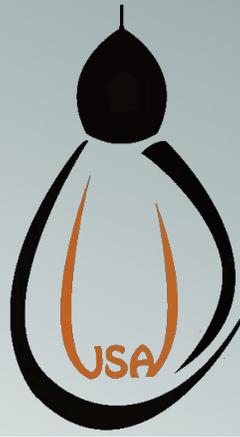




# Lajna Matters

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## Holy Qur'an

إِنَّ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْقَانِتِينَ وَالْقَانِتَاتِ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالصَّادِقَاتِ وَالصَّابِرِينَ وَالصَّابِرَاتِ وَالْخَشِيعِينَ وَالْخَشِيعَاتِ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقَاتِ وَالصَّائِمِينَ وَالصَّائِمَاتِ وَالْحَفِظِينَ وَالْحَفِظَاتِ فُرُوجَهُمْ وَالْحَفِظَاتِ وَالذَّكِرِينَ اللَّهُ كَثِيرًا وَالذَّكِرَاتِ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٣٦﴾

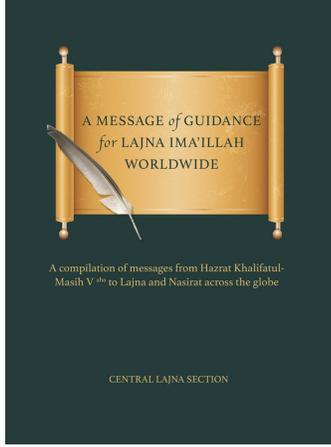
Surely, men who submit themselves to God and women who submit themselves to Him, and believing men and believing women, and obedient men and obedient women and truthful men and truthful women, and men steadfast in their faith and steadfast women, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard their chastity, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember Him — Allah has prepared for all of them forgiveness and a great reward.

(Chapter 33, verse 36)

## Hadith

وعن أبي الدرداء، رضي الله عنه، قال: رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "كان من دعاء داود عليه السلام: "اللهم إني أسألك حبك، وحب من يحبك، والعمل الذي يبلغني حبك، اللهم اجعل حبك أحب إلي من نفسي، وأهلي، ومن الماء البارد". رواه الترمذي وقال حديث حسن.

Abu Darda, God be pleased with him, narrates that the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said that prophet David, peace be on him, used to pray in the following words: "O Lord, grant me Thy love and the love of those who love Thee; and the love of the deeds which will enable me to attain to Thy love. O my Lord, make Thy love dearer to me than my own life, my kith and kin, and even dearer than cold water (to a man dying of thirst in scorching heat)." (Tirmidhi) ]



[A compilation of messages from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih Vaba to Lajna and Nasirat across the globe.](#)

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# From the Writings of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>

## Personal Experience with God

The God Who has manifested Himself to all the Prophets, and appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai and appeared to Jesus on Mount Seir and shone forth to Hadrat Muhammad, the chosen one [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] on Mount Paran, the same Mighty and Holy God has manifested Himself to me. He has talked to me and has said: I am the High Being to establish Whose worship all the Prophets were sent. I alone am the Creator and the Master and have no associate. I am not subject to birth or death.

[Government Angrezi aur Jihad, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 17, p. 29]

The pure life that is free from sin is a brilliant ruby which no one possesses today. God Almighty has bestowed that brilliant ruby on me and He has commissioned me that I should inform the world of the way in which that brilliant ruby might be acquired. I affirm with confidence that by treading on this path everyone would certainly acquire it. The only way in which it might be acquired is the true recognition of God; but this is a difficult and delicate matter. A philosopher, as I have said already, contemplating the heavens and earth and reflecting on the perfect orderliness of the universe, merely states that there ought to be a Creator. But I lead to a higher stage and affirm on the basis of my personal experience that God is.

[Malfuzat, Vol. III, p. 16]

Our paradise lies in our God. Our highest delight is in our God for we have seen Him and have found every beauty in Him. This wealth is worth procuring though one might have to lay down one's life to procure it. This ruby is worth purchasing though one may have to lose oneself to acquire it. O ye, who are bereft! run to this fountain and it will satisfy you. It is the fountain of life that will save you. What shall I do, and how shall I impress the hearts with this good news, and by beating what drum shall I make the announcement that this is our God, so that people might hear? What remedy shall I apply to the ears of the people so that they should listen?

[Kashti Nuh, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 19, pp. 21-22]

## The Grace of God Covers Everything

God is the light of the heavens and the earth. Every light that is visible on the heights or in the valleys, whether in souls or in bodies, whether personal or impersonal, whether apparent or hidden, whether in the mind or outside it, is a bounty of His grace. This is an indication that the general grace of the Lord of the worlds envelops everything and nothing is deprived of that grace. He is the source of all grace, the ultimate cause of all lights and the fountainhead of all mercies. His Being is the support of the universe and is the refuge of all high and low. He it is Who brought everything out of the darkness of nothingness and bestowed upon everything the mantle of being. No other being than Him is in himself present and eternal or is not the recipient of His grace. Earth and heaven, man and animals, stones and trees, souls and bodies, have all come into existence by His grace.

[Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 1, pp. 191-192, footnote]

## What is Bai'at?

From the concluding address at the Annual Convention in UK, on July 27, 2003.

By Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup>

The first question is: What is bai'at? To explain it, I will quote some ahadith of the Holy Prophet Muhammadsa and sayings of the Promised Messiahas.

The Promised Messiahas says:

Bai'at truly means to sell oneself; its blessings and impact are based on that condition. Just as a seed is sown into the ground, its original condition is that the hand of the farmer has sown it, but it is not known what will happen to it. If the seed is of a good quality and possesses the capacity to grow, then with the grace of Allah the Almighty, and as a consequence of the work done by the farmer, it grows until one grain turns into a thousand grains. Similarly, the person taking bai'at has to first adopt lowliness and humility and has to distance himself from his ego and selfishness. Then that person becomes fit for growth. But he who continues to hold on to his ego, along with taking bai'at, will never receive any grace. (Malfuzat, vol. 6, p. 173)

### Bai'at Means Handing Over One's Life to Almighty Allah

The Promised Messiahas further says:

To take bai'at means handing over your life to Almighty Allah. It means, 'Today we have sold our life to Almighty Allah.' It is wrong to say that by treading in the path of Allah anybody would ultimately suffer a loss. The truthful can never be in a state of loss. Only he who is false—i.e., who, for worldly gain, breaks the pledge that he has made with Almighty Allah—suffers loss. One who commits such an action because of the fear of the world should remember that at the time of his death no ruler or king of this world would come to procure his release. He has to present himself to the Judge of all the judges, Who will enquire of him, 'Why did you not honour Me?' Therefore, it is essential for all the believers to believe in Allah, Who is the King of the heavens and earth and to make a true repentance. (Malfuzat, vol. 7, pp. 29–30)

These sayings of the Promised Messiahas make it very obvious what bai'at is. If each one of us recognises that, 'My person does not now belong to me; I now have to abide by all injunctions of Almighty Allah under all circumstances and have to follow them faithfully, and make all acts of mine subservient to the pleasure of Allah,' that would be a summary of the ten conditions of bai'at.



## Messages from Sadr Lajna Ima'illah USA

July: Jalsa Salana USA was held at the Greater Richmond Conference Center in Richmond Virginia. It was a new jalsa site with some logistical challenges. However, we accomplished our goals to congregate under the banner of the Promised Messiah a.s. for spiritual enlightenment, knowledge, sisterhood and collective prayers, Alhumdulillah. There were over 9,000 members in attendance including guests. The speeches addressed contemporary and religious issues: They will be uploaded soon to the Lajna Ima'illah USA website. Considering the large number of attendees and site challenges; the volunteers were amazing. They worked diligently in the planning phase and in execution of the many tasks with patience and smiles. May Allah reward them abundantly.

