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Murabbi Bashir Shad Sahib (Maryland)

(Submitted by Mansoor Shams, MD Majlis)



My maternal grandfather, Bashir Shad Sahib was born in Jhang on 13th December 1930 at the house of Mian Muhammad Alam Sahib. He got enrolled in Ahmadiyya Madrasa after passing middle school in 1945. He passed Fazil Arabic exam in 1952 and got fifth position in the university.

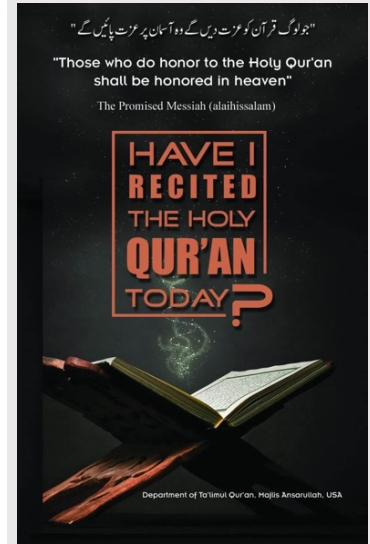
Mukarram Bashir Shad Sahib obtained the degree of Shahid from JamiatulMubashirin Rabwah in 1954 and also passed the matriculation examination. He worked in Wakalate Tabshir Office from 1956 to 1957. He was then sent to Sierra Leone in February 1958. He arrived in Freetown in February 1958 by ship. He served as the Missionary In-charge at BO, which were the community headquarters. Mukarram Alhaj Qasim Sahib donated a Press as a gift to the Jamaat. Shad Sahib had received some training from Nusrat Jahan Press in Rabwah.



He employed two local youths and through them ran the Ahmadiyya Press and published two issues of the 15-day newspaper Crescent. Four months later he was posted to Nigeria. It was in 1958 that he was sent to the northern Nigerian city of Kano, where his preaching efforts enabled the Hausa people to enter the Ahmadiyya fold for the first time. The acceptance of Ahmadiyyat by Hausa friends is also mentioned by English author

HUMPHERY J FISHER in his book Ahmadiyya: A Study in Contemporary Islam on the West African Coast.

After three years, he went to Pakistan on leave and was appointed in Wakalate Tabsheer office. In September 1964, he was sent to Nigeria, Abadan, Nigeria's largest city. In 1967, at the behest of the missionary in charge, he went on a missionary tour of Benin with two local preachers and a young Benin man, Alhaj Sakiruda Oda, who had pledged allegiance while



on duty in Nigeria. Four local people swore allegiance and entered the Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

In this way he had the privilege of planting Ahmadiyyat in a new country. In 1970, when Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) was staying in Nigeria during his visit to Africa, the final program of departure from Kano city was canceled due to bad weather conditions. Mukarram Shad Sahib stated to Huzoor that we had promised to ourselves to present a gift of 100 new Ahmadi converts whenever Huzoor will bless Kano with his presence. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III expressed his gratitude and prayed for them and gifted Shad sahib his blessed turban. In the mid-1970's he was called back to Markaz. He returned with his family via Cairo and Saudi Arabia. During this journey, he also got the blessed chance to perform Umrah. After three months of leave, he was posted at Sumundri.

In 1974, he was sent to Lahore as missionary incharge. This was the day when the incident of Rabwah Station took place. Then in 1974 he was called to the center where he got the opportunity to serve as Zaim Ansarullah Rabwah. During the same period, he had the opportunity to work with Mukarram Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad Sahib as Muhtamim Ishaat Markazia. When Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III (may Allah have mercy on him) passed away, he was a member of Khilafat Committee at the time of election of Khilafah IV. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV posted him as Secretary Majlis Karpardaz Bahishti Maqbara in 1983. On Thursday, April 26, 1984, Zia-ul-Haq issued a notorious ordinance against the Jamaat in which adhan and prayers were also declared a crime. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy on him) in his presence, in the most dangerous situation before his migration, instructed Muhammad Bashir Shad Sahib to give Friday sermon and lead Friday prayers in the mosque.

