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Muslim Convention in Chino to Highlight Justice and Kindness

Leaders will discuss countering extremism while promoting religious freedom

On Friday December 22, 2017, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA will host its 32nd Annual West Coast Jalsa Salana. This convention, the oldest annual Muslim conference held on the west coast, will unite American Muslims, community and faith leaders, and law enforcement of Southern California in fighting against extremist ideologies and radicalization for a safer nation and world.

At 4 pm on the Friday, this three-day conference will include a guest event themed, “**Justice, Kindness and Kinship: An Islamic and American Imperative.**” Muslim leaders will discuss how to combat the growing scourge of violent extremism while also maintaining core American values, including religious freedom, dignity and interfaith harmony.

“In light of the government’s recently upheld travel ban, and with the plight of refugees around the world, there is a desperate need to re-emphasize the sacred tenets of justice, kindness and kinship while fighting extremism” said Dr. Hamid ur Rahman, national vice president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA “These are both Islamic values and American values, and this convention will be an opportunity for meaningful dialogue with our friends in the community.”

Event: Jalsa Salana Islamic Convention Special Guest Session

When: Friday, December 22, 2017, from 4 pm until 5:15 pm (Media at 3:30 pm)

Where: Baitul Hameed Mosque, 11941 Ramona Avenue, Chino, CA

Media Opportunity: Interviews with Muslim leadership and guest speakers can be organized.

Speaker List:

- 1) Rabi Hillel Cohn – Rabbi of Congregation Emanu El , Redlands
- 2) Father Manuel Cardoza – Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino
- 3) Pastor Sandy Tice – First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino
- 4) Master Hang Truong- Buddhist Founder of Compassionate Service Society
- 5) Cary Davis – Mayor of San Bernardino
- 6) Dr. Lynne Kennedy- Mayor Pro Tem Rancho Cucamonga
- 7) Tim Sandoval – Mayor of Pomona
- 8) Sam Pedroza –Council member of Claremont
- 9) Eunice Ulloa – Mayor City of Chino
- 10) Karen Comstock – Police Chief of Chino
- 11) Ali Sajjad Taj - Mayor City of Artesia
- 12) John Stedman- Commander LASD – Representing LA County Sheriff Jim McDonnell
- 13) Freddie Rodriguez – CA State Assembly Member
- 14) Eloise G. Reyes – CA State Assembly Member
- 15) Norma Torres –US Congresswoman CA- 35th District
- 16) Judy Chu- US Congresswoman CA-27th District

About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans over 200 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the first American-Muslim organizations.

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 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.

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