- A Hawaii Majlis has been established. Alhumdulillah. Currently there are six lajna members and in the process of orientation to Lajna Ima'illah USA. Please remember them in your prayers.
- The following countries have received financial assistance from Lajna Ima'illah USA through the Children's Eid Gift Fund: Guinea Bissau, Chad, Niger, Sao Tome, Zambia, Togo, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Gabon, Sierra Leone, Guinea Conakary. May Allah bless our children and parents for this kind gesture.

Lajna Ima'illah USA is blessed to be contributing funds for the below projects:

- New! Construction of a Maternity Ward in Ghana-still collecting donations. Ahmadiyya Muslim Hospital, Daboase serves as District Hospital for Wassu East providing primary and specialist care to clients from all over the 16 regions of Ghana. Besides serving the health needs of Ghanaians, patients from neighbouring countries such as Cote D'ivoire, Burkina Faso, Mali, Nigeria, Niger, Togo and other areas seek healthcare at Ahmadiyya Muslim Hospital. Send your contributions to local secretary Maal under the African Model Village.
- New! Construction of a hospital ward in Nasir Hospital Guatemala - Lajna Ima'illah USA fully funded. Alhumdulillah.
- African Model Village in Sumanitenga Ghana - near completion. The borehole was successfully drilled. Allhamdulillah, it has lots of water. The mini solar well and solar street lighting has been installed. Toilet facilities were also completed. Members can still donate thru local secretary maal.
- Lajna National Conference Center at Baitul Rahman-Ongoing fundraising as little as \$10 per month per member or \$1000.00 per month or year. This is at least a six year fundraising project. Donations made through your local secretary maal.

August: We are blessed to have a Khalifa aba to guide us and nourish our spiritual well-being. Please incorporate the following in your actions:

Huzoor (aba) has directed to draw attention towards following moral values.

1. Always use the good words in conversation
2. Talk in a soft manner
3. Talk with due respect
4. Have consideration for elders, give due respect to young children
5. For every marital dispute, divorce should not be the only solution

September: Alhumdulillah, very informative and inspiring regional ijtemaats have taken place. Many members have attended and reaping the benefits. It is important that we put into action what we learn. "The people who are truly "Rahman" (gracious) are those who walk on the earth with patience and forbearance and when the ignorant address them with rudeness, they respond with peaceful and compassionate words; i.e. instead of harshness, [they speak with] gentleness and instead of curses, [they offer] prayers." (Barahine Ahmadiyya, v.4; Roohani Khazain v.1, p.449). Continue to promote sisterhood, increase collective prayers and demonstrate obedience to Khalifat.

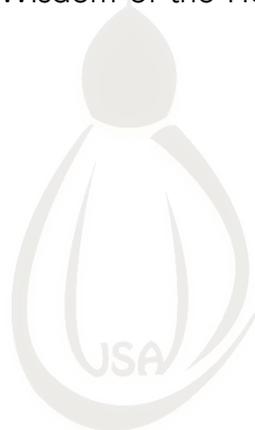
October: Lajna Ima'illah USA is preparing for several major events; the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Ijtema, Majlis-e Shura and West Coast Jalsa Salana ladies' session. Information will be posted on the Lajna website for details as soon as we can. Your patience, support and prayers are necessary. During these trying times in the world, please make every effort to be among those who are populating the mosque and salaam centers for Salaam Ashra (October 1 to 10, 2024) and maintain the momentum. Ameen.

November: Assalamo Alaikum dear sisters. The month of November is recognized as a time for Thanksgiving. As Ahmadis we thank Allah through our prayers and remembrance every day for the many blessings He bestows on us. It is with this in mind that I would like to thank the many volunteers who work hard in planning and implementing the work of Lajna Ima'illah USA and for those who have participated, I am grateful too. Promised Messiah a.s. stated: "...it is incumbent upon the Muslim to be grateful to their True Benefactor...For Allah the Exalted states; ...Thee alone do we implore for help. Hence, before anything else, a person must demonstrate their gratitude practically..." (Malfuzat Vol. 1 pg124). WasSalaams.

December: Dear Lajna and Nasirats.

اسلام و عليكم و رحمة الله و بركاته

Assalamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullahe wa Barakatahu. This month is included in the secular calendar as the Holiday season but can also be viewed as the Holy Day Season. An opportunity for tabligh, introducing the topic on the Promised Messiah as from an interfaith connection and showing hospitality. Holy Quran 3:194, Lord, "We have heard a Caller calling unto faith: Believe ye in your Lord; and we have believed. Lord, forgive us, therefore, our errors and remove from us our ills, and in death number us with the righteous." Ameen. The Holy Prophet SAW stated; There is no good in one who does not exercise hospitality. (Wisdom of the Holy Prophet). May we be that Caller unto Allah. Tabligh-Guide.pdf Ameen.



# Taleem Matters

## Long Island

In our lajna general meeting we continued with our monthly syllabus, covering the assigned verses, Hadith and Malfuzat.

We encouraged lajna members to participate in the optional Holy Quran translation test. As a result of that effort, eleven additional members participated in the test.

Introduced a new activity in our Halqa meetings, practicing the first five attributive names of Allah the Almighty, with the correct articulation.

We hold two book clubs every month under the taleem department. One is held every Tuesday, and the book that is currently being covered is "Sair-e-Roohani." A second smaller version of the book club is held once a month during the halqa meetings, and the book currently being read is "Al-Wassiyat." The goal is to increase the participation of lajna members in taleem activities.

## Minnesota

**Lajna Seeratun Nabi Day** - On October 13th, 2024, Minnesota Lajna celebrated Seeratun Nabi Day at Nusrat Mosque. The session began with Holy Quran recitation followed by a Malfoozaat excerpt highlighting the lofty morals of the Holy Prophet (sa). Then a beautiful group Naat was presented, followed by speeches on 'The Holy Prophet (sa) as a role model for us all' and 'The Holy Prophet (sa)'s Teachings of Peace and Justice'. A group of Nasirat then sang the Qaseedah and presented 'the importance of Salat and supplication'. The program concluded with Sadr Sahiba's remarks and Dua. Alhamdulillah a total of 22 Lajna and 7 nasirat attended.

Dr. Amtul Rehman Ahmad,  
National Taleem Secretary,  
Lajna Ima'illah USA



# Tarbiyat Matters

## Long Island

We had our annual lajna sleepover on December 20th and 21st. We held a Tarbiyat workshop with 20 lajna members, the topic was Ego and Empathy. We started our discussion by defining and understanding what ego is. It was a healthy discussion, where we also discussed how we can recognize ego, how we can replace ego with empathy, and how empathy beautifies our lives. We talked about the bad effects of ego in our family life and how empathy can play a positive role in our lives. All the participants took part in the discussion and contributed with their personal experiences in life. Our goal is to continue the discussion on such topics in the future.



## Minnesota

### Local Lajna Ijtema

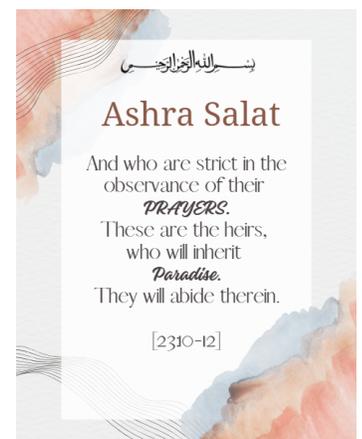
On July 14th, 2024, the Minnesota Lajna held their Local Lajna Ijtema at the Nusrat Mosque, beginning with Holy Quran recitation followed by Sadr Sahiba's opening remarks. The morning session included a Holy Quran recitation competition, an interactive workshop on "the Parental Role of the Tarbiyyat of Children", and finally a Nazm competition. After lunch and Namaaz, the next session included a speech competition, a second interactive workshop on "Strong Values that Negate Materialism",

and a game of musical chairs. The ijtema concluded with awards, recognition of graduating Lajna students, final remarks from Sadr Sahiba, and dua. Alhamdulillah, a total of 19 Lajna and 2 guests attended.

## Virginia South

Extensive work was done on the topic of Purdah, Salat Ashra, and Friday Sermon Book Clubs. Every month, they discuss each Friday sermon in their book clubs that are held on Mondays. The Friday Sermon Quiz is posted in bulletin, along with other important messages and prayers.