In 1988, due to his personal circumstances, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV granted him the permission to retire with all privileges and to move to the United States with the children. He had the opportunity to volunteer to teach the Holy Quran and other matters related to religious education to children for six years at the Bait-ur-Rehman Central Mosque in the United States. He kept on conveying the message of Ahmadiyyat to the prisoners in the detention center as a result of which fifty individuals entered the fold of Ahmadiyyat.

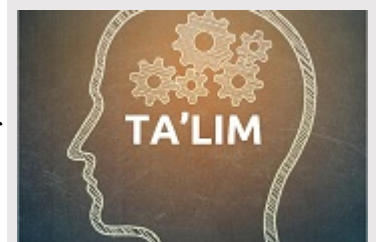
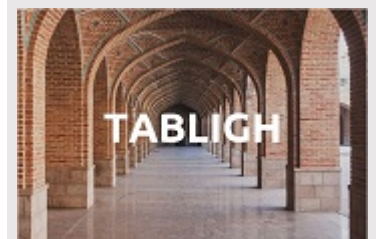
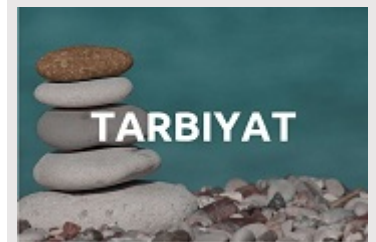
Murabee Bashir Shad Sahib passed away on March 1st, 2022. May Allah grant him a high place in paradise (Ameen).

Imtiaz Ahmad Chaudary (North Jersey)

(Submitted by: Naseer Alam, Zaim North Jersey Majlis)

Imtiaz Ahmed Chaudary Sahib, of North Jersey Jamaat, passed away on February 17, 2022 due to complications of heart failure. He was 78 years old.

He was born in Ghakhar Mandi, Pakistan and arrived in the United States in



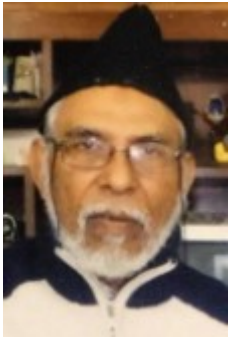


1980. He was the son of Chaudhry Sultan Ali and Sharifan Begum. He was the brother of Fazilat Begum Chaudhry of North Jersey Jamaat, Chaudhry Ijaz Ahmad of Model Town Lahore Jamaat, Dr. Chaudhry Riaz Ahmad of North Jersey Jamaat and Chaudhry Nasir Ahmad of North Jersey Jamaat.

Imtiaz Chaudary Sahib studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore. He was very hard working and cared for his family. He is survived by his wife, Azra Mansoor, his two sons, daughter and two grandsons. May Allah grant him a high place in paradise (Ameen).

Muzaffar Qureshi Sahib (Central Jersey)

(Submitted By: Usama Qureshi, Central Jersey Majlis)



Muzaffar Ahmad Qureshi, was born in Bareilly, India to Qureshi Qamar Ahmed Bareilvi (Late) and Aqila Khatoon (Late) in 1946. He immigrated to Model Town Lahore, Pakistan, soon after partition. He had three siblings one brother, and 2 sisters. In 1978, he married Nargis Qureshi, and they were blessed with seven children. He lived most of his time in Lahore serving the Jamaat. After retiring he immigrated to the United States in 2014 to Tucson, Arizona, and moved to New Jersey in 2017 with his son, Usama Qureshi and his family. He passed away peacefully on October 7, 2021 in his home at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife, seven children and their spouses, one sister, and 11 grandchildren, MashAllah.

He was a very kind, loving, caring, and hospitable person. He served the Jama'at in various capacities for many years in Pakistan. He served as the Naib Qaid Model Town, and helped them achieve the Alam-a-Inami. For many years he was in charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Graveyard - Model Town Lahore. He also served as a Zaim Ansarullah for over 3 years. He also served as a Waqf-e-Nau Secretary. He never missed an opportunity to volunteer his time in Jamaat activities as long as his health allowed. He worked with his father to establish the first Namaz center at their residence for the local community in Model Town Lahore, before the establishment of the masjid Bait-ul-Noor.

May Allah rest his soul in peace, may he be given him a lofty place in heaven, and grant solace to the bereaved family (Ameen).



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