

Minnesota Muslims hold symposium to show respect for holy scriptures of all religions

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To promote true Islamic values of peace and tolerance, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the oldest American Muslim organization in the United States (here since 1920) is holding interfaith symposiums around the country to bring together different faiths with the shared goal of promoting social and spiritual peace. The Minnesota chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA is holding an interfaith symposium "The Sanctity of Holy Scriptures" on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM in Mankato, MN.

"As a community, we must uphold the sanctity of the Holy Scriptures of all religions to maintain peace and harmony in a multicultural society like America" said Dr. Mohammed Khaliq, President of the Minnesota Chapter. "As an individual, we must respect each other's Holy Scriptures to promote understanding and friendship among each other."

Speakers will be Pastor Dean Wold (Christianity), Reverend J. Gorman (Hope Interfaith), Dr. Harry Solo (Judaism), Dr. Bikash Nandy (Hinduism), Bhante Sathi (Buddhism), and Imam I. H. Kauser (Islam).

There is a month long exhibition of the Holy Scriptures of various religions being held at the Blue Earth County Library. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held at the Blue Earth County Library: Auditorium, 100 East Main St. Mankato, MN 56001 on Saturday, May 14, from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM. Refreshments will be served and Q/A Session to follow.

About the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community: The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, fast growing international revival movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community spans more than 195 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is the oldest American-Muslim organization.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. Ahmad claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad's advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation. He divested Muslims of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings.