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Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani[as]

MAJLIS-E-SHURA 2016
TABLIGH SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman: **Naseem Mahdi, Naib Amir and Missionary Incharge**
Secretary: **Hasan Hakeem, National Secretary Tabligh**

(Meeting began at 9:00 am, with prayers led by with Imam Naseem Mahdi Sahib, and concluded with silent prayers by at 15:20 pm. A prayer and lunch break was taken from 1:30 to 2:15 pm).

Proposal:
Our Tabligh campaigns (Muslims for Life, Muslims for Peace etc.) have been a huge source of awareness however, in order to gain converts, Jama'at Ahmadiyya USA should develop a long-term plan to attract such Americans who are seeking the truth.

Huzur's[aba] Remarks:

"تجویز یہ ہو گی کہ اس کے لئے شارٹ ٹرم منصوبہ بندی کے ساتھ لانگ ٹرم منصوبہ بندی کی پلاننگ شوریٰ کرے۔"

Huzur[aba] desired that, "Shura should develop a short term plan along with a long term plan to seek converts".

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Above all else, the Subcommittee felt that our success, both in the short, and the long term, will be based on prayers and on our following the instructions and directions of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (ab) in letter and spirit.

SHORT-TERM* STRATEGIES:

a. Local Tabligh Secretary as the steward of Da'een activity should mobilize Jama'at through inspiration, involvement and facilitation/training with the goal of increasing the number of da'een:
    i. Regional Tabligh Conferences to be held quarterly in every region to train and assess progress.

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ii. Local Da'een meeting/training Session to be held monthly in every Jama'at

iii. Keep in mind the following direction of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (ra) with regard to Dae'een: "The job of the Da'i ilallah is to prepare the crops and gardens of Da'wat ilallah. And this does not happen just by a mere piece of advice or a reminder; it needs developing a close attachment with them. Creating a love for this work is an art and upon this the Holy Qur'an has thrown some light, from which we should benefit. Allah gave Hadhrat Ibrahim (peace be on him) the task of giving life to nations and he was told, 'Through you nations will get new life'. Hadhrat Ibrahim (peace be on him) had a very humble character. He said, 'Rabbe arenee kaifa tohyil mautaa', that is, 'O God! I understand that you will give life to nations, but how?' In reply, he was commanded, 'Take four birds and attach them to yourself. Then send them in different directions and then call them, and you will see how they come flying back to you'. This was the example of Hadhrat Ibrahim (peace be on him). So every Missionary, Amir, President and Office-bearer should get hold of some members of their Jama'at, and under 'sorhonna ilaik' (2:261) should attach them to themselves, train them with love and affection, give them a task and spread them in the world. Likewise according to one's capability one should get hold of four, eight or 10 members, train them and employ them. In this way this number should increase." (Friday Sermon, August 28, 1987)

b. Essential to all our success will be developing love for God and love for our fellow human beings. This must be central to all our endeavors.
c. Massive ongoing distribution of Huzur Aqdas' (ab) book entitled "World Crisis and Pathway to Peace."
d. Massive, regular, flyer distribution with definitive time and convenient place identified for a weekly meeting.
e. Deploy social media effectively locally and nationally through establishment of a youth task force.
f. Invite visitors (who attend our events) to our mosque/mission house or any home to ask any questions they may have over a cup of coffee or some other friendly occasion.
g. Proactive and reactive (response to unforeseen events) use of media to enhance the above outreach efforts.

LONG-TERM STRATEGIES:**

a. As instructed by Huzur Aqdas (ab) hold regular Holy Quran Exhibitions and Seminars/Symposiums in nearby small towns.
b. Meet and engage with officials, dignitaries in the small towns and where our Jama'ats exist.
c. Hold events at universities, colleges and libraries.
d. Focus Tabligh efforts around the current pervasive problems affecting our nation and the solutions Islam offers.
e. Identify and establish activities in communities which are much more receptive to our message.
f. Consolidate and index Jama'at Tabligh Resources in an easily accessible repository.

*Short-Term strategies are those that we hope will produce immediate results within a year.
**Long-Term strategies are those that we hope will produce results if carried out consistently over several years.