Zuna Ahmad  
National Tarbiyat Secretary, Lajna Ima'illah USA



# Khidmat-e-Khalq Matters

## Long Island

### Thanksgiving & Holiday Drive 2024.

On November 23rd, 2024, Lajna Imaillah Long Island hosted their annual Thanksgiving/Holiday Drive at Masjid Baitul Huda to share blessings with local families in need. Alhamdulillah, the event was a tremendous success, demonstrating the power of community, compassion, and collective effort.

Through the generosity and dedication of our members, we collected an impressive array of non-perishable food items: cereal boxes, pasta boxes, pasta sauce, stuffing, cake mix, mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, evaporated milk, and rice bags.

With these contributions, we prepared 265 food bags containing all the above items. Each bag proudly displayed our motto: "Love for All, Hatred for None", reinforcing the spirit of selfless service. The bags also included Jama'at flyers, spreading awareness of our values and mission.

On distribution day, 146 families received the food bags. Their expressions of gratitude and joy were truly heartwarming, serving as a reminder of the immense impact such initiatives have on those in need. We also prepared and distributed 100 freshly made turkey sandwiches, 200 loaves of Assorted fresh bread, and bananas.

These items were distributed directly from Masjid Baitul Huda to families in need. This effort ensured that many individuals had access to fresh and nourishing meals.

Our Nasirat members (ages 13–15) played a pivotal role in this drive by collecting essential items such as: sanitary pads, formula milk powder, regular milk powder, baby snacks. These items were thoughtfully donated from the mosque and distributed to families with specific needs, catering to their unique challenges. This initiative was aimed to ignite the passion for serving humanity in our youth, and their commitment was truly inspiring.

This drive was a shining example of teamwork and dedication. Many Lajna members and Nasirat volunteered tirelessly, from collecting and packing items to organizing and distributing the bags. Together, we transformed the simple act of giving into a



profound gesture of love and solidarity. As we reflect on this successful event, we are reminded of our duty to continue serving humanity with humility and compassion. Alhamdulillah for the opportunity to spread love, hope, and blessings in our community.

### **Blanket Donations:**

Blankets were generously donated to the following organizations:

- 10 blankets to St. Martin's Church,
- 25 blankets to The Senior Center in Amityville,
- 5 blankets to Keep The Peace Foundation, Amityville,
- 15 blankets to Amityville Police Department, and Hope For Youth Inc.

At the Senior Center, Lajna members personally visited with the elderly residents, spending time with them, sharing warmth and kindness, and distributing blankets. The elderly were visibly touched by the gesture and expressed heartfelt gratitude. Lajna members also utilized this opportunity to distribute Jama'at flyers, spreading the message of Islam.

### **Toy Donations:**

The donated toys were delivered to the Keep The Peace Foundation, which operates as a homeless shelter for children. These toys brought smiles to the faces of children in need, reflecting the true spirit of compassion and care.

### **Monthly Food Drive:**

In December, the monthly food drive collection amounted to 500 lbs of non-perishable food items. These donations were distributed among St. Martin's Church Pantry and Hope For Youth Inc.

### **Annual Lajna & Nasirat Sleepover:**

As part of their commitment to community and mosque service, the Khidmat-e-Khalq department also participated in the Annual Lajna & Nasirat Sleepover. Members helped clean the mosque, assisted in food distribution, and coordinated activities for participants. Serving humanity is a fundamental tenet of our faith, and Lajna Ima'illah Long Island remains steadfast in fulfilling this noble pledge. Through initiatives like the Blanket & Toy Drive, food collections, and mosque activities, we aim to embody the spirit of service and compassion.



## Virginia South

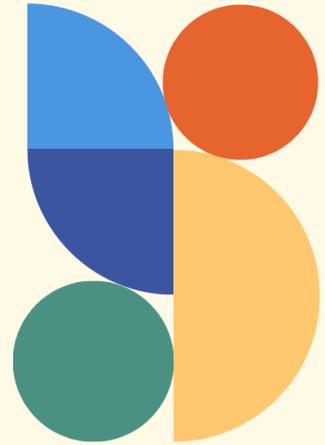
Conducted a domestic violence presentation in July, a Back to School Drive for a Title One school in August, an Essential Items Drive for refugees and families in need in October; and a Toy Drive, a Winter Clothing Drive, and a Nasirat toy wrapping activity in December of 2024.



# Promoting Healthy Relationships and Family Harmony:

Recognizing and Addressing Family Challenges

Lajna Khidmate Khalq  
SVA



Cassandra Shafeek, Khidmat e Khalq Secretary,  
Lajna Ima'illah USA



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# Honoring Sister Khadija Ali of Dayton

Three decades ago, Ms. Khadijah Ali, guided by her mentor, the late Dr. Robin "Doc" Herman, pledged to establish supportive measures for ex-offenders and their families. Their key objective was to empower people, thus strengthening families and fostering community wellness. Today, as the Program Director of Circle of VisionKeepers Inc., Ms. Ali remains dedicated to assisting offenders in making life-enhancing decisions.

Our mission is to continue and build upon the initiatives started by Dr. Herman in the Dayton Community. These initiatives include supportive services, as well as recovery and re-entry support groups using the Doc Herman Curriculum, which covers the psychology of incarceration and The Hanbleycea concept. The process of socialization, reintegration, recovery, and re-entry is ongoing. As a state and county-approved work site, we provide an empowering work experience for participants.

Over the years, Ms. Ali has facilitated Pre-Release and Post Release groups in the Ohio Prison System and the community to empower lives' transformation. While we may not change the prison system, we can assist individuals in making positive decisions that prevent recidivism.

Ms. Ali's commitment extends to community well-being efforts, such as providing hats, scarves, and gloves annually at various local events. She also engages clients in a clothing and school supply drive for the children on the Lakota Indian Reservation in Dakota, recognizing the importance of the Lakota term "Tiospaye" meaning extended families.

In her varied roles, Ms. Ali serves as Vice President on the Board of Directors for ABLE/LAWO, advocating for justice for the underserved, and as the Social Services Secretary for the Amadiyah Movement in Islam. She also works closely with the Montgomery County Office of Reentry and operates an approved Certified Reentry Program for Offender Services under the Circle of VisionKeepers.

Ms. Khadijah's diverse experience includes working as the Residential Housing Supervising Coordinator for three Mahajan Therapeutics Sober Homes for five years. Herein, she ensured the provision of quality services to individuals transitioning from addiction treatment to community reintegration, empowering them through recovery.

Above all, Ms. Ali's spiritual foundation of integrity guides her interactions and services. With a deeply personal understanding of addiction recovery, achieving over 20 years of sobriety herself, she believes her purpose is to serve as an example and guide. As the Program Director of Circle of Visionkeepers, Inc., she ensures all initiatives align with their Mission Statement: "We Empower the Individual, which Enhances the Family Unit thus Promotes Community Well-Being."

For her incredible dedication to service, Ms. Ali has received several community recognitions, including the Family First, Brother Raymond Fitz award in 2014; the Community Advocacy Award

from Mercy Manor in 2018; and the (Pat Rousseau) Community Impact (ABLE/LAWO) Access to Justice Awards in 2019. Moreover, she has served as the President of The Exchange Club of Dayton and The Presidents Club of Dayton; she also served as Director of Community Outreach for (DEFI) The Dayton Emerging Fashion Incubator.

Underpinning Ms. Ali's work is her belief that recovery is a continuous journey. She assures her clients that they too can achieve what she has, and perhaps more, with her unwavering support and commitment to their welfare. Her love for humanity affirms that everyone can overcome their challenges. As Ms. Ali reinforces, "We are all facing something, but my love for humanity is bigger than any problem."

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# Nasirat Matters

## Long Island

In the spirit of Christmas, our Nasirat organized a heartwarming initiative: We purchased a variety of toys for children to bring joy during the holiday season. Our Sadar Sahiba and I also coordinated a special Nasirat Sleepover, an event filled with fun and engaging activities that allowed the participants to bond and create lasting memories.



