

“And spend for the cause of Allah, and cast not yourselves into ruin with your own hands, and do good; surely, Allah loves those who do good.”

(The Holy Qur'an Ch 2:196)



# Activity Report

for the year ended 31 December 2013



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## **The Islamic Glossary: An Explanation of Names, Terms and Symbols**

The following abbreviations are uses for salutation for prophets of God and other saints.

sa:	May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him
as:	May peace be upon him
aba:	May God be his helper
rh:	May the Mercy of Allah the Exalted be upon him
ra:	May God be pleased with him



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# Introduction to Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat



*The founder, Hadhrat  
Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>(as)</sup>  
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**The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat is a dynamic, fast growing international revival movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, it spans 204 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. Its current headquarters are in the United Kingdom.**

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat is the only Islamic organisation to believe that the long-awaited Messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> (1835-1908) of Qadian. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus<sup>as</sup> of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at believes that God sent Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, like Jesus<sup>as</sup>, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, 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 recognised the noble teachings of the great religious founders and saints, including Zoroaster<sup>as</sup>, Abraham<sup>as</sup>, Moses<sup>as</sup>, Jesus<sup>as</sup>, Krishna<sup>as</sup>, Buddha<sup>as</sup>, Confucius<sup>as</sup>, Lao Tzu<sup>as</sup> and Guru Nanak<sup>th</sup>, and explained how such teachings converged into the one true Islam.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat is the foremost Islamic organisation to categorically reject terrorism in any form. Over a century ago, Hazrat Ahmad<sup>as</sup> 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, Hazrat Ahmad<sup>as</sup> penned over 80 books and tens of thousands of letters, delivered hundreds of lectures, and engaged in scores of public debates.

His rigorous and rational defence of Islam unsettled conventional Muslim thinking. As part of its effort to revive Islam, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat continues to spread Hazrat Mirza Ghulam



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Ahmad, the Promised Messiah's<sup>as</sup> teachings of moderation and restraint in the face of bitter opposition from parts of the Muslim world.

Similarly, it is the Islamic organisation that is strongly endorsing a separation of religion and state. Over a century ago, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, 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 Qur'anic 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 Jama'at has a spiritual leader. Over a century ago, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, reminded his

followers of God's promise to safeguard the message of Islam through khilafat (the spiritual institution of successorship to prophethood). It believes that only spiritual successorship can uphold the true values of Islam and unite humanity. Five spiritual leaders have succeeded Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, since his demise in 1908. Its fifth and current spiritual head, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, resides in the United Kingdom. Under the leadership of its spiritual successors, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat has now built over 15,000 mosques, over 500 schools, and over 30 hospitals. It has translated the Holy Qur'an 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). It has been at the forefront of worldwide disaster relief through an independent charitable organisation, Humanity First.

# Introduction to Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad



HADHRAT MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD  
KHALIFATUL MASIHI V

*His Holiness is the world's leading  
Muslim figure promoting peace  
and inter-religious harmony.*

**His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (Mir za Mas roor Ah mad), is the fifth Khalifah (Caliph) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Elected to this lifelong position on 22 April 2003, he serves as the worldwide spiritual and administrative head of an international religious organisation with tens of millions of members spread across more than 200 countries.**

He is the fifth successor of the Promised Messiah and Reformer, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> of Qadian. His Holiness was born on September 15, 1950 in Rabwah, Pakistan to the late Mirza Mansoor Ahmad and the late Nasirah Begum. Upon completing his Masters Degree in Agricultural Economics in 1977 from the Agriculture University in Faisalabad, Pakistan, he formally dedicated his life to the service of Islam. He

was sent to Ghana in 1977 where, for several years, he served as a principal of various Ahmadiyya Muslim schools. He helped to inaugurate the Ahmadiyya Secondary School Salaga, where he served as principal for the school's first two years.

Later, when His Holiness returned to Pakistan, he served in various capacities at the Headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Community in Rabwah. In 1999, His Holiness was imprisoned for a short period of time on the completely false charge of erasing words of the Holy Qur'an from a sign.

Since being elected Khalifah, 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 hold exhibitions of





*National Peace Symposium 2012*  
*International Peace*  
 Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK



The 3rd Annual 'Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace' was presented by Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>(aba)</sup> to the charity, 'SOS Children's Villages UK,' in recognition of its continued efforts to alleviating the suffering of orphaned and abandoned children around the world and towards fulfilling its vision of "a loving home for every child."



National Peace Symposium 2013.

Above right:  
 The 4th Annual 'Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace' was presented by Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>(aba)</sup> to the charity





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,



President of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz MEP, meeting His Holiness.

His Holiness strives to establish peace at every level of society. He constantly advises members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to carry out a 'Jihad' (or struggle) of the self to strive to reform individually, which is the true and biggest form of 'Jihad,' so that every Ahmadi Muslim can establish peace on an individual level first of all, and then be enabled to help others also find peace.

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.

His Holiness gives the same message to all others. In response to a question relating to peace building by a non-Muslim guest at a special reception in Melbourne, His Holiness said:

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.

