

## Special Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend the 2nd Interfaith Colloquium at **Central United Church, Down Town Calgary**, to be held between 6:00 and 8:15 PM on February 19th, 2008.

Please **Register online**, by Email or phone. You are welcome to bring your family and friends. Should you have any questions please contact us;

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**Central United Church**, Calgary  
in Association with  
**Ahmadiyya Muslim Community**  
Calgary South

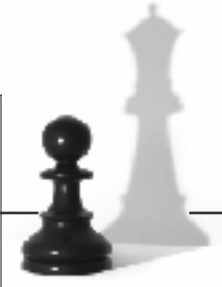


**Speakers from Islam, Judaism & Christianity will present their perspective on the important question of Blind or intelligent evolution.**

## Program Agenda

Tuesday, February 19th, 2008.

6:00 pm	Doors Open & Refreshments	
6:30 pm	Introduction to the program	Mr. David Perlich
6:40 pm	Jewish Perspective	Dr. Eliezer Segal
7:00 pm	Christian Perspective	Rev. Michael Ward
7:20 pm	Islamic Perspective	Mr. Naseem Mahdi
7:40 pm	Question & Answer Session	
8:10 pm	Closing Remarks	



## 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 tens 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 & 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.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Islam was created under divine guidance with the objective to rejuvenate Islamic moral and spiritual values.

It encourages interfaith dialogue, provides information to remove misunderstandings about Islam. 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. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has been holding many Interfaith Symposia and Conferences across Canada. The Community firmly believes and always promotes its famous slogan;

**'Love for All Hatred for None'**

For further info please visit; [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org)

## Central United Church

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

## David Perlich (Moderator)

David Perlich is the Program Manager at CBC Radio in Calgary. He grew up on a farm in Southern Alberta. After studying with the Jesuits at Gonzaga University in the US and in Italy, David spent last 17 years as journalist. He worked as war correspondent in Bosnia & Croatia in 93-94, and then spent time in Turkey, Israel, Netherlands & Austria, before returning to Canada. In 97 David rejoined CBC TV, and eventually became Producer of the program Moral Divide, CBC Newsworld's national ethical debate program. Since then David has help co-ordinate the CBC's coverage of John Paul II's visit to Canada, and then worked in Rome as a producer & correspondent for JP II's funeral and the election of Benedict the XVI.



## Michael Ward (Representing Christianity)



Michael arrived in 1980 as the Associate Pastor. He was called to become the Senior Pastor in 1985 after several turbulent years of confusion regarding the future direction and mission of Central. Under his leadership, the congregation has rediscovered its purpose and has reclaimed an exciting vision to be a mission church in the heart of Calgary. Michael is married to Barb and they have two adult daughters.

## Dr. Eliezer Segal (Representing Judaism)

Dr. Eliezer Segal has been a member of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Calgary since 1986, and is currently serving as Head of the department. He holds degrees from McGill University (BA, 1976) and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (MA, 1976; PhD, 1982). His research focuses primarily on Jewish religious law and the history of Biblical interpretation.



He is married, with three sons and a grandson.

## Mr. Naseem Mahdi (Representing Islam)

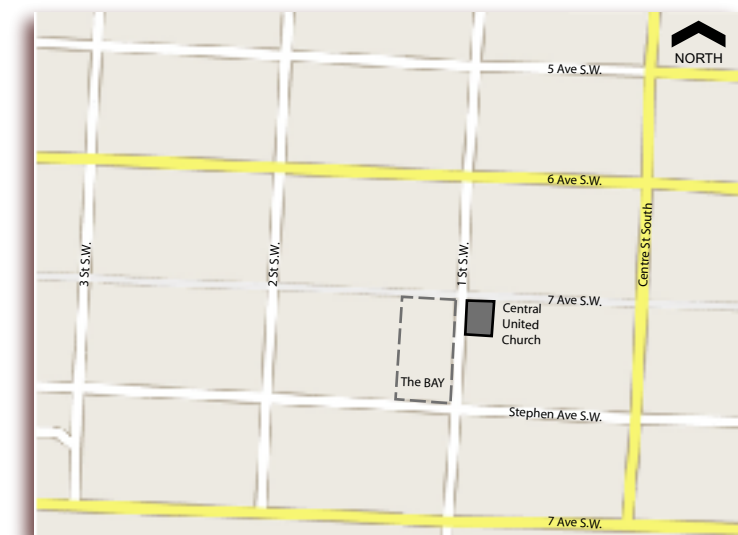
A scholar of the Holy Qur'an, Naseem Mahdi is the Senior Vice President and Missionary In charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Canada. Prior to his appointment in 1985, he was the President of the Community in Switzerland, Austria and Italy. He graduated from an Islamic University, Rabwah Pakistan, specializing in, Comparative Study of Religions and Arabic.



Naseem has great interest in improvement of the society and promotion of Multi-faith dialogue. In addition to weekly Friday Sermons, he has delivered scores of lectures across Canada at various universities and other settings, representing the Islamic point of view on social and moral issues. Apart from his administrative responsibilities, Naseem regularly lectures at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Institute of Islamic Studies, Toronto. He is recipient of Governor General's Award for Community Services.

## Location and Directions

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



*In the Name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful*

## A GAME OF CHESS OR A GAME OF CHANCE! Religion's Perspective on the Theory of EVOLUTION

**Free Admission**  
Registration is Recommended  
Online Registration: <http://www.islamevents.ca/Evolution>

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Program 6:30-8:15 PM  
(Refreshment will be served)  
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