

Mr. **SALMAN KHALID**, Speaker

Salman Khalid is an engineer by profession and works for the oil & gas sector in Calgary. He has a keen interest in religion and its correlation with the realities of modern day science. He has spoken at various religious conferences on diverse topics. In the past 10 years since he moved to Calgary, he has been actively involved in community and social work and has volunteered his services for many community based projects. At present he holds the honorary position of regional president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for Prairie region.



### 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 <sup>as</sup> (1835-1908) of Qadian. AMC believes that God sent Ahmad <sup>as</sup>, to condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad <sup>as</sup> 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 <sup>as</sup>, Abraham <sup>as</sup>, Moses <sup>as</sup>, Jesus <sup>as</sup>, Krishna <sup>as</sup>, Buddha <sup>as</sup>, Confucius <sup>as</sup>, 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 <sup>as</sup> 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 <sup>as</sup> teachings of moderation and restraint in the face of bitter opposition from parts of the Muslim world.

Similarly, AMC is the only Islamic organization to endorse a separation of mosque and state. Over a century ago, Ahmad <sup>as</sup> taught his followers to protect the sanctity of both religion and government by becoming righteous souls as well as loyal citizens. Today, AMC continues to be an advocate for universal human rights and protections for religious and other minorities. It champions the empowerment and education of women. Its members are among the most law-abiding, educated, and engaged Muslims in the world.

AMC is the foremost Islamic organization with a central spiritual leader. AMC's fifth and current spiritual head, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, resides in the United Kingdom. Under the leadership of its spiritual successors, AMC has now built over 10,000 mosques, over 500 schools, and over 30 hospitals. It has translated the Holy Qur'an into over 60 languages. It propagates the true teachings of Islam and the message of peace and tolerance through a twenty-four hour satellite television channel (MTA), the Internet (alislam.org) and print (Islam International Publications). It has been at the forefront of worldwide disaster relief through an independent charitable organization, Humanity First.

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

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