"If you have peace in you, it means that you are projecting peace. And if every one of us had peace, it means that we would be projecting peace to others."

His Holiness has travelled globally to promote and facilitate service to humanity. Under the leadership of His Holiness, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has built a number of schools and hospitals that provide excellent education and healthcare facilities in remote parts of the world.

At an individual and collective level, on local, national and international platforms, His Holiness is striving to advise all others of the practical means of establishing peace, based on the true teachings of Islam.

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aa</sup> currently resides in London, England. As spiritual leader of Ahmadi Muslims all over the world, he



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Khalifatul Masih V's Visit to U.S.  
Capitol Hill.

Above right:  
Congressman Brad Sherman  
presenting Hadrath Mirza  
Masroor Ahmad<sup>(aba)</sup> with a US  
flag that had once flown over  
the Capitol Hill building.



vigorously champions the cause of Islam through  
a refreshing message of peace and compassion.

## Response to Persecution

Following election to office in 2003, His Holiness was forced into exile from Pakistan, his native country. Pakistan's Constitution and Penal Code restrict members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community from practising Islam, associating with Islam and identifying themselves as Muslims. Violations of these repressive laws result in fines, imprisonment, and can lead to capital punishment. Consequently, these legislations prevent His Holiness from fulfilling his duties as Supreme 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, in accordance with the teachings of Islam.

As an example, on May 28, 2010, terrorists attacked two mosques belonging to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Lahore, Pakistan. 86 Ahmadi Muslims were martyred during their Friday prayers, while scores more were injured. Despite the barbaric nature of this crime against humanity, His Holiness

instructed Ahmadi Muslims worldwide to respond only through prayers and entirely peaceful means. In total, hundreds of Ahmadi Muslims have been killed for their beliefs, and the response by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has always been to protest through entirely peaceful means alone. Thus practically, Ahmadi Muslims are giving their lives to promote and uphold peace, and this very teaching is imparted from generation to generation among Ahmadi Muslims.

## Communication with Ahmadi Muslims

His Holiness receives thousands of letters every day from Ahmadi Muslims worldwide, seeking his guidance and prayers. As well as responding to all such letters, His Holiness meets with individual members of the Community, on a daily basis. Every week, His Holiness delivers a Friday Sermon in which he addresses all members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community worldwide. The sermon is broadcast globally live on MTA International, an Ahmadiyya Muslim satellite television station established in 1994, and translated into various languages. His Holiness uses his sermons to counsel Ahmadi Muslims about various issues of importance.

# His Holiness' International Visits in 2013



The objective of the visits of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> is to consolidate the spiritual training of his Community, for which His Holiness leads prayers and draws attention of the Community towards matters of importance. For members, a highlight of this visit is the honour of having a private audience with His Holiness, during which members seek advice on personal matters, support and prayers of their revered leader.

His Holiness spends considerable time with the students of the Community, both boys and girls during his visits, who are studying various topics including science, history etc. to guide them. The objective is to inculcate righteousness in the youth and train them on becoming good Ahmadi Muslims who understand their role in society and are successful in life.

Throughout his travels, His Holiness is interviewed by various media outlets. This serves the purpose of disseminating true teachings of Islam. Further, in his meetings with various officials, such as Ministers, Mayors, Senators and also





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the general public, to understand their point of view and also so that he can explain various aspects of Islamic teachings to demonstrate their peaceful and compassionate nature and provide solutions to their issues and concerns.

### Los Angeles Visit 2013

### Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V's<sup>aba</sup> visit to Los Angeles, USA – May 2013

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup> undertook a historic ten-day trip to the West Coast of the United States for the first time since his election to the office of Khilafat. During his stay, His Holiness met over 900 members individually, interviewed with The Wall Street Journal

and Los Angeles Times. During the interviews, he stated his purpose of visit to the United States was only to meet with the members of His Community and advise them towards reformation.

During his keynote address at a special reception held in his honour at the Montage in Beverly Hills, LA on May 11, 2013, he said the American people had no reason to fear Islam because it was a religion that advocated peace, universal human rights and a respect for human dignity. His Holiness also used his address to implore everyone to view Islam through the lens of justice, rather than through the acts of extremists.

His Holiness gave examples from the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> to illustrate the Prophet's love for all of mankind and his unparalleled levels of compassion, tolerance and justice. Regarding establishment of peace in the world, His Holiness said:



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*“The doors of our Mosque will always be open to the people of all religions, because this Mosque is a means of manifesting God’s grace, mercy, love and compassion for mankind.”*

“The key to peace is to stop cruelty and oppression wherever it occurs with justice and equality. Only when this principle is followed will global peace develop. This will only happen when the people of the world come to recognise their Creator. It is my ardent hope and prayer that the entire world urgently comes to understand the needs of the time before it is too late.”

This event was attended by more than 300 people, including government officials, academics, community leaders, as well as California Lieutenant Governor, mayoral candidate Eric Garcetti, and several members of the United States Congress.