You Are Invited To...

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 5:00PM

# Lajna/Nasirat Sleepover

Q&A WITH MURRABI SAHIB  
GAMES (UNO, HEADS UP!, ETC.)  
LATE-NIGHT BAKING (COOKIES, BROWNIES)  
**ALL-OUT NERF GUN WAR (BRING NERF GUNS!)**  
PAINTING IN PAIRS COMPETITION  
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## Willingboro

In August, the Regional sports day was held in which over 15 Nasirat participated in multiple games. Five Nasirat Participated in local food pantry.

In September, Tahir Academy graduation ceremony was held and the Nasirat Exam was conducted; 13 Nasirat participated. 5 Nasirat participated in local food pantry.

In October, 15 Nasirat attended monthly Lajna meeting which was held outside in the park. In this meeting, 6 new Nasirat and 5 Nasirat who entered Lajna were being welcomed by their respective auxiliaries. 5 Nasirat participated in local food pantry.

In December, 14 Nasirat participated in cookie distribution to neighborhood. A spiritual new years program was held on 31st of Dec in which 15 Nasirat



Participated. This program included Q/A session with new Murabbi sahab over zoom, Nerf battle, letters to huzoor, dinner & sleep over followed by Congregational Tahajjud and Fajr prayer. Nasirat had a great time bonding with their sisters and young Lajna. 5 Nasirat participated in local food pantry. NAS

Nurjamila Bahri

National Nasirat Secretary, Lajna Ima'illah USA

# Industry and Handicraft

## Long Island

We held a Meena Bazaar at our masjid, and it was a wonderful success, Alhamdulillah. Approximately 60 people attended, and various stalls (food, and clothes), including a jewelry stall hosted by different Jamaats, added to the charm of the event.

We are pleased to share that the bazaar raised \$1,000, which will go towards supporting our community projects and activities. In the third week of December, we organized a sleepover for Lajna members.

It was a beautiful evening filled with creativity and bonding. During the event, the participants engaged in coaster painting and embroidery sessions, showcasing their skills and talents. The positive feedback from everyone who attended was truly heartwarming.

We also launched computer classes for Lajna members this month. This initiative aims to provide essential digital skills and has already generated a lot of excitement and interest. We pray for its continued success, InshaAllah.



## Virginia South

Participated in the handicraft competitions at Jalsa Salana 2024 and secured five positions.



Positions at Jalsa Salana USA 2024

The SVA Handicraft Department also set up a stall at the National Lajna and Nasirat Ijtimah, in October 2024, where we raised funds for our local Jamaat and contributed 10% of the profits toward the National Lajna Hall. Alhamdulillah.



SVA handcraft fundraising stall at Lajna and Nasirat ijtimah Maryland 2024

We also offer coats, abayas, and scarves for sale at local Jamaat meetings to provide our local Lajna with the convenience of obtaining these essential items easily.

Samina Noor  
National Sanat-o-Dastkari Secretary, Lajna Ima'illah USA



# Tabligh Matters

JULY 2024

**Detroit** - Nine Lajna set up a booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair where around 500,000 people attended. Two copies of Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam and Life of Muhammad were given. It was an engaging fair where individuals learned about Islam Ahmadiyyat.



**Cleveland** - Lajna participated in the July 4 Parade with the City of Bedford. A total of 11 Lajna and Nasirat participated in the 2.6 mile walk distributing candy, flags, and holding a banner that says, "Muslims of Loyalty"

**Georgia** - Lajna presented a PowerPoint interactive discussion on Seeking Allah's Help through Patience and Prayer. They discussed the essence of prayer, types of prayer, prayer etiquette, and invoking help from others.

**Virginia North** - Fifty Lajna members did one-on-one tabligh with neighbors, friends and colleagues with a total of 105 tabligh interactions. One Tabligh contact was visited in their home and was given a copy of Ahmad The Guided One.



**Dallas** - Lajna hosted a 2-day Nasirat Camp where there were educational activities and spiritual engagement.

**Harrisburg** - July 18, 2024  
- 5 Lajna attended the Summer Faith Night and talked about the Basics of Islam, Introduction to Ahmadiyyat, and women's rights in Islam. Many books and flyers were picked up by guests.



## AUGUST 2024

**Georgia** - August 2024 - The Georgia mosque organized a tour to the Hindu temple where 25 people attended. Lajna prepared a beautiful basket with flowers, Love for All bookmarks, and treats for the guide.

**Virginia North** - August 20, 2024 - North Virginia Jamaat held an interfaith event at Mubarak Mosque where 9 women guests were cared for on the Lajna side. There was a discussion on division and conflict in the world with an emphasis on the importance of dialogue, understanding, and cooperation.

**Harrisburg** - August 10, 2024 - Lajna was on the planning committee for the first Back to School fun day celebration organized by two area churches. Lajna set up a tabligh tent with fun activities for kids, prizes, and Ahmadiyya books and literature. Lajna also donated ethnic food for the events. Over 100+ attendees were at the event.

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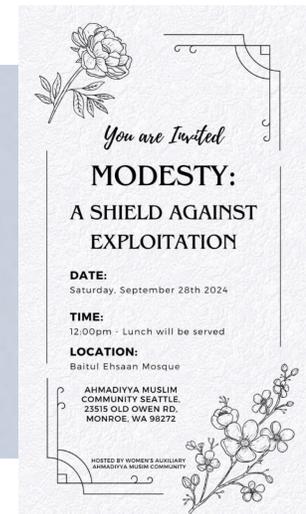
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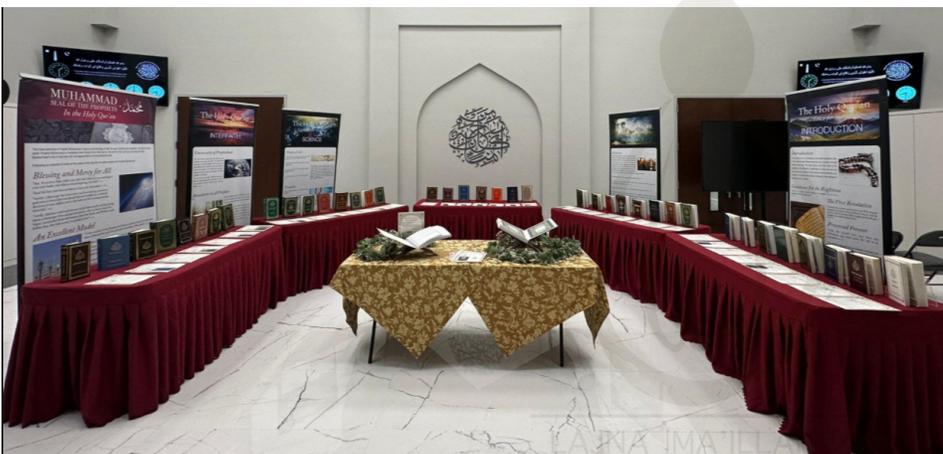
**Seattle** - September 28, 2024 - Lajna organized an interfaith discussion on the topic "Modesty - A Shield Against Exploitation". They also conversed about the historical and religious significance of the Veil. 30 Lajna sisters and 10 guests were in attendance.



**Georgia** - September 2024 - One Lajna attended an interfaith event at a church where Murabbi Sahib was a speaker. They exchanged contact with two of the attendees who expressed a desire to bring a women's group to the mosque.



**Dallas** - September 2024 - Lajna hosted their 1st Annual Islamic Art Exhibition at Baitul Ikram Mosque in Allen. A total of 88 pieces were lent for display, mostly made by Lajna. A total of 20 outside guests attended and 85 Lajna.



**Detroit** - September 2024 - 11 Detroit Lajna participated in an outing to showcase modesty, dignity, and empowerment of Muslim women by wearing their hijabs. They gathered in a nearby city downtown and walked around in a group with their modest clothing and hijabs.



Long Island - September 19, 2024 - 15 guests and 50 Lajna members arranged an interfaith meeting at the Baitul Huda Mosque in Amityville, NY. The topic was "How does practicing my faith heal the world". Speakers from various faiths shared their experiences and found a common path to help humanity in achieving peace and harmony with each other.

