**REPORT OF CELEBRATION FOR THE WIHW YEAR 2016**

**Including the efforts made to prepare people to be ready to share in WIHW celebration of 2016**

Since his return from Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan after receiving first prize of World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) of United Nations sponsored and bestowed by His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al-Husain the Great of Jordan on April 21, 2015,

Universal Interfaith Peace Mission`s Chairman Dr Allama AGR Chishti did not waste a single moment in continuing his mission of spreading the message of interfaith harmony in every nook and corner of Pakistan with renewed interest.

UIPM after welcoming the receiving of award at a sermon at Jame Masjid Mai Slaeem Akhtar, New Sohan Islamabad on May 8, 2015 where the area residents expressed their vote of thanks for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for conferring the award on a Pakistani organization. The chain of events did not stop here, on 26 May, 2016 a Thanksgiving Conference was organized by UIPM at Islamabad Hotel where Hon`ble Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Pervez Rasheed presided over the meeting and Excellency Mr Nawaf Khalifa Saraireh Ambassador of Royal Embassy of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was the Chief Guest.

In June Allama AGR Chishti besides apprising the Roze TV employees about World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) of United Nations award bestowed by His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan, invited them to participate in it.

On 10th of June Dr Chishti participated in the National Day Celebration of Hashemite Kingdom od JordanHeld at Marriott Hotel Islamabad Mr Pervez Rashed Federal Minister was the chief Guest National and international media was present in the occasion Dr Chishti put on the Gold Medal bestoed on him by the HM King of Jordan and display it to attact the attention of the Ambassadors of the world and there was a show like the American,African, Asian and Middle East Ambassadors mety Dr Chishti asking him about the Gold and thus he got Chance to explain each of them about the WIHW and Common word Movement.

On September 9, 2015 an Interfaith Harmony seminar was organised at a church in Sargodha. Pastor Dr Azeem presided over the ceremony. Allama AGR Chishti shed light on World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) of United Nations award and apprised the audience about *the* procedure and also inviting them to compete.

On September 21, 2015 International Day of Peace was celebrated by UIPM where Federal Minister for Housing and Works Mr Akram Khan Durrani was the Chief Guest. The story of WIHW was told the audience by Dr Chishti saying there can be no peace without peace among the various religions.

On October 13, 2015 an `Interfaith Peace Conference' was organised by Universal Interfaith Peace Mission to mark the Eighth Anniversary of A Common Word Initiative where Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Sardar Muhammad Yousaf was the chief guest.

Allama AGR Chishti attended United Religions Initiative National Conference at Pace Centre Lahore On 27th November2015, where he apprised the audience about the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) of United Nations award and invited them to compete in it.

On 28 November 2015 United Religions Initiative URI National Conference as held at Peace Centre Lahore in which about 40 Cooperation Circles of URI established in Pakistan participated Dr Chishti as a Coordinator participated and told the story of WIHW award winning and invited people to organize event next year and participate in contest.

On 22 December 2015 A Seminar on Meelad un Nabiyain the birth anniversary of the two Prophets of Allah Hazrat Muhamme

Hazrat Isa Al- Maieh (PBUThem) as the date of the both has naturally has come coincided in 2015, was held under Moden Islamic Studies

**SPECIAL REPORT OF**

**A Chain Of Programs Registered For The Contest 1-7 February 2016 starting From 24 January to14 February 2016**

In November 2015, Allama AGR Chishti received a message from Amman, Jordan that people should register their programmes for the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) of United Nations 2016 and as per competition rules, this message was forwarded to around 500 people and organisations though email. According to the instructions from the Respected Royal Team Members for WIHW Celebration immediately a meeting was called and resolved to celebrate WIHW 2016 with full pump and show, from 1-7 February. This was announced in electronic and print media and registered on the Official Web of WIHW as well as a letter of Support was submitted accordingly.

During the month of December 2015, on his Roz TV programs, Allama AGR Chishti apprised his audience about the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) of United Nations 2016. Beside that an FM Radio program was attended by Dr Chishti namely Suno Pakistan though which the Message of WIHW went to all big cities of Pakistan from Karachi to Khyberand Kashmir.

