

Central **United Church** first opened doors to worshippers in 1905, and stands proudly today in the heart of the city, a beacon of hope to the broken, with a continuing legacy of transformed lives. From its earliest history, Central has always been a mission church reaching out into the community, bringing the message of Gods Love.

Central was the catalyst in bringing together downtown churches, medical personnel, and social services to create Calgary Urban Project Society (CUPS) which handles more than 20,000 cases a year involving the marginalized of the city core.

Central United Church also played a leading role in the formation of Inn From The Cold, a program which involves more than 60 churches offering nightly shelter to homeless families.

Currently Central is partnering with Woods Homes' EXIT Community Youth Outreach Program. EXIT's mandate is to reach youth at risk on Calgary city streets to help them move on productively in life.

Central is a church with a long and rich tradition in the centre of Calgary. We are a growing, dynamic, and loving congregation deeply rooted in our commitment to knowing, worshipping, and serving Jesus Christ and ministering compassionately to the spiritual and social needs of those in the 'heart of the city.'

We prayerfully seek to build God's Kingdom from the heart of the city by celebrating in dynamic worship, nurturing caring relationships, making disciples, and discerning and responding compassionately to the diverse needs of people.

Central offers a rich and diverse group of programs that will help you to learn more and help you to grow in your walk with Jesus Christ!

Our programs cover the areas of Spiritual Formation, Outreach, Hospitality, Recovery and Creative Arts and our sincere hope is that your experience will be enriched through these ministry programs.

for further info visit; [www.http://www.centralchurch.ca](http://www.centralchurch.ca)

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a religious organization, with branches in over 185 countries. This is the most dynamic denomination of Islam in modern history, with worldwide membership exceeding tens of millions.

The Ahmadiyya Community was established in 1889 by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908). He claimed to be the expected reformer of the latter days, the Awaited One of the world community of religions (The Mahdi and Messiah). The Community he started is an embodiment of the benevolent message of Islam -- peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the Will of God -- in its pristine purity. Wherever the Community is established, it endeavors to exert a constructive influence of Islam through social projects, educational institutes, health services, Islamic publications and construction of mosques, despite being bitterly persecuted in some countries. Ahmadi Muslims have earned the distinction of being a law-abiding, peaceful, persevering and benevolent community.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community encourages interfaith dialogue, and diligently defends Islam and tries to correct misunderstandings about Islam in the West. It advocates peace, tolerance, love and understanding among followers of different faiths. It firmly believes in and acts upon the Qur'anic teaching: "There is no compulsion in religion." (2:257) It strongly rejects violence and terrorism in any form and for any reason. Some Ahmadis', like late Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan (President and Judge of the International Court of Justice, at the Hague), and Dr. Abdus Salam (the Nobel Laureate in Physics in 1979), have also been recognized by the world community for their outstanding services and achievements.

The present Head of the Movement, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, was elected in 2003.

for further info visit; www.alislam.org

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Central **United Church &
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community**
Calgary South

presents

Interfaith Colloquium

Thursday, August 09th, 2007
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Central United Church
131 - 7th Ave S.W., Calgary



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What Faiths Tell Us

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