# Columbus Connection

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#### **Upcoming Events**

Fri, Oct 4 - First Jumu'ah of the month

**Sun, Oct 6** - Monthly Tahajjud, Da'een Class & Breakfast

**Sun, Oct 6** - Tahir Academy

Fri, Oct 11 - Jama'at Amila Meeting

**Sun, Oct 27** - Jama'at General Meeting

**Sat, Nov. 16** - Active Shooter Training at the mosque

## **National Secretary Wasaya Visits Columbus**

National Secretary Wasaya, Dr. Khaled Ata Sahib and Imam Omar Nayyar Sahib visited the Columbus Jama'at on the evening of Sunday, September 1, 2019 as part of their road trip to the Midwest Jama'ats. Imam Omar Nayyar Sahib and National Secretary Wasaya enlightened the Jama'at members on the topic of financial sacrifice and Wasiyyat.

Despite the inclement weather, members—including men, women, and children—gathered at the mosque in a large number and enthusiastically took part in the program by asking many questions about Wasiyyat to which National Secretary Wasaya gave detailed answers.

After the session, National Secretary Wasaya was given a tour of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Cemetery & Maqbara Musiyan of Columbus that is located next to the mosque building. Afterwards, dinner was served to the guests and members.



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#### **Make God Your Friend**

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper) while addressing ladies at 2019 Jalsa Salana Holland mentioned that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) has said that after doing Bai'at, one should live a new life. "Make God your friend," the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) said. After God becomes one's friend, angels bring them into their laps like a mother does to a child. To make God a friend, it is essential to excel in following the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and Islam.

Every person should self-reflect and ask themselves whether their worship, remembrance of Allah and morals are up to the mark. The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) said that he did not want mere verbal proclamations of faith, rather action is required. He said that if a member of his Jama'at does not act, then they are testifying that a messiah was never needed. Such a person should not count themselves as an Ahmadi Muslim. If one calls himself an Ahmadi, they should fulfil the aims an objectives of being an Ahmadi.

The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) said that the Jama'at who wants to be known as a divine Jama'at cannot prove themselves unless they show good actions. He said that a Jama'at cannot live without action.

### **Tahrik Jadid**

The fiscal year of Tahrik Jadid is ending on October 31. The National Tahrik Jadid Department has given us a goal of 10% increase from last year. We currently stand at 95% in terms of overall collection. However, there are still 50 plus members who have not yet contributed towards this blessed scheme this year. If you have not yet paid Tahrik Jadid Chanda this year, please do so as soon as possible. Jazakallah.

As Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his helper) has advised us to include every Jama'at member in this blessed scheme, members are urged to participate by paying even \$1 if they do not have means to pay more.

About the blessed scheme of Tahrik Jadid, Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) says:

"Remember, Tahrik Jadid is from Allah Ta'ala and that is why it will prosper and all the obstacles in its way will be removed. And if provision for it is not found on earth then the heavens will bless this scheme. Therefore blessed are they who unreservedly participate in this scheme, because their names will live on the history of Islam with respect and honor. These people will have great honor in the court of Almighty Allah because they went through great trials in order to fortify the faith and Allah Himself will safeguard their descendants. And divine light will issue from their hearts and will illuminate the world." (Alfazal vol .15, No. 283)

May Allah Almighty enable each and every one of us to be at the forefront saying Labbaik to the call of the Khalifatul-Masih, Ameen.

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## **August General Meeting & BBQ**

About 70 members—including men, women, and children—attended August general meeting held on Sunday, August 18, 2019. Regional Missionary, Respected Imam Shamshad Ahmad Nasir Sahib also graced the event. Dr. Abdus Salam Malik Sahib who served the Columbus Jama'at as president for 27 years was presented a Life Long Service Award. After the meeting, a sumptuous BBQ was served by our dedicated Ziafat team.





The first monthly Tahajjud, Da'een Class & Breakfast event was held on Sunday, September 8, 2019. 13 members including Ansar, Khuddam, and Lajna attended the event.



True Talk on Islam is held regularly every Saturday at Columbus Metropolitan Library, 3980 S Hamilton Rd, Groveport, Ohio. True Talk on Islam (formerly Coffee Cake and True Islam) is a Tabligh initiative of the USA Jama'at. Columbus Jama'at Amila members attend the event under the leadership of Secretary Tabligh, Kamaldeen Muili Sahib.



Ansar of Columbus Majlis at Ansar National Ijtima held on September 20-22, 2019 at Baitur Rahman Mosque, MD

Atfal of Columbus Jama'at helping out at Ijtima Office at Ansar National Ijtima

A Khuddam Regional Cricket Tournament was held at Baitun Nasir Mosque on September 22, 2019.



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