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Letter of Invitation

Subject: Request to provide vocerage for the 124th *Jalsa Salana Qadian* (Annual Convention) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community India to be held on 26th, 27th & 28th of December 2015 in Qadian, Teh:Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab-143516.

Dear Sir,

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community India is conducting its *Jalsa Salana* (Annual Convention) on 26th, 27th & 28th of December 2015 in Qadian, Teh:Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab -143516.

This is one of the largest Muslim gatherings in India to promote Peace, in which thousands of delegates participate from more than 52 countries across the world. A special & large delegation from Pakistan is also participating in this conference.

This a three day gathering aimed at moral and spiritual enlightenment, mutual respect and understanding.

Program

26th, 27th & 28th of December 2015
10am-1pm & 2.30pm-5pm
At Qadian, Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab.

Key Events

Session on **World Religions** on 27th December 2015 at 2.30pm
Keynote address of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Live from London on 28th December 2015 at 4.30pm

We are expecting you for the coverage of our program.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,

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Jalsa Salana Qadian – An Insight

The Jalsa Salana (Annual Convention) was started by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah & Mahdi, founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, in 1891 in the small town of Qadian; a modest gathering of 75 members formed the audience of this historic convention. This year it's the 124th Jalsa Salana which is to be held on 26th, 27th & 28th of December 2015.

The founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has mentioned two purposes for such gatherings; one is to attain spiritual enlightenment by enriching oneself with knowledge about God and second is to develop mutual understanding and respect among the people divided by national boundaries, cultures and languages. During this convention learned scholars give insights into various subjects pertaining to an individual in particular and to the society in general. Apart from lectures about gaining religious and moral values, contemporary socio-economic and political problems and their solutions are also talked about. Peace, love and brotherhood are the essence of this spiritual gathering.

The founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community said about this Jalsa Salana that:

"I should like to repeat that this Convention must not be taken like other ordinary gatherings, for unlike them, it has been based on the succor of God."

Today the Jalsa Salana has spread so widely in the world and now it is conducted in numerous countries and has a global audience of millions of people.

The Jalsa Salana Qadian is one of the largest Muslim gatherings in India which is aimed to promote peace, in which thousands of delegates from more than 52 countries participate. From India delegates from all the states and province attend this Jalsa. Fooding, Lodging and all the other facilities for the participants are made in a modest way in this small town.

Key events of this Jalsa

- **A Session on World Religions on 27th December 2015 at 2.30 pm.**

In this Session representatives of various religions participate and express their views to promote Global Peace, brotherhood, tolerance, mutual respect and understanding. Likewise many of the political leaders also participate in this session and express their responsibility towards the society. This session is aimed to create a peaceful atmosphere not only in the society but also globally. Ministers, MLA's, MP's and other local office bearers and dignitaries along with the spiritual leaders participate in this session.

- **Keynote address of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Live from London on 28th December at 4.30 pm.**

Thousands of Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community attending this convention wait eagerly to listen to the faith inspiring speech of their beloved spiritual leader. His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad delivers his speech from London which is telecasted in the community's satellite channel and is viewed live by the members.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

An Overview

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, fast growing international revival movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, it spans over 207 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. Its current headquarters are in the United Kingdom.

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^(as) (1835-1908) of Qadian. Ahmad^(as) claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus^(as) of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad^(sa). The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community believes that God sent Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^(as), like Jesus^(as), to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad's^(as) advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival. He divested Islam of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings. He also recognized the noble teachings of the great religious founders and saints, including Zoroaster^(as), Abraham^(as), Moses^(as), Jesus^(as), Krishna^(as), Buddha^(as), Confucius^(as), Lao Tzu and Guru Nanak, and explained how such teachings converged into the one true Islam.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the leading Islamic organization to categorically reject terrorism in any form. Over a century ago, Ahmad^(as) emphatically declared that an aggressive "jihad by the sword" has no place in Islam. In its place, he taught his followers to wage a bloodless, intellectual "jihad of the pen" to defend Islam. To this end, Ahmad^(as) penned over 90 books and tens of thousands of letters, delivered hundreds of lectures, and engaged in scores of public debates. His rigorous and rational defenses of Islam unsettled conventional Muslim thinking. As part of its effort to revive Islam, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community continues to spread Ahmad's^(as) teachings of moderation and restraint in the face of bitter opposition from parts of the Muslim world.

Similarly, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to endorse a separation of mosque and state. Over a century ago, Ahmad^(as) taught his followers to protect the sanctity of both religion and government by becoming righteous souls as well as loyal citizens. He cautioned against irrational interpretations of Quranic pronouncements and misapplications of Islamic law. He continually voiced his concerns over protecting the rights of God's creatures. Today, it continues to be an advocate for universal human rights and protections for religious and other minorities. It champions the empowerment and education of women. Its members are among the most law-abiding, educated, and engaged Muslims in the world.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the foremost Islamic organization with a central spiritual leader, known as the Khalifa of Islam. Over a century ago, Ahmad^(as) reminded his followers of God's promise to safeguard the message of Islam through *khilafat* (the spiritual institution of successorship to prophethood). The Community believes that only spiritual successorship of Khilafat can uphold the true values of Islam and unite humanity. Five spiritual leaders have succeeded Ahmad^(as) since his demise in 1908. Its fifth and current spiritual head, His Holiness

the Khalifa of Islam Mirza Masroor Ahmad, resides in the United Kingdom. Under the leadership of Islamic Khilafat, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has now built over 16,000 mosques, over 500 schools, and over 30 hospitals. It has translated the Holy Quran into over 70 languages. It propagates the true teachings of Islam and the message of peace and tolerance through a twenty-four hour satellite television channel (MTA), the Internet (alislam.org) and print (Islam International Publications). The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has been at the forefront of worldwide disaster relief through an independent charitable organization, Humanity First.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is known for its motto “Love for all Hatred for None” and this community totally acts according to this slogan.