**Fort Worth** - September 2024 - Lajna participated in a monthly food distribution to needy families in the local area. They provided essential food supplies to 120 families offering them relief.



**Virginia North** - September 24, 2024 - Jamaat held an interfaith event at Mubarak Mosque where people discussed the role of a family unit in establishing peace in the world. A total of 2 women guests attended.



**Indiana** - Lajna installed a try-on-a-hijab booth at the 2024 Festival of Faiths. 150 scarves were gifted to participants and 50 Jamaat flyers. The booth also featured a poster with the question "What does modesty mean to you?" which engaged members of the public in leaving written responses.

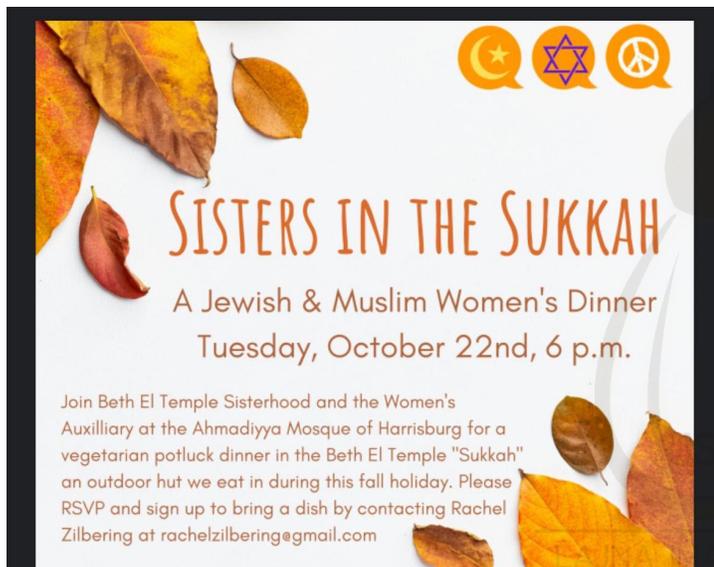
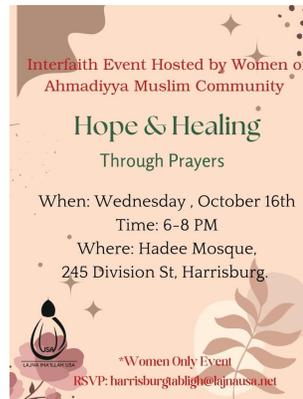


**Harrisburg** - September 10, 2024 - Nearly 50 people attended the Harmony Mosque that the Lajna organized on the planning committee. People of various faiths completed the route which ended at the Hadee Mosque that hosted a light dinner for all the guests.

### OCTOBER 2024

**Silicon Valley** - October 2024 - 9 Lajna members attended an event at a local church where they screened the film, Where Olive Trees Weep. It was a moving film about Palestine and the members had a chance to meet the female producer.

**Harrisburg** - October 16, 2024 - 40 people attended a lovely interfaith event hosted by Lajna on the theme "Hope & Healing: Through Prayers". There were many inspiring recounts on power of collective and individual prayer.



**Harrisburg** - October 22, 2024 - 12 Lajna attended a special event called Sukkah held by their Jewish sisters. It was a lovely event for Lajna to learn about the jewish faith and about their courageous and hard journey of fleeing persecution.

## NOVEMBER 2024

**Virginia North** - November 2, 2024 - Hundreds of invitations were sent out by Lajna and Nasirat to attend the Seeratun-Nabi Jalsa.

**Seattle** - November 8, 2024 - 12 Lajna attended an interfaith event at a local Church and presented an introduction to Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyyat. 22 books, 36 pamphlets, and 20 magazines on Islam were distributed.

**Buffalo** - November 2, 2024 - 15 Lajna participated in the annual Niagara Falls Cultural Fair: Walk the World. Around 1,200 attendees participated in the walk and an Ahmadiyya booth was organized. The booth engaged with hundreds of visitors through discussions, literature, and books about Islam Ahmadiyyat.

**Buffalo** - November 21, 2024 - 500 turkeys and canned goods were distributed to families in need in Niagara Falls. In addition, 500 informational flyers were shared to spread the message of love, service, and community awareness.

**Buffalo** - November 27, 2024 - The Buffalo chapter hosted a Thanksgiving Family Dinner at Masjid Mahdi. 4 women guests attended and shared what they were grateful for, creating a meaningful discussion.

**Georgia** - November 2, 2024 - Lajna tabligh team helped organize the Muhammad Messenger of Peace Conference at Masjid Baitul Ata in Norcross, Georgia. 37 contacts were emailed invitations and 7 female guests attended.

**Central Jersey** - November 9-10, 2024 - Lajna installed a Tabligh Booth at the New Jersey Women's Expo where nearly 30,000 women across the nation attended the event. They engaged in meaningful dialogue about Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Nearly 100 flyers and 13 copies of books were distributed.



**Virginia North** - November 2, 2024 - 150 Lajna and 4 outside guests attended the Jalsa Seeratun Nabi. The topic of the Lajna speech was "War and Peace: in the light of the teachings of the Holy Prophet (saw)".

**Virginia North**- November 2024 - AMSAW organized a "Try on a Hijab" booth at the George Mason University where 3 people participated. It was a good and encouraging tabligh effort on campus.

**Queens** - November 17, 2024 - 11 Lajna, 6 guests, and 3 Nasirat attended a Gratitude Walk in Alley



Pond Park. T-shirts were designed by Umoore-Talibat and gifted to the guests. A scenic three-mile walk was completed where messages of gratitude were exchanged.

**Dayton** - Interfaith event on the topic of Saints and Martyrs was held at the Dayton mosque. 6 Lajna and 24 guests attended and discussed the Islamic perspective on the topic including salat and prayer times.



## DECEMBER 2024

**Virginia North** - December 14, 2024 - 150 Lajna and 21 female guests attended the God Summit event at the Virginia mosque. Some speech topics were "I AM: Existence of God" and "I HEAR: Power of Prayers".

**Virginia North** - December 17, 2024 - Lajna had a Christmas lunch with their Presbyterian friends. They discussed marriage and the matchmaking process in Jamaat.



**Virginia North** - December 2024 - Many of the Lajna exchanged Holiday and New Years greetings via gifts, greeting cards, emails, texts, etc. 75 Lajna Holiday cards were shared and received several beautiful responses.



**Oshkosh** - December 18, 2024 - 2 Lajna presented on the Basics of Islam at a Lutheran Church Comparative Religions Class where 29 people attended. They had an interactive Q&A session and included information about the pillars of faith, Eid celebration, Ahmadiyyat and its differences from other sects.



**Georgia** - December 8, 2024 - 9 guests and 24 Lajna completed a 3-mile Gratitude Walk at McDaniel Farm Park in Duluth, Georgia. The walk concluded with some light refreshments and guests expressed how they enjoyed the event.

**Long Island** - December 2024 - During the holiday season, Lajna collaborated with an organization to hold a toy drive. This event provided a wonderful opportunity to introduce the message of "Love for All, Hatred for None"

**Harrisburg** - December 5, 2024 - Lajna hosted an interfaith event with the theme: "Jesus (as): Messenger of Compassion & Kindness" where 20 people attended. A speaker from the Christian faith community also shared their perspective on the topic.



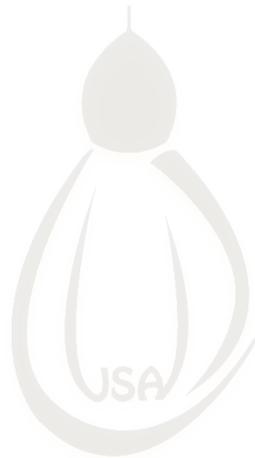
**Albany** - December 2024 - 5 Lajna members attended a Pie Making with the Messiah Lutheran Church. During the pie making process, Lajna members conversed about the similarities between the religions.

