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Up Coming Events

February 5th Sunday @11am- Auxiliary Meetings in Bait-uz-Zafar

February 17th-Friday -Public Affairs Seminar

February 18th-Saturday -Regional Waqfe Nau Ijtema in Bait-uz-Zafar @ 9am

February 20th Monday @1pm-3pm Musleh Maud Day in Bait-uz-Zafar

February 25th-Saturday -Khuddam Paintball Trip, meet in masjid by 7am

February 26th-Sunday -Lajna Interfaith Meeting in Bait-uz-Zafar

Tahir Academy— Every Saturdays 9:30am-1:30pm followed by sports in Gym

Every **Thursdays 7:30pm** - Coffee, Cake, & Islam in Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque Library

Jumma Prayer timing:

Manhattan: 1:10pm to 1:35pm

Bait-uz-Zafar: 1:10pm First Adhan

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FEBRUARY 2017

Alhamdulillah khuddam from NY Metro Region gathered to preach the True Islam Campaign in the heart of Flushing Queens on Saturday 28th 2017 where khuddam held signs "Meet a Muslim" and



"I'm a Muslim, Ask me Anything". The turnout was great where many people stopped by to ask questions on Islam and greeted us with an open heart. Khuddam also distributed True Islam Campaign Endorsement flyers to people.

1. Khuddam cleaned the masjid office, basement, second floor classrooms after renovation Khuddam helped the Al-Islam store with packing books and taking down inventory list for the entire books.
2. khuddam cleaned masjid office painting, excavating, fixing sewer pipe, carpet, and rearranging furnitures
3. khuddam participated in a park clean up in Cunningham park where we cleaned up garbage, remove weed and other faulty branches, and we placed mulching around the plants. we had over 10 khuddam and we worked for 4 hours. We all received park clean up credits from NYC Parks and Recreation
4. Khuddam cleaned 2 major highways, one right next to masjid, another on Francis Lewis BLVD
5. khuddam collected over 6-7 bags of clothes and donated to the New York Army Salvation
6. Khuddam meeting was held first Sunday's of the month where talim, Tarbiyyat, and Friday sermons of Huzur (aba) were discussed.
7. khuddam held bookstalls and sold 2017 Jama'at Calendars during Jama'at programs.
8. National Murabbi Atfal visited and sat with Atfal after Tahir Academy.
9. Khuddam planning a paintball trip in Pennsylvania on Saturday February 25th, 2017.
10. General khuddam Meeting for January will be held on first Sunday.



From Top Left to Right:

1. Khuddam General Meeting
2. khuddam during park cleanup
3. Basement clean up by Khuddam
4. Clothing drop off in NY Salvation Army.
5. Khuddam gathering in Khuddam Office



Mulch fest in

Cunningham Park

On a chilly winter morning Saturday January 28, 2017, Khuddam from Queens, Brooklyn and Bronx participated in forest restoration task at Queens Cunningham park near Baituz Zafar mosque from 9am to 12:30pm. Queens majlis lead the effort by representing 8 khuddam and 2 guests with help from Brooklyn majlis with additional six Khuddam and Bronx majlis with 2 khuddam volunteers.

The group were also helped by other outside volunteers and assisted in placing mulch around newly planted trees to protect it from weather and harmful surroundings for its safe growth. They assisted in removing invasive vines and multi-flora that rise from sensitive urban forest. The volunteers were also trained in proper plant ID and invasive plant removal technique. They preserved and safeguarded approximately 200 newly planted trees of that section of the park forest.

By : Abubakr Rana

By the Grace of Allah, our general meeting was held on the 8th January 2017. The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Shaiza Mansoor, pledge and Ahadith by Shafaq Ahmed. Secretaries from departments were given time to present and discuss topics that were given from the center for this month. The Taleem Secretary (Tehmeena Rafiq) gave an informative talk on the roles and responsibilities of office holders, secretary Tabligh had a discussion with Lajna members on 'How we can show Islam to others through our behavior.' Also, secretary Trade and Industry requested for ideas on handicraft projects and exhibitions topics followed by a detailed presentation by Farrah Ahmad (Secretary Tarbiyyat) on the 10 Conditions of Bai'at. The most emphasis was laid on the importance of strengthening our bond with the Jama'at and Allah which can be achieved by regularly listening to the Friday Sermon, attending Jama'at events, being punctual with prayers and recitation of the Holy Quran with translation. In the end, Farkhanda Ahmed made an announcement, Secretary Waqf-e-Jadid reminding members to pay Chanda Aam especially those who have done wassiyat. After the meeting, a local meena bazaar was held where Alhamdulillah there was a great turnout despite heavy snow the night before. There were various clothes stalls, handicraft stalls and each halqa was assigned to make different dishes and bring on the day to sell. The nasirat made cakes and cookies to sell. There was something for everyone and enjoyed a lot by both the Lajna and Nasirat.

