



# Press Release

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## Islamic Convention to Define True Islam

### ***Oldest American Muslim organization responds to President Obama's call to root out extremist ideology***

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, the nation's oldest Muslim organization, will gather Muslims from across the U.S. in the largest Mosque in San Bernardino County at the end of the month for its 30th annual *Jalsa Salana* Convention. In the wake of the San Bernardino attack, anti-Muslim backlash felt all across the country and anti-Muslim rhetoric gaining popularity in the presidential campaigns, this convention will confront the fear many have of Islam and delineate between True Islam and extremism.

At the weekend-long convention, Muslim leaders will answer President Obama's call to decisively and unequivocally reject the hateful ideology of groups like ISIS and those interpretations of Islam that are incompatible with the values of religious tolerance, mutual respect, and human dignity. In the spirit of partnership, the convention's doors are open to all guests, Muslim and non-Muslim alike.

The event will take place December 25th-27th at the Baitul Hameed Mosque in Chino, California. The three-day conference will include presentations on the following topics, for which subject matter experts are available for interviews:

1. True Islam – Message of Peace or Extremism
2. Shariah and Governance in Islam
3. Role of a Woman in leading the future generation to follow the righteous path
4. Khilafat (Caliphate) leads to success
5. Praying to God
6. Prophet Muhammad as a Mercy for Mankind
7. Finding Ease after Hardship
8. Blessings in Serving Mankind
9. Domestic Harmony
10. Overcoming impediments that take away from congregational prayer

“We educate our members about true Islam throughout the year, and this will culminate with a strong and unified message at this annual convention,” said Dr. Hamidur Rehman, National Vice President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA. “The world is in a state of turmoil, crying for a solution. We are here to offer that solution and pave a path to its implementation.”

**About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:**

*Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international revival movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans 206 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the first American-Muslim organizations.*

*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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