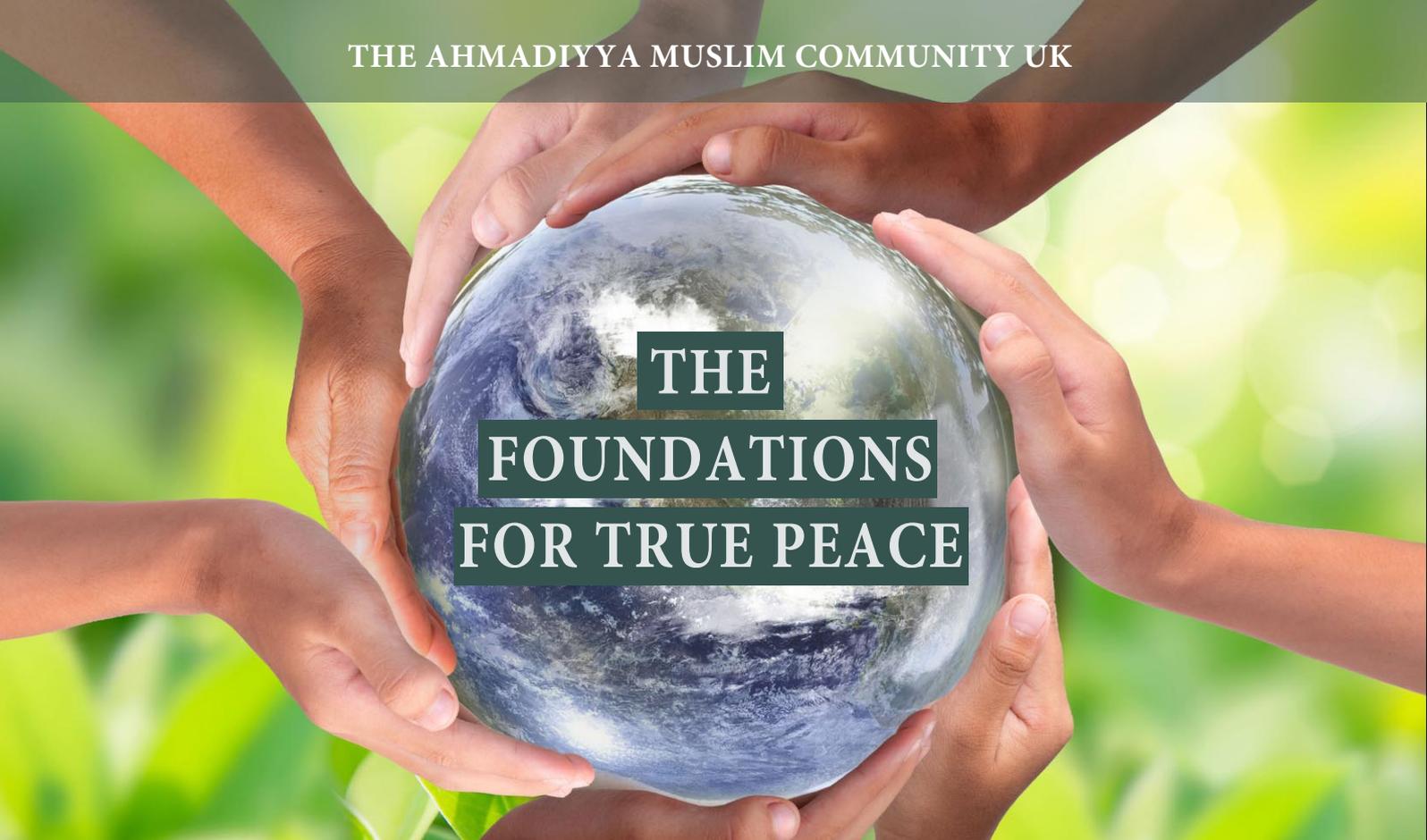


THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY UK



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NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM 2020

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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 213 countries and it spearheads an international effort to promote education and health across the developing world, as well as a global peace campaign to champion respect and human rights for all.

“Be kind and merciful to humanity, for all are [God's] creatures: do not oppress them with your tongue, or hands, or in any other way. Always work for the good of mankind.”



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

The community is led by a system of Khilafat (spiritual leadership). His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, is the community's fifth Khalifa (Caliph) and is based in the UK. 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.