We propose that a STANDING COMMITTEE may be appointed to prepare a comprehensive long-term plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Naseem Mahdi, Chairman

Hasan Hakeem, Secretary

Members (29)

S/No	Names for Tabligh Sub Committee	Jama'at
1	Azam Akram (Missionary)	Chicago East y
2	Azhar Haneef (Missionary)	y
3	Muhammad Fytahi	y
4	Dr. Ahsan Khan	y
5	Michael Banks	Y Dallas
6	Dr. Amir Malik	y

7	Masroor Sajid	y
8	Christopher Khalid	y
9	Iftikhar Sheikh	y
10	Fazal Kahloon	y
11	Zafar Suraleigh	y
12	Iftikhar Ahmad	Silicon Valley y
13	Bilal Abdus Salam	Philadelphia y
14	Wajahat Ali	Milwaukee y
15	Abdul Lateef Bennett	Baltimore y
16	Taimoor Khan	Silver Spring y
17	Syed Uzair Ahmad	Seattle y
18	Ahmad Mubarak	Queens y
19	Majeed Youngful	Bronx y
20	Moyeenuddin Sirajee	LA East y
21	Hibbi Iqbal	Central VA y
22	Dr. Naseer Mubashar	y
23	Maaz Bajwa	San Diego y
24	Saad Mahmood	Chicago East y
25	Dr. Mahmood Qureshi	Connecticut y
26	Usman Ch	Y
27	Waseem A. Sayed	Y LA East
28	Imam Naseem Mahdi	Y
29	Hassan Hakeem	y

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NATIONAL TARBIYAT DEPARTMENT

2016 USA Jama'at Majlis-e-Shura Recommendations

The Tarbiyat sub-committee deliberated on 4/23/16, from 9:00 AM to 11:20 AM. The meeting began with Tilawat by Imam Salman Tariq Sahib and Du`a led by Chairman Sahib. The proposal was read out loud for the committee members.

Proposal:
"Despite previous efforts, marital disputes continue to surface. Majlis-e-Shura should highlight reasons and develop a comprehensive program to promote the culture of Islamic marital harmony."

Recommendations:
The Subcommittee listed over a dozen reasons which tend to cause marital discord. After deliberating for over two hours, the subcommittee grouped the reasons under the following themes.

Reasons of marital disputes:
1. Negative parental interference in the life of adult married children was unanimously recognized as a common reason by the subcommittee.

2. The committee recognized many attributes – such as humility, tolerance, prayer, and patience – which are revered by Islam but may not be valued as much in our secular environment. This sometimes brings the Islamic roles of a husband and a wife at odds with the culture at large. Concise and referenced educational guidelines from an Islamic point of view are not readily available.

3. When such material is available, it's not typically conveyed and repeated passionately enough on a local level. This exacerbates the prevailing lack of education on this subject.

4. When the culture of Islamic marital harmony is discussed in our Jamaat programs, it's typically done in silos. One gender does not always know what the other thinks or feels.

5. Since its launch, premarital counseling has shown promise. However, while this process is mandated in the UK and Canada, it remains only a recommendation in the US.

Suggested comprehensive program:
1. The National Tarbiyat Department should develop a concise referenced educational guide on the topic of Islamic marital harmony. Sermons of Khalufa-e-Ahmadiyyat on this topic should be made available to Jama`at via different platforms.

2. Presidents and Missionaries should passionately and repeatedly convey Islamic values of a successful marriage in their Friday sermons.

3. The National Tarbiyat Department should develop an interactive presentation for a workshop (to be conducted in the presence of a Jama`at President or Missionary) that allows both genders to learn the art of marital harmony from the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (sa) simultaneously. Personal case studies should be discussed by successful couples to teach and inspire the youth.

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4. Premarital counseling should be mandated in the US.

5. Missionaries should be provided with an opportunity to take courses on the topic of conflict resolution and marital counseling.

No member reserved a right to speak on the floor of Majlis-e-Shura. The meeting concluded with Du`a led by Naib Ameer Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad Sahib.

Respectfully submitted,

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad
Chairman

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Secretary

No.	Members of the Subcommittee	Jama'at
1	Hammad Ahmad (Missionary)	Baitur Rahman
2	Salman Tariq (Missionary)	St. Louis
3	Dr. B.K. Ahmad	Detroit
4	Khurshid Khan	Kentucky
5	Suhail Kausar	Dallas
6	Dr. Nasir Tanoli	Houston South
7	Asim Ansari	LA Inland
8	Zarik Khan	Chicago East
9	Ismail Anani	Chicago SW
10	Hisham Qureshi	Boston
11	Dr. Shahid Ahmad	Brooklyn
12	Nasir Karamat	LA West
13	Bilal Hafeez	Houston North
14	Osman Kwabena	Dallas
15	Sohail Malik	Bay Point
16	Abu Bakr Bin Saeed	Milwaukee
17	Ibrahim Chaudhry	CVA
18	M Bilal Ahmad	Queens
19	Tahir Khan	Silicon Valley
20	Anas Chaudhry	LA East
21	Rashid Reno	Seattle
22	Ahmad Noorudin	Philadelphia
23	Munawar Chaudhry	Miami
24	Shoaib Abulkalam	Queens
25	Sheikh Tahir Mahmood	Kentucky
26	Dr. Anees Mirza	Syracuse
27	Khalid Ahmad	Chicago NW
28	Imran Hayee	Minnesota

