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THE HOLY QURAN

وَجَزَاءُ سَيِّئَةٍ سَيِّئَةٌ مِّثْلُهَا فَمَنْ عَفَا وَأَصْدَحَ فَأَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤١﴾

'And the recompense of an injury is an injury the like thereof; but whoso forgives and his act brings about reformation, his reward is with Allah. Surely, He loves not the wrongdoers.'

The Holy Qur'an- 42:41

HADITH

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah (ra) reported that Rasulullah (saw) said: "The strong person is not one who can out wrestle, rather, the [real] strong person is he who can control himself while in a state of anger." Hence the true Islamic teaching that spreads the knowledge of forgiveness and forbearance.

(Sahih Bukhari, Hadith: 6114, Sahih Muslim, Hadith: 2609)

SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'Just as it is essential to control one's tongue against saying something that is contrary to the pleasure of Allah the Exalted, it is also essential to articulate it for the expression of truth. '...enjoin what is good and forbid evil...' is the glory of Momins (believers). Prior to enjoining what is good and forbidding evil, it is essential for a person to demonstrate with his practices that he indeed possesses this strength. It is vital that before he influences others, his own condition is made persuasive/convincing. Thus remember not to ever stop from enjoining what is good and forbidding evil. Indeed, it is also important to recognise the right time and place and one's figure of speech should be gentle and clear. Likewise, it is a great sin to say something against Taqwa (righteousness).'

(Tafseer Hazrat Masih e Maud, Vol. 4, p. 105)

EXCERPT OF A FRIDAY SERMON

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that people who are close to God have to experience terrible verbal abuse but they abide by: 'Take to forgiveness, and enjoin kindness, and turn away from the ignorant.' The perfect man, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was badly persecuted and verbally abused but this embodiment of forgiveness prayed for his enemies instead. In accordance with God's promise his detractors met the sorry end that was predicted for them and none could harm the Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) honour. In spite of continuous persecution of himself and his Companions, when he attained power he demonstrated a peerless model of forgiveness. Any fair-minded historian could not deny that the Prophet's (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) attribute of forgiveness and fortitude was unequalled.

Excerpt from the Friday sermon delivered on the 14th of January, 2011 by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih the V (May Allah be his helper)

Message from Khalifatul Masih the V (may Allah be his helper)

The letter dated 28/12/2021, which we have received from Huzoor in response to the submission of the Lajna Imaillah Australia's activity report, Huzoor said:

“Please convey my loving Salam to all the Nasirat and Lajna Imaillah members in Australia”

I humbly request all members to pray earnestly for our beloved Imam, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih the V (may Allah be his helper).

اللهم ايد امامنا بروح القدس واحفظه من الامراض والبلاء وانصره نصرًا عزيزًا. آمين

Wassalam,

Abida Chaudhry

Sadr Lajna Imaillah Australia

Announcement

By the grace of Allah the Almighty, and under the auspices of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) a central Lajna magazine is being launched by name of "Misbah". It will inshaAllah be an English language weekly magazine where all written contribution will be from Lajna members from around the world.

With Sadr Sahiba's permission, I write to request you to kindly come forward and participate by sending us your good quality writings for publication in Misbah.

Message from the Department of Rishta Naata

Choosing the right Spouse

Very often we hear the hadith that speaks about the qualities men should look for in a woman for a successful marriage, but I would like to present another hadith that speaks specifically about what should be sought for in a potential male spouse. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) said:

إِذَا خَظَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ مَنْ تَرْضَوْنَ دِينَهُ وَخُلُقَهُ فَرَّوْجُوهُ إِلَّا تَفَعَّلُوا تَكُنْ فِتْنَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ عَرِيضٌ

“When someone with whose religion and character you are satisfied asks to marry your daughter, comply with his request. If you do not do so, there will be corruption and great evil on earth. He was asked: “O Messenger of Allah, even if he falls short with regard to wealth and compatibility?” The Holy Prophet (sa) responded, repeating himself three times: “If there comes to you one with whose religion and character you are pleased, then give (your daughter) to him in marriage.” (Tirmidhi 1084). For both men and women, and of course for parents, who have been specifically addressed in the above hadith, we have been reminded to give precedence to religion and good character during our search for a Rishta [spouse], when searching for the right person. Otherwise, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) warned that the consequences of ignoring such qualities will lead us to a heavy loss, and eventually we will be regretful over our decisions.