Khalifa of Islam



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad
Head of the World wide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad (Mir-za Mas-roor Ah-mad), is the fifth Khalifa (Caliph) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Elected to this lifelong position on 22nd April 2003, he serves as the worldwide spiritual and administrative head of an international religious organisation with membership exceeding 10's of millions spread across over 206 countries.
Peace Initiatives

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His Holiness is the world's leading Muslim figure promoting peace and inter-religious harmony. Through his sermons, lectures, books, and personal meetings, His Holiness has continually advocated the worship of God Almighty and serving humanity. He also continually advocates for the establishment of universal human rights, a just society and a separation of religion and state. Since being elected Khalifa, His Holiness has led a worldwide campaign to convey the peaceful message of Islam, through all forms of print and digital media. Under his leadership, national branches of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community have launched campaigns that reflect the true and peaceful teachings of Islam. Ahmadi Muslims the world over are engaged in grassroots efforts to distribute millions of 'Peace' leaflets to Muslims and non-Muslims alike, host interfaith

and peace symposia, and present exhibitions of The Holy Qur'an, to present its true and noble message. These campaigns have received worldwide media coverage and demonstrate that Islam champions peace, loyalty to one's country of residence and service to humanity.

In 2004, His Holiness launched the annual National Peace Symposium in which guests from all walks of life come together to exchange ideas on the promotion of peace and harmony. Each year the symposium attracts many serving ministers, parliamentarians, politicians, religious leaders and other dignitaries. In 2009, His Holiness also launched the annual 'Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace'; an international peace award for individuals or organisations that have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment and service to the cause of peace and humanitarianism.

In 2012, both the United States Congress and the European Parliament benefited directly from His Holiness's message of peace, justice and unity.

On 27 June 2012, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad was welcomed to Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. where he delivered a keynote address entitled, 'The Path to Peace – Just Relations between Nations', to an audience filled with more than 30 members of the United States Congress. In conjunction with this historic event, a bi-partisan resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives in honour of His Holiness's visit.

On 4 December 2012, His Holiness delivered a historic keynote address at the European Parliament in Brussels to a packed audience of more than 350 guests representing 30 countries, including the President of the European Parliament. During his thirty-five minute address, His Holiness called on the European Union to preserve its unity and called for equality and justice in international relations.

On 11 February 2014, His Holiness delivered the keynote address at 'The Conference of World Religions' held at the Guildhall in London. During his address, His Holiness outlined Islam's commitment to promoting mutual understanding, tolerance and respect based on the teachings of the Holy Quran and the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Public Service

His Holiness has travelled globally to promote and facilitate service to humanity. He regularly meets presidents, prime ministers, other heads of state, parliamentarians and ambassadors of state.

His Holiness takes a particular interest in alleviating the suffering of developing nations, by helping to improve their agriculture and facilitating access to food, clean water and electricity. He oversees the work of the International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (IAAAE), an organisation briefed with leading various humanitarian and development projects, in remote areas of the world. The scope and expertise of this organisation has grown at a rapid rate under his leadership. Likewise, His Holiness supports the work of "Humanity First", an international non-profit disaster relief and development charity and other such organisations.

Under the leadership of His Holiness, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has built a number of schools and hospitals that provide high class facilities in remote parts of the world. And through various schemes of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness has funded the tuition and education of numerous underprivileged students around the world, irrespective of their religious background.

Response to Persecution

Following his election in 2003, His Holiness was forced into exile from Pakistan, his native country. Pakistan's Constitution and Penal Code restricts members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community from practicing or associating with Islam, or from even identifying themselves as Muslims. Violations of these repressive laws results in fines, imprisonment, and potentially capital punishment. Consequently the legislation prevents His Holiness from fulfilling his duties as Head of the Community and accordingly he is unable to return to Pakistan.

Despite the continued sectarian persecution that Ahmadi Muslims are subjected to in various Muslim majority nations, His Holiness expressly forbids any violence. On 28 May 2010, anti-Ahmadiyya terrorists attacked two mosques belonging to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Lahore, Pakistan. 86 Ahmadi Muslims were martyred during their Friday Prayers, whilst scores more were injured. Despite the barbaric nature of this pre-meditated crime against humanity, His Holiness instructed Ahmadi Muslims worldwide to respond only through prayers and entirely peaceful means.

About the Khalifa-tul Masih (*Successor to the Messiah*)

The Holy Qur'an, which Muslims believe to be the direct Word of God, has promised Muslims who are good and righteous the reward of '[Khilafat](#)' whereby a 'Khalifa' (spiritual Successor), is appointed by Allah to continue the work of a Prophet. This is an elected office where the Holy Spirit superintends the election process. The Khalifa of Islam is God's man on earth.

Today the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Muslim sect in the world that is united at the hand of one leader, who is known as the Khalifa. The Khalifa-tul Masih is the successor to the Promised Messiah, His Holiness Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian (peace be upon him). After his demise in 1908, the institution of Khilafat was re-established in Islam on 27 May 1908. In 2008 the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community celebrated 100 years of the Khilafat.

The institution of Khilafat is the source of the Community's unity, vibrancy, organisation, progress and its focus on peace. His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad is the fifth Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Although Khilafat is not in any way a hereditary institution, His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad also has the distinct honour of being the great-grandson of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.