## Canada Visit

The Supreme head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community visited Canada from May 15<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. His stops included Vancouver and Calgary. During his visit, he inaugurated the first Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque in Vancouver, Baitur Rahman. Addressing the audience in attendance, he said:

“I ... proclaim and declare that this Mosque will prove to be a source of spreading love, affection, peace and brotherhood for all people irrespective of whether they are Ahmadi or non-Ahmadi or whether they are Muslim or non-Muslims. The doors of our Mosque will always be open to the people of all religions, because this Mosque is a means of manifesting God’s grace, mercy, love and compassion for mankind.”

In Calgary, His Holiness met with the members of Alberta’s Legislative Assembly at Baitun Noor Mosque. Additionally he met with members of the press and other dignitaries from Calgary. He summed up the purpose of his visit by stating:

“When I meet members of my Community I listen to their problems and do my best to resolve their concerns. Whenever I meet those who are not from my Community I promote the message of peace.”

His Holiness met the Mayor of Calgary, Mr Naheed Nenshi, and discussed matters of mutual interest and thanked Mr Nenshi for his kind comments that Ahmadi integrate well with the local community.



### Germany Visit 2013

In June 2013, the Supreme head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community visited Germany. During this visit, he presided over the Annual Convention and laid the foundation stone for Baitul Hameed Mosque in the town of Fulda. In response to a question from reporter about integration with German culture, His Holiness responded that Ahmadis are instructed to integrate and serve the local community, while adhering to their religious values. He explained that there are some aspects of German culture that we will be happy to adopt.

During the inauguration of the annual convention, His Holiness said:

“We cannot bring the people of the world closer to God until we have established a strong bond with Him. And we cannot fulfil the rights of humanity until we develop within ourselves a spirit of truthfulness, love, brotherhood and selflessness.”



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### Singapore Visit 2013

In Autumn of 2013, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad embarked on a seven week journey which took him to Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Japan

In his keynote speech in Singapore, he spoke about the economy and need for equity between nations. He said:

“Alliances or friendships with particular nations should not be a determining factor in deciding whether to assist other countries...the goal should be to help others stand on their own two feet. Unjust conditions should not be placed, whereby countries are not helped until they fulfil certain demands...”

Further, he expressed his concerns regarding an increasing risk of a Third World War:

“If we look back at history, we realise that a





major factor that led to the first two World Wars was the prevailing economic situation...If such circumstances were to prevail again it would be extremely difficult to predict who would be safe and who would be in danger. We can only pray and present the facts and realities in front of everyone in an effort and hope that the world can be saved from all forms of destruction and danger. This is essential so that we are not looked upon with anger and as transgressors by our future generations."

The reception was attended by such notables as Mr Lee Khoon Choy, a founding member of Singapore's ruling People's Action Party.

### Australia Visit

During the second leg of his journey, His Holiness visited Australia. Apart from attending the Annual Convention and speaking to many famed journalists, he inaugurated the newly built Masroor Mosque. He also delivered a key note address at Princess Reception Centre.

His Holiness stressed the importance of mutual unity and love to tackle the unrest in the world. He explained Islam's core

teachings of mutual respect by saying:

"Human beings are the greatest of all of God's Creation and so Allah the Almighty desires for mankind to respect and honour one another. This is why the Holy Qur'an, which is the sacred book for all Muslims and according to our beliefs the final law-bearing book, is filled from cover to cover with commandments requiring mankind to fulfil the rights of one another."

Regarding establishment of absolute justice and world peace, His Holiness said:

"Where decisions are made according to true principles of equity and where the rights of all people are fulfilled only peace and harmony will be found and this golden principle given by the Qur'an is not only for Muslims, but in fact it is a universal truth that in order to establish peace, justice must prevail."

Many opportunities were presented to deliver the true peaceful message of Islam, such as Newspaper editorials, interviews that appeared in print and on and radio.







## New Zealand Visit

The third leg of his journey took him to New Zealand. Apart from inaugurating the Annual Convention of New Zealand, His Holiness delivered a historic address at New Zealand's National Parliament in Wellington. During his address, he advocated the urgent need for justice as a means to develop world peace in the face of increasing tensions and conflicts in various parts of the world. Indeed, His Holiness deemed the establishment of world peace as "the critical need of the time".

One of the key highlights of his visit was the official release of Holy Qur'an translation done in Maori language, which is the language of indigenous citizens of New Zealand.



Above:

Maori King being gifted by the Khalifah of the Promised Messiah with first ever Maori translation of Holy Qur'an.

Below:

25th Annual Conventions in New Zealand.





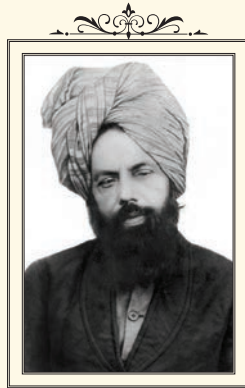


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## Japan Visit

Final stop on this seven week journey was made in Japan. Amongst other engagements, His Holiness addressed a press conference attended by more than 64 journalists and media members and also delivered a keynote address on Islam, Terrorism and the Qur'anic principles of peace, at an historic reception held at the Mielparque Hotel in Nagoya.





Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad,  
the Promised Messiah and  
Founder of the Ahmadiyya  
Muslim Jamaat said in

***The Will***

***'Al-Wasiyyat'***

Present Edition 2006

Do not think that these things which I have said are inconceivable. No, they are the Will of that Mighty One Who is the Lord of the earth and the heaven. I am not worried how these funds will be collected, nor do I grieve over how such a *Jama'at* will be raised who, inspired by faith, shall perform such heroic feats. Rather I am worried that, after I am gone, those who will be entrusted with these funds may not, seeing their abundance, stumble and fall in love with the world. So I pray that such honest people may always be found by the *Jama'at* who work for God alone. However, it shall be lawful that those who have no means to support themselves should be given something from these funds by way of assistance.

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## Activity Report

The trustees are pleased to present their activity report of the Charity for the year 2013. Audited financial statements are separately available for ending 30th June 2013.

# Our Objectives.



The advancement of the Muslim faith worldwide as expounded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> of Qadian and Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and interpreted by his successor known as Khalifatul Masih. The present Khalifatul Masih is Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad Khalifatul Masih V.



To promote generally an understanding of the moral and spiritual values promoted by Islam.



To do and promote charity and to promote and advance the welfare and well-being of people at large.



To advance religious and secular education.



To relieve poverty and sickness and the suffering of those affected, amongst others, by disease, natural disaster, war and other conflicts; and



To promote the advancement of scientific research and learning.

# Our Activities.



Propagation of Islam worldwide.



Building of mosques,  
hospitals and schools.



Scientific research and development.



Awarding of scholarships  
for higher education.



Provisioning of emergency relief in  
cases of natural disasters; and



Assistance to the  
deserving and needy.

## Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives (as set out above) and in planning future activities and setting appropriate policies for the year.

# The main achievements of AMJ International for public benefit in the past year are as follows:

	Achieved during the year to 31 December 2013	Achieved during the year to 31 December 2012
New mosques constructed	136	122
Mosques acquired	258	219
Preaching centres established	121	123
Students funded in Higher Education directly by AMJ International	38	56
Students funded in Higher Education indirectly through grants to others	4,772	4,761

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# Countries where the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat has been established:

The main objective of establishing new Jamaats, is ultimately to spread the peaceful message of Islam taught by the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Community. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat has been established to date in 204 different countries.

During 2013 the Jamaat was established in two more countries. These were:

- Costa Rica
- Montenegro

## New Local Jamaat (sub-divisions within each country) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat:

During the 2013, 565 new local chapters were established worldwide. Following is a sample of new chapters established:

Country (selected)	Number	Country (selected)	Number
Ghana	68		
Burkina Faso	41	Nepal	9
Congo Kinshasa	25	Niger	12
Cameroon	6	Nigeria	25
Gambia	22	Senegal	47
Germany	6	Sierra Leone	56
India	29	Tanzania	8
Indonesia	6	Togo	32
Ivory Coast	39	Tunis	7
Liberia	18	Uganda	7
Mali	34	UK	7

# The Holy Quran is a compilation of the verbal revelations given to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) over a period of twenty two years.

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**Translation of the Holy Qur'an**

The Holy Quran is a compilation of the verbal revelations given to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) over a period of twenty two years. The Holy Quran is the Holy Book or the Scripture of the Muslims. It lays down for them the law and commandments, codes for their social and moral behaviour, and contains a comprehensive religious philosophy. The language of the Quran is Arabic.

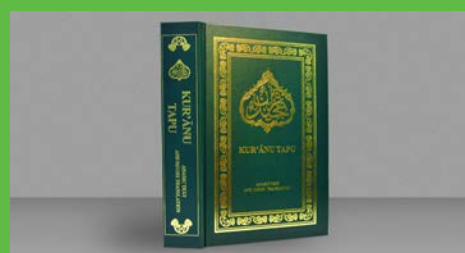
It is unfortunate however, that some Muslims have distorted and misinterpreted its meaning and portrayed the Holy Quran as a book that promotes violence and bloodshed.

The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> wrote "I witness and testify before the whole world that I have found in the Holy Quran the reality that leads to God. ... I have found the true light which dispels all darkness..." [Kitab-ul-Bariyyah, Ruhani Khaza'in, Vol. 13, p. 65]

Therefore, one of the fundamental objectives of AMJ is to propagate the true and peaceful teachings of the Holy Qur'an. In an effort to fulfil this goal AMJ is constantly engaged in translating the Holy Qur'an into various languages and indeed revising previous translations. To date, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has translated the Holy Quran into 71 languages including African and Indigenous languages such as Swahili and Maori.