Tabligh Report - February:

1. Holding two weekly Coffee, Cake and True Islam events; one in Manhattan and one in Queens
2. Regularly weekly two Facebook Ad are done to promote the events on an average we get 150 views of our ads, 10 interested and 2 registered.
3. We have been interacting with these interested people so that they are aware of our True Islam campaign
4. Attendees in Queens ranges from 5-10 and on an average 2 guests.
5. PIX II has done an excellent segment on our Coffee, Cake and True Islam which has reached to 1.1 millions audience in NYC
6. We have also shared the news clip via social media to those people who have connect with us with our FB AD. Alhamdulillah
7. In addition our most recent CC&TI event was attended by the Gov. Cuomo's Queens representative who promised to promote our event across NYC
8. We have followed up with a 5 guests from our Canada Jalsa please pray for them
9. We also plan to do informal tabligh session/CC&TI at the newly created Halqa in Richmond Hills.

Wasiyyat:

- 1) We have received a A category member list from center and I have send out an email to all requesting them to join Wasiyyat to meet our 50% earning member requested by Huzoor aqdas.
- 2) A few inquires were made and we responded to it.

By: Ghulam Rabbi



NY Jama'at Amila members with MTA UK officials who were here in New York for a visit

New York Metro Regional #MeetAMuslim Event- 1/28/2017

We set out from the mosque at 11 am on a brutally chilly morning. All we brought with us were fliers, smiles, and the will to talk to people as Muslims. 8 young Muslims, the youngest of which was 4 years old braved the cold and set out to spread the message of True Islam. During the hour we spent in front of the Flushing's Queens Library, hundreds of people passed us, saw the sign and even took fliers. All those who stopped to interact with us have us the reassurance that we were doing something incredibly positive and that more Muslims should be out there spreading a message of peace. One woman who stopped by sought to clear up the misconceptions about Islam that have been conveyed through the media. She remarked "I've known about Islam since before 9/11, and the media has completely changed how we see this very kind religion". Her comments struck the chord we were trying to hit. Nothing else mattered, our job was done. Seeing that not all Americans see Muslims as terrorists is the fuel we need to continue to embark on these #MeetAMuslim events. Inshallah Allah will allow us to maintain our smiles every time we go out to talk about Islam.



NY Jama'at members meet with local police officers who came to our masjid on a visit to learn more about Islam.

According to a Hadees our Master Hazrat Rasool Akram Sallalaho Alaihe Wassalam advised That ninety percent of the worldly income is in business and encouraged Muslims to adopt this profession and he himself was a successful businessman. It was his honesty, success and grace that prompted Hazrat Khadija Razi Allahu Taala Anha to offer for a successful marriage. Hazrat Muslehe Mouood Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad used to emphasize on this subject and himself studied the practical example of two successful and well known Muslim Business Communities In those days in India and Worldwide I.e The Bohra and Agha Khani Communities and described them. In our Ahmadiyya Jamaat we had a brilliant example of Choudhry Shahnawaz Sahib Marhoom Who established businesses in various fields like Mercedes Benz Cars, heavy machinery of different kinds from word known manufacturers, textile and sugar factories, best mango growing fields and Shezan juice factory, and Shezan restaurants etc. etc. employing thousands of workers in all fields . He was himself an excellent fruit of Hazrat Muslehe Mouoods Prayers and guidance. Choudhry Shahnawaz Sahib was a great model and teacher and a gracious helpful person and my personal teacher and guide also likewise for many others.

