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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On January 31, 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

In light of the methods described by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) in the previous Friday Sermon for reformation of practical life, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) drew the attention of the missionaries, devotees, Amīrs, and office-bearers of the Jamā‘at to effectively play their role in the spiritual upbringing of the Jamā‘at by setting up an example for the rest of the Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that in order to obtain the object of reformation of practical life, we need to change our priorities and set them in the right direction. We should be mindful of the importance of reformation of practical life in the same way as we are mindful of the training of the members of the Jamā‘at in religious beliefs. The purpose of reformation of practical life can be obtained by repeatedly narrating before the Jamā‘at the signs God showed for the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, by highlighting the importance of establishing a sincere relationship with God, by emphasizing upon them the significance of showing complete submission to the institution of Khilāfat, and by stressing upon the need to follow the rules and regulations of the Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that one needs external support to remedy one’s weaknesses in terms of reformation of his practical life. The external support is of two kinds: one is supervision, and the other is compulsion. The purpose of external supervision in worldly matters is to help one reform one’s worldly activities. Similarly, religion too teaches us the method of supervision for obtaining the task of moral reformation. Ahmadī missionaries and the administrative set-up of the Jamā‘at are therefore obligated, within their respective spheres, to oversee the activities of the members of the Jamā‘at. This will initiate the process of reformation not only among ordinary Ahmadīs, but also among the office-bearers of the Jamā‘at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the second element required for reformation of practical life is compulsion. However, the term compulsion in our context does not mean the compulsion applied to force someone to accept or reject a particular faith, but rather it means the discipline which one ought to adopt in order to prevent oneself from breaking the rules and regulations of the Jamā‘at and the system with which one associates himself. Such compulsion goes on in worldly matters too. Hence, there are four things, namely, faith in God, perfect knowledge, supervision, and compulsion that are essential if one wants to improve one’s capacity to perform

good deeds. Without these, one cannot fully reform oneself. The same four things have to be implemented for the sake of moral reformation of the Jamā'at as a whole.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that one cannot deny the importance of acquiring knowledge of the religious matters regarding which we have a difference of opinion with other religions or sects. One can also not deny the importance of sticking to the reasonable beliefs one has. However, these things are of no use if we fail to establish a passionate relationship with God.

Addressing the prospective missionaries of the Jamā'at who are studying in various *Jāmi'as* in a number of countries, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that our missionaries need to prepare themselves for the obligations which will arise when Ahmadiyyat advances and progresses with much greater speed. To successfully deal with the challenges of the future, the missionaries of the Jama'at will have to establish a sincere relationship with God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is from among the foremost tasks of the Ahmadi missionaries to inculcate in the members of the Jamā'at the true understanding of and submission to the institution of Khilāfat. Other office-bearers of the Jamā'at also need to play their role for the obtainment of this objective.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that there are only few odd people who object to the decisions of the Khalīfa but they spoil the milieu. Should the missionaries of the Jamā'at and other office-bearers realize their responsibilities in this connection, misunderstandings regarding the decisions of the Khalīfa will never arise in the hearts of anyone. Hence, just as it is the duty of the missionaries to properly guide the Jamā'at, Ahmadīs individually should also assess themselves and strive for reformation of practice. The foremost means of obtaining this objective is to constantly pray to God for His help. Both prayer and effort have to go hand in hand for the true reformation of practical life. May Allāh enable us all to attain this purpose. *Āmīn.*

Towards the end of the Friday Sermon, Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) spoke about the plight of the Muslims and Muslim countries and urged the Ahmadīs to remember the rest of the Muslims in their 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,

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