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# Catering for the Well being and Moral Training of Ahmadi Muslims

In order to suitably cater for the religious, moral and secular training of both the hundreds of thousands of people who newly join the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat each year and also the millions of existing members, AMJ has established a programme of sending delegations of experienced members to different countries. The underlying purpose of these delegations is so that Ahmadis are not left alone; but rather they are supported and assisted to the maximum degree possible and that a strong connection is established between members and the centre. Delegations are tasked with assessing the circumstances of the local chapters, meeting with members, advising them on various matters and finding out about their concerns and problems. To assist the work of the delegations, a number of programmes and events are organised to facilitate these key aims. Seminars and refresher courses are held in which members of the delegation give lectures and impart important advice. The training is not only limited to religious education, general moral training and personal development is also an important objective of the visits.

The ultimate aim is that through this initiative, members of the community everywhere will develop to become key members of not just the local Ahmadiyya Community, but also of the local society and assist in the progress of their respective nations. Further, these programmes are also designed to ensure that erroneous principles or teachings are rectified and members are reminded of the correct teachings of the Community. In 2013, delegations were sent to 45 countries including:

Countries		
Algeria	Iceland	Marshal Islands
American Samoa	Latvia	Micronesia
Bosnia	Lithuania	Nepal
Cameroon	Luxemburg	Sri Lanka
Comoros Islands	Macedonia	St Lucia
Czech Republic	Madagascar	Swaziland
French Guiana	Malta	Tunisia
Greece	Marrakesh	Turkey
Hungary	Ecuador	Bolivia

- This year the Chairman AMJ International visited Albania and Malta and tried to establish a proper structure and administration, and gave guidance when meeting with members of the Community to form proper organisation and a strong bond.
- From Germany a delegation visited Greece, where a missionary has been appointed.
- In Macedonia a 7-person delegation visited.
- From Nigeria a delegation under instruction of AMJ international visited Cameroon, Chad and Equatorial Guinea for the welfare of the Community members and to host moral and spiritual training camps.
- From Mauritius a delegation went to Comoros Islands, Madagascar and Seychelles islands.
- From Benin a delegation visited Central Africa and Gabon.
- From the centre in London a delegation visited Turkey.
- From Australia a delegation travelled to Solomon Islands.
- From Singapore a delegation visited Thailand and Cambodia.

# MTA is the official television network of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.



It was established in 1994 by the Fourth Supreme head of the Ahmadiyya Community. Given extremely limited financial, technical and human resources, MTA International made its humble beginnings on 1 January 1994.

## 2) History

Initially launched to broadcast the Friday Sermons, programmes were introduced to cover a schedule which quickly expanded from 4 hours, to 12 hours and finally a full 24 hour broadcast. His Holiness would personally participate in these programmes, allowing the millions of Ahmadi Muslims to feel as though they were in his presence despite huge geographical distances.

Since its inception in 1994, MTA has been running

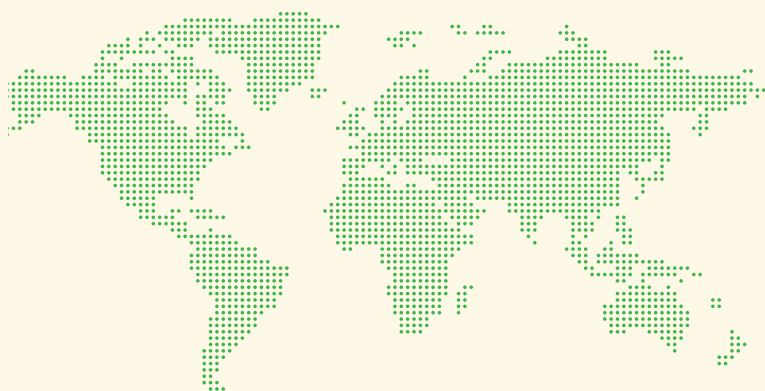
under the direct supervision of the Head of the Ahmadiyya Community, the Khalifatul-Masih. This guidance has proven to be a galvanising factor, propelling the channel to new heights. Because of direct guidance, within 20 years, MTA has setup 3 channels, 15 International production teams that produce content in over 12 languages, which are broadcasted from over 10 satellites globally.

## 3) Programming – His Holiness’s Programmes

One of the fundamental roles of MTA is to provide a platform for the Khalifa to address his community members around the world and also the wider global audience.

From the LIVE Friday Sermon broadcast every week, to coverage of international visits and

## MTA International



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special receptions, these broadcasts not only help to enhance the spirituality of viewers around the world, they also help to build a bond between Ahmadi Muslims and their beloved Khalifa.

His Holiness also presides over regular studio based classes for youth of the community, where religious, social and academic topics are discussed.

#### 4) Programming – Other programmes

MTA has a global audience and MTA's vast array of programmes ranging from programmes relating to issues youth face, interactive programmes where viewers can ask questions about Islam and religion, travel, cooking and technology are regularly broadcast to cater for different tastes and interests.

