

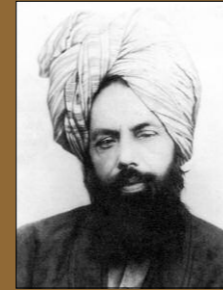
NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM

At the Baitul Futuh Mosque, London – Saturday 25th March 2017



GLOBAL CONFLICTS AND THE NEED FOR JUSTICE

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY



Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad – The Promised Messiah and Mahdi (peace be upon him)

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community was founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. He claimed to be the expected reformer of the latter days and the awaited one of the world's religions (the Messiah and Mahdi of the latter days). His mission was to revive the peaceful teachings of Islam and engender in people's hearts the love of God and the duty to serve mankind.

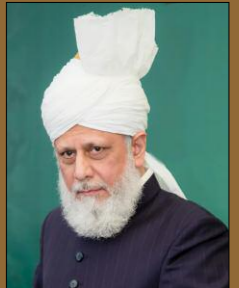
The community is now established in more than 207 countries and it spearheads an international effort to promote the true message of Islam, education and health across the developing world as well as a global peace campaign to champion respect and human rights for all. The UK chapter of the community was established in 1913 and now has 130 branches, making it one of the oldest established Muslim communities in the UK.

"A religion which does not inculcate compassion is no religion at all." (A Message of Peace, 1908)

THE KHALIFA OF ISLAM: A MAN OF PEACE

The community is led by a system of Khilafat (spiritual leadership). His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad is the community's fifth Khalifa and is based in London. He leads his global community and inspires it to serve humanity with the spirit of kindness and humility that is integral to Islam. In accordance with the teachings of Islam, he upholds the honour of all prophets of God and highlights the role of religion in the promotion of peace.

Under his leadership, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has launched campaigns across the world that present the Islam's true noble message of loyalty, freedom and peace.



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad – Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

THE NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM

The rise of nationalism and extremism fuelled by injustice, faltering economies and growing mistrust is pulling people and nations apart. Many have drawn parallels between the current state of affairs and those that preceded earlier world wars. These are difficult times and now more than ever is it critical for world leaders to promote unity, justice and peace between all people.



The National Peace Symposium is a key event of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community held at the largest mosque in Western Europe and this year marks the 14th to date. The event promotes a deeper understanding of Islam and other faiths and seeks to inspire a concerted effort for lasting peace.

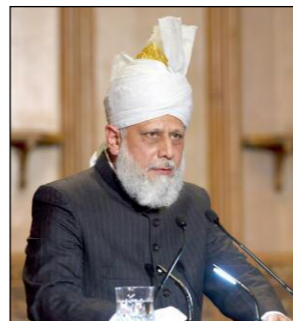
More than 800 guests from across the world attend the unique event including Secretaries of State, parliamentarians, diplomats, faith and civic leaders as well as representatives from numerous charities and faith communities.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace

The international Ahmadiyya Muslim Peace Prize is awarded each year in recognition of an individual's or an organisation's contribution to the advancement of the cause of peace. This year's prize will be presented by His Holiness at the symposium.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad has repeatedly spoken on the need for peace and justice. His latest international address was delivered at the Calgary Peace Symposium in Canada in November 2016 where His Holiness said:

"Everyone appreciates that the world stands in great need of peace and harmony, yet despite comprehending this, it seems as though people are unwilling to take the necessary steps to achieve it. Regrettably, in many parts of the world, far greater priority is being given, either directly or indirectly, towards asserting dominance and supremacy over others and satisfying a craving for power and authority....Storm clouds forewarning us of a Third World War are getting heavier by the day... It is the urgent need of the time for mankind to work towards safeguarding our future".

"...if someone is kind to you it is necessary to express your appreciation to them, because being grateful to man is an essential requirement of being grateful to God Almighty. It is this perception and portrayal of God that Islam provides."

(Conference of World Religions - February 2014)

"The Holy Qur'an states that one of the Attributes of God Almighty is 'Salam' which means He is 'The Source of Peace.' It follows that if God truly is the 'Source of Peace' then His peace should encompass all of His Creation and all of mankind, rather than be limited to a specific group of people." (House of Commons - June 2013)

"There is no doubt that the media plays a huge role in influencing public opinion and so the media should use this power responsibly - as a force for good and as a force for peace. It should show the world what true Islam represents, rather than focusing on the merciless acts of a minority."

(National UK Peace Symposium - March 2016)

His Holiness has travelled globally to promote dialogue and understanding. He regularly meets presidents, prime ministers, other heads of state, parliamentarians and ambassadors of state.



Rt Hon Justin Trudeau MP,
Prime Minister of Canada



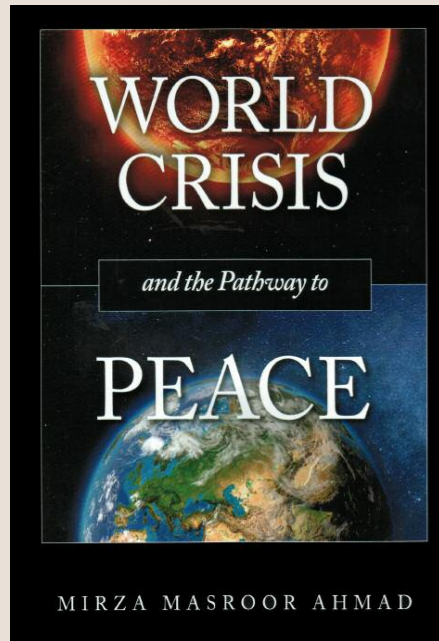
Rt Hon Theresa May MP, former
Home Secretary (now Prime
Minister for the UK)



Martin Schulz - President of the
European Parliament



HE Mr Edward Ssekandi, Vice-
President of Uganda



WORLD CRISIS AND THE PATHWAY TO PEACE

The world is passing through very troubled times and the global economic crisis continues to manifest newer and graver dangers. The similarities to the period just before the Second World War continue to be cited and it seems clear that events are moving the world at an unprecedented pace towards a horrific Third World War. This latest edition of this

book by His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, he warns the world of the fast approaching dangers and how it can avert disaster and chart a course to peace. It includes a selection of his keynote addresses at various parliaments and letters to world leaders urging them to focus global efforts for the attainment of peace and justice.

Letters to world leaders include:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Prime Minister of Israel
President of the United States of America
Prime Minister of Canada
Prime Minister of UK

Chancellor of Germany
President of the French Republic
President of the Russian Federation
Premier of the Republic of China
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

"...instead of using force to suppress other nations, use diplomacy, dialogue and wisdom." (World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace, p.244)

"Today, when the world is becoming divided into blocs, extremism is escalating and the financial, political, and economic situation is worsening, there is an urgent need to extinguish all kinds of hatred and to lay the foundation for peace." (p.239)



UK Parliament



New Zealand Parliament



Capitol Hill, Washington, USA



European Parliament -
Brussels, Belgium



Dutch Parliament
The Hague, Netherlands



The Baitul Futuh Mosque in south London is the prestigious venue of the National Peace Symposium. Opened in 2003, the landmark building is the largest mosque in Western Europe and it plays a key role in promoting community cohesion.

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For further details and to register online see: www.PeaceSymposium.org.uk

PROGRAMME

- 6.15 pm: Arrival & Refreshments
- 7.00 pm: Introduction & Guest Speakers
- 7.40 pm: Keynote Address
- 8.25 pm: Dinner

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