

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY UK
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Hazrat Mirza
Ghulam Ahmad –
The Promised Messiah
and Mahdi
(peace be upon him)

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community was founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. He claimed to be the expected reformer of the latter days and the awaited one of the world's religions (the Messiah and Mahdi of the latter days). His mission was to revive the peaceful teachings of Islam and engender in people's hearts the love of God and the duty to serve mankind.

The community is now established in more than 210 countries and it spearheads an international effort to promote education and health across the developing world, as well as a global peace campaign to champion respect and human rights for all.

“Be kind and merciful to humanity, for all are [God's] creatures: do not oppress them with your tongue, or hands, or in any other way. Always work for the good of mankind.”



Hazrat Mirza
Masroor Ahmad –
Head of the worldwide
Ahmadiyya Muslim
Community

The community is led by a system of Khilafat (spiritual leadership). His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad is the community's fifth Khalifa and is based in London. He leads his global community and inspires it to serve humanity with the spirit of kindness and humility that is integral to Islam. In accordance with the teachings of Islam, he upholds the honour of all prophets of God and highlights the role of religion in the promotion of peace.

His Holiness has travelled globally to promote dialogue and understanding. He has also written to world leaders urging them to inculcate a true sense of justice and peace in international relations to avoid regional conflicts from engulfing the entire world. Under his leadership, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has launched campaigns across the world that present Islam's true noble message of loyalty, freedom and peace.

THE NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM

Recent events continue to highlight the perilous state of the world. Nationalism and injustice are fuelling poverty, inequality and are creating humanitarian crises across the globe. It is the need of the hour to unite for the cause of peace and strive together for the betterment of our current and future generations.



The National Peace Symposium is a key event of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. It is held at the largest mosque in Western Europe and this year marks the 16th symposium to date. The event promotes a deeper understanding of Islam and other faiths and seeks to inspire a concerted effort for lasting peace. More than 800 guests from across the world attend the unique event including secretaries of state, parliamentarians, diplomats, faith and civic leaders as well as representatives from numerous charities and faith communities.

"Instead of shutting down borders and ports in warring countries, causing for innocent children to be left starving and the sick being deprived of medical treatment, we must open our hearts to one another, knock-down the walls that divide us, feed the hungry and help those who are suffering".

(His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, National Peace Symposium 2018)



THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM PRIZE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE

The international Ahmadiyya Muslim Peace Prize is awarded each year in recognition of an individual's or an organisation's contribution to the advancement of the cause of peace. The 2018 peace prize will be presented by His Holiness at the National Peace Symposium in March 2019.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad has repeatedly spoken on the need for peace and justice. His recent international address was at a special reception held on 20 October 2018 in Baltimore, USA.



“We strive for interfaith dialogue. We value and cherish our neighbours. We are ever ready to help those who are in need. We champion the rights of the weak and deprived. We are there to serve the community and to be loyal and faithful citizens. This is our faith and this is our teaching.”

MEETINGS WITH WORLD LEADERS

His Holiness regularly meets presidents, prime ministers, other heads of state, parliamentarians and ambassadors of state. He has delivered keynote addresses in the UK Parliament, Capitol Hill, the European Parliament, the Dutch Parliament and New Zealand Parliament emphasising the need for absolute justice.



Rt Hon Theresa May MP,
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom



Rt Hon Justin Trudeau MP,
Prime Minister of Canada



House of Commons,
UK Parliament, London



Capitol Hill,
Washington, USA



European Parliament,
Brussels, Belgium

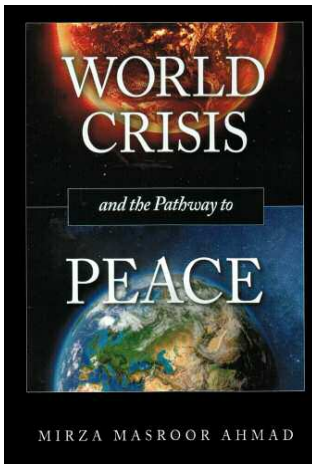


Dutch Parliament, the
Hague, Netherlands

PROMOTING INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Islam lays great importance on the belief in and respect of all prophets. In October 2017, the Most Reverend, The Archbishop of Canterbury, His Grace, Justin Welby visited His Holiness at The London Mosque. The discussion underlined the need for concerted efforts for peace.





WORLD CRISIS AND THE PATHWAY TO PEACE

The world is passing through very troubled times and the global economic crisis continues to manifest newer and graver dangers. The similarities to the period just before the Second World War continue to be cited and it seems clear that events are moving the world at an unprecedented pace towards a horrific Third World War. In this book by His Holiness Hazrat

Mirza Masroor Ahmad, he warns the world of the fast approaching dangers and how it can avert disaster and chart a course to peace. It includes a selection of his keynote addresses at various parliaments and letters to world leaders urging them to focus global efforts for the attainment of peace and justice.

“Today, when the world is becoming divided into blocs, extremism is escalating and the financial, political, and economic situation is worsening, there is an urgent need to extinguish all kinds of hatred and to lay the foundation for peace.” (World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace)

SERVICE TO HUMANITY

A fundamental teaching of Islam is to serve humanity regardless of race or religion. Throughout the world, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community provides help, support and comfort to those in need. In the UK, it raises millions of pounds each year for British charities.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community’s international development agency, Humanity First, works under the guidance of the Khalifa to deliver a number of important relief programmes across the world including *Water for Life, Knowledge for Life, Disaster Relief and Gift of Sight*. One of its most recent projects was the construction of a much needed state-of-the-art hospital in Guatemala, funded entirely by Humanity First. This was inaugurated by His Holiness in October 2018.



“This hospital has been built with purely one intention and that is, quite simply, to serve humanity by providing high quality healthcare to the people of this nation.” (Keynote address by His Holiness at the opening of Nasir Hospital in Guatemala)



The Baitul Futuh Mosque in south London is the prestigious venue of the National Peace Symposium. Opened in 2003, the landmark building is the largest mosque in Western Europe and it plays a key role in promoting community cohesion.

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PROGRAMME

- 6.15 pm: Arrival & Refreshments
- 7.00 pm: Introduction & Guest Speakers
- 7.40 pm: Keynote Address
- 8.25 pm: Dinner

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