**Chicago** – December 7, 2024 – 12 guests from 5 different faiths attended a Gratitude Interfaith Event hosted by Lajna. The program talked about The Islamic Perspective of Gratitude to Allah followed by a discussion and sharing of Holy Quran verses related to thankfulness. Gifts bags with literature and a variety of refreshments were served to guests who gave positive feedback about how this was a superb platform for community members to bond and learn about each other's faiths.



**Albany** - December 18, 2024 - 22 guests attended an "Evening with Friends" Lajna Tabligh Event where there was a presentation on Introduction of Islam Ahmadiyyat and Humanity First. A friendly atmosphere was created with making gift boxes, henna, Try on a Hijab, and Get Your Name Written in Arabic.

Submitted by Amatul Quddus Ayaz-Shams  
National Tabligh Secretary, Lajna Ima'illah USA

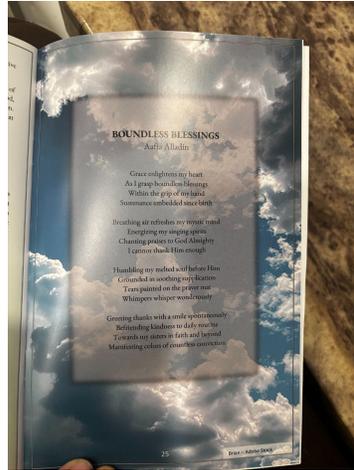


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# Isha'at Matters

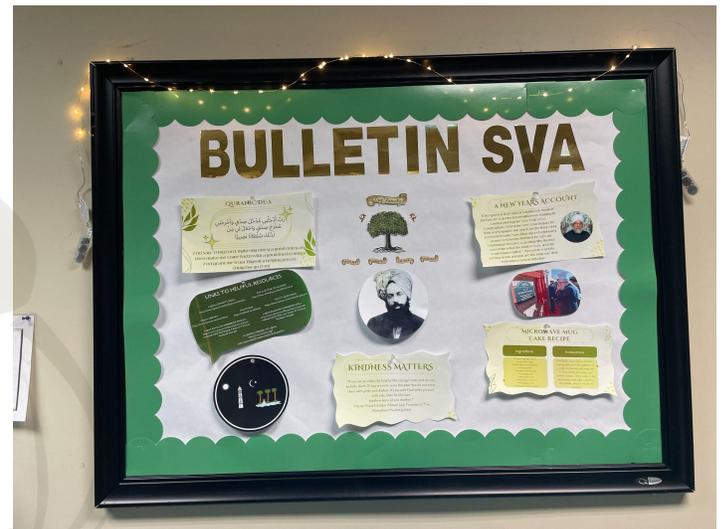
## Long Island

At our meetings, we had bookstalls and collected payments for *The Ayesha*, Lajna workbooks and Lajna books. We also submitted Articles and Poems written by Long Island Lajna for *The Ayesha*. Every month sold, we *The Ayesha* at the meetings. From long Island Jama'at, three Articles and one Poem had been published in *The Ayesha*.



## Virginia South

- Created new bulletin boards that showcased recent Jama'at events/upcoming events. Also included hadiths and fun recipes to gain interaction.
- Held a virtual writing workshop with Media Watch and wrote on the topic of Halloween.
- Held a small workshop with Umoor-e-Talibaat and Media Watch on writing articles, as well as two other writing workshops with Media Watch. September's workshop had a total of 12 lajna and nasirat. October's workshop had a total of 5 lajna and nasirat.



Shazia Sohail  
National Publications Secretary, Lajna Ima'illah USA

## Waqfe Jadid

### Virginia South

We completed the collection of Waqf-e-jadid from 460 LAjna, 96 Nasirat, and 160 children under the age of 7. All collections were 100% Alhumdolillah. And in 2024, MaSha'Allah, 120 Nanha and Nanhi Mujahid participated with each contributing a minimum of \$50.

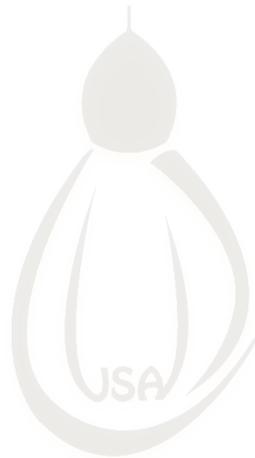
Samantha Issam  
National Waqfe Jadid Secretary, Lajna Ima'illah USA

## Sihat-e-Jismani

### Virginia South

Held a Sports Fair on July 13th, 2024, for Lajna and Nasirat.

Dr. Khadijat Ogunbiyi  
National Sihah-e-Jismani Secretary, Lajna Ima'illah USA



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# Umoore Talibaat Matters

## Long Island

Long Island Umoore Talibaat had a get together in November, in which the syllabus topics were discussed and cookies baked. The Umoore Talibaat took part in a Lajna Food drive organized at our mosque by the Lajna Khidmate Khalq and Tabligh departments. Talibaat helped with set up, clean up, and distribution of food.

In December, Long Island Umoore Talibaat enjoyed a sleepover event at their mosque. Their program began with a tarbiyyat session with the local Murabbi Sahib with discussion on why we believe in Ahmadiyyat and other various contemporary issues. After the tarbiyat session, the girls took part in various activities planned by them, staying up late playing games and sharing fun stories.

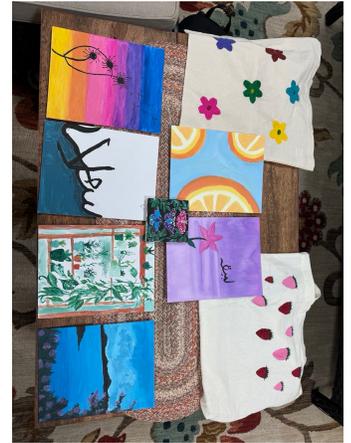
## Maryland

The girls met in the mosque for a canvas painting activity and held discussions on choosing college or university after doing research on it. They also talked about ways to maintain their connection with the Jama'at during college years.

## Willingboro

Willingboro Umoore Talibaat held a Paint Night and Potluck, where nine girls gathered for an evening filled with laughter and creativity. They spent the night painting canvases and tote bags, all while sharing our thoughts on majors and career aspirations. It was a great opportunity to learn about each other's interests. With everyone bringing a dish to share, they enjoyed delicious snacks as they painted and connected.

In September, they organized a refreshing hike near the Masjid. Four girls joined in, giving them a chance to catch up while enjoying the beauty of the outdoors. The fresh air and scenic views made for a perfect backdrop as they strengthened our bonds and shared stories, continuing to build our community.



## Columbus

Columbus Umoore Talibaat held a special fun day event in August. They began the day with some outdoor fun including a Water slide, Trampoline, Bounce house,



and more. After a lunch and Namaz break, they continued with indoor activities including painting magnet tiles, nail polish, henna (mehndi), and some other arts and crafts activities.

### Central New Jersey

For sisterhood bonding and promote outdoor physical exercise, 20 CNJ Umoore Talibaat members hiked 2 miles at Cheesequake State Park, Alhamdulillah. In preparation for the hike, there were five chaperones that drove students to the park and were supervised throughout the hike. Snack bags were prepared with Gatorade, granola bars and first aid kit was available. Mothers of students under 18 years old provided written consent to take part in the hike. The scenic hike entailed a trail passing through mixed hardwood forest, down step/boardwalks then slightly uphill again, & overlooking lakes with wildlife animals. Afterwards, students enjoyed pizza followed by congregation Salat at Bait-ul-Hadi Mosque.



### Cleveland

Cleveland Umoore Talibaat had several outings which strengthened the bonds of sisterhood and were greatly enjoyed. The trips that were organized are as follows: a picnic at the beach, bowling/arcade, a lunch that followed the Fourth of July parade, TopGolf, a local fair, participating in a marathon, hikes, and a get-together for Chaand Raat preparations.

### Chicago

Chicago Umoore Talibaat department held a fun social event to strengthen their bond of sisterhood and have fun.