Keeping up its tradition alive of celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week , UIPM`s affiliate Organisation` Modern Islamic Study Centre`,(MISC) an Affiliate organisation which organised an array of events in different parts of the country in February 2016. *Although the programs were initially announced from February 1-7 2016, but when we learnt from the Royal Team of WIHW Celebration 2016, the Hashemite Kingdom very kindly and in the best interest of interreligious peace has assented extension of time for the celebration from 24 January to 5 March 2016, all events from initially registered organizations and individuals for Prize Contest would be considered as WIHW of UN Celebration 2016. We immediately decided to take rug to the bull and planned to organize programs throughout the allowed period. Therefore we organized the First program with partnership of a Jewish Christian Group in Pakistan called` `Messianic Congregation Pakistan` on 24 January2016.*

The program was attended by Muslim, Christian, Hindu and Baha`Is faiths, proceedings were allowed by the Rt Rev Bishop of the JC to commence with recitation from Quran and Bible, and following that Horn of Aal-e- Yaqub (AS) was sounded and and Dr Chishti was introduced to the audience and he explained the purpose of the WIHW celebration that was appreciated.

On January 29, 2016 in his Weekly Show Rose Roshan A `Roz TV Special programme` was conducted by Allama AGR Chishti on World Interfaith Harmony Week WIHW in which a great Sufi figure of Asia Sub- Continent Indo-Pak Hazrat Pir Syed Sarwar Chishti Guardian of Mausoleum of Hazrat Khaja Moeen –u- Deen Chisht (RH) Ajmir Shrif India was interviewed and during that Dr Chishti Anchor of Religious Affairs of Roze TV shed light on the prime purpose of the UN for setting a side WIHW as annual official event every year from 1-7 February as well as Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan’s efforts for interfaith harmony besides apprising the audience the procedure of this contest asked from Pir Sahib as what Sufism says about interfaith harmony.

Pir Syed Sarwar Chishti said that the interfaith harmony is the actual way of Sufism all the saints of Islam used the interfaith program to spread love and peace among people of defferent backgrouds , so it is duty of every Muslim to adopt this program to make Islam popular.

On 30 January 2016 Dr Allama AGR Chishti held a reception in honour of Federal Minister for Housing and Works Akram Khan Durrani belongs to Jamiat-ul-Ulema Islam Maulana Fazlu-r-Reham Group besides meeting Federal Minister for Religious

 Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Sardar Mohammad Yousaf and apprised them about World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) of United Nations 2016 celebration as well as discussed with them about the mindset change of grassroots level Ulems of Islam serving the community.

On 31 Jauary 2016 Fr James Channan URI Coodinator for Asia gave dinner in honour of Dr Chishti to congragulate him for his receiving the First Award of WIHW 2015, the Dinner was attended by Ms Tasneem Youth Traner of URI, Syed Hasnain Gilani Coordinator URI

Multi CC Islamabad and Ms Malik Coordinator of Islamabad CC URI, here again Allama Chishti was asked about the aims and objectives of WIHW celebration Dr Chishti told about the Official Web of Common Word as the foundation of the WIHW of UN.

On February 1, the celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week was marked with a ‘Dars-e-Quran’ at Jamia Masjid Mai Saleem Akhtar, New Sohan, Islamabad after Fajr prayers where breakfast was served among the participants and Allama AGR Chishti prayed for peace and prosperity in the world. The same day at evening some 600 mile away from Islamabad in Bahawalnagar there were held two programs in one at Hindu Temple under Pundit Channan Lal and Parkash Narian and second at Church of Pakistan Bahawalnagar lead byRev. Dr Pastor Azeem Aamir while Dr Altaf Husain Langrial were present as Chief Guest at both programs.

