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May, 97 Meeting

Assalamu alaikum, You, together with your family and friends, are cordially invited to take part in our next meeting.

Venue: *Dar-us-Salaam*

Date: **Sunday, 4 May 97**

Time: 3 p.m.

Subject: Your questions answered

Please remember meetings of the Jamaat are held on the first Sunday of each

AGM & Elections

The Annual General Meeting and elections will take place on 1st June 1997.

Nominations are required for the position of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the jamaat as well as 6 members of the Executive Committee.

Please send your nominations, signed by the proposer and the seconder, to:-

Mrs J Khan

79 Grand Drive, London SW20 9DW.

Closing date:- Monday 12th of May 1997.

month. The next meeting is on June 1, 1997.

Our New Amir Hazrat Dr Asghar Hameed

On 13th December 1996 the General Council (Majlis-i Mautamuddin) of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam unanimously elected *Hazrat Dr Asghar Hameed* as the new Amir of the World-wide organisation.

Hazrat Dr. Asghar Hameed started his career as a Mathematician. He gained a B.A. with honours in Mathematics from Government College Lahore. He then proceeded with his Masters in the same subject. After completing his studies, he took up a position as a lecturer in Mathematics at the Engineering College at Lahore. The college subsequently became the first engineering university in Pakistan. The Government of Pakistan awarded him a scholarship to read Mathematics at the Edinburgh University in the U.K. Having attained his doctorate in Mathematics from Edinburgh, he returned to his duties at the

engineering university. After retirement in 1979, *Hazrat Dr Asghar Hameed* moved to Dar-us-Salaam colony in Lahore. On retirement, the Engineering University presented him with a commendation and keys to the university in recognition of his services.

After moving to Dar-us-Salaam he devoted himself to the work of the jamaat. For a long period, he delivered the *Jumma khutbas* in the mosque at Dar-us-Salaam on the instructions of *Hazrat Dr. Saeed Ahmad Khan sahib*, our late amir. The series delivered under the heading "Glorious Reforms by the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement" was also published in the *Paigham-i Sulah*. He has also translated into English various writings of the Promised Messiah; his translation of *Kitab al Birriyah* is worthy of special note. In order to ensure the uniformity of such translations and to help future translators, he has prepared a lexicon of difficult words, phrases and terminology used by the Promised Messiah in his writings.

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Over a period of six years, he also delivered the *dars* (explanation) of the whole of the Holy Quran at the mosque in Dar-us-salaam. During this time he also compiled a list of errors in translation and the commentary of the Holy Quran. *Hazrat* Dr Asghar Hameed has also prepared an abridged edition of *Hazrat* Maulana Muhammad Ali's renowned book *The Religion of Islam*. Currently, he is going through the proofs of this edition.

In 1974 C.E., *Hazrat* Dr Asghar Hameed's house was attacked and his belongings destroyed by the anti-Ahmadi elements at the university. Last year, his young son Dr Asif Hameed and his wife passed away one after the other. *Hazrat* Dr sahib bore these trials with patience and fortitude. Despite these difficulties, he has continued to work tirelessly for the movement. The most notable example of his character is that, at a time when people hanker after worldly titles and positions, initially, he refused to accept the position of the *amir* of the jamaat. He felt that he was unworthy of such great honour and responsibility. It was only after members of the jamaat persisted that he relented and accepted to become the *amir*.

On Friday, 28th of February 1997 C.E., the Ahmadiyya Conference was convened after the *Jumma* prayers, to discuss the General Council's proposal to appoint *Hazrat* Dr Asghar Hameed as the next *amir*. Prof. Aziz Ahmad read out written submissions from the absentees. Mian Umar Farooq, the Senior Vice President who was presiding over the meeting, then put the General Council's proposal regarding the election to the Conference for ratification.

The Conference unanimously approved the General Council's decision to elect *Hazrat* Dr Asghar Hameed as the new *amir*.

The Holy Quran

"If men and jinn should combine together to produce the like of this Quran, they could not produce the like of it, though some of them were helpers of others." (17:88)

"Or, do they say, he has forged it. Say, then bring together ten forged chapters like it, and call upon whom you can beside Allah, if you are truthful." (11:13)

"Or, do they say, he has forged it. Say, then bring a chapter like it, and invite whom you can beside Allah if you are truthful." (10:38)

"And if you are in doubt as to that which We have revealed to Our servant, then produce a chapter like it, and call on your helpers besides Allah, if you are truthful. But . . . never shall you be able to do it." (2:23-24)

"Surely this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a great reward." (17:9)

"This book, there is no doubt in it, is a guide to those who guard against evil." (2:2)

"The month of Ramadan is that in which the Quran was revealed, a guidance to men and clear proofs of guidance." (2:185)

"Say : It is to those who believe a guidance and a healing." (41:44)

"O man! consider the Quran, full of wisdom." (36:1-2)

"Consider the Book that makes manifest. We have made it an Arabic Quran that you may understand. And it is

the original of the Book with Us, truly elevated, full of wisdom." (43:2-4)

"These are the verses of the Book full of wisdom." (10:1)

"This do We recite to you of the communications and the Reminder full of wisdom." (3:57)

"And it is naught but a source of eminence to the nations." (58:52)

"Nay! surely it is a source of eminence - so let him who pleases mind it - in honoured books, exalted, purified. In the hand of scribes, noble, virtuous." (80: 11-15)

"Consider the Quran, possessing eminence." (38:1)

"Certainly We have revealed to you a book in which is your eminence." (21:10)

"It is not a narration which could be forged but a verification of what is before it and a distinct explanation of all things and a guide and a mercy to a people who believe." (12:111)

"And that which We have revealed to you of the Book, that is the truth, verifying that which is before it." (35:31)

"And this is a book We have revealed, verifying that which is with you." (2:41)

"And when there came to them a book verifying that which they have" (2:89)

"And this is truly a revelation from the Lord of the worlds . . . And the same is indeed in the scriptures of the ancients. Is it not a sign to them that the learned men of the Israelites know it." (26:192, 196-197)

"And We have not revealed to you the Book except that you may make clear to them that about which they differ, and as a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe." (16:64)