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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Islāmic teaching regarding the safeguarding of the Holy Qur’ān. Need to demonstrate the excellence of the Holy Qur’ān through our knowledge and deeds.

The Holy Qur’ān guarantees peace and harmony in the world and opposes extremism.

To save the world from the pit of fire, we have to establish a special relationship with God and to obey him and become righteous.

On 11th December 2015, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

In this sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) addressed the objection raised by people of other faiths that the teachings regarding Jihād and other strict commandments contained in the teaching of Islām are responsible for extremism or inclination towards extremism among its adherents. They say that just as people of other religions have modified their teaching in keeping with the demands of the age and the conditions, there is a similar need to adapt the teachings of the Holy Qur’ān.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said these statements prove that the teachings of those religions are no longer the teachings of God and have become the teachings of mortals, because God did not promise to safeguard those teachings, whereas with regard to the Holy Qur’ān He says, “Verily, We Ourselves have sent down this Exhortation, and most surely We will be its Guardian.” Accordingly, he provided the means for its safeguarding. This verse clearly shows that there will be a people who will want to wipe the Holy Qur’ān off the face of the earth, but God will safeguard it by sending a chosen one from heaven.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that Islām teaches peace and harmony, and we need to demonstrate these qualities to the world in the light of the Holy Qur’ān. We have to tell the critics that their claiming, without any knowledge, that the Holy Qur’ān teaches extremism and that this is why its believers become extremists, is rooted in their own ignorance and naivety. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that today it is of vital importance that we show to the world the pristine face of Islām, and it is the work of every Ahmadī to convey this message to people of every level and every disposition.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) cited some verses which demonstrate the beauty of the Holy Qur’ān’s teaching of peace. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says that the Holy Qur’ān contains the clear injunction not to raise arms for spreading the faith and to draw people towards you through your own good example. Do not think that in the

beginning Muslims were commanded to raise arms for the faith, for then the swords were not raised for the spreading the faith but as defence against the enemy or for the establishment of peace. Coercion in the name of religion was never the intent.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that it is the duty of every Ahmadī to gain knowledge of the Holy Qur'ān in order to demonstrate the inherent excellences of Islām and to attract people through our good example. It is through such knowledge and deeds that, as servants of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, we can take part in the safeguarding of the Holy Qur'ān and Islām in this age and telling the world that true peace can only be established through the Holy Qur'ān.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) read out some verses of the Holy Qur'ān with regard to peace and harmony and said that only Islām can guarantee peace in the world, and that it is only the Holy Qur'ān that teaches peace and opposes extremism. The need is to acquire its knowledge and to practice it.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that the correct interpretation of the Holy Qur'ān is important in terms of safeguarding its contextual aspect. Allāh has sent the Promised Messiah عليه السلام in this age and has chosen us for this task by giving us the opportunity to accept him. Thus it is the responsibility of every Ahmadī to spread this beautiful teaching in the world. The world is standing on the edge of a pit of fire, and at such a time it is the duty of all Ahmadīs to save the world from this fire and to work towards peace and harmony. To achieve this purpose it is vital to establish a special relationship with God, to obey him, and to become righteous. Only in this way can we bring about security for our future generations and for the world.

At the end of the sermon Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) informed the Jamā'at of the sad demise of Inayatullah Ahmadī Sahib, retired missionary, and led his funeral prayer after the Jumu'a prayers. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also offered the funeral prayer in absentia of Maulvi Bashir Ahmadī Sahib, dervish, of Qādiān, and of Syda Qanita Begum of Orissa, India.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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