LIVE and interactive call-in shows connect

MTA's viewers to the content, creating a forum to discuss the most important religious and social issues that affect the world today. No matter the age, dialect or cultural background, MTA International creates programming to suit all.

Documentaries, language classes and science shows promote the acquisition of knowledge as MTA considers education to be the right of all and not just for the privileged few. This principle is even more important when considering that a large percentage of MTA's viewers are in Third-World countries, many without access to schools.

#### 5) Production

MTA's central production headquarters are based in South West London comprising of multiple studios that cater for up to 12 different programmes

MTA International

a week, both live and recorded. Alongside these purpose-built studios, a number of MTA's programmes are filmed on location for which we have dedicated outside broadcast facilities.

Post-production is carried out in-house in MTA's editing and graphics suites using a fully tapeless workflow which has vastly cut down turnaround times.

6) International Studios

The message of Islam Ahmadiyya cannot be confined to just one country or culture. It is transcending geographical boundaries and resonating amongst all of humanity.

Over the last 20 years, MTA Studios have been established in many countries. These studios contribute to the scheduled broadcast by creating programming tailored to country's language and culture.

Currently MTA studios are established in the following countries:

Countries	
Australia	Indonesia
Bangladesh	Pakistan
Canada	Israel
France	Tanzania
Germany	USA
India	United Kingdom

7) Multi – Language

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Languages

Arabic	Malayalam
Bangla	Pashto
English	Russian
Farsi (Persian)	Spanish
French	Swahili
German	Tamil
Indonesian	Turkish
Japanese	Urdu

MTA has a dedicated department to provide translation of the speeches and addresses of the Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Community. For live broadcasts of these events and a selection of other programmes, simultaneous translations are available for MTA's viewers.

8) Transmission

From its inception in 1994, MTA International has had one core objective, to spread the true teachings of Islam to the corners of the Earth.

Currently there are three free-to-air subscription free Channels as part of the MTA network. MTA1 broadcasts in America, Asia and Africa. In 2004 MTA 2 was launched to specialise in European languages and so is solely broadcast across Europe. MTA3 was launched in 2007 as a purely Arabic language channel which broadcasts across the Middle East, North Africa and North America.

The transmission MCR in South West London handles the play-outs of recorded programmes and also facilitates LIVE broadcasts from around the world. A Teleport system is also functioning in the USA to transmit MTA1+3 and MTA Infocast for the benefit of MTA's viewers in North America.

9) Online

As a pioneer in the world of Islamic broadcasting, MTA has continued to be at the forefront of technological advances, utilising all potential avenues to reach as wide an audience as possible.

MTA can be streamed to desktop computers, laptops and tablets through MTA's online streams which are managed in- house. For live coverage of MTA's biggest events we have tens of thousands of viewers worldwide benefiting from this service. Mobile applications for iPhone and Android

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devices have taken MTA's streaming services one step further by allowing viewers to browse MTA's schedules and watch MTA while on the move.

In 2013 MTA On Demand was launched to provide viewers with an online platform to watch MTA's programmes wherever and whenever they want.

### 10) Volunteer Workforce

MTA prides itself on being a unique broadcaster both in MTA's content and workforce. Out of the 300 staff members that work in MTA's London offices, 90% are volunteers who happily dedicate their time to assist in the running of the network.

Doctors, accountants, students and those from all fields and backgrounds regularly work in MTA's different departments, providing production, technical and administration support. As a community channel, members of the Ahmadiyya community have always seen it as their duty to serve the community in whatever capacity they can.

### 11) Websites

[www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org) – the official website of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat.

Similarly, many country headquarters for AMJ operate their own website in local language.

### 12) Language Desks

The various language desks of AMJ international oversee all tasks and projects in the respective languages, for example, translation of literature and letters sent to the Head of the Community, providing translations for programmes on MTA, translating each week's Friday Sermon and also translation of books by the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat.

### Desks Currently Established

Arabic Desk
Bangla Desk
Chinese Desk
French Desk
Japanese Desk (newly established)
Russian Desk
Turkish Desk
Wakalat Tameel-o-Tanfeedh (Bharat, Bhutan & Nepal)

### Wakalat Tameel-o-Tanfeedh

Wakalat Tameel-o-Tanfeedh, based in London, deals with all correspondence, administrative matters relating to the administrative structure of the Community in India, Bhutan projects including construction, translations, propagation of message of Islam, printing and publishing books from India etc. that occur in India. Qadian, India is the birthplace of Founder of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, and hence all activities in India are especially significant for the Community.

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### 13) Mazkhan-e-Tasaweer

This is the central image library of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat. Its main task is to photograph main events of the AMJ, especially any attended by the Head of the Community. They maintain a record of new photos from current events and functions that take place. The department provides photos to all magazines of the Community worldwide. The department's other key aim is to preserve the photographic history of the Community. It is engaged in acquiring, collating and digitising old photos.

