

## 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.

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 third World Religions Conference in Lethbridge on October 24<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 to 9:00 PM at University Theatre in University Center for the Arts, University of Lethbridge.

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.

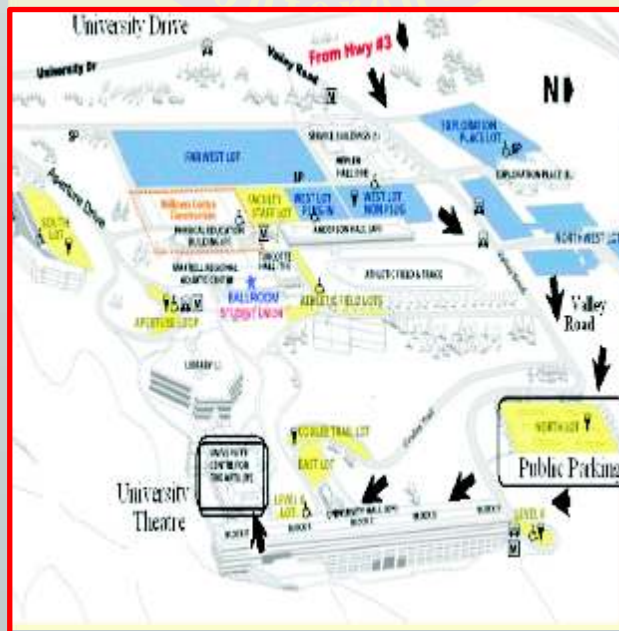
Admission is free for the public. However registration is recommended:

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**Email:** [info.calgaryne@ahmadiyya.ca](mailto:info.calgaryne@ahmadiyya.ca)

**Phones:** 403-616-4415 or 403-615-0005

**Venue:** University Theatre, University Center for the Arts, University of Lethbridge



## 3<sup>rd</sup> World Religions Conference Lethbridge

Free  
Refreshments

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Admission



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## Purpose of Life

Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
(6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Come and join us to explore the  
purpose of life in  
a friendly environment

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## Organizer

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Calgary

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## Program Schedule:

- 6:00 PM Door Opening & Refreshments
- 6:30 PM Program Commencements
- 6:45 PM Speeches
- 8:05 PM Questions and Answers
- 8:35 PM Closing Remarks
- 8:45 PM Social & Refreshments

## SPEAKERS

### 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.

### Bishop Frederick Henry (Representing Christianity):

Bishop Frederick Henry is the seventh and

current Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese of Calgary in Alberta. Henry was ordained to the priesthood on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1968.

He holds an M.A. in Philosophy from the



University of Notre Dame and a Licentiate in Theology from Gregorian University in Rome.

In 1986 he was appointed auxiliary bishop of London and titular bishop of Carinola, Italy.

In 1995 he was installed as the fifth bishop of Thunder Bay, Ontario, and on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1998 he was installed as the seventh bishop of Calgary.

### Mr. 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 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.

### Dr. Paul Viminitz (Representing Judaism):

Professor Paul Viminitz has BA Honours From the University of Regina, MA from



Dalhousie, PhD from University of Alberta. He is a professor of Philosophy at University of Lethbridge since 1997.

He specializes in Philosophy of Religions, Philosophy of war and game theory.

### Rev. Dr. Tadashi Mitsui (Tad) (Conference Moderator):

Rev. Tad Mitsui was born in Zumazu, Japan.



He ordained into Ministry of the United Church of Canada in 1958.

Dr. Tad is a retired United Church minister. He has a Master's degree from Vancouver and a doctorate degree from

United Theological College at McGill.

While active, he was engaged mainly in teaching at a University in Lesotho, Southern Africa, and in church administration in Geneva (Switzerland), Toronto, and Montreal.