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Rishtā Natā (RN) Sub-Committee Report
Majlise Shūrā USA 2016

- Sub -Committee deliberated in the "Old Basement," Baitur Rahman Mosque
- Chairman: Dr. Masoud A. Malik Ṣāḥib, Naib Amīr
- Secretary: Dr. Farooq A. Padder Ṣāḥib, National Secretary Rishtā Natā
- Meeting started at 8:30 AM, April 23rd 2016, and ended at 11:30 AM with Dua
- Tilawat: Imam Zafrullah Hanjra Ṣāḥib
- Dua: Dr. Masoud A. Malik Ṣāḥib

Chairman Ṣāḥib made introductory remarks and read out the proposal:

"Even though a lot of effort has been made, progress remains slow in the department of Rishtā Natā. Majlis-e-Shūrā should explore ways to strengthen the RN department further."

National Secretary Rishtā Natā, Dr. Farooq Padder Ṣāḥib, read out an excerpt from the Promised Messiah's (as) writing about Rishtā Natā within the Jamā'at. National Secretary Ṣāḥib explained the structure and functioning of the department and answered the sub-committee's questions in this regard.

All committee members then shared their thoughts one by one. After discussion, the sub-committee is humbly submitting the following recommendations for approval:

1 **Intensify prayer efforts**
Members felt that difficulties and challenges have persisted. We need to offer special and sincere prayers that Allāh may forgive our shortcomings and help us improve the Rishtā Natā Department and system of matchmaking.

2 **Data Collection**
   a. Demographic data of the Jamā'at to be made more robust.
   Rishtā Nata and Tajneed departments to work together (process development followed by prospective data collection).
   b. Murabbian and local Jamā'at Presidents to send fully completed Nikah forms promptly to the Markaz and this information to be shared with Rishtā Natā Department

3 **Awareness**
   a. Rishtā Natā secretaries/coordinators to be appointed in most Jama'ats (where feasible) to increase awareness of the Rishtā Natā Department, help in its activities and enhance availability for local membership (ongoing)
   b. "Rishtā Natā Awareness Weekend" to be added to the Jamā'at National calendar (Markaz)
   c. Rishtā Natā Process flyers/posters to be made available nationwide for Jama'ats to display
   d. Youth advisory panel to be added to the Department (with help from Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya and Lajna Ima'illah)
   e. Young, contentedly-married individuals to be added to the team to connect with the youth and to act as role models.

4 **Education**

a. Rishtā Natā educational sessions to be held at least once a year in every Jamā'at /Region. In addition, special programs to be held focusing on younger audience (starting from preteen years).
b. Promotional/educational videos to be made available (at least two videos with the help of audio/video department)
c. Utilize Murabbian for ongoing education (preferably a dedicated Murabbi for the Department)
d. Topics to be addressed include: importance of marriage, Rishtā Natā Process, benefits of pre-marital and post-marital counseling, early marriage, inter-racial marriage, debunking myths about Rishtā Natā Department, etc.

5 **IT/Website Improvement**

Enhance Rishtā Natā website by utilizing new technological tools and explore the possibility of incorporating behavioral science concepts.

Humbly submitted,

Masoud A. Malik

Chairman:
Dr. Masoud A. Malik (Naib Amir)

Secretary:
Dr. Farooq A. Padder (National Secretary)

