

Event Organizer

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, fast growing international revival movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, it spans over 206 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. Its current headquarters are in the United Kingdom.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited Messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad(as) (1835-1908) of Qadian. Ahmad(as) claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus(as) of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad(sa). The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community believes that God sent Ahmad(as), like Jesus(as), to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad's(as) advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival. He divested Islam of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings. He also recognized the noble teachings of the great religious founders and saints, including Zoroaster(as), Abraham(as), Moses(as), Jesus(as), Krishna(as), Buddha(as), Confucius(as), Lao Tzu and Guru Nanak, and explained how such teachings converged into the one true Islam.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the leading Islamic organization to categorically reject terrorism in any form. Over a century ago, Ahmad(as) emphatically declared that an aggressive "jihad by the sword" has no place in Islam. In its place, he taught his followers to wage a bloodless, intellectual "jihad of the pen" to defend Islam. To this end, Ahmad(as) penned over 90 books and tens of thousands of letters, delivered hundreds of lectures, and engaged in scores of public debates. His rigorous and rational defenses of Islam unsettled conventional Muslim thinking. As part of its effort to revive Islam, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community continues to spread Ahmad's(as) teachings of moderation and restraint in the face of bitter opposition from parts of the Muslim world.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at is an embodiment of the benevolent message of all world religions — peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the Will of God. It is known for its motto:

LOVE FOR ALL, HATRED FOR NONE

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Interfaith Symposium GOD: Fact or Fiction?



Saturday, November 21, 2015

Academy Theatre

Lindsay, Ontario

2:00-5:00pm

Quotes from Religious Leaders



"... This is the most attractive and peace giving principle. It provides the basis for reconciliation among nations and promotes better moral conduct. It teaches us to believe in the truth of all the prophets ..."

*Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad,
The Promised Messiah & Mahdi*



"... All the major religions of the world taught the worship of God and love and compassion ... If these original teachings were upheld today it would lead to a harmonious society, free from conflict and war ..."

*His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad
(Khalifa of Islam - Khilafat since 2003)*



"... Dialogue is born from an attitude of respect for the other person, from a conviction that the other person has something good to say. It assumes that there is room in the heart for the person's point of view, opinion, and proposal ..."

*His Holiness Pope Francis
(Christian Leader - Papacy since 2013)*



"... My fundamental belief is that all religious traditions have the same potential to make better human beings, good human beings, sensible human beings, compassionate human beings ..."

*His Holiness Dalai Lama Gyatso
(Buddhist Leader - Reign since 1950)*



"... Our innermost prayer should be that a Hindu should be a better Hindu, a Muslim a better Muslim, a Christian a better Christian. I broaden my Hinduism by loving other religions than my own ... All religions are true..."

*Mahatma Gandhi
(Hindu Leader - 1869~1948)*



"... The problem to be faced is: how to combine loyalty to one's own tradition with reverence for different traditions ..."

*Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel
(Jewish Leader - 1907~1972)*

1:00 pm Registration & Networking

2:00 pm Introduction of Program

Welcome by Organizers of Event
Representative of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Canada

Introduction of Moderator

Christian Perspective
Pastor Andrew Stuart

Hindu Perspective
Mr. Krsnadasa Zajchowski

Atheist Perspective
Mr. David Rand

Islamic Perspective
Mr. Ansar Raza

3:40 pm Question & Answer Session

4:40 pm Closing Remarks

4:45 pm Vote of Thanks

5:00 pm Social Time and Refreshments



About the Moderator - Mr. David Jeanneret

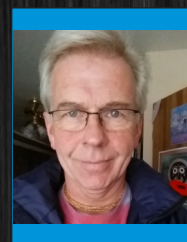
While now a retired school administrator, David has enjoyed teaching at all levels, from primary classes in the elementary panel to senior grades at the secondary level. Throughout his career David has always maintained that knowledge eclipses uncertainty. To put this conviction into practice he has continually sought and facilitated opportunities for communities, be they social, religious, cultural or educational, to better understand, appreciate and value one another.

David and his wife live in York Region where they continue to cultivate their appreciation of lifelong learning through the eyes of their six grandchildren.



Representing Christianity - Pastor Andrew Stuart

Andrew Stuart has been the pastor of Little Britain Community Baptist Church for more than 10 years. He holds a diploma in broadcasting, a bachelor's degree in theology and is currently pursuing his masters in Christian and Classical Studies. He has also spent time studying apologetics informally at the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, and at the RZIM Summer Institute in Oxford, England



Representing Hinduism - Mr. Krsnadasa Zajchowski

Krsnadasa Zajchowski was born into a Roman Catholic family in 1954, attended Loyola High School in Montreal, With great concern for others welfare he enrolled in the pre-med program at McGill University. He first met the Hare Krishna devotees there. Studying under the direction of his Spiritual Master, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder Acarya (or teacher by example) for the last 40+years he has come to understand the true nature of the material condition and how to scientifically extricate oneself from it.



Representing Atheism - Mr. David Rand

David Rand is president of the Montreal-based organization Atheist Freethinkers (LPA-AFT) and spokesperson for the International Association of Free Thought (IAFT). He has addressed free thought gatherings in Canada, Lebanon, Argentina, Chile and Poland. He was a speaker on the blasphemy panel – which discussed the need to repeal all blasphemy laws in all countries, including Canada – at the Non-Conference in Kitchener, Ontario, in August of this year.



Representing Islam - Mr. Ansar Raza

Ansar Raza joined Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in 1982, when he was 24, He dedicated his life for the service of Islam / Ahmadiyya in 2004. He has served as a professor in Ahmadiyya Institute of Languages and Theology in Canada. Presently he is working as a Missionary and a research scholar. He also appears on "Radio Ahmadiyya" at AM530 and AM770 channels, answering live questions by a large number of audiences.