



NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM 2024

Saturday 9 March 2024

At the
Baitul Futuh Mosque
London



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 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.

“...a religion which does not inculcate universal compassion is no religion at all. Similarly, a human being without the faculty of compassion is no human at all.”



**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

Bringing communities together for the cause of peace

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 18th 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.

Recent events continue to highlight the perilous state of the world. Nationalism and injustice are fuelling conflict, 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.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, is the world's leading Muslim advocate for championing the cause of peace and for religious harmony.

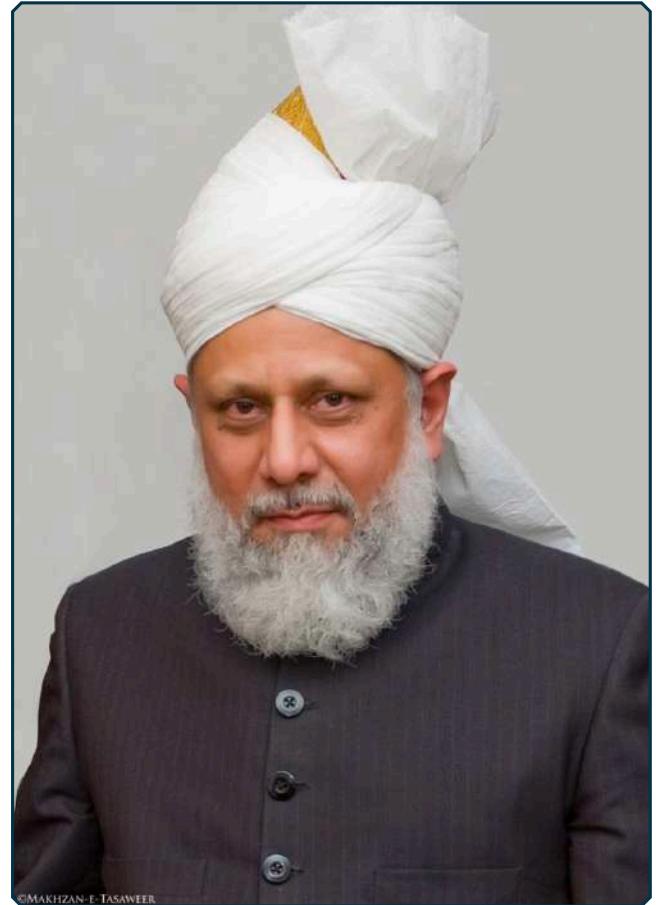
Through his sermons, lectures, literary works, and personal interactions he works tirelessly to uphold the Islamic principles of justice and peace.

His Holiness underlines the need for us to strengthen our bond with God and to serve humanity regardless of colour, creed or race.

“...with all my heart, I pray that may Allah Almighty have mercy upon humanity and may the people of the world, especially its leaders and policymakers, see sense before it is too late.

I pray that instead of warmongering and sabre-rattling, they utilise all their faculties and resources to foster peace and security for all peoples and nations, rather than seeking to feed their egos and satisfy their lust for power by fueling wars.”

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A MAN OF PEACE

His Holiness frequently meets with presidents, prime ministers, heads of state, parliamentarians and ambassadors to uphold the sanctity of life and the need for harmony at national and international levels.

His Holiness has delivered keynote addresses at the UK Parliament, Capitol Hill in USA, the European Parliament (see photo right), the Dutch Parliament, the New Zealand Parliament and UNESCO.

In these addresses, His Holiness consistently emphasises the critical importance of absolute justice as a cornerstone for peace and stability in the world and advocates to uphold fairness and equity for all people.



House of Commons,
UK Parliament, London



Capitol Hill,
Washington, USA



European Parliament,
Brussels, Belgium



UNESCO,
Paris, France

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 London Mosque. The discussion underlined the need for concerted efforts for peace.



THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM PRIZE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE



The international Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace was launched in 2009 and is bestowed to honour the efforts of an individual or organisation in promoting the cause of peace. This latest award will be presented by His Holiness at the National Peace Symposium in March 2024.

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE



Dr Tadatoshi Akiba
Awarded for his work to press for the abolition of nuclear weapons.



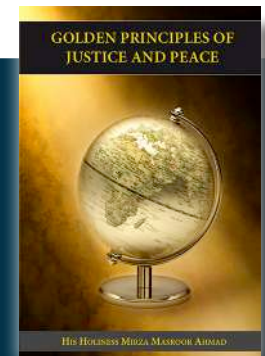
Barbara Hofmann
Awarded for her work to promote education and poverty relief to children.



Lord Eric Avebury
Awarded for his service for peace, with a particular focus on human rights.

Golden Principles of Justice and Peace

The world is seeing a rise in conflicts based on a relentless desire for power. On this His Holiness has repeatedly advocated that enduring peace can only be achieved by following divine teachings, and this theme has featured in many of his keynote speeches. Compiled in this book, his keynote addresses are critical reading for all who seek a path to peace.





The Baitul Futuh Mosque is the largest mosque in western Europe. It serves as the administrative headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK and is home to the National Peace Symposium.



PROGRAMME

6.00 pm	Registration, Tours & Refreshments
7.00 pm	Introduction & Guest Speeches
7.25 pm	Presentation of Peace Prize
7.45 pm	Keynote Address
8.30 pm	Dinner

THIS IS AN INVITATION ONLY EVENT

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

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Equality • Respect
Peace