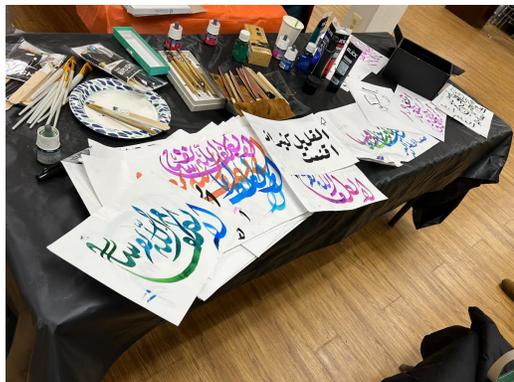


### Virginia North

Virginia North Umoore Talibaat have been active in several activities, including Holy Qur'an Tarteel classes, posting articles about the situation in Palestine on online platforms and practicing for the Lajna volleyball tournament. NVA Jamaat is also establishing an official volleyball team which will consist of several Umoore Talibaat. Several Umoore Talibaat are a part of the official NVA volleyball team. The team continued practices throughout the month of September in preparation for the national volleyball tournament at the Baitur Rehman Mosque in October during the National Ijtema.



The NVA Umoore Talibaat held a Friendsgiving potluck. The Umoore Talibaat helped with set-up of the space, after which members mingled until dinner was served. During dinner time, members introduced themselves and talked about where they attend school and what they are studying. Afterwards, the Umoore Talibaat Secretary gave a PowerPoint presentation about



Thanksgiving in Islam which discussed the Islamic perspective of Thanksgiving. Many Umoore Talibaat who are new to the area attended as well. Games and activities were also played such as word scramble and word searches. Lastly, a calligraphy class was led by one of the Umoore Talibaat who has taken calligraphy courses to teach the Umoore Talibaat to paint the attribute of Allah "Ash-Shakur" in light of the topic of Thanksgiving.

NVA Lajna held an "All About Skin!" session for the Umoore Talibaat. In this session, a skin specialist from our jamaat gave skin and makeup tips and did a makeover on a jamaat member.

NVA Umoore Talibaat participated in a goody bag preparation activity. The Umoore Talibaat prepared over 600 goody bags for Jalsa Salana USA volunteers. They also helped in creating gift packages consisting of burqas and scarfs for the Jalsa Salana.



### Philadelphia

Philadelphia Umoore Talibaat went on an outing to a Bowling Center with lots of fun and sisterly bonding.

### Virginia South

SVA Umoore Talibaat took part in multiple activities which were leadership based, knowledge based, volunteer based for Khidmat-e-Khalq and attending national and local Jamaat events. Umoore

Talibaat attended a special Media Watch and Ishaat (Publications) workshop to encourage young members to write for the Jamaat and have their voices heard.

They volunteered with registration, serving food, security and audio/visual during local SVA events, actively taught Tahir Academy classes and a couple of members wrote articles for the Media Watch and Publications.

A Mother-and-Daughter panel discussion was held to improve communication between the two generations, as well as address the topic about marriage.

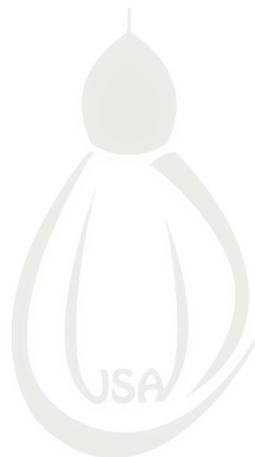
Some Umoore Talibaat members led an initiative and received approval from SVA Sadr Sahiba and Umoore Talibaat Secretary for starting the "Sisterhood Circle" run by the students for the students.

The Umoore Talibaat also enjoyed a pot luck dinner and brought in food to share with each other to increase sisterhood bonds. They also enjoyed a private Umoore Talibaat pool party.

### **AMWSA activities.**

Students from Virginia North and Virginia South participated in an event at George Mason University. AMWSA members set up a tabligh booth for the purpose of allowing people to try on hijabs and ask questions about Ahmadiyyat. AMWSA members had about 15 scarves and a mirror set up and a few people stopped by the booth to try the hijab and ask questions.

Submitted by Dr. Aziza Rahman,  
National Secretary Umoore Talibaat, Lajna Ima'illah USA



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## Media Watch

### Virginia South

Informed Lajna and Nasirat on monthly article topics from June to December and below are some of the articles written during that period:

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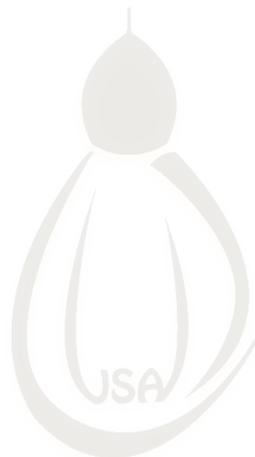
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<https://medium.com/@virginiasouthwj/halloween-the-ahmadi-muslim-perspective-8e98f769757b>

<https://medium.com/@ghazalanadeem88/jesus-as-in-Islam-68fdf7de523d>

Also, we held a small workshop with UT and Ishaat on writing articles, as well as two other writing workshops in collaboration with the Ishaat department. In the September workshop, we had a total of 12 lajna and nasirat, and in October we had a total of 5 lajna and nasirat.

Misbah Rashid  
Mu'avina Sadr Media Watch, Lajna Ima'illah USA



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# Waqifat-e-Nau Matters

## 2024 National Waqifat-e-Nau Summer Camp

In August, the 2024 National Waqifat-e-Nau Summer Camp was held at Masroor Mosque, hosted by South Virginia Jama'at. Waqifat 12-21 years were invited to attend, whereas Lajna 22 years and older were invited to serve as volunteers. Alhamdulillah, approximately 40 Waqifat attended and 60 Lajna volunteered during the nearly three-day event.

Group activities were held throughout, including a panel discussion on Rededication, research-based presentations that Waqifat created on Tarbiyyat & Waqf-e-Nau-focused topics, and a workshop on impromptu speaking. A session was also held where Waqifat and mothers wrote letters to Huzoor (aba). Handicraft activities such as tie-dye and a group dessert competition were enjoyed, as were sports, board games, henna, and concession stand snacks.

## Fall 2024 Waqf-e-Nau Exams

From October-November, the Fall 2024 Waqf-e-Nau Exams were held for Waqifat 2-21 years old. Of Waqifat 2-16 years old who correctly registered for the exams, 92% sat for the exams. Of Waqifat 17-21 years-old, 38% took the exams.

## Regional Waqifat-e-Nau Ijtema'at

Alhamdulillah, 16 Regional Ijtema'at were held simultaneously on November 16, 2024. 572 Waqifat and 359 mothers were recorded as having attended. This was a one-day event that featured interactive discussions, games, and team-building exercises. Waqifat 5-8 years old learned about different prophets, those 9-12 years old participated in a workshop about the importance of Juma, and those 13 years and older discussed marriage. An interactive workshop was held for mothers about the challenges in raising Waqifeen-e-Nau. This was followed by congregational Zuhr & Asr and lunch. Then, an inter-region jeopardy competition was held over Zoom. During the closing session, Waqifat that rededicated and that scored high on the 2024 Waqf-e-Nau Exams were recognized. In addition to respected National Sadr Sahiba, four members serving on the National Lajna Amila were able to attend the Ijtema'at and share inspiring closing remarks.

## West Coast Jalsa 2024

On Saturday, December 28, 2024, a meeting was held at West Coast Jalsa for all Waqifeen-e-Nau and their parents. The meeting was presided by respected Ameer Sahib and National Naib Sadr Sahiba, lasted for 45 minutes, and consisted of an open question and answer session with a panel of missionaries and life devotees. Waqifat and mothers listened in to the men's side but were able to submit questions to panelists beforehand, as well as during the program. At the end of the meeting, gifts were distributed to Waqifat. 50 members attended on the girls' side.