Majlis Monthly Activities

Department of Taleem

During the month, **Majlis Plumpton** held a Haqiqa tul Wahi (*The Philosophy of Divine Revelation*) class via Skype. In the class, pages 216 to 229 of Haqiqa tul Wahi vol 22 were covered. A Level 1 Taleem class was also held in which two lines of Holy Quran Surah Al Nur: verse 32 were discussed.

During the month, **Majlis Blacktown** covered the Quranic prayer on relief from grief from the Taleem syllabus. Members were encouraged to memorise it.

Department of Tarbiyyat

In December, **Majlis Glendenning** organised a Tarbiyyat workshop via Skype that focused on the topic of "Integrating into Australian society while upholding Islamic customs." Level 2 Lajna and Nasirat members participated in preparing presentations, speeches and a Q&A session about Pardah.

Majlis Brisbane arranged a Tarbiyyat workshop in which a presentation regarding the Farewell address of the Holy Prophet (saw) and a presentation on Integration into Australian society while upholding Islamic customs were delivered. Members were also reminded of the importance of fulfilling their duties as loyal citizens and as members of the society.

Majlis Melbourne East organised a Tarbiyyat workshop in which members were taught about Hijab and its significance.

Similarly, **Majlis Melbourne West** also held a Tarbiyyat seminar on the topic of Pardah. They were also presented with information regarding Cleanliness in Islam and bathing etiquettes during the program.

In December, **Majlis Blacktown** organised a workshop on the topic of, 'Farewell address of the Holy Prophet (saw).' Various points from this workshop were later discussed by Lajna members.

In December, **Majlis Logan East** held Youm e Umahaat and a general meeting. The program highlighted the importance of upbringing children in the western society and how to incorporate the key spiritual and religious values in our children. A speech on the topic of 'Hazrat Maymunah Bint Al-Haris (ra)' was delivered followed by a speech on the topic of 'Responsibilities of Mother regarding upbringing of children'.

In December a Tarbiyyat session for the Nasirat of **Majlis Melbourne East** was organised. The topic of the session was, 'What is Christmas and why Ahmadis don't celebrate it.'

Department of Tabligh

In December, **Majlis Marsden Park** held a program in which a presentation on the topic of "Season Greeting Ideas" was delivered. A PowerPoint presentation was delivered where gift and card ideas were discussed. A Nasirat Tabligh class was also held during the month in which the meaning and history of Christmas, Jesus (as) birth according to the Bible and the Quran was discussed.

During the month, A book stall was arranged by the Tabligh department of **Majlis Berwick** where all members participated actively. Members also prepared gift baskets and seasonal greeting cards which they later gave out to their neighbours and to different schools and aged care homes.

Department of Taqwa

During the month **Majlis Adelaide South** celebrated Ashra Taleem-ul-Quran from the 1st of December to the 10th of December. Two Dars-ul-Quran were held during the time on the topics of 'Surah Al-Momin verse 40' and 'Surah Ar-Rahman'. Four Lajna members also participated in Waqfe Arzi, All-hamdolillah.

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Majlis Plumpton held Dars ul Quran and two days of Tarteel class in Ashra Taqwa during the month. The first Dars was on Surah Al-Noor verse 32 which was delivered by Waseema Uppal Sahiba and was attended by 44 Lajna members. The second Dars was on Surah Al-Momanoon which was delivered by Sister Tooba and was attended by 48 members. In Tarteel class, members revised the rules of *Fatah, Zamaah, Kasrah, Haroof-e-Madah, Tashdeed, Leem Jalaali* and *Waqf k Qawaid*.

During the month, **Majlis Brisbane** continued the previous months Dars on Surah Al-Mulk during an online Taleemi class, this time focusing on verses 5 – 8.