While in London on a visit in those Iran's boom progressive days I met him and suggested to mutually establish restaurant business in Iran, to which he pleasantly agreed. As soon as we departed, I saw him coming back with his immediate second thoughts and he said Afzal, I have tried this business in Pakistan and in the Middle East with bitter results and therefore think the same in your area to which I agreed immediately and the circumstances proved how wise and accurate he was in his planning. A lesson for me. In our Early Islamic history we have the name of Hazrat Abdul Rahman bin Ouf who's belongings were valued in today's billions. He used to trade in many fields and in flocks of camels each consisting of thousands of animals in those days. Once he purchased a flock of a few thousands and some of his friends approached and friendly mentioned that this lot was in his mind and you picked up this lot and I wish you pass this on to me on the same price. Hazrat Abdul Rahman Bin Ouf keeping the friendship in mind told him "Fine" But I will take off the rope and seats on the animals. To which both happily agreed and that meant an amount of 10,000 dirhams if the Package had 5000 animals. So the business has grace and barakat. Let me give my own practical example to you for better understanding. My late father was a Railway Station Master who was a practicing Model Ahmadi and did not accept money from other sources practiced by other people and therefore we had hardships financially. When young I was offered a post in Railways on preferential basis because my father was in that Department but having Hazrat Rasool Akram Sallalaho Alaihe Wassalam's advice in heart and mind I Requested my Father to allow me to follow Hazoor's advice which he gladly agreed. In my first attempt for business partnership without experience, and being too young I.e the age of just 16 years We got a fruit commission shop in Lahore Fruit Market opp Domoria Railway Bridge and to support us Hazrat Khalifatul Masihani used to send his garden's fruit crops to us for sale to support us. This was the noble example of our Hazoor for his meager servants - May Allah shower His mercies on his soul for ever. To cut short later on I moved to Iran and got a chance to serve in a British International Trading Company, a sister concern of East India Company which was established there for decades and held power and vast controls dealing in as small as needle, toffees to ships and aeroplanes in business. Similarly they were representing in different fields I.e the worlds largest Insurance Company of the time and the world's largest Shipping Companies of the time both Cargo and Passenger Services. In addition we used to undertake quality & quantity surveys. By the Grace of Allah basically I served as Incharge of Trading Department but have been occasionally working temporarily for a few months supervising Insurance, Quality and Shipping Departments when needed and have officially issued Insurance, trade and quality surveys - almost complete sides of business sides prevailing in the world - which is a mere mercy of Allah due to prayers of our kind Khulafay Ahmadiyyat and other Buzargan or elders - On top of which comes Harat Amman Jan RaziAllahu Taalaa who specially with love fed me with her own hands and prayed for me so kindly that I feel her love as she has still her loving hand on my head and I wish from my Rahman Allah to keep this love alive till I am in this material world. In short a sincere effort from heart and mind is required to achieve success in any field With attachment and guidance from Khaliatul Masih of the time and his hearty prayers for which keep on struggling. May Allah help us.Aameen. Note—I have given facts to guide Sisters and brethren to find where I can be helpful. please write to Sanato Tijarat Dept, I will InshaAllah respond to them suitably.

-By Mohammad Afzal Irani

Ansar Report:

Majlis Ansarullah's monthly meeting was held on Sunday January 8 at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme for this monthly meeting was "How not to interfere negatively in our Children's marital lives?" The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Rashid Ahmad from Chapter 49 Verse 12-13. Ansar Pledge was recited by Zaeem Sahib. The discussion of tarbiyyat exercise was started by Zaeem sahib and followed by Iqbal Ahmad and Abdul Rashid Nasir sahib relating to the guideline describes in the Taleem and Tarbiyyat exercise book, the various saying of the promised messiah (AS) and his Khulfa's was discussed by other members present in the meeting. Health topic about "Adult Vaccination" was discussed and Presented by Attah Al Hassan Sahib.

Nazim Sahib also reminded members about:

Priorities for this year:

1. 75% of Ansar attending congregational prayers most days of the week at Mosque, Salat Center or Home.
2. Reciting Holy Quran every day.

Next meeting on Sunday February 5 at 11:30AM, topic of discussion will be "Topic 12 – "Are we giving our advices with absolute honesty and sincerity?" and health topic discussion will be on "Regular Health Exam".

Tarbiyyat:

- 1) All members through email social media me calls have been approached to convey them with the directives of Huzur (aba) for congregational Salat, recitation of Quran and Huzur's sermon and to write to Huzur (aba) especially Atfal
- 2) Saturday Tahir school is on with its focus on Salat and Quran for both Waqf-e- Nau and other students
- 3) Dars from Tafseer e kabeer is given on every Wednesdays after Isha,
- 4) Friday sermons have been chosen from Huzur's archives as well about Salat and Quran, and about listening to Huzur's sermon regularly
- 5) Requested Amila members to come for congregational Salat and recite holy Quran everyday with their families

Tehrik-e-Jadid:

All members can start pay their Tehrik-e-Jadid before Ramadan so it would not be a burden on them at the end. You can also pay for your deceased family.

NY Metro Waqfe Nau Regional Ijtema Online Registration is Open on Waqfe Nau website.

