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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,
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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 26th of September 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Maryam Mosque, Galway, Ireland.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited the verse 18 of Sūrah *At-Taubah*, the translation of which is as follows:

“Verily, he alone is worthy of maintaining the Mosques of Allāh who believes in Allāh, and the Last Day, and observes Prayer, and pays the Zakāt, and fears none but Allāh; so these it is who are likely to be *counted* among the guided.” (9:18)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: All praise belongs to Allāh who has today enabled us to offer the Jumu‘a Prayer in the first ever mosque of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Ireland. May God bless the building and establishment of this mosque in every way! Although the mosque is small in size, yet it announces that Ahmadīs will proclaim the Unity of God from this mosque five times a day worshipping the One God.

Huzoor (May Allah be his Helper) spoke of the blessed purposes for which a mosque is built and said: A mosque is a place where dues of God and mankind are fulfilled and it is not a place for evil and disorder. Ahmadīs build mosques to remove evil and disorder from the world and to promote reflection on the beautiful teaching of Islām which is based on love, reconciliation and peace. Mosques are built to indicate that the hearts of those who come here are free from any thoughts of persecuting others and usurping their rights and that those who come to these mosques make every kind of sacrifice to fulfil the rights of others. These mosques declare that Islam is the biggest standard-bearer of religious freedom and for this purpose doors of our mosques are always open. There is no restriction on any person who wants to worship the One God in these mosques.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Our mosques also draw attention that a true believer is loyal to his country and there are countless other requisites that are put upon those who truly associate themselves to the mosques so that the rights of God and mankind can be fulfilled in the real sense. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام also said that if we build mosques with this intention, new avenues of introduction of Islam and Tablīgh will ever keep opening.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) continued: This is the objective with which we should build mosques as indeed we do. Indeed, this newly constructed mosque will lay a huge responsibility on the Ahmadīs who reside here.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) instructed all Ahmadīs to fulfil what he described as purposes behind the construction of the mosques or else, he said, our claims will be hollow.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Qur'ānic verse recited by me in the beginning of the Sermon also speaks of the qualities of those who come to the mosques and populate them. Love of God demands from a believer that He is worshipped. It cannot be one makes excuses like one's employment etc., to miss one's prayers. If we do not offer Salāt with its due requisites and do not adorn the way in which we pray, then we are not fulfilling the requisite of our love for God. Our faith will be complete only when we will abide by all Divine commandments.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: As I have already said, while our mosques become a focal point and centre of attention of the masses, we all need to prepare ourselves so that we are practically able to answer queries related to matters of faith and religion. We should try to bring our practices in line with the expectations that the Promised Messiah عليه السلام had of us. Ireland is still inclined to religion a great deal and people consider Christianity to be the way to salvation with reference to Jesus (on whom be peace). We have to tell them that Jesus (on whom be peace) was a true Prophet of God. However, we also have to tell them about the true teachings of Islām, but for this spiritual revolution to occur it is necessary that we first inculcate in our lives the qualities of a true believer.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We have named this mosque 'Maryam Mosque'. Hazrat Maryam, mother of Jesus, is revered by the people here because she was the mother of Jesus (on whom be peace). However, she is not just dear to us as the mother of Jesus (on whom be peace) but also because God looked upon her with affection owing to her purity and righteousness and He told the believers to adopt qualities of Hazrat Maryam. Hazrat Maryam protected her chastity out of fear and love of God; she was perfectly obedient to God and was a truthful person.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) exhorted Ahmadī ladies and girls to wear modest dresses and observe purdah.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) gave some facts and figures of 'Maryam Mosque' and said: The mosque has the capacity to hold 200 worshippers. May God bless this complex in every way and may people of Ireland be enabled to fulfil the obligations of the mosque. *Āmīn*

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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