



Lajna Ima'illah—Servants of God

Lajna Ima'illah was established in 1922 by His Holiness Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood Ahmad (May Allah be pleased with him), the 2nd Caliph of the Community in Qadian, India. He published an open letter urging women to realise and fulfill their potential: *"The efforts of our women along with our men are equally necessary for attaining the objective of our creation"*. Since then, auxiliaries have been established across the world and Lajna Ima'illah Australia was established in the late 70s. To date it consists of members spread out across Australia, who are noted for their active engagement in social welfare initiatives, as well as, ongoing contributions to serving humanity. The auxiliary actively participates by playing a significant role in religious and philanthropic activities, contributing to society at large.

Women in Islam

Women in Islam hold a prestigious and respected position in society. Despite common misconceptions, Muslim women are honored and are blessed with rights and responsibilities that were bestowed upon them more than 1500 years ago with the advent of the Prophet of Islam, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the revival of the true teachings of Islam. It is important to understand that Muslim women do not hold any inferior status or position within society. To fulfill their purpose, the women of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community established 'Lajna Ima'illah' as an auxiliary of the Community. Since then, members have been actively engaging in the progress and advancement for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Australia.

**'THERE IS PEACE IN OUR
ABODE OF LOVE...'**

**LOVE FOR ALL
HATRED FOR NONE**

**LAJNA
IMA'ILLAH**

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE
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Our Purpose



Lajna Ima'illah Australia is the women's auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Australia. The term 'Lajna Imaillah' translates to maid servants of Allah, and the primary aim for members of Lajna Ima'illah is to facilitate the progress, education and training of the women and children of the community. The auxiliary provides women a structure to train, develop, and enhance their religious and academic knowledge, acquire health and fitness skills, manage trade and industry affairs and develop their financial abilities.

Our Contributions

From raising funds for charities including Red Cross Australia and Humanity First, to donating hand-made or homeware goods to shelters, old age homes, and community organisations helping those in need—members of the auxiliary spend immense time and effort in serving humanity. They are also active participants of community events like Clean Up Australia Day and Harmony Day. They also hold various events of their own throughout the year including Peace Symposiums, Women's Forums, Bazaars, and Educational camps and workshops. They also organise and conduct the women's sessions of the Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community; the largest annual Muslim gathering held nationally at the Bait-ul Huda Mosque in Sydney.



Our main purpose is to raise awareness for the important status of women. We do this by acknowledging and benefiting from the exemplary status that Islam has given to women. Focusing on our duties towards mankind and humanity, our main beliefs encompass the basic virtues of Islam. Our charter of aims includes:



- To improve and enhance knowledge, whilst being focused on achieving high morals and spirituality
- To serve the community, using pre-existing skills, including fundraising for local charities
- To focus on the upbringing of children, training and preparing them to spend their lives in accordance with the teachings of Islam
- To promote unity and work together with patience and forbearance overlooking each other's shortcomings
- To strive hard in the face of difficulties and challenges with fortitude and bravery



Our Beliefs



“Islam *guarantees* the rights of women and has granted them **true freedom**. Its teachings **liberate** women and enable them to step out of the shadows of men and to excel and contribute to society in the **very best way**.”

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (May Allah be his Helper)

(Keynote Address, Frankenthal Germany, 30th August, 2016)



His Holiness is the 5th Caliph of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The Community was founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, (on whom be peace) of Qadian, the Promised Messiah and reformer of this age. Like

his predecessors, his Holiness is an exemplary advocate for the rights and equality of women, as per the teachings of Islam.

The teachings of Islam promote the rights and responsibilities of women and acknowledges that they lay the foundation for a morally uplifted, progressive communities. The role that women play as mothers, sisters, daughters is paramount for the peaceful progression of societies.

