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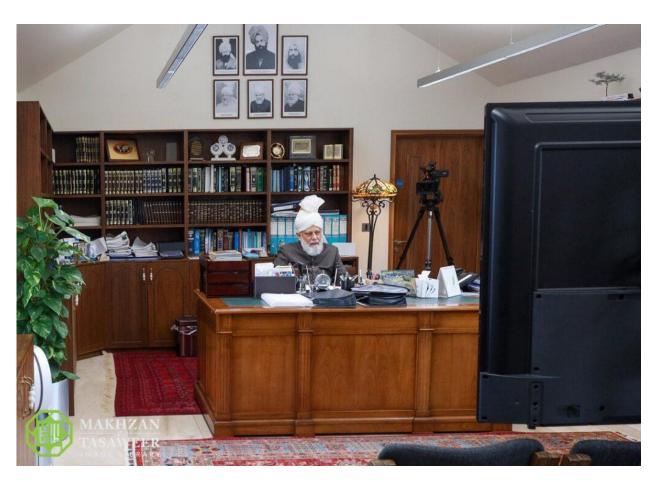
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Lajna Imaillah Australia have Honour of Virtual Meeting with World Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

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On 19 December 2020, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph),* His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad held a virtual online

meeting with the National Amila (Executive) of Lajna Imaillah Australia (Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Auxiliary).

His Holiness presided the meeting from his office in Islamabad, Tilford, whilst the Amila representatives were gathered at the Khilafat Hall at the Baitul Huda Mosque complex (national headquarters) at Marsden Park, a suburb in the Greater Sydney region.

During the meeting, His Holiness outlined the various responsibilities assigned to the respective Lajna members and gave guidance on improving the activities of their departments.



His Holiness said it was crucial to embed Islamic values in Ahmadi Muslim children from a young age.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"Parents and the Lajna administration should observe a balanced way when guiding children. From a young age, Ahmadi Muslim girls should be taught that, according to Islam's teachings, their means of dress should always be modest and decent and, as they become older, they should understand that one of Allah's commandments as prescribed by the Holy Quran is Hijab. If you guide the Ahmadi girls from a young age about the importance of modesty, when they enter Lajna

Imaillah they will recognise and understand the true value of Hijab and how it is a means of protection from many of the ills of society."

His Holiness said it was imperative that Ahmadi Muslim youth learned the fundamental teachings of their faith and religion.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"When Ahmadi Muslims enter college or university they should be fully aware of who they are and what their faith teaches. They should know what the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is and why the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was sent by God Almighty. Some of our youth are not clear on the need for the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) given that Muslims already had the Holy Quran and the Ahadith (sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessing be upon him) and believe the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) to be the Seal of the Prophets. So, it is essential that Ahmadi Muslims are taught from childhood about why Allah the Almighty sent the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and they must be aware that he came in accordance with the prophecies of the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings be upon him). All of our youth must know what their faith is, why they are Ahmadi Muslims and what are their responsibilities to their religion. If you are successful in instilling these values within your children then I am sure the future generations of Lajna Imaillah will be even stronger than their predecessors."

During the meeting, His Holiness spoke of the great importance of working as a team and training others so that the work and objectives of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community are continually fulfilled and so that the transition from one administration to the next is always smooth.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"One point I wish to make to all the members of the Lajna administration is that simply to work hard yourself is not representative of true success or excellence. Of course, to personally work hard is a good quality and of value, however if you have not cultivated and developed a team – a second line who can follow you and ensure that the work of your department progresses smoothly after your term ends – it means you have actually not achieved anything at all."

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

"As I said, to only work hard personally is not the objective, rather your objective is to make such an excellent team so that when your term ends others will be ready to assume the duties of your respective department or office. Regardless of your age, whether you are young or old, you must develop and train others and this spirit of work should be instilled within every office bearer of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at every level."

During the meeting, His Holiness also spoke about the importance of Tabligh (outreach) and explained the real purpose underlying the efforts of Ahmadi Muslims to spread Islam's teachings.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"You should set an ambitious target when it comes to Tabligh. Always remember that our efforts to convert others to the true message of Islam is not for the sake of numbers or so that our reports are more impressive. Rather, we seek to propagate our faith and to bring other people into the fold of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community due to our love for other members of society and for our nations. This love requires us to convey the true teachings of Islam to them and it is our heartfelt desire to bring them closer to God Almighty. Furthermore, it is not enough for us to convey the message to others, rather we must also spiritually and morally reform and better ourselves and to constantly seek to increase our own bond with God Almighty."

As the meeting drew to a close, His Holiness was asked how the Lajna Imaillah administration could encourage greater participation at their events and meetings.

In response, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"You should reach out to and guide all of the members of Lajna Imaillah with great love and tenderness, rather than seeking to assert any form of superiority as an office holder. Be like their sisters, be like their mothers, be like their friends and never give up. Furthermore, choose topics and programmes that are interesting and encourage those who are reluctant to come to actively participate. For example, you can ask them to give talks or speeches and then you will see that they will come to the events, God Willing."

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