should not be worried about the opposition because it is opposition that opens new avenues for Tabligh [outreach].

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The Promised Messiah (as) states: 'The stronger the force of falsehood is which opposes the truth, the power and strength of the truth becomes equally greater.'

The Promised Messiah (as) further states: 'It is also commonly said among the landowners/farmers that the more intense the summer heat, the stronger the monsoon.'

The Promised Messiah (as) further states: 'This is a natural phenomenon; the stronger the opposition of the truth, the more it shines and reflects its splendour. We have experienced this for ourselves in that wherever we were strongly and vociferously opposed, a Jama'at was established there. And, wherever people heard us and remained silent, there was less progress.'

September 8th 2017 One should practise what he preaches and it is only then that one can utter words of wisdom and also have an impact on others when there is harmony in one's speech and practise.

The Promised Messiah (as) states: 'If such people possessed the knowledge and practised what they preach then what need was there for the Holy Quran to state: - why do you say what you do not do?

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The Promised Messiah (as) further states: 'A Momin [believer] should not lead a double life and should always be distanced from cowardice and hypocrisy. Always keep your speech and practice wholesome and show harmony between them both just as the companions did. You too should tread upon their footsteps and demonstrate your sincerity and devotion.'

September 8th 2017 May Allah the Almighty enable us to adhere according to this.