In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

# 25<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana New Zealand 1-3 November 2013

# Information Booklet



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# **Objectives:**

The Purpose and Blessings of Jalsa Salana

In the blessed words of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>

### AIM OF THE GATHERING

"The major aim of the gathering is that the sincere members of the Jama'at should be able to derive religious benefits and at the same time they should acquire more knowledge and advance in their God realization. One advantage is that meeting their friends will broaden their circle of brotherhood and it will strengthen the mutual ties." (Asmani Faisla)

# **Not an Ordinary Gathering**

"It is essential that all those who are able to afford to travel should attend the Jalsa which is in so many ways a source of blessings. They should not mind minor losses in this way. God gives ample reward to sincere believers at every step and no hardship or trouble goes to waste (it is definitely rewarded by God). I should like to repeat that this Jalsa must not be treated like other ordinary gatherings. This is an affair that has been based on the succour of God." (*Ishtihar 7 Dec 1891*)

# **PRAYER**

"I pray to God that He may be with all those who are coming to attend the Jalsa and that He may grant them great rewards and He may show mercy and His grace. O God! O You Who are the Greatest Granter, the Benevolent and Merciful, and the Remover of hardships, do listen to all these prayers of mine and grant us victory over our opponents, with great glaring signs, for, You have the power to do whatever You like. Ameen! (*Ishtihar 7 Dec 1891*).

# **Hospitality Period:**

26<sup>th</sup> October to 7th November 2013.

# **Registration Office:**

Masjid Baitul Muqeet, 20 Dalgety Drive, Manukau **Phone** +64 9 267 0570 Fax: +64 9 267 0577

# **Commencement of Registration:**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Baitul Muqeet.

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### **General Information**

#### Invitation

Ahmadis from other countries may also attend the Jalsa Salana New Zealand 2013 provided they bring a "Letter of Invitation" issued by New Zealand Jama'at with the attestation from their National Amir/President.

Non-Ahmadi friends may also be invited to attend the Jalsa Salana. However, it is very important that to obtain 'Invitation Card' in their name from the Nazim Invitations, so as to avoid any inconvenience at the time of entry.

## **Hospitality Period**

The New Zealand Jamaat will be the host for a period of starting from 26th October to 7th November 2013. Langar Khana will be running during the hospitality period to provide food to Jalsa Salana attendees.

# **Registration cards**

# Admission to the Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention)

The entry to Jalsa will be strictly on the basis of Registration Photo ID cards. Participants are requested to obtain their Registration cards from the Registration Offices.

#### New Zealand Members.

All New Zealand members should use their PHOTO ID CARDS to gain entry into Jalsa Site. Any member who does not have such card should contact their Halqa Sadr/Branch Sadr and obtain PHOTO ID CARD.

The Registration Cards will only be issued to those members who are on New Zealand Tajneed list (available from your Halqa Sadr/Branch Sadr).

Any New Zealand Member arriving at Jalsa Site without a Registration Card will be required to complete a New Zealand Tajneed Form, and obtain attestation from their Halqa Sadr/Branch Sadr, which may cause inconvenience on the day. A replacement card will cost \$5.00.

#### **Overseas Guests**

Overseas Guests are requested to report immediately to the Registration Office on arrival in New Zealand to obtain their Registration cards. The Registration Office will remain open from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. Please bring Passport and the Letter of Invitation attested by the Amir / President of the country as a proof of identification.

Registration Passes / ID Cards must be displayed at all times during the Jalsa Salana.

## Reception

## Reception on Arrival in the New Zealand.

Auckland has one main Airport; Distance from Baitul Muquet is 11.4km. It takes 18 minutes drive to the venue.

Please inform Office Jalsa Salana about the date of arrival, flight number and other relevant information well in advance if it is difficult for you to make your way to the mosque.

### Transport to and from the Auckland Airport.

FREE CONVEYANCE will be provided to all guests arriving from abroad at Auckland Airport to Jalsa site during the hospitality period.

The members are advised to confirm return bookings before departing from their home country.

For the information of the local travel agents please contact information office.

Within the hospitality period if transport is required for return journey, please contact the transport Desk/Jalsa Salana Officer in advance.

Guests staying with relatives/ friends should make their own transport arrangements.