In December, **Majlis Blacktown** celebrated Ashra Taleem ul Quran from 1st to the 10th of December 2021, in which members were encouraged to offer 5 daily prayers and were also requested to recite the Holy Quran with translation daily, especially Surah Ar-Rahman. Members were also sent a link to an old Friday sermon regarding (*Qurani Taleem ke Fazail*). A Dars-Ul-Quran class was also organised, in which Tafseer of Surah Al-Momin verse 8 was presented by Nafeesa Mahmood Sahiba.

Similarly, **Majlis Melbourne West** also held Ashra Taleem ul Quran and Waqf e Arzi from 1st December to the 10th of December 2021, in which members recited the Holy Quran with translation daily. A Dars Ul Quran was also organised during that time along with weekly *Qaida*, Translation and Tarteel classes.

During the month, the department of Taleem Ul Quran of **Majlis Berwick** organised three Dars Ul Quran classes.

Majlis Logan West held a Dars ul Quran class during the month discussing Surah Al-Momin Verse 8.

Majlis Melbourne East celebrated Ashra Taqwa during the month. Members offered five daily prayers, Tahajjud prayer, recitation of the Holy Quran with translation, offered Waqf e Arzi and helped each other in memorizing Quranic prayers.

Department of Khidmat e Khalq

In December, **Majlis South Australia** visited Plympton Primary School to raise money for the Vinnies Food Drive. Lajna members came together to cook butter chicken, vegetarian curry and rice for lunchtime. Four members from Adelaide West and six Lajna members from Adelaide South took part in this event. Approximately \$350 was raised, Allhmadolillah.

During the month, **Majlis Glendenning** donated a number of different items including various food items, bottled water & toiletries to 'The Food Bank of Australia'. Jamaat's greeting card with a bucket of chocolate was also sent for all staff members.

Majlis Campbelltown visited the nursing homes of Whiddon Group and Macquarie Fields. Lajna members organised 20 gifts hampers which included: clothes, chocolates and a few other items of daily use for Christmas, New Year's and also distributed numerous greeting cards to their neighbours and friends.

During the month, the department of Khidmat e Khalq of **Majlis Melbourne East** provided food and other essentials to families who were in quarantine.

Members of **Majlis Brisbane** commemorated the holiday season alongside the local community by donating gift cards worth \$660 to Queensland Children's Hospital and \$590 to Sunnymeade Park Aged Care Community.

In December, **Majlis Gold Coast** gave 40 gift packs to local private hospital in Gold Coast along with wishes for festive season.

The Lajna of **Majlis Logan West** made donations to distribute gifts to the Royal Children's Hospital and Aged Care institutes in December.

In December, the department of Khidmat e Khalq of **Majlis Berwick** visited Monash Children's Hospital, nursing homes, schools, Neighbours, workplace colleagues and gave them gifts.

Majlis Monthly Activities

Department of Waqf-e- Nau

During the month, **Majlis Melbourne West** organised a weekly Waqf e Nau class via Skype.

Department of Nasirat

In December, a program for the Nasirat of **Majlis Adelaide West** was held where the new Nasirat members were introduced to Lajna members. A simple yet informative presentation discussing Nasirat ul Ahmadiyya was delivered and members were later given welcoming cards by their Majlis President.

In December, **Majlis Adelaide South** held a Nasirat meeting which covered information about their annual essay writing competition and points from the Friday sermon. A short session was held on the upcoming national arts and crafts competition where various ideas were shared. They also read the book 'Stories of Early Ahmadiyyat.'

During the month, a Taleem class for the Nasirat of **Majlis Plumpton** was arranged. The primary purpose of this class was to assess Nasirat on their given Taleem Syllabus homework as well as to take insight into their progress. During the class, Nasirat were given time to read the chapter 2 of the book 'Stories from early Ahmadiyyat.' Many Nasirat were successfully able to complete their goals for the day, Allhamdolillah.

During the month, **Majlis Melbourne West** organised a seminar for Nasirat on the topic of Pardah in which 4 Nasirat members delivered a presentation on the topic of 'Pardah and it's importance'. Nasirat also had a discussion on different aspects of Pardah and its significance.

In December, **Majlis Berwick** organised an Indoor sports and picnic day for Nasirat. More than 80 per cent Nasirat joined in sports and participated in the activities.

