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The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was initiated under Divine guidance, by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India in 1889.

The objective of the Movement is to educate the world about Islam, to promote understanding between people of different religions and to bring harmony among the people of the world by bringing them closer to God.



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World Religions Conference

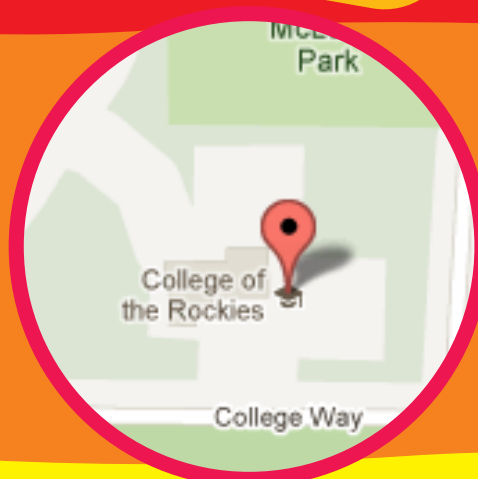
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Admission
Free
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Love

of Country is Part My Faith

CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (B. C. Branch)

IN CO-OPERATION WITH
Ministerial Association of Cranbrook
Saint Aidan Orthodox Church, Cranbrook
Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta
Aboriginal Education of College of Rookies
& Khunaxa Nation



**2nd Interfaith
Symposium**
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**Saturday
November 12th, 2011
3:00 pm -7:00 pm
College of Rookies
Cranbrook**



Aboriginal Perspective

Chief Chris Luke



Chris has always been very much involved in his Ktunaxa cultural and spiritual beliefs and practices. Chris is a very articulate speaker and a long time leader and Elder of his community. He is serving as a chief of Lower Kootney Band for last thirty years and providing to his community assistance and sharing wisdom of his elders. He is a writer and also author of book "Drags Grizzly". He is married to Cecilia Luke and has five children.

Buddhism Perspective

Rev. Yasuo Izumi



Reverend Yasuo Izumi came to Canada, from Japan, as an ordained Minister in 1970. His first assignment was in Lethbridge and he later served in Vancouver, Toronto and Richmond. Rev. Izumi continued his religious studies at the Vancouver School of Theology and later received his Master's degree in Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in

Berkeley, California. In November of 2002, 27 years later, he was reassigned to temples in southern Alberta where he is now the minister of a new temple, Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta. Reverend Izumi is married to his wife, Sachi, and is the father of five children and grandfather of seven grandchildren.

Christianity Perspective



Fr. Richard Rene



Fr. Richard Rene was born in Seychelles in 1974. He grew in the Seychelles, Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, before immigrating to Canada in 1989. He was confirmed as an Anglican, but fell away from the faith before recommitting his life to Christ in 1992. He converted to Eastern Orthodoxy in 1993 and attended St. Vladimir's Seminary, where he attained an M.Div. degree in 2004. Fr. Richard was ordained to priesthood in April of 2005. He served at a Church in Calgary, Alberta, for 3 1/2 years, before being appointed Rector of Saint Aidan Orthodox Church in Cranbrook. Fr. Richard is also a professional high school teacher and has published a number of poetry, short stories and novels.

Islamic Perspective

Muhammad Aslam Shad



Muhammad Aslam Shad has a Masters Degree in business education from Punjab University, Pakistan. After graduating he worked as a general manager with a leading auto mobile association for 28 years. He is keenly interested in community work and has been serving his community in different capacities before coming to Canada. He has also served as a President of one chapter of Ahmadiya Muslim Community in Lahore, Pakistan. Currently, he is serving as a Regional President of last six years. Mr. Shad is also supervising as a Chairman of largest mosque of British Columbia.

Judaic Faith Perspective

Michael Barkusky



Michael Barkusky became a Bar Mitzvah (an adult, from a Jewish point of view) in 1967 and continued his Jewish and secular education at Herzlia High School in Cape Town, finishing grade 12 in 1972. He earned his MBA degree in 1982 from University of British Columbia in accounting. After settling permanently in Vancouver, he became a Certified General Accountant in 1985. He has been involved as volunteer in numerous non-profit organizations, mostly focused on conservation of the natural environment, but also on the integration of spiritual ecological and economic concerns. He was one of the founders of the Adam va-Adamah (Jewish) Environmental Society, and is a member of the Ahavat Olam Synagogue in Vancouver, led by Rabbi David Mivasair.

PROGRAM

- 2:30pm Socializing & Light Refreshments
- 2:55pm Commencement
- 3:00pm Recitation from Holy Scriptures
- 3:10pm Introductory Remarks
Mr. Rizwan Peerzada
Regional Coordinator, AMI, BC
- 6:15pm Welcome Remarks by Dignitaries
- 3:25pm Aboriginal Perspective
Chief Chris Luke
- 3:45pm Buddhism Perspective:
Rev. Yasuo Izumi
- 4:05pm Christianity Perspective:
Fr. Richard Rene
- 4:25pm Islam Perspective:
Mr. Muhammad Aslam Shad
- 4:45pm Judaic Faith Perspective:
Mr. Michael Barkusky
- 5:05pm Refreshments
- 5:25pm Questions Session with Speakers
- 6:20pm Closing Remarks by Presiding Chair
and Moderator
- 6:25pm Vote of Thanks

(Program is subject to change)



WRC Mission

We affirm the value of interfaith interaction, for educating ourselves regarding other faiths and philosophical traditions. The interfaith concept is a unifying vehicle, which can aid us in bringing the reformation of the world nearer to reality