

LESSON 1: Establishment of Lajna Ima'illah

- GOALS:** - to gain a brief knowledge of the history of Lajna auxiliary
 -to understand the purpose of Lajna Ima'illah
 -to learn the pledge and to understand on which occasions it is recited.

The format for approx. 30-40 min session.

TIME	ACTIVITY	SUGGESTIONS	RESOURCES
5 min	Icebreaker. Use this time to check in with the convert, see how things are going, address any concerns.	A strong connection is key to a successful relationship with the convert. Ask about: -school/university -children/family -remember points previously discussed -remind about any upcoming events	
10-15 min	Show the convert the Lajna pledge. Demonstrate how the pledge is recited in Arabic and with English translation.	*It can be pointed out that each auxiliary has their own pledge which differs from the other.	See page 2
15-20 min	Talk about the history of Lajna auxiliary.	Cover the key topics, when it was created, by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, and its main purpose. Take the opportunity to introduce Lajna Chanda and explain that their money goes toward Lajna Ima'illah and funding our events.	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lajna_Ima'illah The Constitution of the Lajna Imaillah http://www.reviewofreligions.org/275/the-establishment-of-lajna-ima'illah-and-the-sacrifices-of-early-Ahmadi-Muslim-women/ *PLEASE NOTE: This article is not to be read by the Nau Mubai'at, it needs to be read by the local secretary and explained in a manner that is simple and easy to understand.
5 mins	Show the Lajna Flag. Explain its background and significance.		See page 3

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LAJNA IMA'ILLAH PLEDGE

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship
except Allah,
the One, without any partner,
and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant
and His Messenger.

I affirm that I shall always be ready to
sacrifice my life, property, time and children for the
cause of Faith and the nation;

I shall always adhere to truth and shall always be
prepared to make every sacrifice
for the perpetuation of the Ahmadiyya Khilafat.

Insha 'Allah

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Lajna Flag History

During the [annual gathering](#) of the community in December 1939, after hoisting the [Ahmadiyya flag](#) and the [Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya](#) Flag, [Khalifatul Masih II](#) arrived in the Ladies section of the gathering and while reciting the prayer *O our Lord, accept this from us for you are surely All-Hearing, All-Knowing*, hoisted the flag which would represent the women of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at (community). The flagpole was 35 feet high and the flag was $3 \frac{3}{4}$ meters in length and $2 \frac{1}{4}$ meters in width. In addition to the graphics of the Ahmadiyya flag, it had three date trees with a stream flowing underneath them. The flag was made of satin and its design was stitched with a machine using different colour silk threads. The ladies were so enthusiastic on that day that they began shouting religious slogans freely. The slogans were initiated by a teacher named Memoona Sahiba. The wives of the Khalifa as well as the ladies belonging to the family of [Mirza Ghulam Ahmad](#) were gathered around him, including his mother and widow of Ghulam Ahmad, [Sayyeda Nusrat Jahan Begum](#).

During the [Partition of India](#), the original flag was transported from Qadian, India to Rabwah, Pakistan, the new headquarters of the community, however, it was misplaced during its transportation. Upon investigation, it had been revealed that back in 1949 it was left behind in the train that was arriving from Lahore to Rabwah, and that it remained unconfirmed whether any attempt had been made to recreate it since. Despite all efforts to do so it was never recovered. In 1998, Amtul Quddus Sahiba, a former President of Lajna Pakistan, wrote to [Khalifatul Masih IV](#) seeking permission recreate the flag since detailed descriptions of the flag's design and dimensions were recorded and verifiable. Thus, it was recreated once again in 1999, with the permission of Khalfatul Masih who responded saying "Alright, recreate this flag once more". These instructions were carried out in the same year of 1999 and the Lajna Flag was recreated by Khursheed Anjum Sahiba. Also during the same year, this flag was

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hoisted at the Annual Lajna Ima'illah Pakistan Sports Tournament and continues to be used at Lajna functions all over the world.^[6]