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Nation's Oldest Muslim Organization Holds Landmark 70th National Muslim Peace Conference

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Celebrates 70 years of service

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, the nation's largest and oldest Muslim organization, will host the 70th annual Jalsa Salana this weekend in Harrisburg, PA. The 3-day national peace conference seeks to spiritually rejuvenate Muslim Americans, young and old, and build bridges of understanding between American Muslims and the greater American community. As the nation's longest running American Muslim conference, it aims to reach into Islam's fundamentals as practiced by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) to teach how to be a model Muslim in today's world.

Rising anti-Muslim hate crimes and attacks on mosques show that there exists immense opportunity to educate on Islam's true teachings. Accordingly, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has spearheaded a campaign entitled "True Islam" to educate the masses on Islam and make our nation safer and stronger.

"Our nation is more secure and more productive when we fight ignorance with education," said Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, National Vice President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA. "And just as we have championed peace throughout our long history, we again invite all our fellow Americans to join us for our 70th Jalsa to continue that long tradition of peace and unity."

The 70th Jalsa Salana peace conference will be held at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA from July 13-15. Thousands of American Muslims from across the country

are expected in attendance to participate in the conference. The Jalsa Salana is free and open to the public, and annually attracts well over 8000 guests from all faiths and backgrounds.

About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) are Muslims who believe in the Messiah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) (1835-1908) of Qadian. Mirza Ghulam Ahmad founded the AMC in 1889 as a revival movement within Islam, emphasizing its essential teachings of peace, love, justice, and sanctity of life. Today, the AMC is the world's largest Islamic community under one Divinely appointed leader, His Holiness the Khalifa of Islam, Mirza Masroor Ahmad aba (b. 1950). The AMC spans over 200 nations with membership exceeding tens of millions. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA (est. 1920) is America's largest Muslim organization under one leader.

The AMC is the leading Islamic organization to categorically reject terrorism. Over a century ago, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad emphatically declared that the "jihad by the sword" has no place in Islam. He instead taught Muslims to follow the Qur'an and Prophet Muhammad's example and defend Islam with a bloodless, intellectual "jihad of the pen." Accordingly, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad penned over 80 books and tens of thousands of letters, delivered hundreds of lectures, and engaged in scores of public debates. The AMC continues to use education to peacefully reform Muslims and revive Islam worldwide.

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