

Program Schedule:

- 3:00 PM Door Opening & Refreshments
- 3:30 PM Program Commencements
- 3:45 PM Speeches
- 5:05 PM Questions and Answers
- 5:50 PM Closing Remarks
- 6:00 PM Social & Refreshments

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Naseem Mahdi

(Representing Islam):



An inspiring presenter and scholar, Naseem is the Missionary In-Charge and Senior Vice President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, Canada.

Graduate of Islamic Studies, with keen interest in World religions, Naseem has served Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Canada.

Recipient of Gov. General's Award for Community service, Chief Editor of the Ahmadiyya Gazette, a strong proponent of interfaith dialogue, each year, Naseem travels across Canada participating at multi-faith events.

Kevin Sims

(Representing Christianity):

Kevin Sims is an intern associate Pastor at Brooks Alliance Church finishing up his BA in Pastoral Ministry.



He had been involved with Christian ministry since the age of twelve in activities ranging from being a worship leader to missions work on aboriginal reserves.

Kevin had been a pastor at one other church in Alberta. He had been with Canadian Food Grains Bank to Honduras and Nicaragua.

Kevin does a variety of work revolving primarily around youth. Kevin got married to Janice in 2006.

Russell Stagg

(Representing Judaism):

Russell Stagg (BSc., MSc., MAJS, Ph.D)



interned as Calgary's first Jewish hospital chaplain in 2006. He is a candidate for the Jewish Renewal rabbinical program recognized by all major branches of Judaism.

He is a member of Temple Bnai Tikvah, where he also leads services for the monthly Jewish Renewal Havurah (fellowship).

Russell believes strongly in ecumenism, as did his late wife Suzy. She was an evangelical Christian fondly remembered in both Christian and Jewish communities.

Russell has five children and step-children, and six grandchildren.

Swami Ramanada Saraswati

(Representing Hinduism):



Swami Ramanada Saraswati is dedicated to serving humanity. He is currently trying to raise awareness of homelessness and child poverty. He has counseled the homeless of all religions and has been involved in feeding the homeless in Calgary.

Saraswati is committed to dealing with traditional problems with a balanced approach of both modern philosophies of Yoga, counseling techniques and the ancient Hindu philosophies of Yoga.

Mayor Martin Shields

(Conference Moderator)

Martin Shields has a masters degree in education and thirty years of teaching experience.



He is Chairperson for the Child Development Society, Chairperson for FCSS of Brooks and Elected Director of Alberta Urban Municipalities Association 2007.

Martin was elected to Brooks City Council in 2004 and elected as Mayor of Brooks in 2007.

Organizer

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Calgary

www.alislam.org

www.ahmadiyya.ca

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a religious organization, international in its scope, with members in over 190 countries. This is the most dynamic denomination of Islam in modern history, with worldwide membership exceeding hundred of millions.

The Ahmadiyya Community was established in 1889 by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) in a small and remote village, Qadian, India.

He claimed to be the Reformer of the latter days, the Awaited One of the world community of religions (the Mahdi & the Messiah).

The Community is an embodiment of the benevolent message of Islam - peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the Will of God - in its pristine purity.

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.

The Community encourages interfaith dialogue, shares commonalities and promotes information among followers of different faiths.

It has been holding hundreds of Interfaith Symposia and Conferences across Canada every year. To find out more about these events, please visit www.IslamEvents.ca.

The Community firmly believes and always promotes its famous Slogan:

'Love for All Hatred for None'

Special Invitation

You are cordially invited to the Second World Religions Conference in Brooks on March 29th between 3:00 to 6:00 PM at Griffin Park Theater in Griffin Park School.

Religious scholars from major religions of the World, representatives of the city and the province, and members of various communities are expected to attend this Conference. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions during and after the conference.

Admission is free for the public.

However registration is recommended:

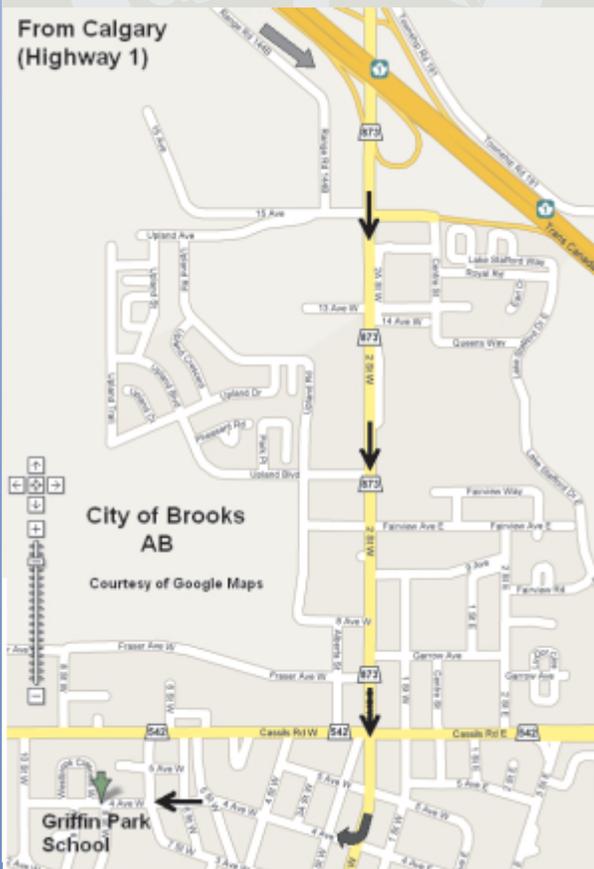
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From Calgary
(Highway 1)



2nd World Religions Conference Brooks



On the Topic of

Existence of a Living God

Saturday, March 29th, 2008

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
(Doors Opening 3:00 PM)

Venue

Griffin Park School - Theater
805 - 4th Ave. W, Brooks AB

**Free Admission and
Complimentary Refreshments**

Everyone Welcome!

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