

PROGRAM

- 6:00pm Light Refreshments
- 6:25pm Commencement
- 6:30pm Recitation from The Holy Qur'an and Translation
- 6:35pm Welcome Remarks From Dignitaries
- 6:45pm Introductory Remarks
- 6:55pm Aboriginal Perspective:
Mr. Bill Traverse
- 7:15m Buddhism Perspective:
Mrs. Radhika A. Abeysekera
- 7:35pm Christianity Perspective:
Fr. John Perry
- 7:55pm Hinduism Perspective:
Pandit Venkat Machiraju
- 8:15pm Islamic Perspective:
Mr. Salman Khalid
- 8:35pm Refreshments
- 8:55pm Judaism Perspective:
Mr. Steven Hyman
- 9:15pm Sikh Perspective:
Dr. Mohindar Singh
- 9:35pm Questions Session with Speakers
- 10:10pm Award Presentation
- 10:15pm Closing Remarks-Presiding Chair and Moderator
- 10:20pm Vote of Thanks:
Mr. Nadeem Chaudhry (President)
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community,
Winnipeg, MB, Canada

(Program is subject to change)

May Peace and Blessings of God be with You.

YOU'RE INVITED

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
Winnipeg, MB

Cordially invites you to attend the World Religions Conference on March 31, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. Renowned speakers belonging to various faiths will explain from their religious perspectives.

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World Religious Conference 2008

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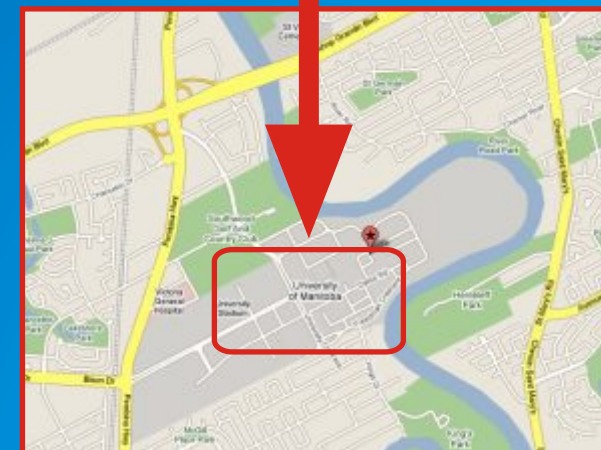
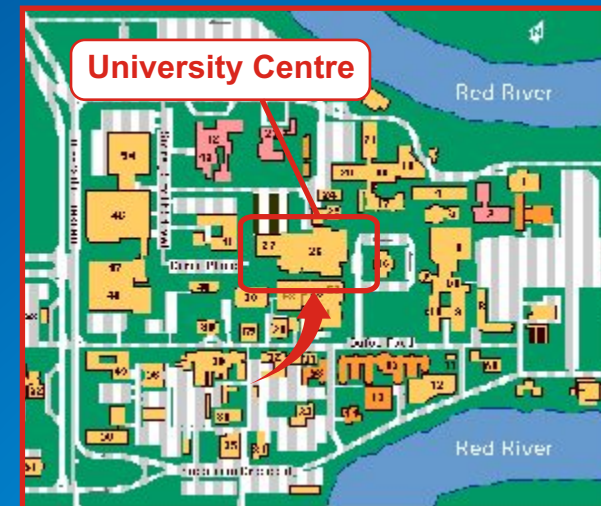
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Driving Directions to University Center

Follow the green & white parkade signs to the parking spots. University center is right beside by the parkade. At the parking follow the conference signs posted by the organizers.



World Religions
Conference

WORLD PEACE RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE



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Monday, March 31, 2008

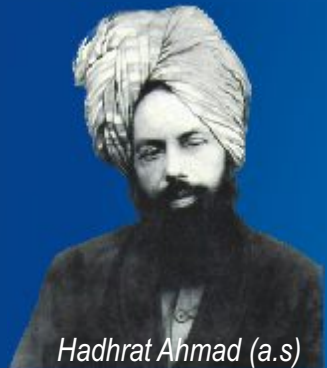
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Room 210 - Campus University Center
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Invitation and Information

OUR SPONSOR

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was founded under Divine guidance, by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India in 1889. He claimed to be the Promised Messiah and al-Imam al-Mahdi of the latter days. His advent was awaited by the world community of religions. Ahmadiyya 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 Hadhrat Ahmad is an embodiment of the benevolent message of all world religions; peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the Will of God.



