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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السَّلَامُ عَلَیْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

On 12th April 2013, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 59 of Sūrah *An-Nisa*, which is translated as follows:

“Verily, Allāh commands you to make over the trusts to those entitled to them, and that, when you judge between men, you judge with justice. And surely excellent is that with which Allāh admonishes you! Allāh is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.” (4:59)

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: This is a year of elections in the Jama‘at. While these elections are necessary for the smooth functioning of the Jama‘at’s organisational structure, it is also essential that we choose office bearers who are most eligible for the job. The office is a trust, therefore, you should vote for the person who in your eyes is the best and most deserving, while praying to Allāh for guidance. Your personal inclination, relationship or caste should never be a consideration when casting your vote. When the Jama‘at of the believers elects its office bearers with prayers, Allāh helps them. Every voter should realize the immensity of this responsibility laid upon them.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In these elections members only forward their opinion, the final decision lies with the Khalifatul Masih. If the Amīr gives the final approval in the case of some local elections, he does so in keeping with the rules. But, by and large, the Amīr ought to honour the vote of the majority.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In the verse I have recited, believers have been commanded to fulfil their trusts with justice. An office is not something to be boastful about, it is a great responsibility and one should strive to fulfil it with the help of prayers. The office bearers should set their own example not only in religious matters but in worldly matters as well.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that a believer, abiding by the teaching of the Holy Qur‘ān, tries to the best of his ability to fulfil his obligations to God and to His creatures, and strives to tread the narrow and fine path of *Taqwa*. Man’s spiritual beauty comes from walking the finer paths of *Taqwa*. The Qur‘ānic phrase *libasut-taqwa* (the raiment of *Taqwa*) implies that spiritual beauty and elegance lies in *Taqwa*. *Taqwa* means to fulfil ones trusts and pledges to God as well as to His creatures. Unless we raise the standard of our *Taqwa*, we will not be able to do justice to the trust and obligations that we are supposed to fulfil.

Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: It is among the signs of believers that when they make a pledge they fulfil it. Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that in order to create a harmonious society it is important to care for the feelings of others. This is why Allāh commands us not to insult others and not to call them by unbecoming names. Treat everyone with reverence and respect.

Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ instructed office bearers to be very careful in spending the Jama'at's resources. There should be no extravagance. But, at the same time, they should not be parsimonious. They must spend where it is necessary. The office bearers must also be able to control their anger. They should respect the feelings of the people they work with and treat everyone with kindness and greet everyone with civility. Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: These morals are essential not only for the office bearers but for also for the permanent employees of the Jama'at. The office bearers should also be humble. Humility should be in the nature of every Ahmadī. God does not love the arrogant.

Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that those office bearers who are entrusted with making decisions, such as trying to reconcile opposing parties or decide disputes should remember God's commandment that justice is closer to *Taqwa*. Their decisions should be based on justice. Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that a very important responsibility of every Amīr and President is to exhort members towards good and forbid evil. May Allāh enable every Ahmadī and all office bearers to fulfil their trusts and their pledges. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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