

Program Schedule:

- 6:00 PM Door Opening & Refreshments
- 6:30 PM Program Commencements
- 6:45 PM Speeches
- 8:05 PM Questions and Answers
- 8:50 PM Closing Remarks
- 9:00 PM Social & Refreshments

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Naseem Mahdi - Toronto

(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.

Baljit Singh Gill

(Representing Sikhism):

Baljit Singh Gill has degrees of Bachelors in Arts and Education as well as Masters in



English. He has been a volunteer teacher for the Sikh Community of Calgary for over 25 years. He was also elected the president of the Sikh Community of Calgary in 1987.

He is a visiting lecturer at Sikh Temple for interfaith groups and has been a guest lecturer at the University of Calgary Religious studies course in 2003.

Rev. Sandy Isfeld

(Representing Christianity):



Reverend Sandy Isfeld is an ordained Christian Minister of the Gospel, and serves as a Pastor of the Alliance Church in Airdrie. He holds a Bachelor of Theology,

as well as a Master of Arts in Christian Leadership.

He has been married for 21 years and has lived for the last 17 years in Airdrie where he and his wife are raising their three children.

Matt Ponak

(Representing Judaism)

Matt Ponak is a fourth-year interdisciplinary undergraduate student at the University of Calgary. Having previously studied at three different yeshivas in Israel, Matt now sits on the Interfaith Youth Council of Calgary.



Recently, Matt was selected one of ten Canadian delegates to the World Union of Jewish Students annual assembly in Jerusalem.

After completing his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2009, Matt plans on attending rabbinical college and eventually becoming a rabbi.

Mayor Linda Bruce

(Conference Moderator)

Linda Bruce was elected to Airdrie City Council in 1995 and served three terms as Alderman and one term as Mayor before re-elected as Mayor in 2007.



She also Chairs the Regional Land Use Planning Committee and is ex-officio on all committees.

Linda has a BSc Geology and a Diploma of Remote Sensing Technology. She is married to Captain Pat, a Westjet pilot and has three young boys.

Special Guests

MP Myron Thompson

MLA Moe Amery

MLA Shiraz Shariff

Organizer

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Calgary

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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 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”

Special Invitation

You are cordially invited to the second World Religions Conference in Airdrie on January 17th between 6:00 to 9:00 PM at at 275 Jensen Dr. N.E., Airdrie.

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

Registration is recommended:

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Venue : 275 Jensen Dr. N E ., A irdrie

2nd World Religions Conference Airdrie



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