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# Newsletter

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## THE HOLY QURAN

﴿ وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ ۗ حُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقَيِّمَةِ ۖ ﴾

And they were not commanded but to serve Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience, and being upright, and to observe Prayer, and pay the Zakat. And that is the religion of the people of the right path.

Chapter 98: Verse 6

## HADITH

"Verily, all actions are but driven by intention and for everyone is what he intended."

Al-Bukhari and Muslim

## SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

The real virtue and piety demand that one should believe in God, for, the worldly officers do not know what a man does in the four walls of his house and behind the curtain. Even if somebody claims to be pious, he cannot apprehend being caught for what he has in his mind.

And there is no Government in the world which is feared by the man equally at night or during the day, in the dark or in the light, in seclusion or in the public, in a desolate place or in an inhabited area, within the four walls of the house or in the market. That is why the morals can be set right only by believing in someone who watches over the man all the time and everywhere and also knows the secrets of his heart, for, really and truly, pious is he whose inside and outside do not clash with one another.

Malfoozat Vol.1, p.301

## EXCERPT OF A FRIDAY SERMON

Every man, woman, young and old of the Jama'at knows a phrase very well, which is 'I shall give precedence to faith over worldly matters.' This is because the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) drew great attention to this...these words are also mentioned in the conditions of Bai'at. In short this phrase is a promise an Ahmadi makes on which his Bai'at is dependent. As does his connection with Khilafat and Nizam e (administration of) Jama'at rely on this phrase. If he does not practice this phrase then his claim to Bai'at, connection with Khilafat and Nizam of Jama'at is erroneous.

Everyone needs to have this phrase in view at all times. As it is clear from the phrase, no worldly matters should impede matters of faith and what is faith? It is spending one's life in accordance with and under the commandments of God and to try and gain His pleasure through each word and deed of ours.

Excerpt from the Friday Sermon of October 17th, 2014

## OVERVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERLY EFFORTS

### DEPARTMENT OF TALEEM

Following is a summary of the efforts made by the Department of Taleem in the last quarter:

- **Taleem Syllabus Distribution:** The Annual Taleem Syllabus for Lajna Level 1 and 2 was distributed to Majalis
- **Prescribed Reading:** A circular detailing the books for prescribed reading by the National Department of Taleem, was prepared and circulated to all Majalis. The Book "Criterion of Religions" was read in the quarter October 2018-December 2018, where a total of 427 Lajna participated.
- **Annual Examination:** A Question Paper and Answer Sheet for examination for Lajna on the book "A Misconception Removed"/"Aik Ghalti ka Azala" was prepared and distributed to Majalis. The exam was held in most majalis in the month of January, where 302 Lajna participated in the Closed Book exam and 262 Lajna participated in the Open Book exam.
- **Revised Report Form:** In order to ensure the study and completion of the Lajna Level 2 syllabus, Majalis were urged to hold a separate session for Lajna Level 2 in the last 20-25 minutes of their monthly meetings. A revised report form was introduced with a separate section for reporting on this session.
- **Level 2 Progress Report:** The Taleem team has started working on a Progress Report for Lajna Level 2, which will enable better and easier tracking of syllabus completion. It is anticipated that this new system will be introduced by the next quarter Inshallah.
- **Level 2 Examinations:** The Taleem team has started working on holding separate Taleem examinations for Lajna Level 2. The team is working on preparing online examinations for each age group of Lajna Level 2. Details and dates of these examinations will be shared with Majalis shortly.

### DEPARTMENT OF TAJNEED

The Tajneed Department has just completed compiling an updated Tajneed of Lajna, Nasirat, Waqf-e-Nau, under 7, Moosian and students in Australia. With the help of Majlis Secretaries, the Tajneed Department has worked tirelessly to ensure that it includes the most up-to-date and completed information.

Currently, the Tajneed of Australia comprises of 1752 Lajna and 376 Nasirat from total of 21 Majlis.

Moreover, through a circular, the Tajneed Department has raised awareness of and highlighted the importance of a Jamaat ID. This circular was circulated to all Majalis in the month of February.

The Tajneed Department has also updated the Majalis Monthly Tajneed forms to make it easier to complete for all Secretaries and better reflect the National Tajneed Report requirements. It has been edited to include more precise questions and definitions of the terms used throughout the form.

The Tajneed Department is working hard to further centralise the Lajna and Nasirat Tajneed which will assist us in effectively planning for events like Jalsa Salana and ensuring its smooth running.

### DEPARTMENT OF NASIRAT

The Nasirat essay competition was held in December and its assessment is currently in progress. The essay competition was organised to give Nasirat an opportunity to research and write on a given topic with the guidance of their parents. It is necessary to understand that acquiring a position is not the principle objective but rather it's the learning of new content and acquiring researching/writing skills which is the primary purpose.