Department of Sehat-e-Jismani

During the month, an online session on 'Youth Health and Mental Health' was organised for the Lajna members of **Majlis Adelaide South**. A presentation was also delivered on the topic of resilience. The session discussed the importance of resilience and ways to build it.

An online workshop was organised for members of **Majlis Brisbane** on the topic of panic attacks. Symptoms associated with panic attacks and anxiety, as well as various sensory distraction techniques that can be employed to help manage oneself if experiencing a panic attack were discussed.

In December, the Secretary Sehat e Jismani of **Majlis Melbourne West** shared information with Lajna members regarding Covid-19 vaccination and its importance. She also shared detailed information on the topic of the cause, cure and treatment of ovarian and breast cancer.

Department of Waqf e Jadid

In December, Secretary Waqf e Jadid of **Majlis Melbourne West** shared information regarding the significance, blessings and history of Waqf e Jadid in Urdu and English with Lajna members.

Department of Wassiyat

In December, **Majlis Melbourne West** organised a Wassiyat seminar in Urdu and English. The importance and significance of the Wassiyat scheme and sayings of Hazrat Masih Maud (AS) were read and delivered for members in both Urdu and English. A presentation was also shared with Lajna members.

Department of Ziafat

During the month, Secretary Ziafat of **Majlis Melbourne West** shared videos and information sheets regarding the topics of 'How to keep the kitchen clean', 'Hospitality', 'Etiquettes of drinking' and 'The etiquettes of eating'.

Department of Rishta Nata

In December, **Majlis Melbourne West** organised an online "Rishta Nata Seminar" in which common problems that are faced regarding Rishta's nowadays and their solutions were discussed with Lajna members, followed by a Q&A session towards the end.

Department of Sanat o Dastkari

In December, **Majlis Campbelltown** arranged a face to face meeting in which Secretary Sanat-o-Dastkari displayed items for purchase. They raised \$200 on the day, Allhamdolillah.

In December **Majlis Adelaide South** held a Sanat O Dastkari class in which Level 1 Lajna were taught how to cut and sew an Eastern style suit. Lajna group 2 were taught how to do an embroidery stitch (chain stitch). Both groups were also given details about the banner making centenary project.

The department of Sanat o Dastkari of **Majlis Plumpton** organised a four days sewing workshop for Lajna members. Members were requested to bring their own sewing machines and other basic sewing tools and 4 teachers were arranged from the Majlis. The workshop was attended by 8 members. Lajna members successfully stitched their own suits, Allhamdolillah.

Department of Nau Mubayin

During the month, Secretary Nau Mubayin of **Majlis Melbourne West** organised weekly classes for new members in which they were taught about Namaz, Quran and the books of the Promised Messiah (AS).



News and Requests for Prayers

Respected Attiya Kausar Alvi Sahiba of Majlis Gold Coast has requested prayer for her son who has accomplished great achievements and received a distinction mark in dentistry from Griffith University.

Nayla Anjum Sahiba of Majlis Gold Coast has requested prayer for her kids who will be in their senior classes this year.

Durdana Buttar Sahiba, daughter in law of Sajida Tanveer Sahiba of Majlis Campbelltown has been blessed with a baby girl named Aliza Sajida Buttar on the 7th of December 2021.

May Allah bless her with a long life and make her the true delight of her parent's eyes. Aameen

May Allah succeed them in all aspects of their lives. May he give them the ability and opportunity to become true servants of Islam and Ahmadiyyat and become a medium of its propagation. Aameen

Editor's Desk

Assalamualaikum,

The next Newsletter (February Issue) will be published in February 2022, Inshallah. Members are encouraged to send in any reports, news/announcements and/or requests for prayers that might be relevant and appropriate for the next issue of the newsletter.

Please ensure that any material sent for the newsletter is in '.doc' format (Word) and includes the Halqa/ Majlis/Region name. Ensure that any reports submitted only record efforts made by Lajna or Nasirat. Ensure that any reports submitted clearly states what the main focus/aim/purpose/topic of the event/ activity was and how it was primarily achieved.

Wassalam,

Manahil Zaheer