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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Huda Mosque, Sidney, Australia.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, Jalsa Sālāna Australia begins from today. These Jalsas, whose foundation was laid by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام 123 years ago, are today held in a major portion of the world.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: "Do not think of this Jalsa as some ordinary convention. For this is an institution that that has been sanctioned by God."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that while these Jalsas help Ahmādīs to progress in knowledge and spirituality, it also leads others to acknowledge the beauty of Islām, thus actualizing the words of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام that this institution is based on special Divine sanction.

In outlining the objectives of the Jalsa, the Promised Messiah عليه السلام had said that members should participate in it so that their hearts may be moved by the fear of God and they may become a model for others on account of their compassion, kindness, mutual love and brotherhood. They should become meek and humble and be inspired by a zeal to serve the faith. They should strive to establish a living relationship with God. During the Jalsa members should judge themselves as to how far they are living up to the pledge of fulfilling their obligations to God and His creatures.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that Allāh accepts the prayers of the righteous. It is obligatory for our Jama‘at to tread the path of *Taqwa* so that they may experience the sweetness and pleasure of the acceptance of their prayers and that they may grow in their faith. God is Gracious and no one who seeks Him ever remains frustrated. Therefore you should wake up at night and supplicate before Him and seek His grace. There are many opportunities for supplication during the formal prayers. Indeed supplication is the very essence of prayer. The relationship between God and man is like that of a mother and her child. When a person falls prostrate at God's threshold and presents before Him his troubles with the utmost humility, God's grace is aroused and He takes pity on such a person.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that meekness and humility are a requirement of *Taqwa*. I would never like the members of my Jama‘at to view one another as great or small or to be arrogant and look down upon others. Only God knows who is great and who is small. Great is the one who listens

meekly to the meek and consoles them and respects them. In the eyes of God great is the one who is righteous.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, I advise you never to conduct yourself harshly, rather treat everyone with kindness and civility. You should make progress in the moral traits and respond to harshness with kindness. When a mischievous one abuses you, it is the duty of the believer to ignore him.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that if we are able to control ourselves, we will not only be able to grow in mutual love, this will also open for us new avenues to Da'wat Ilallāh. Our progress in *Taqwa*, our high morals, our relationship with God, our attention to prayer and supplication, all this will benefit us both as individuals and as a Jama'at. May Allāh enable us to reap the full benefits of this Jalsa and to reap the fruits of the Promised Messiah's عليه السلام prayers. *Āmīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of Sahibzadi Amatul Rashid Sahiba, daughter of Hadrat Khalifatul Masih II<sup>ra</sup>. Huzoor led her funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 10 Oct. 2013