

## The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at

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

AMJ 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. AMJ 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.

AMJ 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, AMJ 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, AMJ 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, AMJ 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.

AMJ is the foremost Islamic organization with a central spiritual leader. AMJ's fifth and current spiritual head, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, resides in the United Kingdom. Under the leadership of its spiritual successors, AMJ 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 ([www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org)) and print (Islam International Publications). It has been at the forefront of worldwide disaster relief through an independent charitable organization, Humanity First.



### Denouncing Violence and Love for Homeland

... We especially applaud the Khalifa for denouncing those who pervert faith by claiming it as a justification for violence. However we define God, it is wrong to kill in his name. All Calgarians, Albertans and Canadians can see in this mosque the **true and benevolent face of Islam** and those who worship in its name. They will also see your love for Canada and your patriotism. Ahmadis have embraced Canada and Canada has embraced you.

(Prime Minister Harper at the inauguration of Baitun Nur Mosque)  
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## Program Tuesday, 09 November 2010

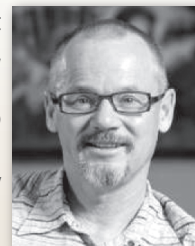
6:00 pm	Doors Open and Refreshments
6:30 pm	Introduction to the Program
6:40 pm	Atheist Perspective
7:00 pm	Jewish Perspective
7:20 pm	Christian Perspective
7:40 pm	Islamic Perspective
8:00 pm	Question & Answer Session
8:25 pm	Closing Remarks

## World Religions Conference

The WRC is a unique learning experience that offers delegates from diverse faiths & philosophical traditions a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas. This was so envisioned by the Holy Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community over a century ago. These deliberations, as they are based on mutual respect for each other's differences, are a valuable lesson of unity and accepting others. We affirm the value of interfaith interactions for enriching our awareness of the Divine Being. The Interfaith dialogue is an attempt to bring various faiths together for peaceful coexistence.

### Dr. GUILLERMO BARRON, Representing Atheism

Dr. Guillermo Barron studied philosophy at Red Deer College, the University of Calgary, and the University of Alberta before returning to Red Deer College to teach. In addition to instructing a wide range of philosophy courses, he is also the host of RDC's monthly Philosophers' Cafe. His interests include ethical theory, the philosophy of religion, evolution and its implications for philosophy and the contrasts between religious and scientific worldviews.



### Mr. SALMAN KHALID, Representing Islam

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. service and team building, 2008 National Aboriginal Achievement Award for media and communications to name a few.



### Rev. JACK D. POPJES, Representing Christianity

Rev. Jack D Popjes studied theology in the late 1950s and became an ordained minister of the Baptist church. He was the pastor of the Baptist church in Innisfail, AB for three years, before leaving for Brazil on a 25 year assignment where he did linguistic research in a native group called Ramkokamekra -Canela. Along with learning the language, analyzing the linguistic patterns, and developing a writing system he along with his wife taught the Canela to read and write in their own language, did much medical/ dental work, and eventually translated a large part of the Judeo-Christian Bible into Canela. Since then he has been active in leadership in the mission agency under which he served, and have promoted linguistics, literacy and Bible translation in hundreds of events all over North America. He writes a weekly column on these subjects which is published on the Internet, and have written two books.



### Mr. RUSSEL STAGG, Representing Judaism

Russell Stagg received his M.A. in Jewish Studies from Gratz College in Philadelphia in 2008. He has twice served as a hospital chaplain in Calgary, most recently as the chaplain for the Emergency, Intensive Care, and Burn Units at the Foothills Hospital. He served as the Jewish chaplain at the University of Calgary in 2007 and 2008. He leads the Jewish Renewal havurah (fellowship) that meets monthly at Temple B'nai Tikvah and is open to people of all faiths. He believes strongly in interfaith dialogue and understanding.

