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Nationwide Open Mosque Day Invites Americans to Experience Ramadan

Mosques in over 20 states will host an “Open Mosque” on May 18th

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA has launched a nationwide “Open Mosque” initiative during the month of Ramadan to open the doors of all its mosques across the country to the public not only for the weekly Friday Prayer services (May 10, 17, 24 and 31) but also a special Iftar (dinner) Open Mosque event on Saturday, May 18th, to share the Ramadan experience with its neighbors.

“Ramadan is the holiest month in Islam, when Muslims not only abstain from eating and drinking during the daytime but, more importantly, focus on self-reform of habits and character,” said Amjad Mahmood Khan, National Director of Public Affairs for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA. *“As part of the fabric of America since 1920, we want our fellow Americans to know that our mosques are their mosques, which is why we are hosting these Open Mosque events around the country to invite our fellow Americans to break bread with us and learn about their Muslims neighbors.”*

At a time of increasing hate crimes against people of faith, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA believes now more than ever our mosques should be open to our fellow Americans. Mosques in over 20 states have joined this initiative and will host an Iftar at their mosque this Saturday. Interviews with national and local leadership can be arranged.

About the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans 207 countries with tens of millions of members. 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.