

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a religious organization, international in its scope, with members in over 189 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.

Wherever the Community is established, it endeavors to exert a constructive influence of Islam through social projects, educational institutes, health services and interfaith dialogues. It advocates peace, acceptance, 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 promotes its famous slogan;

"Love for All Hatred for None"

Special Invitation:

You are cordially invited to the First Interfaith Conference in Fort McMurray on Saturday, October 18th, 2008 between 4:00 - 6:30 pm at Recital Theatre of Keyano College, Fort McMurray.

Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions during and after the conference.

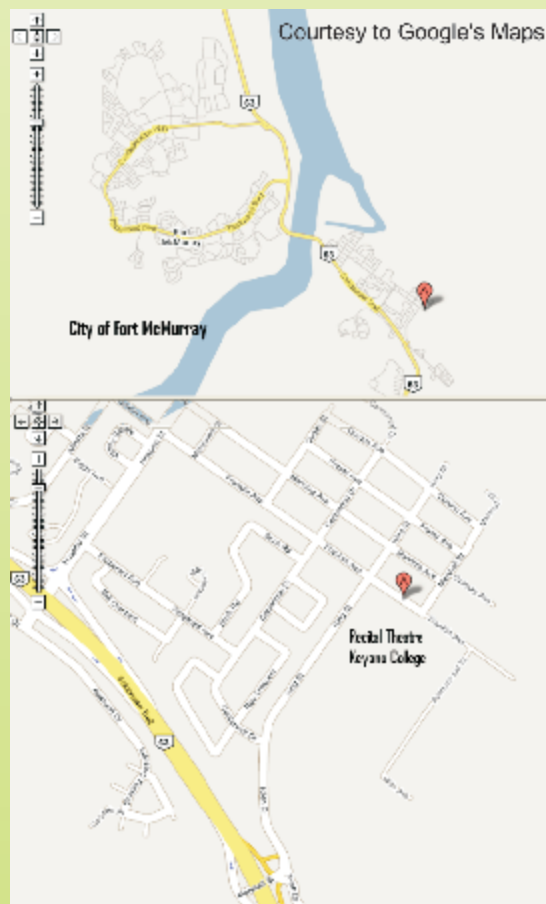
Admission is free for the public, however registration is recommended:

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What is the Purpose of Life?

How can we achieve it?



To find out, please join us at

1st Interfaith Conference Fort McMurray

Saturday, October 18th 2008

4:00 - 6:30 pm

(Doors Opening: 3:30 pm)

Recital Theatre, Keyano College
8115 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

**Free Admission &
Complimentary Refreshments**

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Program Schedule:

- 3:30 PM Door Opening & Refreshments
- 4:00 PM Program Commencement
- 4:15 PM Speeches
- 5:15 PM Questions and Answers
- 6:00 PM Closing Remarks
- 6:05 PM Socialization & Refreshments

Speakers' Profile

Pastor Glen Forsberg

(Representing Christianity)



Pastor Glen Forsberg is an ordained Christian minister for 42 years. He is currently serving as Senior Pastor of McMurray Gospel Assembly

as well as Chairman of the Christian Ministerial Association in Fort McMurray.

He is also the Chairman of the Fellowship of Christian Assemblies in Canada.

Pastor Glen is married to Lois for past 42 years and has two children and 4 grandchildren.

Leslie Cardinal

(Representing First Nation)

Leslie Cardinal belongs to Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation. He grew up in Fort Chipewyan and spent a lot of time with spiritual elders. He has been following the native spirituality path for many years.

Leslie's great grand father was from Fort Chipewyan and was the first chief to sign the treaty.

He has lived in Fort McMurray region for most of his life. Leslie has 4 sons.

Naseem Mahdi

(Representing Islam)



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

Graduate of Islamic Studies, with keen interest in World Religions, Naseem has

served the Muslim Communities 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 in multi-faith events.

Mayor Melissa Blake

(Conference Moderator)



Melissa Blake was elected as the Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo again in October 2007 after serving one term as Mayor and two terms as Councilor.

Her determination to make the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo "The Best Place to be" for people, business and industry has led Alberta Venture Magazine to name her twice on their 'Top 50 Most Influential People' list. She was also named by Global Television as a Woman of Vision in 2006.

In addition to her regular council duties, Mayor Blake has served on numerous committees, including those related to development, protective services, community services and affordable housing.

She holds a Bachelor of Administration degree from Athabasca University. She lives in Fort McMurray with her husband and young son.

Organizer

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Calgary

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