Prepared by Atiya Malik  
National Muavina Sadr  
Waqifat-e-Nau USA

# Medicine, Science, Learning, Innovation and Mentorship Conference 2024 - MSLM24

*August 30 - September 1, at the JW Marriott Bonnet Creek – Orlando, Florida*

The second Medical, Science, Learning, Innovation & Mentorship Conference (MSLM) was held in Orlando, Florida, from August 30th through September 1st. MSLM is a joint conference of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association (AMMA), Ahmadi Women Scientists Association (AWSA), Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists (AAMS), and International Association of Ahmadi Architects & Engineers (IAAAE) in conjunction with the 11th Holy Quran and Science Symposium. The names of the presidents of the sponsoring organizations are as follows:

- Dr. Faizan Abdullah Hagura (AMMA)
- Dr. Sohail Husain (AAMS)
- Dr. Nusrat Sharif PhD (AWSA)
- Junaid Malik Sahib (IAAAE)

Various Ahmadi Muslim professionals, students, and members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community attended this conference. The purpose of this conference was not only to provide continuing medical education (CME) to medical professionals but also to provide a networking opportunity for other professionals. This year's central theme was Advancing Science, Medicine and Technology through the teachings of the Holy Quran.

The conference offered most amenities of a professional conference. On the first day of the conference, before heading towards the conference hall, the attendees were expected to stop at the registration desk and collect their name badge. The team welcomed guests and provided the necessary information. This energetic team stayed at the registration desk throughout the conference and was always ready to help everyone at any time.



Every day, the conference began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The first day, Friday morning, was devoted to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association. In this session, all presentations were from the healthcare field. Although every presentation was very informative, we would like to highlight Dr. Alia Ahmad's presentation, as she traveled from Lahore, Pakistan, to attend and present at this conference. Dr. Ahmad is a pediatric oncologist. She described the limitations in the pediatric cancer care in Pakistan. These include but are not limited to room for better involvement at the government level, shortage of medical professionals, and medicines. She presented her efforts in this field and made a compelling case that the pediatric cancer care should be a priority of government authorities and civil society. These efforts will have the potential to overcome the challenges and improve healthcare of such patients.

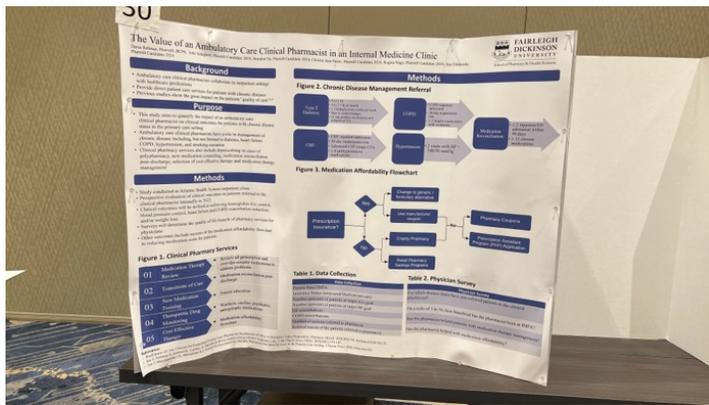


The topics included in this first session were: Launching an NICU in Ghana - Challenges and Guidance from Allah, Children's Cancer in Developing Countries, Disaster Relief and Medical Help, Revolutionizing Cancer Treatment, Congestive Heart Failure, Critical Care in Elderly and End of Life Discussions, and Q & A Sessions. After lunch Murrabi Rizwan Khan Sahib led the Jumma prayers. He presented the summary of Hazrat Khalifat ul Masih's Friday sermon and gave some precious advice at the end.

The afternoon session of the Friday was dedicated to Humanity First. In this session, the central theme of the discussions was Water the Basics for Life; all presentations were focused on the global need, shortage, and preservation of water.

After this session, there was a general meeting of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Medical Association. In this meeting, nine committees presented their reports. One special aspect of this meeting was the presence of two female chairpersons and AMMA USA national office holders. Last year, with Hazrat Khalifat ul Masih's permission, women could now be elected and hold national offices of the association. Currently, two out of four national offices holders are women. This change in the constitution was very encouraging for Ahmadi women; it was made after Hazoor's (aba) instructions. During Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmed's (aba) visit to the America, AMMA USA was blessed with a meeting with Hazoor (aba) in Dallas Texas. Dr. Amtul Rehman, the chair of the AMMA constitution committee, told our representative that in 2022, during his visit to the USA, Huzoor (aba) instructed AMMA to amend the constitution with gender equity as one of the changes.

In line with this directive, executive council members included ample female representation within AMMA USA. Moreover, the chief organizer (Nazma-e-Ala) of this conference was also a female, Dr. Nadia Malik. She is also the chairperson of AMMA Events and Continuing Medical Education Committee. She provided us with some more information about the conference, stating that the purpose of the collaboration with other professions is to create such programs that will allow us to analyze the scientific advancements in light of the teachings of the Holy Quran; this will show the world the beauty of the Holy Quran. Dr. Nadia said that this year, they Humanity First, the



Department of Taleemul Quran, and Waqfe Arzi (TAQWA) participated in this conference. According to her, another huge milestone for this year was the provision of up to 8 Continuing Medical Education Credits (CMEs) for medical professionals, which up until now was unprecedented at any Ahmadi Muslim conference. CMEs are required for healthcare professionals to maintain their professional licenses with accrediting.

In response to whether there was any emphasis on women's education or professionalism at this conference, Dr. Nadia said that women are an equal part of this conference. Women presented their scientific and professional research while men could also listen and ask questions from the other room (there was a separate hall for women). When we asked Dr. Nadia if she would like to convey any message through this report, she replied, "everyone can benefit from this conference as the Holy Quran's teachings are for everyone. A lot of effort and time goes into this conference; we select topics meticulously." She said, "this conference is a great learning opportunity for students. Therefore, we request everyone to give importance to this meeting and support your peers and the young generation with your presence and prayers."

The second day of the conference was dedicated to the Holy Quran and Science. In the morning session, the 11th annual Quran and Science Symposium was held. The second session was about disaster preparation and rebuilding. In this session, water wastage and preservation were also discussed.

Another highlight of the second day was the "lightning round" - the presentation of Abdus Salam posters. For this competition, students and researchers are asked to make a poster presentation of their research and submit it before the conference. Respected Naib Ameer and Missionary in Charge USA Murrabi Azhar Hanif Sahib presided over this session. He was very pleased with women's interest and participation in science. His remarks were very encouraging for women.

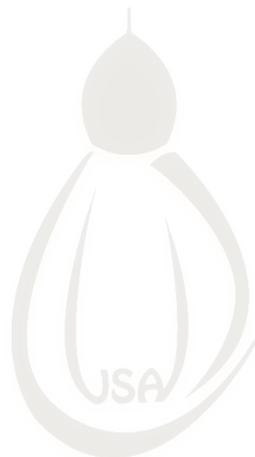
The third and final day was a joint session for all professionals. Before the end of the session, a Q&A session was held, awards were announced, and volunteers were recognized and praised.

Another successful pilot session of this conference was the career planning sessions, which provided students with one-on-one mentoring opportunities. Lajna Ima'illah USA sponsored accommodation at the hotel for two students.

Even though this was a professional conference, the organizers and attendees did not forget their religious duties. The participants had the opportunity to offer five daily prayers in congregation. Similarly, there was a special arrangement for Tahajud and Darsul Quran after Fajar every day. All three axillary heads (Lajna: Dhiya Bakar Sahiba, Ansar: Mansoor Qureshi Sahib, Khuddam: Murrabi Abdullah Dibba Sahib) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community supported the MSLM24 with their presence throughout the conference. On Saturday night, special sessions were held with them. Lajna Imaillah availed this opportunity and spent the evening in the company of national Sadr Dhiya Bakar Sahiba. All attendees introduced themselves in a casual setting and enjoyed a light conversation with Sadr Sahiba. It was a pure blessing of Ahmadiyyat otherwise who gets these opportunities in professional conferences?

With the grace of Allah, this three-day conference ended on Sunday afternoon. Attendees not only increased their knowledge about various topics but also made new contacts and renewed the existing ones. May Allah reward all the organizers and volunteers for their hard work (Ameen)

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