 On February 2nd Allama AGR Chishti attended Interfaith Dialogue Conference at Bahawalnagar Campus of Islamia University (IUB) early in the morning and in evening he and Dr Altaf Husain Langrial visited Cholestan near Bahawalpure where Dr Chishti met with poverty striken tribe wanvery who are declared atheist Dr Chishti showed sympathy with them and told them about Common Word program and WIHW benefit.

the elder of the tribe thanked Dr Chishti for his kind words of support

On 3rd February an Interfaith Relation Conference was organised by Modern Islamic Study Centre with kind cooperation of the F C College administration, at FC College University, Lahore. Audience questioned Dr Chishti that how the followers of the two influential religions Islam and Christianity may reconcile the situation where one says my religious scripture is intact while other`s diappeared? Dr Chisht replied saying this is a preconceived wrong concept and not really of Quranic based but it will be overcome by research on the issue,

The same day of 3 February 2016 at evening Dr Chishti attended a WIHW celebration Program in Lahore at thre residence of Me Tahir Khalil Sandho Provincial Minister for Human Right and Minority Affaires Punjab Pakistanthe program was organized by multi organisations such as URI< Sanjha Pakistan and so on, Dr Chishti was invited to tell the story as how he wined the First Prize the participants enjoyed the story and congratulated Dr Chishti Dr Chish ti invited them to conduct the contest and win Prize like me.

On February 4, 2016 there was a program of WIHW Meeting in Lahore from 8-10 am under auspices of Quranic Scientific Recearch Center Lahore. Dr Chishti was the main speaker. who was the Chief Guest at the function.

The same day the MISC deligation proceeded Islamabad where Dr Allama AGR Chishti in his weekly show at Roz TV presented his thoughts on World Interfaith Harmony Week.

On February 5, Allama AGR Chishti delivered a detailed sermon on

On February 6, Allama AGR Chishti along with his team joined members of Hindu community at a breakfast at Balmik Temple, Lalkurti, Rawalpindi. Pundit Oam Parkash presided the Meeting.

On February 7, 2016 ‘the MISC delegation visited Baha`I Community Islamabad, and the same day afternoon a collective prayer was conducted at the lawn of Shah Faisal Masjid between D`awah Academy and International Islamic University Islamabad Pakistan (IIUI) these programs were organized by `Modern Islamic Study Centre`, Islamabad.

On12 February ~Collective Day of Prayer was held at `Common Word Centre` beside the Jame Masjid Sohan Islamabad Pakistan Dr Chishti Presided over the function while Malik `Aamir Hus

Pastor Adil Masieh leading the prayers on front there are MrSaif-ul-Allah Saif, his Consort from USA, Mr Saif is Chairman Markaz Group of Newspapers and Markaz TV Channel Pastor Arif Sardar Masieh, Ms Tasneem URI Youth TrainerDr Chishti Malik Aamir Husain Chairman UC Sohan Local Government of PakistanMr Imani Baha`I faith, and Mr Oam Parkash Hudu Dharm, while on opposite there are people from various religions prticipants.

head of Local Government was the Chief Guest and it was first time when the the refreshment was provided to the participants from various religions incorporated in the Pakistan, on the roof of the same Mosque. Print and electronic media was invited about 15 newspapers flashed the news specially `The News`(English) the group of Jang Newspapers and Geo Tv `The Nation` (English) Pakistan Observer (English) On Line News Desk (English Hot Line (English) while many Urdu newspapers.

On Sunday14 February MISC Group attended program of WIHW celebration with Presbyterian Church in Chashma Twon Islamabad

Pastor Malik Salamat welcome Dr AGR Chishti and other Muslim Fellow Dr Chish addressed the congregation full of Christian men and women participants and told all about WIHW as it was the fruit of `A Common Word Between Us and YOU`. Common Wor Initiative

The brain Child of HRH prince Ghazi Bin Muhalmmad bin Talal that took the form of WIHW of UN a Muslim step towards Interfaith Dialogue which has become the Common Platform for All Religions of the World. (extracts of them are enclosed herewith as well as the videos of the important programs are made available in a USB)

A lot of Thanks for the attention of the Respected Members of the Royal Team for WIHW Celebration 2016.

Yours Sincerely

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