

# Invitation

**Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at  
&  
Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association**

*Cordially invite you to attend an Interfaith Symposium on the topic of "How Can Religion Solve Social Problems" on Tuesday, October 23rd, 2007 at 6:30 PM at Lede A&B Civic Center, City of Leduc.*

*Renowned speakers from a variety of faiths will explain their religious perspectives*

**Secretary for Information and Public Relations  
Interfaith symposium 2007  
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# Our Sponsor

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was initiated under Divine guidance by Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India in 1889. He claimed to be the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi of the Latter Days, whose advent was awaited by the world community of religions. Ahmadiyyat, which he founded under Divine guidance, is not a new religion. It represents the essence of the pristine and pure Islam enunciated by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (on whom be peace and blessing of God). The Community established by Hadrat Ahmad is an embodiment of the benevolent message of all world religions; peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the Will of God.

The objective of the Movement is to educate the world about Islam, to promote understanding among people of different religions and to establish harmony by bringing people closer to God.



**Bait-ul-Hadi Mosque, Edmonton**

# How Can Religion Solve Social Problems?

**(Family Violence, Drugs Abuse,  
Social Justice)**



# Interfaith Symposium

**Tuesday October 23, 2007**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Lede A&B Civic Center  
#1 Alexandra Park  
City of Leduc**

**Invitation and Information**

# Program

6:30 PM Welcome

6:35 PM Recitation from the Holy Qur'an  
and Translation

6:40 PM Introductory Remarks

6:45 PM **Judaism Perspective**  
Rabbi David Kunin

7:05 PM **Christian Perspective**  
Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra

7:25 PM **Islamic Perspective**  
Mubarak A. Nazir

7:45 PM Question/ Answer session.

8:15 PM Vote of Thanks and  
Refreshments

## ***For further information contact***

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# Speakers Profile

## **Mobarak Ahmed** Moderator

**Mobarak Ahmad** is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and has a degree in Civil Engineering. He is currently employed as a Structural Engineer with a multi-national consulting firm. He has previously been host of discussion and question/answer format television programs produced by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Communities in Saskatoon and Winnipeg that aired on local cable stations. He is presently the General Secretary of the Edmonton Branch of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

## **Rabbi David Kunin**



**Rabbi David Kunin**, graduated from Brandies University with a degree in Medieval History. He then attended the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he was ordained as a Rabbi and received an MA in Judaic Studies. He has served congregations in Scotland, and in several communities in North America. He is now the Rabbi of Beth Shalom Congregation, Edmonton. Rabbi Kunin speaks widely on issues of inter-religious understanding and is a member of board on the Edmonton interfaith Centre.

# Speakers Profile

## **Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra**



Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra has been serving in ministry with the United Church of Canada for 20 years. The last 6 years she has enjoyed a rewarding and fulfilling relationship with the congregants of the Josephburg United Church. Rev. Hoekstra is the fourth generation Hoekstra to serve the Christian church. Her forefathers served congregations in Canada, the Netherlands, Surinam and Bermuda.

## **Mubarak A. Nazir**



**Mubarak A. Nazir**, a renowned scholar, a great speaker, graduated from the Ahmadiyya Missionary University and served from 1963 to 1985 as a Missionary teacher attached to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Sierra Leone. He has served the community in various capacities such as Missionary teacher in Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Principal of Ahmadiyya Muslim Secondary School and Principal of Ahmadiyya Agricultural School in Newton near Waterloo. He has served as a missionary for Eastern Region of Canada. Since 2001, he is serving as the principal of Ahmadiyya Missionary University in Toronto.