

# THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY UK



**INAUGURAL EVENT OF LANDMARK BUILDING in conjunction with the  
NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM 2023 – Saturday 4 March, Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.**

## KEY FACTS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

- The design and construction was initiated after the devastating fire in 2015.
- The £20m project was funded by members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.
- The new building elevation creates an impressive formal civic frontage to the main entry into the mosque complex and brings together Islamic and British architecture. The colonnades also serve as a sheltered area for congregation.
- The design is based on a pure geometry and a symmetrical arrangement, which is often found in Islamic architecture, particularly in the design of mosques.
- The stone façade, with deep recesses, is layered with decorative screens that not only add a richness to the facades, but also provide privacy for those inside the building.
- The simple material palette and geometric arrangement provides a timeless architecture appropriate for such an important building.
- The five-storey complex includes naturally ventilated spaces and includes two large multipurpose halls, offices and guest rooms.
- The new facility incorporates low energy and sustainable technologies including, solar panels, efficient heating and cooling systems, and other energy and water saving features which contribute towards its green footprint.



## 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.

**“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 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 inaugural event will also feature the National Peace Symposium – a key event that brings together people from the world of religion, politics and civil society.



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**NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM 2023**



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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)



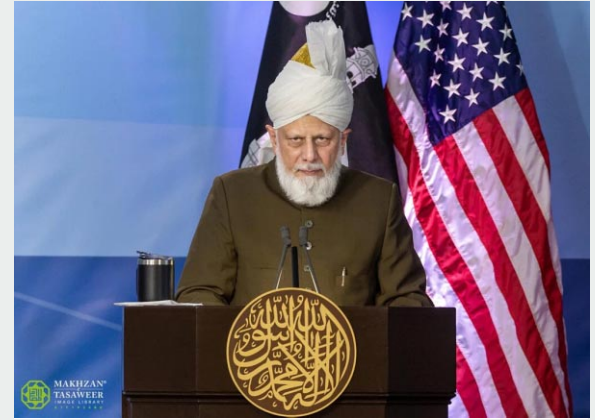
### THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM PRIZE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE

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 peace prize will be presented by His Holiness at the National Peace Symposium in March 2023.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, has repeatedly spoken on the increasing risk of a Third World War, and has called for every action possible to prevent and end conflict and to de-escalate tensions so that we do not witness the horrors of a nuclear holocaust. At a recent keynote address at a special reception held on 8 October 2022 in Dallas, Texas, His Holiness said:

*“Each of us has a role to play in the cause for peace. Wherever there is cruelty or injustice, we must condemn it. We must urge our political leaders, that instead of propelling our nations towards war and, rather than raising the temperature through threats of retribution and violence, they should endeavour to cool the tensions that exist both at an international level and within nations through diplomacy and wisdom. They must ensure that the peace and security of the world remains their paramount objective.”*



## 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 –  
Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom



Rt Hon Justin Trudeau MP –  
Prime Minister of Canada



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

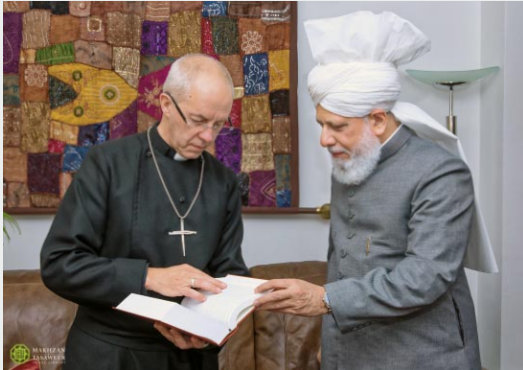
## A CALL FOR PEACE

The world is seeing a rise in conflicts based on national interests and a relentless desire for power rather than for peace. This is creating misery for millions of people, destroying nations and fuelling extremism. It is only by following God's teachings that true, lasting peace can be achieved.

This is the message that His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad has emphasised in his keynote addresses at the National Peace Symposium, **since its inception in 2004, which have been compiled in this new book. It outlines the pathway to achieving peace** in our communities, nations and throughout the world.

*"... those countries who want to be the standard-bearers of peace should sit down together and work out how the world can be saved from destruction. When thinking of that, they should remember their Creator and then think for the betterment of His creation."*

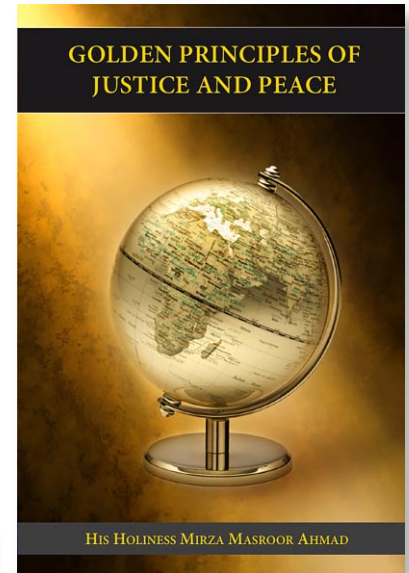
(Golden Principles of Justice and Peace)



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

## 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.



## GOLDEN PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE

This 218 page book features a compilation of the keynote addresses by His Holiness delivered at the National Peace Symposiums from 2004-2019.





## PROGRAMME

- 5.00 pm:** Arrival, Tours & Refreshments
- 7.00 pm:** Introduction & Guest Speeches
- 7.25 pm:** Presentation of Peace Prize
- 7.45 pm:** Keynote Address
- 8.30 pm:** Dinner



For further details and to register online see: [www.PeaceSymposium.org.uk](http://www.PeaceSymposium.org.uk)

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