Mr. **ATAUL WAHID LAHAYE,** Speaker

Mr. LaHaye became a member of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in 1984 after studying various religious doctrines for 8 years. He sat on the National Executive of the community for 7 years and has lectured on diverse topics in US, UK and Canada. Mr. LaHaye has numerous articles published in various journals and local newspapers. He has been writing, producing and editing documentaries for several years. He has recently completed a book titled **The Second Coming** and a documentary on **Evolution**. Currently he is working on a documentary that will examine male/ female relationships in the context of dating.

Mr LaHaye is married with 3 children and has worked for Ontario Power Generation as an Emergency Response Manager for 30 years.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) is a dynamic, fast growing international revival movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, AMC spans over 197 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions.

AMC 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. AMC believes that God sent Ahmad [as], to condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad [as] 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.

AMC 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. As part of its effort to revive Islam, AMC continues to spread Ahmad's [as] teachings of moderation and restraint in the face of bitter opposition from parts of the Muslim world.

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"as" is abbreviation of "*Alaihis Salam*" meaning "Peace be upon him"

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