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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Giving advice to Ahmadi missionaries and office-bearers of the Jamā‘at, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Act upon Allāh’s commandments with all your energy, ability and capability. Ahmadi missionaries and life-devotees have been assigned the responsibility of inviting people towards righteousness and of training and educating them in matters of Faith.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is not only that each one of us needs to be active in the service of Faith, but also there is a need to motivate others as well.

On 30 January 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God does not burden anyone beyond his capacity. In fact, He issues no such commandment as is beyond human power and capability. This is why man has been assigned the responsibility of acting upon Allāh’s commandments, and this is why we should try to act upon His commandments with all our energy and capacity. God has enjoined us to act upon His commandments perfectly and with honesty – in accordance with our maximum ability.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Looking at human faculties and capabilities we find that every individual is different in terms of mental ability, physique, knowledge and level of intelligence. God has, therefore, in view of the fact that each person has his own weaknesses, shortcomings and needs, made His commandments flexible in the sense that they have both minimal as well as maximum standards of attainment. It is for this reason that God says that while He has made His commandments so flexible, we too ought to act upon them diligently and with honesty.

In short, the beauty of the teachings of the True Faith is that it has been revealed in consonance with human nature.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: Man has not been burdened with any such obligation in the Sharī‘ah as is beyond his power and capacity. God expects man to act upon His commandments in accordance with his power and capability. A true believer should, therefore, strive to obtain this level of submission to God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Just as each individual is different in capabilities and all persons cannot be equal in terms of capacities, the same is true of faith and of compliance with Allāh's commandments. All people are not equal in terms of faith and compliance with the commandments of the Almighty God. Hence, the best standard that a person can obtain through acting upon Allāh's commandments and using his wisdom is the very standard set for him by God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God knows the state of the inner recesses of our heart and no excuse on our part about our lack of knowledge, wisdom or capacity will stand before Him. We, therefore, need to make a genuine assessment of our abilities and test our faith and action against the assessment we have made. The minimum standard of attainment that God has set for us is to offer the five daily prayers in congregation. Similarly, God has also declared fasting and Zakāt to be obligatory. However, looking at our present condition we can say that even five daily prayers are not offered regularly by all of us as God has commanded.

Remember that we cannot deceive God. Our efforts to discharge the duties of Faith should be greater in measure than the efforts we make for our worldly endeavours.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Our missionaries and knowledgeable persons in the Jamā'at should play their role to enhance the abilities of the people. Efforts should be made to raise the standard of their knowledge. People should be provided support, so that they can enhance their capacities. This will not only help the individual members of the Jamā'at to progress but also the Jamā'at as a whole.

Ahmadī missionaries and life-devotees have been assigned the task of inviting people towards righteousness. They are responsible for the physical and spiritual upbringing of the Jamā'at. Ahmadī missionaries have also been assigned the responsibility of demonstrating to people how they can enhance their faith and belief. Ahmadī missionaries have to inform people of the ever-new ways and methods of inviting the world towards piety and righteousness.

In short, life-devotees and missionaries of the Jamā'at have been assigned the important task of raising the level of knowledge among other members of the Jamā'at. Similarly, the office-bearers of the Jamā'at also need to realise that it is their duty to raise the standard of knowledge and faith among members of the Jamā'at. Secretary Tarbiyat and members of Majlis 'Āmila are equally responsible to train and educate the Jamā'at by setting an example for them. In fact, Secretary Tarbiyat and other members of Majlis 'Āmila should urge the rest of the Jamā'at to regularly listen to the Friday Sermon, to attend the *Darses*, and to take part in other programmes of the Jamā'at, so that they are able to enhance their faith and knowledge and improve themselves spiritually.

The office-holders of the Jamā'at are also under obligation to continuously remind people of their obligations and duties. In fact, it is the responsibility of the office-holders to support the spiritually weak people in the Jamā'at by making constant efforts to enable them to regularly offer the five daily prayers. Reminders can serve as an effective means of enhancing people's capacities.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: A minor effort on the part of the office-bearers of the Jamā‘at can help others shun negligence and become active members of the Jamā‘at. The number of people who come to Buyut ul Zikr for Prayer can be increased if we continue to remind our neighbours and the Ahmadīs living around us about the importance of offering Prayer in congregation. We should help our weaker brothers join us in righteous acts, so that they can raise their level of spirituality. Those who enjoin others to act righteously are granted reward equal to those who act righteously. Therefore, it is not only that each one of us needs to be active in the service of Faith, but also there is a need to motivate others as well.

Next, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced the sad demise of two Ahmadī women, namely Jananul Aani Sahiba of Syria who was living in Turkey and Habiba Sahiba of Mexico and spoke of their love and devotion for the Jamā‘at. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that he would lead the funeral prayer in absentia of the deceased after the Jumu‘a Prayer.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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