#### The salient features are as follows:

- In case, members use their own cars, they would be allowed to park their cars at Homai Train station, or any designated parking. No Parking will be available inside the Masjid Baitul Muqeet except for the external guests or special pass issued by Afsar Jalsa Salana..
- The members are advised to apply for parking permit well in advance. All applications should be addressed to Afsar Jalsa Salana and come through their local Presidents/Halqa Sadr. Please provide the following information.. (1) Name and Tajneed Code No. (2) Car Registration No. (3) Disability proof.

#### **Accommodation**

It is humbly requested to the overseas guests to make their own arrangements for accommodation at hotels, guest houses or with friends and relatives as there is no accommodation available as such at Baitul Muqeet.

### Staying on Jama'at's arrangments.

Guests who travel from abroad and are unable to make their own accommodation arrangements should inform the Jama'at New Zealand well in advance so that they may be accommodated with Jama'at owned houses.

#### **Private Tents**

There is no facility to pitch tents at Mosque premises.

#### Hotels

A list of hotels around Baitul Miquet with telephone numbers appears in this guide.

Guests wishing to stay in a hotel are advised to arrange their bookings well in advance by contacting the hotel directly. The New Zealand Jama'at is unable to reserve hotel rooms on behalf of any individual member.

#### Meals

Lunch, Dinner and Tea will be provided from the Langar Khana to all attendees of Jalsa salana.

Breakfast will also be provided to the members and guests present on the site at the time.

#### **Food Stalls**

Snacks and other food items can also be purchased at food stalls situated within Baitul Muqeet. The stalls will remain closed during the Jalsa proceedings and Prayer times.

#### Milk for Babies

Milk for Infants will be provided if required, under the supervision of Sadr Lajna New Zealand.

#### Other Information

#### First Aid / Medical Facilities

If hospital care is needed the guests will be required to pay the charges to hospital directly. For any medical aid or requirement contact Nazim Health and Safety.

It should be noted that the medical treatment is very expensive in the New Zealand. Members from overseas are strongly advised to ensure they have adequate medical insurance coverage during their stay in the New Zealand.

A written prescription is needed from a Registered New Zealand doctor before medicines can be bought in the New Zealand. If you are likely to require medicines in the New Zealand you are advised to bring a certificate from your own doctor indicating the nature of your illness and the medicines you are regularly taking. This information will be needed by the doctor before he will be able to help you in obtaining medicines.

# **Lost & Found Property**

If you find or lose money or any valuables please report to the Jalsa Salana Office

# **Nearest Railway Station.**

Nearest Railway Station to Baitul Muqeet (5 minutes walk) is Homai from where you can take trains to almost all destinations.

#### Taxi Services.

Telephone numbers for local taxis are available at reception desk. (Auckland Taxi- 0800 829 466)

### Lost Luggage

The guests are advised to take good care of their luggage and possessions during their travel. In case of any loss, proper claims on the prescribed forms should be filed with the Airline before leaving the custom baggage hall. A copy of the Claim Form must be kept safely for subsequent reference. Moreover, valuables including Passports, Jewellery, Watches and Cash should not be left unattended at any time while staying in Marqees or anywhere else. The NZ Jama'at will not accept any responsibility for any loss whatsoever.

#### Litter

Please help us in keeping Baitul Muqeet tidy. Litter bins will be placed at various places. Please make use of these bins and do not throw rubbish on the ground.

## **Stall Closing Times**

Food & Snack stalls and Book stalls as well as food distribution marquees will remain closed during Jalsa programmes & Prayer times.

# Respect for Neighbours.

Please: (I) Respect our neighbours (ii) Do not disturb them by making noise. (iii) Do not trespass on their property.

#### **List of Hotels**

# 1. Allenby Park Hotel (rates per night from NZD 74)

477 Great South Road, Papatoetoe, Manukau, Manukau, Auckland, New Zealand
Ph# 0064 9-277 7320

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- 2. **Proximity Apartments** (rates per night from **NZD 117**) 17 Amersham Way, Manukau, Manukau, Auckland, New Zealand Ph# 0064 9-263 5450
- 3. **Manukau TOP 10 Holiday Park** (rates per night from **NZD 74**) 902 Great South Road Manukau, Manukau, Auckland, New Zealand 2104 Ph# 0064 9-266 8016