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The Amīr/ National President
Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 22nd October, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited the verses 105 of *Surah Āl-e-Imrān* and 122 of *Surah Al-Taubah*, which are translated as follows:

“And let there be among you a body of men who should invite to goodness, and enjoin equity and forbid evil. And it is they who shall prosper.” (3:105)

“It is not possible for the believers to go forth all together. Why, then, does not a party from every section of them go forth that they may gain better understanding of religion, and that they may warn their people when they return to them, so that they may guard *against evil*?” (9:122)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In these verses God speaks of the people who devote their lives for their faith, promote goodness, forbid evil and spend their lives in the propagation of the faith. By the grace of Allāh, in Jamā'at Aḥmadiyya the system of *Waqf-e-Zindagī*, or devoting one's life for the faith, has existed since the time of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. In the time of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ, this system was formally institutionalised, with the establishment of Jāmi'a Aḥmadiyya and dispatching of missionaries abroad. This process is going on to this day.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Along with missionaries there are also doctors, teachers and other professionals who have devoted their lives for the Jamā'at. As the field of Da'wat Ilallāh expands, we require more Wāqifīn who have adequate knowledge to undertake this task. The above verses make it clear that there should be a select group of people who should diligently acquire religious knowledge and become well versed in its exhortations and prohibitions and the wisdom inherent therein, and then convey these teachings to others. It was with realization of this need that, with Allāh's guidance, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ launched the *Waqf-e-Nau* scheme. It is primarily the duty of the parents of Wāqifīn-e-Nau to prepare their children for *Waqf*. Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ also explained the responsibilities of *Waqf-e-Nau* secretaries in this regard. Citing the words of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, Ḥuḍūr علیہ السلام said: We require people who are capable of rendering, not just intellectual, but practical services. The mere acquisition of knowledge is of no use.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام also related some inspiring episodes from the lives of past missionaries which shed light on their steadfastness, perseverance and contentment.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: All missionaries and all the students of Jāmi'as around the world should keep examining themselves and make sure that there is harmony in their words and deeds. As you gain knowledge about religion you should also put it into practice. Wāqifīn should be free of arrogance and ostentation. Studying the books of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام is important both in Jāmi'a and afterwards in the field. A missionary should also be content with what he has. If he puts all his needs before God and not before others, God provides for him from the unseen. It is the hallmark of a missionary to curb his desires and not make any demands.

Ḥuḍūr عليه السلام said: Every *Murabbī* should show humility but without compromising his dignity. He should put all his needs before God and bear hardship but not ask anything of anyone else or compromise his dignity. Remember, that in the eyes of the Jamā'at, a missionary is a representative of the Khalīfa. He must not do anything to tarnish this status. In this respect, I would also ask the wives of Wāqifīn to learn to live within their means and not to demand from their husbands anything that might jeopardize their *Waqf*. They should help their husbands in the great and momentous task for which they have devoted their lives.

Ḥuḍūr ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ also gave some detailed instructions regarding the management of *Waqfīn-e-Nau*. Closing the sermon, Ḥuḍūr ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ prayed: May Allāh make them a fruitful part of the Jamā'at and may we be able to fulfil our responsibility of upbringing them and giving them the proper training. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr ايدو اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Taḥrīk Jadīd Anjuman Aḥmadiyyah Pakistan,

Dated: 28 Oct. 2010