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The Amīr/National President

Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

**Extracts from the Friday Sermon by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ
delivered on February 9, 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.**

A Hadīth regarding Janazah (funeral prayer)

Hadrat Ayesha relates that the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said: If a hundred Muslims offer the Janazah for one who has passed away and they all seek forgiveness for that person, their intercession will be accepted. Once when a funeral procession was passing, people started praising the deceased person, upon which the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said that this person was bound for paradise.

Introduction and Waqf-e-Zindagi:

I have received a lot of letters regarding the servant of the Jamā‘at, life devotee, and obedient servant of Khalīfa about whom I wish to speak today, and whose funeral prayer in absentia I will lead afterwards. However, I will barely be able to go through one fifth of what people have written about him. These accounts serve as guidance for life devotees, members of the Promised Messiah’s علیہ السلام family, office-bearers, and for members of the Jamā‘at at large. As you know, Sahibzada Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad Ṣāḥib, son of Ḥaḍrat Sahibzada Mirzā Aziz Aḥmad Ṣāḥib passed away a few days ago at the age of 78. He had been having heart problems for some time, but this time he suffered a cardiac arrest that resulted in his sudden demise.

Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad Ṣāḥib was the great-grandson of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام; the grandson of Mirzā Sultan Aḥmad Ṣāḥib, who was the eldest son of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام; the son of Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Aziz Aḥmad Ṣāḥib رضی اللہ عنہ; and the paternal grandson of Ḥaḍrat Mir Muḥammad Ishaq Ṣāḥib رضی اللہ عنہ. He was also my brother-in-law. His mother Sahibzadi Naseera Begum was the eldest daughter of Ḥaḍrat Mir Muḥammad Ishaq Ṣāḥib رضی اللہ عنہ.

Huzoor ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: All these relationships are in themselves not important, but what does make them important are the aspects of his character that I will speak about. He was a servant of the Jamā‘at and a life-devotee. Even though he was weak due to illness and was bereaved by the recent loss of his elder brother, when I appointed him Naẓir A‘la, he performed his duties in the most diligent manner. He attended the office regularly and performed all other duties as well. Just a day before his demise, he attended the prize giving ceremony at Madrasatul-Ḥifz, and also presided over a program of Khuddam-ul-Aḥmadiyya in the evening. Even on the day he died, he visited several people, asked after the sick, and offered all five prayers in the mosque.

His life as a life-devotee began in May 1962. He got his Master’s degree in Political Science from Government College Lahore. Then he took the exam for the Public Service Commission and passed with high marks. He once told me that he had only attempted this exam because it was said to be very difficult to

pass. He wanted to succeed in this before he devoted his life so that no one would say that he came here because he couldn't succeed elsewhere. Despite this success, he did not go for a public job and instead devoted his life in 1962. Thereafter, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* II رضى الله عنه appointed him as the Managing Editor for Review of Religions Rabwah. Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* II رضى الله عنه also instructed him that having attained secular knowledge, he should also attain religious knowledge. Hence he learnt Ḥadīth and religion from Ḥaḍrat Sayed Mir Dawood Aḥmad Ṣāhib, who was the editor of the Review of Religions and also his maternal uncle.

An overview of the offices held by Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad and his services

Mirzā Ghulām Ahmad Ṣāhib served as Naẓir Taleem and Additional Naẓir Islāh-o-Irshād Muqāmi. He also served as Naẓir Dīwān from 1996 to 2018 when he was appointed Naẓir A'la. From 2012 to 2018 he served as Ṣadr Majlis Kārpardāz. Then, after the demise of Mirzā Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāhib, I appointed him as Naẓir A'la, Amīr Muqāmi and Ṣadr Ṣadr Anjuman Aḥmadiyya. During the time of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* IV رحمه الله تعالى he often served as acting Naẓir A'la and acting Amīr Muqāmi.

He served as a member of Majlis Waqf-e-Jadīd and as its President from 2016 to 2018. He served in various positions in Majlis Ansārullāh. He was a Vice President and then President from 2004 to 2009. In Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya, he served as Muhtamim at various times, then as Vice President for one year, and then as President from 1975 to 1979. He also served as editor of The Review of Religions. He had the honour to serve as Private Secretary to Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* III رحمه الله تعالى. He was President of the Khilāfat Library Committee, as well as of the Buyūtul Hamd Society Rabwah. He was also Director of Faḍl-e-Omar Foundation. He also served in Jalsa Sālāna for many years as Nā'ib Afsar and Nāzim Mehnat. This is a very demanding job where one has to deal with non-Ahmadī workers, such as Roti makers, who are difficult to handle. It is a hard job keeping them on their toes. By the grace of Allāh, he performed these duties very diligently. He was also President of the Tabarrukat Committee. He was member of the committee for compiling Register Rawayat of the companions of The Promised Messiah عليه السلام. He was member of the Ifṭā' committee as well as the Tarikh-e-Aḥmadiyyat Committee. He was Secretary of the Khilāfat Committee. He also served as the supervising managing director of Al-Shirkat-ul-Islamiyah. He was entrusted with many responsibilities, along with overseeing these committees, alongside the task of his own department. In 1989, he, along with Mirzā Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāhib and two other workers in the Anjuman, had the honour of being imprisoned for a few days in the cause of Allāh under the article 298c.

A dream of Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* IV رحمه الله تعالى regarding Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad Ṣāhib

Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* IV رحمه الله تعالى related a dream in a Friday sermon. He said that he had been thinking of ways to increase his workload when in a dream he saw Mirzā Ghulām Ahmad whom he knew to always give sound advice. Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* IV رحمه الله تعالى says: He was also the one who advised me to do my own translation of the Holy Qur'ān rather than add notes to Tafsir-e-Saghir. Allāh, by His grace, enabled me to do that translation in the course of which a lot of issues were solved. It was a long dream in which he made suggestions regarding matrimonial issues and jobs for young men and women that could be helpful.

Love, devotion and fidelity to Khilāfat

As I said upon the demise of Mirzā Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāḥib, Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* IV رحمه الله تعالى had said to him: You are the two persons who are most faithful to me and to every Khalīfa. It was Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad Ṣāḥib who had written this to me and once he had also told me of this in person. At that time he did not want his own name mentioned so I only mentioned Mirzā Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāḥib's name. The fact is that it was with regard to both Mirzā Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāḥib and Mirzā Ghulām Aḥmad Ṣāḥib that Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* IV رحمه الله تعالى had said: They are loyal to every Khalīfa, and they are loyal to me. It was these two whom he had entrusted with the task of searching for the missing ring (of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام). He says that Ḥaḍrat *Khalīfatul Masīh* رحمه الله تعالى first mentioned him and then Mirzā Khurshid Aḥmad Ṣāḥib as the two people who are loyal to every Khalīfa.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

Hameedullah -

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyya Pakistan.

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