Moreover, Nasirat photography competition/exhibitions have been held in most of the Majalis. The quality of work produced by Nasirat was extraordinary. The amount of effort put in by secretaries and Nasirat in the photography competition/exhibition is really appreciated, Mashallah. The Department is in the process of receiving the finalist photographs from all Majalis for the competition. Once this happens, the judgement committee will assess these and the top 3 posi-

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tions will be announced in each category. The next Nasirat event is the Ayesha Siddiq Competition to be held on the 7th of April. Inshallah

## DEPARTMENT OF ISHA'AT (PUBLICATIONS)

Recently, a new section has been added in the newsletter to cover departmental activities. Every month, selected national secretaries submit their department's quarterly reports to be published under this section.

Publication team supervises the national Twitter account. The latest news is tweeted on a weekly basis through this medium. Publication team also supervises the media monitoring team. During the last three months, our team has written at least 90 articles/ letters to be submitted for the newspapers and other media on various subjects.

Publication team motivates all the Majalis to hold at least 1 Mushaira in a year. This ensures that at least one Mushaira is held every month across Australia. 5 mushairas have been held in this quarter as well.

The Publication team provides all necessary support to Majalis for organising their book stalls. In the previous quarter, around 19 bookstalls have successfully been held by various Majalis, resulting in the sale of 150 books to Lajna throughout Australia.

Publication team also manages and maintains the Lajna website. In the past three months, this website has been completely overhauled. Currently it is in the process of being completely updated with programs because it is being entirely re-designed.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	DAY	EVENT
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday & Sunday	Jalsa Salana Waqar-e-Amal
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday & Sunday	Jalsa Salana Waqar-e-Amal
19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Jalsa Salana Australia
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday	National Amila Meeting

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## NEWS AND REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

By the grace of Allah, Sister Nida Mukhtar from Majlis Berwick, General Secretary of Melbourne, has been blessed with a baby boy. The baby has been named Emmanuel Ghani. He has been accepted into the blessed scheme of Waqf-e-Nau.

With Allah's grace, Sister Shaista Khalid has been blessed with a baby girl who has been named Zimal Khalid. She was born on 25th of January 2019. She has been accepted into the blessed scheme of Waqf-e-Nau.

Alhamdulillah, Sister Huma Adeel has been blessed with a baby boy, born on the 29th of December, last year. His been given the name of Harris Qureshi.

Prayers are requested for the new children's long and healthy life.

Mrs Rubina Khan from Majlis Berwick has requested prayers for a happy and healthy married life of her son and her daughter-in-law whose marriage ceremony took place on 5th of January 2019 in Melbourne.

**BEAUTY SERVICES**

<u>Threading</u>	<u>Waxing</u>
Eyebrows Threading ..... \$7	Full Face (chin lip sides) ..... \$25
Upper Lips ..... \$3	1/2 Arms..... \$15
Forehead Threading ..... \$ 5	Under arms ..... \$8
Chin Threading ..... \$ 5	Full arms..... \$25
Sides ..... \$10	Full legs..... \$35
Full Face( including eyebrows threading) \$30	1/2 legs..... \$20
<b>Bleach</b>	Face Bleach..... \$8
<b>Make Up</b>	<b>Henna</b>
Party evening and formal ..... \$50	Henna from..... \$10
Hair up styles from..... \$30	
<b>Facials</b>	
<b>Hydrating intense facial (cremorlab) \$40</b>	
A treatment for all dehydrated skin using a collagen mask to enhance moisture retention in the skin.	
<b>Calming and relaxing facial (cremorlab) \$38</b>	
A treatment for all skin type including sensitive skin working to sooth and hydrate skin using a calming face mask	
<b>Deep cleansing facial \$30</b>	
A facial for all skin types will cleanse, exfoliate, steam and followed by a mask and toner.	
<b>Revitalizing Facial \$30</b>	
A facial for hydrate and revitalize the skin with the enzyme revitalize mask which will leave your skin with an radiant glow.	

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## MAJLIS & REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

### ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TABLIGH

**Lajna Adelaide South** visited the Shri Ganesha Temple on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. The purpose of this visit was to engage with the worshippers there and learn about their religion while also informing them about Islam and our Jamaat. Furthermore, it was an opportunity to build relations and show our openness, respect and love towards other religions. By the grace of Allah, it was a very successful visit.

**Lajna Brisbane** held their first interfaith, titled 'Women's Right in my Faith' on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, 2019. Over 35 guests, including neighbors, friends and representatives from various religions attended the event. The aim of this event was to come together and discuss and share our religious and cultural perspectives on the subject of women's rights. After the conclusion of the formal program, the guests had a chance to converse with each other and members of the Ahmadiyya Community. Guests also partook in the 'Try a Scarf' stall and visited the Book Stall.