His Holiness has travelled globally to promote dialogue and understanding. He has also written to world leaders urging them to inculcate a true sense of justice and peace in international relations to avoid regional conflicts from engulfing the entire world. Under his leadership, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has launched campaigns across the world that present Islam's true noble message of loyalty, freedom and peace.

THE NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM

Recent events continue to highlight the perilous state of the world. Nationalism and injustice are fuelling poverty, inequality and are creating humanitarian crises across the globe. It is the need of the hour to unite for the cause of peace and strive together for the betterment of our current and future generations.



The National Peace Symposium is a key event of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. It is held at the largest mosque in Western Europe and this year marks the 17th symposium 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 root cause of frustration and the resulting hostility, whether in the East or the West, is economic injustice and so it is essential that a concerted effort is made to bridge the economic divide amongst nations and their people. Furthermore, we must unite in our efforts to end all forms of extremism and prejudice, whether religious, racial or of any other kind.”

(His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, National Peace Symposium 2019)

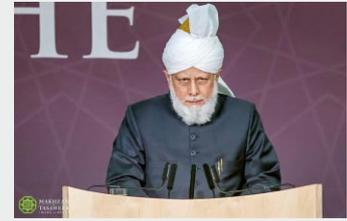


THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM PRIZE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE

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. The 2019 peace prize will be presented by His Holiness at the National Peace Symposium in March 2020.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, has repeatedly spoken on the need for peace and harmony for all communities. His recent international address was at a special reception held on 26 October 2019 in Nahe, Germany.



“The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said that ‘loyalty to one’s country is part of one’s faith’. Therefore, in whichever country we reside, abiding by its laws, living respectfully with the inhabitants, exhibiting good morals, expressing religious freedom and tolerance, showing patience and forbearance, are all extremely important so that peace can be maintained within the country and maintaining peace within the country is part of our faith.”

MEETINGS WITH WORLD LEADERS

His Holiness regularly meets presidents, prime ministers, other heads of state, parliamentarians and ambassadors of state. His Holiness has delivered keynote addresses in the UK Parliament, Capitol Hill, the European Parliament, the Dutch Parliament and New Zealand Parliament emphasising the need for absolute justice.



Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP - now serving as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.



Nancy Pelosi – Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, welcoming His Holiness to Congress.



Rt Hon Justin Trudeau MP, Prime Minister of Canada.



House of Commons, UK



Capitol Hill, USA



European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium



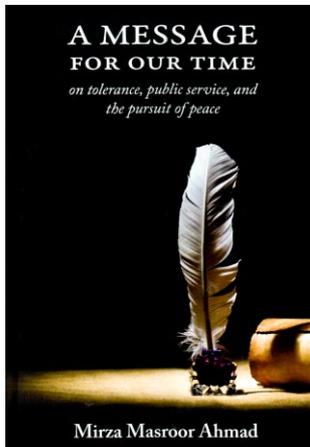
Dutch Parliament, the Hague, Netherlands

PROMOTING INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Islam lays great importance on the belief in and respect for all prophets. The Most Reverend, The Archbishop of Canterbury, His Grace, Justin Welby visited His Holiness at The Fazl Mosque (also known as The London Mosque). The discussion underlined the need for concerted efforts for peace.

His Holiness presenting Justin Welby with a copy of the Holy Qur'an





A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

The western world is seeing a rise in intolerance, hate and violence. The media exacerbates this by painting inaccurate portrayals of immigrants, minorities and of Islam and Muslims in particular. As a result of this, there is a pressing need to convey the true teachings of Islam, especially with regards to fostering mutual

brotherhood amongst people of all beliefs.

In four speeches published in this book His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, offers a formula for achieving peace in our communities, nations and throughout the world.

“... Islam teaches that, irrespective of differences of religion or belief, every citizen has a duty to remain peaceful and to ensure that he or she does not take any action that threatens the well-being of society. Islam states that all people should be law-abiding and loyal citizens of the state and work towards its progress and development.” (A Message For Our Time)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT UNESCO, PARIS.

8 October 2019

“Where, out of human sympathy, we seek to eradicate poverty and destitution, we also consider it to be the key to developing sustainable peace in the world.”

“... Only if people have food to eat, water to drink, shelter, schooling for their children and healthcare will they be able to live in peace and escape the deadly clutches of frustration and resentment that lead people towards extremism. These are all basic human rights and so until we help people flee poverty and destitution we will not see true peace in the world.”





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.



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

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PROGRAMME

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