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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَکَاتُهُ

On January 24, 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Continuing with the measures required for practical reformation discussed in previous sermons viz. strengthening the will power, increase of knowledge and enhancement of the capacity to perform good deeds, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We need to find out ways and means that are helpful in bringing about a positive change in the majority of the Jamā‘at. This has to be kept in mind by the Jamā‘at scholars, *Murabbīān*, Amīrs and other office-bearers who regularly get the opportunity to speak to the members of the Jamā‘at. This will help the Jamā‘at administration play a pivotal role in practical reformation undertaken by the members of the Jamā‘at. Unless the Jamā‘at scholars, *Murabbīān*, Amīrs and other office-bearers pay full attention to obtain this goal and unless they impress upon each and every member of the Jamā‘at the importance of endeavours to fulfil the purpose for which the Promised Messiah عليه السلام was sent, a considerable portion of the Jamā‘at will remain unable to undertake practical reformation on account of weak will power.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We need to assess ourselves and find out how many of us eagerly offer prayers and are such whom God loves to the extent that He is ever-ready to show signs for them and bestow His dialogue upon them and converse with them. In fact, every Ahmadi who has accepted the Promised Messiah عليه السلام is duty-bound to achieve such level of closeness to God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Man has the weakness that when he finds someone else in possession of better things than his own, he covets the things and tries to obtain the same for himself. However, this desire for obtaining better things does not arise when one hears that someone receives revelations from God or has conversed with Him. On such occasions people most often forget to pray that God may vouchsafe upon them His revelations and dialogue and love them like His holy servants.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The reason for this neglect on the part of the people is that the Jamā‘at scholars, *Murabbīān* and office-bearers do not repeatedly remind the Jamā‘at of the importance of being close to God and earn His pleasure. Another reason for the neglect is that those who are responsible for helping people with reformation, their own conduct is not so exemplary that people should look up to them and follow them. Hence, we need to convey it to everyone that by establishing a sincere relationship with the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, one can establish a relationship with God, and that the signs God showed for the Promised Messiah عليه السلام were not confined to his age or person alone, rather He is ever capable of showing them. Therefore, Jamā‘at scholars, *Murabbīyan*, *Amīrs* and other office-bearers should

continue to strive towards the achievement of this goal by making efforts within their respective spheres.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Followers of no other religion believe in the God who answers prayers and hears supplications. The God who speaks is the One presented by Islām and the Holy Qur'ān. Those who believe in the God of Islām with pure heart and engage themselves in prayer and supplication will soon have their prayers granted. Should we repeatedly remind the Jamā'at of this, it will help them strengthen their will power and resolve to the extent that they will be able to overpower all sins and protect themselves against sinfulness. The purpose of the Promised Messiah's ﷺ advent was to save mankind from sinfulness and to enable people to establish such a relationship with God whereby one prefers Divine pleasure to everything else.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related a few faith-enhancing incidents from the lives of some new Ahmadīs who developed eagerness for prayer and showed steadfastness in the path of Faith.

Highlighting the importance of knowledge for practical reformation, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It will be a mistake to declare certain sins to be lesser than others. All sins are bad and thus condemnable. Bearing this in mind the asylum seekers should also make sure that they truthfully present their cases. Those who try to take refuge in falsehood, bring a bad name not only to their own selves but also to the Jamā'at. The missionaries and other office-bearers of the Jamā'at, therefore, need to repeatedly remind the members of the Jamā'at to eschew falsehood and consider all sins to be equally condemnable.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Those responsible for exhorting the Jamā'at should make sure that they too are making every possible effort to improve their capabilities of performing good deeds, and that their words and deeds do not contradict each other. May God enable us all to sincerely fulfil our obligations. *Āmīn*.

Towards the end of the Friday Sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of two recently deceased Ahmadīs, namely Nawab Bibi Sahiba of Uncha Mangat, Hafizabad District, and Sheikh Abdur Rashid Sharma Sahib of Shikarpur Sindh, Pakistan. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) graciously mentioned the services of the deceased for the Jamā'at and led their funeral prayers in absentia 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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