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The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

On 3 January 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

To begin with, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) expressed his good wishes for the entire Jamā‘at and prayed that may God make the New Year a blessed one for all.

Elaborating on the progress the Jamā‘at has made throughout the world, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave details of the new mosques built by the Jamā‘at in 2013. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also spoke about his recent visit to the Far East and Japan saying it was by sheer grace of Allāh, and not through any human effort, that the trip became a successful means of conveying the message of the True Faith to millions of people around the world.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that during his trip the message of Ahmadiyyat was delivered by radio and television to as many as 182 million, six hundred thousand people. Similarly this year through 1,088 newspapers more than 160 million people received the message of the True Faith. In Africa also a lot of work is being done to communicate the message of Ahmadiyyat to the people throughout the continent. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) related a few incidents highlighting the strong faith of the new converts in Ahmadiyyat and their sense of honour for the True Faith.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that as the Jamā‘at is making progress every day and as God is continually showering His grace upon it, opposition to it is also growing. However, what we need to do is to make sure that we become worthy of even greater grace by the Almighty Allāh and strengthen our faith further in order to successfully deal with the opposition. We have to strive hard to accomplish the mission of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, for which we shall pray and fill the New Year with unending supplications. Also, we ought to regularly offer *Durud* and *Istighfar*, so that Allāh may rain down His blessings upon us with greater intensity and so that the sinister plans of our opponents recoil on themselves reducing all their machinations to dust.

In keeping with the tradition whereby the New Year of Waqf Jadīd is announced during the first week of every year, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) graciously announced the New Year of Waqf Jadīd and highlighted the importance of the spiritual Jihād being waged through the contributions towards the organization. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) spoke of the blessings of Waqf Jadīd and the faith-enhancing incidents experienced by those contributing towards it. Huzoor (May Allāh

be his Helper) quoted the Promised Messiah <sup>عليه السلام</sup> saying that a large portion of sympathy and compassion for mankind requires the spending of money on its welfare. Hence, spending money in the way of Allāh becomes an important criterion for judging the goodwill and piety of a person.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave statistics of the financial sacrifice the Jamā‘at made towards Waqf Jadīd in 2013. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that during the year 2013, the Jamā‘at contributed 5.4 million, eighty- four thousand pounds sterling towards Waqf Jadīd. The total number of contributors for Waqf Jadīd is one million, forty thousand seven hundred and twenty. The top three positions went to UK, Pakistan and USA respectively. Among the Jamā‘ats in Pakistan, Lahore stood first, Rabwah second and Karachi third.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also gave statistics about some other countries and prayed that Allāh may bless the wealth and increase the number of those who contributed towards Waqf Jadīd. *Āmīn*.

Towards the end of the Sermon, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced the sad demise of Mr Yusuf Latif of USA and spoke about his sincerity, faithfulness and services for the Jamā‘at. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) announced that he would lead Mr Latif’s funeral prayer in absentia after the Jumu‘a Prayers.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 08 Jan. 2014