

## The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

This is a religious organization, with branches in over 185 countries. This is the most dynamic denomination of Islam in modern history, with membership exceeding millions. The Ahmadiyya Community was established in 1889 by Hadhrat Mirza Chulam Ahmad (1835-1908). He claimed to be the expected reformer of the latter days. The Community he started is an embodiment of the benevolent message of Islam - peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the Will of God - in its pristine purity. Wherever the Community is established, it endeavors to exert a constructive influence of Islam through social projects, educational institutes, health services, Islamic publications and construction of mosques, despite being bitterly persecuted in some countries. Ahmadi Muslims have earned the distinction of being a law-abiding, peaceful, persevering and benevolent community. It encourages interfaith dialogue, and diligently defends Islam and tries to correct misunderstandings about Islam in the West. It advocates peace, tolerance, love and understanding among followers of different faiths. Its present Head, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, was elected in 2003.

## Ata-ul-Wahid LaHaye

Mr. LaHaye became a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at in 1984 after studying various religious doctrines for eight years. He sat on the National Executive of the Jama`at as Communication Coordinator for seven years and has lectured on



various religious subjects in Canada, Britian & U&. He has numerous articles published in Jama`at's periodicals as well as editorials in local newspapers. He has been writing, producing and editing documentaries. A few include a documentary on Qadian - the home of the founder of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at, Jesus in India, A &ign for North America and A Heavenly &ign. Currently he is working on a documentary that will examine male/ female relationships in the context of dating. Mr LaHaye is married with 3 children and has worked for Ontario Power Generation as an Emergency Response Manager for 30 years.