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### Ahmadiyya Preaching Centres

Ahmadiyya Preaching Centres serve as an important hub for preaching activities. Their underlying purpose is to facilitate the spread of the peaceful message of Islam. Preaching centres provide accommodation for workers of AMJ. Administrative offices, guest houses, libraries, a kitchen to provide hospitality and areas where guests are able to come and learn about Islam form important features of these centres.

In 2013, 121 new preaching centres were established taking the grand total to 2563.

## Number of preaching centres added in 2013

Country (selection)	Number	Country (selection)	Number
Benin	12	Nigeria	2
Burkina Faso	12	Liberia	3
Ghana	2	Togo	3
Kenya	6	Congo	2
India	23	Sierra Leone	13
Germany	4	Tanzania	5
Indonesia	17 – (total of 259)	The Gambia	3
Ivory Coast	6	USA	1
Mali	5	Zambia	2

## Publication of books & pamphlets and other literature

### AMJ – publication of Literature:

True Love for the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> – Chinese  
Islam A Religion of Peace & Compassion - English  
The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> in the Eyes of non-Muslims  
– Albanian – Head of Ahmadiyya Community  
Conditions of Bai'at and Responsibilities  
of an Ahmadi – Spanish

### A Message of Peace

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, wrote more than 80 books during his lifetime in Urdu, Arabic and Persian. The 23 volumes full of his prolific and eloquent writings, known as the 'Spiritual Treasures' are considered as key to the message of Holy Qur'an. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community therefore gives the due importance to the publication and spread of the Promised Messiah's books. It recognises the need of translating these books to benefit all and thus propagate the true and pristine message of Islam to the corners of the world.

741 booklets and pamphlets in 48 languages were published in 2013. For example: Albanian, Chinese, English, French, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili and Urdu

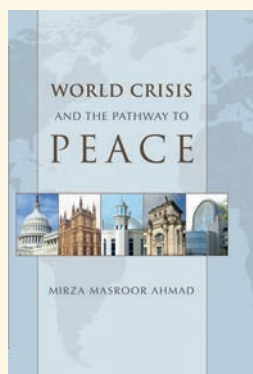
### Books Written by Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V:

Numerous books written by the current worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community were published in multiple languages in 2013:

### World Crisis and Pathway to Peace – New Edition

Revised version of World Crisis and Pathway to Peace was published in 2013. This version contains letters sent to World Leaders such as President Obama, Ayatollah Khamenei, President Simon Peres, Prime Minister David Cameron and Chancellor Angela Merkel, to name a few.

Selected key note addresses are also included in this book. These include address to the British Parliament, Military headquarters in Germany and Capitol Hill in USA. This book has been translated into Maltese, Arabic, French and German. Translation is in progress for Spanish, Swedish and Norwegian languages.





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#### Muwazna Mazaahib (The Review of Religions - Urdu)

A monthly comparative religious journal in Urdu language with in-depth articles and scholarly research. The magazine features new, exciting material by leading experts on important issues pertaining to different religions. For example, a research team in Rabwah successfully managed to replicate the "ointment of Jesus". The results were published in this magazine.

Maryam is a monthly publication for young girls. The articles cover religious education, moral training and general secular knowledge. The entire magazine is prepared by young female volunteers who write, edit, proof read and design. Thus far the magazine has been warmly received by the target readership of girls under age 25.

Ismael is a monthly publications for young boys up to age 25. Similar to Maryam, it is prepared by volunteers in the same age group and contains articles covering religion and general knowledge.





## Magazines and Journals of the Community

### The Basic Economic Principles of Islam

*A Keynote Address in Singapore*  
HAZRAT MIRZA MASROOR AHMAD  
KHALIFATU MASHI'U  
HEAD OF THE WORLDWIDE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY



The venue for the historic function, the Mandarin Oriental, is the second largest building from the right.

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**I**n an historic event, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>ra</sup>, Khalifah of the Promised Messiah and Worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community addressed a gathering of dignitaries from Singapore, one of the world's most highly developed economies, to espouse the economic principles of Islam.

**Venue:** Mandarin Oriental, Marina Square, Singapore.

**Date:** Evening of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

**Guests:** Over 100, including Mr. Lee Koon Chay a founding member of the ruling People's Action Party, who during a distinguished career also served as Singapore's Ambassador to various countries. Mr. Lee Koon Chay also addressed the audience stating that he had seen how Islam's name had been tarnished over the

previous decades and thus he appreciated that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at was highlighting the true and peaceful nature of Islam to the world.

**Keynote Speaker:** His Holiness, Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>ra</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Successor to the Promised Messiah and Worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.



Mr. Lee Koon Chay speaking before the President.

