

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.

Rev. Alvin Payne

(Representing Christianity):



Alvin Payne received the ordination with the Pentecostal Assemblies in 1987. He served as a Pastor in various churches of Alberta and British Columbia from 1987 to 2002.

Alvin later on moved to Calgary and formed a company named as Abba's Maintenance and Janitorial Services. He has been involved with the Calgary Chinese Pentecostal Church for the past five years, traveled and did Evangelistic work.

Nirmal Singh Bhatat

(Representing Sikhism):



Nirmal Singh Bhatat, a graduate of Arts and education, started his career as a lecturer. He served Indian Red Cross Society for 30 years in different capacities.

During the last two years he worked as a Priest in Sikh Temple (Dashmesh Culture Centre) in Calgary. He is currently working as a Manager in Sikh Temple in Calgary.

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.

Patricia Mathews

(Conference Moderator)

Newly elected Mayor of the Town of Chestermere, Patricia Mathews grew up in a

small town of Manitoba. She married her husband Ian in 1992. Patricia moved to Chestermere from Calgary in 1998.



One of the major platform items for

Patricia was a need for a full time Mayor in Chestermere. Her top priorities are to bring a long term vision and unique identity to Chestermere. She enjoys gardening, swimming, hiking and her free time with her family and friends.

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 Chestermere on January 16th between 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Chestermere Lake Middle School.

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

Registration is recommended:

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128 West Lakeview Dr. Chestermere

2nd World Religions Conference Chestermere



Is Religion Blessing Or Curse?

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(6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

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