Hadhrat Ahmad (a.s)



The objective of the community is to educate the world about Islam and Mohammad (peace be upon him) the Holy Prophet of Islam and his teachings, to promote understanding between people of different religions and to bring harmony among the people of the world by bringing them closer to God.

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SPEAKER PROFILES

Pandit Venkat Machiraju

Representing Hinduism



Pandit Venkat Machiraju is the priest with the Hindu Society of Manitoba serving Hindu community in Winnipeg since last 2½ years. Prior to this he was the priest in Regina for the Hindu Samaj of Southern Saskatchewan for nine years. He is well-read on all of the world religions and enjoys expressing the similarities of the world religions.

He has been on many TV shows throughout Canada talking about Hinduism.

Mr. Steven Hyman

Representing Judaism



Steven Hyman has alternated between his two loves: assisting others through religion, and the practice of law. While currently resuming his practice in law, Steven has been actively involved in the Jewish community as a service leader, as a provider of Spiritual Care, and as a religious instructor to young people. Over the years, Steven has taught a variety of classes on Jewish belief and practice, and as well is a frequent speaker to other faith groups on Jewish thought and perspectives.

Radhika A. Abeysekera

Representing Buddhism



Mrs. Radhika Abeysekera, the founder of the Manitoba Buddhist Vihara, began teaching and writing books on the Buddha Dhamma (Buddha's teaching) to help re-introduce Buddhism to immigrants in non-Buddhist countries. She has been teaching the Dhamma for over eighteen years. Her books are designed in such a manner

that a parent or educator can use them to teach Buddhism. Her books are also designed to foster understanding of the Dhamma among non-Buddhists, so that there can be peace and harmony through understanding and respect for the philosophies and faiths of others.

Fr. John Perry

Representing Christianity



John Perry is a Jesuit priest who has been teaching at the University of Manitoba since 1998. At present he is an Associate Professor at St. Paul's College and an Adjunct Professor at the Arthur V. Mauro Center for Peace and Justice. His most recent publication is a book, which has just been released, entitled *Catholics and Slavery A Compromising History (Novalis and Orbis)*. In July he will begin a research study leave in Liberia in West Africa, which is recovering, from a disastrous 14-year civil war.

Salman Khalid

Representing Islam



Salman Khalid holds the honorary position of Regional President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for Prairie region. He has been involved in scores of interfaith conferences and has spoken at various religious conferences on diverse topics. He has been actively involved in community and social work and has volunteered his services for many community-based projects. He has a keen interest in religion and its correlation with the realities of modern day science. Salman Khalid is an engineer by profession.

Dr. Mohindar Singh

Representing Sikhism



Mohindar Singh has had an active and successful career in the field of education as a teacher, consultant, psychologist and administrator. Mr. Singh is well known for his volunteer services to families in distress and youth at a cross roads. He has been a member and chair of various committees and organizations. At present, he is the President of the

National Association of Canadians of Origin in India and Executive Director of the Multicultural Educational Enterprises Inc. Currently, he is a member of National Advisory Council on Aging a Public Health Agency of Canada.

Chair & Presiding

Mr. Tim Sale, Former MLA



Tim Sale was appointed as Minister of Health in 2004, following two years as Minister of Energy, Science and Technology. He also served as a member of Treasury Board and chaired the Healthy Child Committee of Cabinet. His 25 years experience in management included five years of senior management experience in government. Tim served as an Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, Senior Policy Analyst for the Manitoba Government in the Finance Department, CEO of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. Tim received his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Theology degrees from the University of Toronto. A Minister of the Anglican Church of Canada, Tim served two terms as a trustee for the Fort Garry School Division, and eight years on the board of the United Way of Winnipeg. Tim and his partner Irene Rainey live in Fort Garry where their now children attended public school and the University of Manitoba.

Bill Traverse

Representing Aboriginal



Bill Traverse is a Political Advisor to Grand Chief Ron Evans at the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. He is Anishinaabe (Ojibway) born in Dauphin River First Nation, Manitoba. He Spent 10 years at residential school before returning home to Kinonjeoshtegon (formerly Jackhead) First Nation, where he served as Chief for twenty years. He then served a term as Grand Chief for the Southern

Chiefs Organization for Manitoba; where he was very instrumental in setting up the organization.