May Allah bless their efforts and present them with countless opportunities to propagate Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

### ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TARBIIYYAT

**Majlis Melbourne East** had the very blessed opportunity to hold a Jalsa Musleh Maud on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. The program included 2 speeches that focused on the life and qualities of Hazrat Musleh Maud (ra). A quiz was also organised in which members enthusiastically participated. The programme concluded with prayers and refreshments.

**Majlis Plumpton** organised a Musleh Maud Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. Two speeches were delivered which covered the topics of the 'Life of Hazrat Musleh Maud (r.a.) and the "Background of the Prophecy of Musleh Maud (r.a.)'.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, **Lajna Immaillah Brisbane** held their annual Jalsa Yaom-e-Musleh Maud. The topics of the speech presented included the prophecies fulfilled through Hazrat Musleh Maud (RA) and his achievements and establishments. Questions regarding his life were asked to the audience and chocolates were given out. The session concluded by silent prayer followed by lunch.

**Majlis Berwick** organized a Jalsa Musleh Maud on 24<sup>th</sup> of February. 65 Lajna and 21 Nasirat attended the event. Program started with the recitation of Holy Quran and was followed by two speeches one of which was presented by A Nasira. The program concluded with silent prayer.

In the month February, **Majlis Campbelltown** organised a Jalsa Seerat Un-Nabi. 21 Lajnas' and 2 Nasirat attended the program. The Lajna presented speeches on the topics of, Holy Prophets love for children, ethical values of the Holy Prophet and Holy Prophets overlooking faults of others. Certain excerpts of Malfoozat were also read.

May Allah enable them to follow in the footsteps of our great leaders.

### ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TAQWA

Tarjma-tul-Quran Class was held on 19<sup>th</sup> of February by **Majlis Berwick**. Surah Al-Feel, Al-Naas and Surah Al-Ikhlās were revised with tajweed, translation and tafseer. 48 Lajna and Nasirat attended the class.

In February, **Majlis Langwarrin** organized another Quran Camp. An essay on the topic of the importance and blessings of the recitation of Holy Quran was read. This was followed by a class on the split-word translation of

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the Holy Quran. The purpose of this class was to encourage Lajna members to recite the Holy Quran daily with translation and memorize the Quranic prayers by heart.

May Allah bless them with the opportunity to learn the Quran and teach it to others.

## ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF KHIDMAT-E-KHALQ

By the Grace of Allah Almighty, a visit was arranged to an old age home, Villa Dalmacia by Secretary Khidmat-e-Khalq, **Western Australia**. 5 Lajna members and 2 kids went to meet the elderly residents of this old age home. . The members spent time with the residents and played games with them. They asked the residents about their life history and got to know their likes and dislikes. The visit was such a success that some residents urged the members to come back and visit them again.

May Allah grant them with the opportunity to serve humanity and Islam.

## ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ISHA'AT

By the Grace of God **Majlis Berwick** organized a Naatiya Mushairah on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. 82 people attended the event, 28 of which were non Ahmadi guests. The theme of the program was love for Holy Prophet Muhammad (saws). 8 poetesses presented Naat of which one was a non-Ahmadi guest. A book stall and poetry exhibition was also organized to be presented after the event.

## ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SEHAT-E-JISMANI

By the Grace of Allah Almighty a health seminar was held in West Coast Australia, **Perth** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2019. A total of 23 members attended the session, including Lajna, Nasirat and kids. The seminar was led by our guest speaker who is a qualified dietitian, Sabrah Imtiaz. She covered various topics including importance of healthy eating, weight loss, and disease management.

## ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WAQF-E-NAU

**Majlis Berwick** organised a Waqfaat class on the 11th of February. The class included lessons on the split word translation of the Namaaz and numbering in Urdu. Waqfaat also shared certain excerpts from various books such as Hadhrat Khadija and Hadhrat Prophet Muhammad (saws). One of Huzoor's sermon regarding the responsibilities of Waqfaat was also discussed and some recipes and jokes were shared.

## EDITOR'S DESK

Asalamulaikum, The next Newsletter will be published in April, Inshallah. Members are encouraged to send in any reports or news/announcements that might be relevant to the next issue of the newsletter. This can include reports of Majlis, Regional and National activities, news of achievements by Lajna or Nasirat, announcements regarding birth and/or exceptional results/achievements, and requests for prayers. Please ensure that any material sent for the newsletter is in .doc (Word document) format, includes the Halqa/ Majlis/Region name.

To make your submissions, please contact your Majlis Secretary Publications (Isha'at)

The next issue of Al-Meezan and Ad-Duha will be available during Jalsa Salana, 2019.

Wassalam,  
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