Ijtema date is Saturday February 18, 2017,

Location: Bait-uz-Zafar

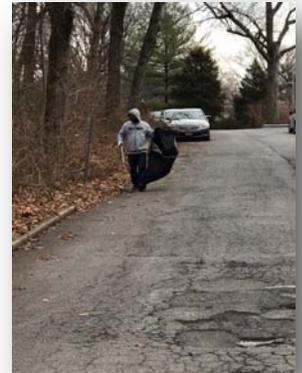
Waqfe Nau website: www.waqfenau.us; Here is the registration link: <http://www.waqfenau.us/ny-Ijtema-registration>



NY Metro MKA Amila members with Sadr MKA USA in Texas during Fazle Umar Qaid Refresher Course



Left: Khuddam performing highway clean up part of Adopt a Highway initiative



Right: Khuddam park clean up in Cunningham Park



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Khalifatul Masih IV (ra) on USA Tabligh in his Friday Sermon, March 24, 1984. Reference: Khutbaat e Tahir, vol. 3, page 463.

"Although the United States Jama'at is quite educated and by Allah's Grace good in number, the United States is nevertheless behind in tabligh. Only the Dayton Jama'at shows some courage and spasmodic arousal from time to time, but then they become drowsy and somnolent for a while. The United States should reflect on this. There are some Americans representatives here today and I request their due concentration to the fact that Pakistanis in the United States are not doing any tabligh at all. Meanwhile, even African Americans by Allah's Grace are doing tabligh along with Whites as well. Last year, there were some Bai'ats among the white Americans as well. However, they too, like I have just described, at times quicken and at times doze off. The self-determination, which should be evident in the life of a believer, is not there. Moreover, the Pakistani in tabligh has proven to be utterly worthless. At best, those considered the most outstanding among them are outstanding with regards to paying chanda. Some among them do teach the Holy Qur'an, etc. to their children in their homes and train them morally as well. This is fundamental and highly essential. However, in tabligh, the United States has been left behind, in particular the Pakistanis. Perhaps this is because Allah the Almighty has provided for them abundantly and raised their financial and social standing they think, "Tabligh is not our responsibility. Tabligh is the job of those who are beneath us." This is utterly wrong. As I have said before, the one who is superior is the one who is superior in tabligh and such a person will remain superior. Their descendants too will be made superior. And as for those who fail in this regard will likewise leave no guarantee for their future generations." - Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV (rah)

Audio / Video Report:

Accomplished

1. New Config to re-setup MTA in Men Hall, Lanjna Hall, Main Hall and Library Room
2. Re-setup access point for internet in lanjna Hall and the projector
3. Setup new access point for internet in Men Hall for stronger signal and projector
4. Install and Config New High End TV with New Apple TV

In Progress:

1. AV team building
2. Purchase New Video Hub to display and record program and Function
3. Setup two Computer with New TV to display For Tahir Class for use of Teachers have option to Conference meetings, Show presentation PowerPoint, Video, MTA, Sermons, etc.
4. Inventory of Audio Video Equipment's parts and all accessories

To Do :

1. All TV configuration for any event including MTA
2. Audio Upgrade and fine tuning to men and women hall
3. Setup Camera in Library for coffee and cake recording and all others Jama'at activities and all departments
4. Setup 2-3 computers in Library for general use of Jama'at members

Days with Jamia Students & Jamia Awareness Program

Four Jamia students: Danial Mahmood, Mahir Mahmood, Munib Iqbal and Musleh Uddin (who is from Australia), arrived in Queens, NY on December 29th and left on January 15th. During their short time with us, they made time to come to the mosque. First, they took part of the New York Metro sleepover, and held a Q&A session. They also played basketball with the fellow Khudam and Atfal. The following week they taught at Tahir Academy. The Jamia students each taught a different topic: Urdu, history, Qur'an and salat. After Zuhr and Asr prayers, they joined the Atfal in the gym. They did this for both Saturdays they were here.

The day before they left, the Jamia students held a Jamia Awareness program where they gave a few words to their fellow Atfals and Khudams. Munib Iqbal spoke about the guidelines to enter Jamia. Mahir Mahmood spoke about both the hardships faced in Jamia, and what he enjoys. Danial Mahmood spoke about the Jamia student's life outside of class. They are required to spend 2 hours in the gym a day. He also explained what they did for fun and during their leisure. Since Musleh is the class president of the Freshman, he spoke about the responsibilities and the jobs of a class president. Towards the end of the program they held a question and answer session, which lasted about 2 hours.

By Zane Mahmood