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Muslim Convention Holds Key to Uniting Americans

West Coast's Longest-Running Muslim Convention on Dec. 20 - 22, 2019

After its mosque in Oshkosh, WI, was used to provide a sanctuary to frightened high school students last week, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA will again open its Mosque in Southern California to bring Americans from all backgrounds under one roof this month to discuss the solution to a divided nation: Prayer.

The Community's 34th Annual West Coast Convention on Dec. 20-22 is a peace conference open to all Americans and will take place at Bait-ul-Hameed Mosque in Chino, CA, with a special session for guests on Dec. 21, 2019 entitled, "Compassion in a Time of Crisis."

The Khalifa (Worldwide Spiritual Leader) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, recently stressed: "I pray from the depths of my heart that may the people of the world join together for the common good and work with a spirit of unity and foster mutual trust and understanding. Instead of blaming religion or pointing the finger at one another, let us focus all our energies on ensuring peace and leaving behind a safer world for those who follow us."

While many face crises that are unimaginable to those of us living privileged lives in a first world country, we must put aside differences and learn to pray for those who are struggling. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA invites all Americans to attend the Convention, which will feature presentations, break-out sessions, congregational prayers, and hot meals.

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 213 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.

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