

## 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.

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, 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;

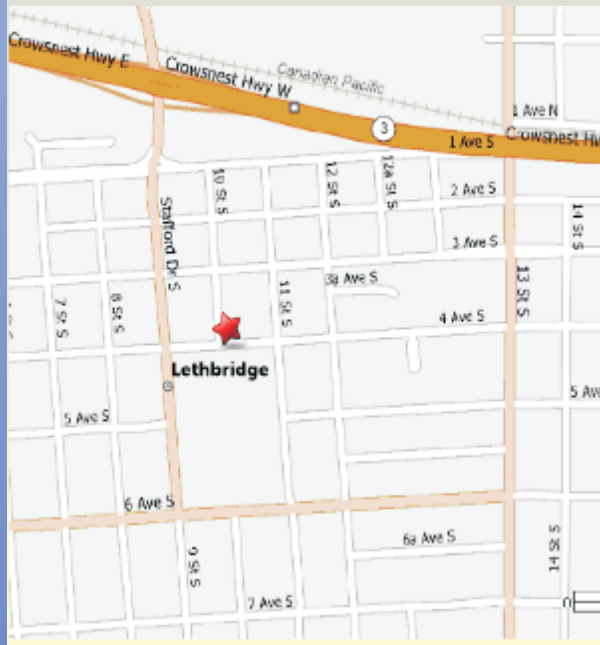
**"Love for All Hatred for None"**

## Special Invitation:

You are cordially invited to the Fourth World Religions Conference in Lethbridge on October 21<sup>st</sup> between 6:00 to 8:30 PM at Southminster United Church, Lethbridge, Alberta. Religious scholars from major religions of the World, representatives of the city and the province, and members of various communities are expected to attend this Conference. Participants will have an opportunity to ask the questions during and after the conference. Admission is free for the public. However registration is recommended:

**Online:** [www.islamevents.ca/lethbridge](http://www.islamevents.ca/lethbridge)  
**Email:** [info.calgaryne@ahmadiyya.ca](mailto:info.calgaryne@ahmadiyya.ca)  
**Phones:** 403-616-4415 or 403-703-9393

**Venue:**  
Southminster United Church  
1011 - 4th Avenue South Lethbridge, Alberta



## Does Religion Bring Peace ?



*To find out, please join us at*

### 4<sup>th</sup> World Religions Conference Lethbridge

October 21<sup>st</sup> 2008, Tuesday  
(6:00 PM - 8:30 PM)

**Southminster United Church  
1011 - 4th Ave S Lethbridge, AB**

**Free Admission & Complimentary  
Refreshments**

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### Organizer

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Calgary  
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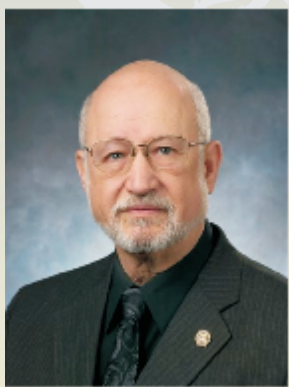
## Program Schedule:

- 5:30 PM Door Opening & Refreshments
- 6:00 PM Program Commencements
- 6:15 PM Speeches
- 7:35 PM Questions and Answers
- 8:25 PM Closing Remarks
- 8:30 PM Social & Refreshments

## Speakers' Profile

### J. Garry Kohn

(Representing Judaism):



Garry was born and raised in Medicine Hat, AB, and has lived in Lethbridge since 1968. He served as a Trustee of St. Michael's Health Centre for 20 years, and board member of other community organizations in

Southern Alberta.

Garry is the Vice President of the Lethbridge Hebrew Congregation and Religious Chairman of the Jewish Community, Beth Israel Synagogue. He is an educator, leader of the services in the Lethbridge Synagogue and a member of the Chaplaincy of the Lethbridge Regional Hospital.

### Rev. Lois K. Punton

(Representing Christianity)

Rev. Lois K. Punton is an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. She has served in ministry with the people of Southminster United Church in Lethbridge for over 10 years. Originally from Winnipeg, Lois attended seminary at St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon, and served



in ministry for 5 years in rural Saskatchewan before coming to Alberta. In her spare moments Lois enjoys participating in singing groups and live theater productions.

### Naseem Mahdi

(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 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 at multi-faith events.

### Reverend Yasuo Izumi

(Representing Buddhism):

Rev. Yasuo Izumi was born in Kawasaki City of Japan in 1944. After graduating from Taisho University in Tokyo, Japan he earned a Masters degree in Buddhist Study from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkley, California. At present Rev. Izumi is serving in Lethbridge Buddhist Temple as minister of Buddhist Federation of Alberta.



### Mayor Robert D. (Bob) Tarleck

(Conference Moderator):

Bob Tarleck grew up in Vancouver and moved to Lethbridge in 1966. Since moving to Lethbridge Bob has been tirelessly involved in the community. He has served as an Alderman on Lethbridge City Council for 18 years. While an Alderman, Robert Tarleck was presented with a 1991



Alberta Human Rights award for work with the Aboriginal Community. He was elected as Mayor of the City of Lethbridge on Monday, October 15, 2001. Bob Tarleck is a long time educator who has been inspirational in his many years of teaching in the school system, and in the faculties of English and Education at the University of Lethbridge.