No.	Names for Rishtā Natā Sub- Committee	Jamā'at
1	Hamid Nasir Malik (Missionary)	
2	Zafrullah Hanjra (Missionary)	
3	Faran Rabbani (Missionary)	
4	Atif Ijaz	Zion
5	Faheem Aḥmad	LA Inland
6	Waseem Nisar	Chicago SW
7	Asim Aḥmad	Dallas
8	Sohail Khan	Zion
9	Dawood Munir	Houston
10	Dr. Mansoor Qureshi	Detroit
11	Muzaffar Siddiqi	LA East
12	Atif Mian	Willingboro
13	Dr. Muhammad Arshad	Dayton
14	Munawar Khan	Chicago NW
15	Nazir Ayaz	Queens
16	Qamar Zafar	Austin
18	Ghayur Mannan	Georgia/SC
19	Shamsul Hadi	Houston N
20	Faysal Sohail	Silicon Valley
21	Iftikhar Naghmi	Austin
22	Muhammad Antiwi	Fort Worth
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24	Jalal Latif	Fitchburg
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GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposal:
While there is a taboo associated with hard drugs, alcohol and marijuana are gaining wider social acceptance. Majlis-e-Shura should develop ways and means so our children know how strongly these intoxicants are prohibited in Islam.

Meeting began at 8:45 am and concluded at 10:40 am, with Tilawat by Kaleem Uddin Sahib and prayers with Imam Mubashar Sahib, and concluded with silent prayers by Wasim Malik Sahib; additional session took place from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

CONTEXT

Alcohol and marijuana use (and other forms of tobacco use, such as smoking hookah, e-cigarettes, and vapors) has seen wider acceptance among some of our own youth (male and female). A recent study shows that 37% of 12th graders and 11% of 8th graders have used marijuana. 55% of teenagers believe there is no harm in marijuana use.

FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION
The Subcommittee believes that an effective approach to tackling the problem is to develop concrete measures of implementation based on a two-prong approach: **Prevention** (to educate our Jama'at members to avoid such addictive behavior) and **Intervention** (to help any Jama'at members already struggling with such addictive behavior).

Each of the proposed measures for implementation should be grounded in the direct guidance of Huzoore Aqdas (aba) from his Friday Sermons. Specifically, Huzoor (aba)'s Friday Sermon of January 17, 2014 should form the basis for all implementation measures. In this sermon, Huzoor (aba) discusses the problem of drug use (specifically hookah use) and talks about three specific prescriptions for reform: strength of knowledge; strength of faith and resolve; and strength of institutions (i.e., the capacity to implement corrective measures).

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Subcommittee recommends the following seven (7) measures to address the issue:

Prevention & Education

1. Make wider use of existing presentations and materials by Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya that focus on hard/soft drug use and alcohol abuse and confirm that parents have discussed their content with their children
2. Friday sermons by Missionaries/Presidents should discuss this subject regularly (at least once every 3 months)
3. Hold a train-the-trainer presentation with Jama'at officeholders/missionaries to educate them about the core issue and approach

Intervention & Treatment

4. Strengthen focus on improving congregational salat at local mosques (the Subcommittee believes the root cause for heading down a slippery slope is insufficient attention to congregational salat)
5. Organize and sustain, at the very least, monthly social activities with Ahmadi youth (this includes such activities as group outings, sports, sharing meals, playing indoor games, etc.) that foster an environment of brotherhood and sisterhood and reduces the stigma of individuals being singled out and embarrassed. The Subcommittee suggests that additional funds, if needed, for such activities be made available to local Jama'ats
6. Strengthen Khuddam and Lajna (15-25) mentoring programs to improve and strengthen relationships. Company of righteous (*Sohbate Suale'heen*) individuals be promoted
7. Parents be encouraged to have active and transparent conversations with their children in their homes about alcohol and hard/soft drug use and their ill effects

Humbly submitted,

Wasim Malik

Wasim Malik, Chairman

Amjad Mahmood Khan, Secretary

General Subcommittee Members:
Mubashar Ahmad (Missionary), Salman Sheikh (Missionary), Muhammed Ahmad Chaudhry (Silicon Valley), Bilal Rana (Houston), Nasir Bukhari (Detroit), Mir Omer Ahmed (North Jersey), Hamid Malik (Oshkosh), Zakaria Sayed (LA East), Harris Ahmed (LA Inland Empire), Ayaz ul Haque (Silicon Valley), Abdul Naseer MK (Austin), Waqas Asghar (Willingboro), Salman Ahmad (Portland), Kaleem Uddin (South Virginia), Zeeshan Hamid (Long Island), Iftekhar Ahmad (Chicago NW), Mansoor Tahir (Georgia), Abdul Kareem (Chicago E), Rafiq Sadiq (St. Louis), Manar Ahmad (LA West), Rahim Latif (Central Jersey), Atif Zeeshan (Laurel), Bashir Malik (North Virginia), Lamin Sanyang (Silver Spring), Abdul Qudoos Shahid (Dayton), Irfan Alladin (Long Island)