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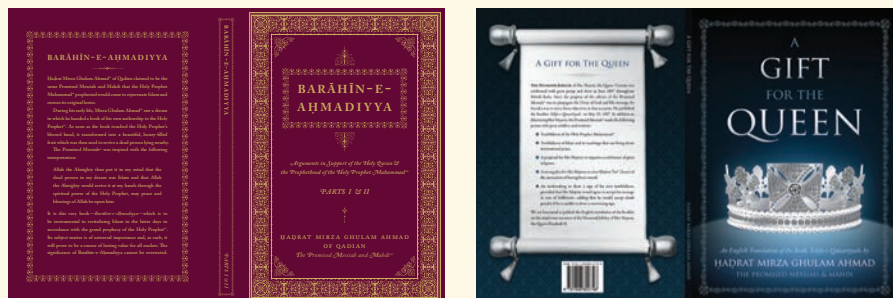
## The Review of Religions

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There are approximately 14,000 subscribers to the print edition of the magazine. This is a significant increase in subscribers over the last 2 years. Significant increase in print subscription was seen in India, Britain, Ghana, Nigeria, Australia and Israel. The website of The Review of Religions is a popular resource for members of the Community, as well as for numerous non-Muslim academics, scholars, historians and generally interested readers. Emails are regularly received and comments left by members of various faiths and traditions. In 2013, 158,296 visits were recorded, out of which 127,197 were unique visits. The twitter account of The Review of Religions is very popular and has 3200 followers.



## Printing Presses



To further the aim of the propagation of Islam, we have established fully functioning printing presses in 8 countries. These printing presses operate under the supervision of the Raqeem Press in the UK. This year Raqeem Press UK has printed 414,000 books and magazines which is double than last year. Press in African countries' printed 865,000 pages.

### Current Printing Presses 2013

Burkina Faso	Published vast quantity in French and Arabic, for French and Arabic speaking African countries.
Gambia	New machines sent from London to upgrade machinery.
Ghana	Prints for the Government Health Dept. 300,000 folders/booklets prepared. 3 newspapers, which are not of the Jamaat, print from this printing press daily. Upgraded machinery installed, possessing more advanced and better technology. New machines
India	2 colour machines has been sent and installed. 2 new machines have been purchased.

### Current Printing Presses 2013

Ivory Coast	Printing various literature of the Jamaat.
Kenya	Upgraded machinery installed, possessing more advanced and better technology.
Nigeria	New machines
Sierra Leone	Upgraded machinery installed, possessing more advanced and better technology.
Tanzania	Upgraded machinery installed, possessing more advanced and better technology.
UK	Printing Muazana Mazahib, Maryam and Ismahel– 220,580 magazines published

The upgrades in the machinery have improved efficiency and increased printing standard and quality.

## Building of Mosques

In 2013, 394 new mosques were established. Of these 136 were built new and 258 were existing buildings converted into mosques.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, under the divine leadership of its spiritual leader, gives the building and constructing of mosques its due importance and has thus far opened over 10,000 mosques around the world.

At the inauguration of the newly built Nasir Mosque in Gillingham, UK His Holiness said, "... it will be a place for people to gather in an effort to help the poor, to help orphans ... It will be a place for them to join together to serve humanity and benefit mankind and it will also be a place to fulfill the rights of the mosque's neighbors and to help them..."

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### Highlights of some of the mosque openings from the year

His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aa</sup>, Khalifatul Masih V, opened the first purpose built mosque in the southern England county of Kent on 1st March 2014. A special reception dinner was hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community which entertained over 180 dignitaries and guests. These esteemed guests included neighbours from the local community, faith and community leaders, city mayor, Members of Parliament and representatives from the military and navy.

Earlier in the year his Holiness, Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aa</sup>, Khalifatul Masih V and Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, inaugurated the Noor Mosque in Crawley, West Sussex, UK on 18th January 2014.



Top: Nasir Mosque, Gillingham, UK.  
Followed by Masroor Mosque, Brisbane, Australia.  
Above: Baitur Rahman Mosque in Vancouver, Canada.

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**Building of Mosques**



On 23rd October 2013, the worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at delivered keynote address at a special reception held to mark the opening of the Masroor Mosque in Brisbane. Various dignitaries and guests, including Members of Parliament and Queensland's Commissioner of Police, attended the event.

His Holiness addressed a special reception held to celebrate the opening of the Baitur Rahman Mosque in Vancouver, Canada on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013. During his address, he reassured the audience that they had no reason to fear Ahmadiyya Mosques because they were built only for the worship of God and for the sake of serving humanity. He also addressed the issue of Jihad by explaining that when permission for defensive war was given to the early Muslims, it was given as a means to protect all religions and all places of worship.

On 3rd April 2013, His Holiness addressed a special reception held to celebrate the recent opening of the Baitur Rahman Mosque in Valencia. During his address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aa</sup> explained true Islamic teachings of peace, justice and tolerance.

**Number of Mosques constructed in 2013**

Country	Number	Country	Number
Australia	1	Liberia	2
Benin	6	Mali	6
Burkina Faso	8	Nigeria	4
Congo Kinshasa	3	Niger	7
Gambia	5	Sierra Leone	12
Ghana	14	Tanzania	13
Guinea Conakry	1	Togo	2
Ivory Coast	6	Uganda	2
Kenya	2	Zambia	1

At the Gillingham Mosque, UK inauguration Councillor Josie Iles, Mayor of Medway, said: "... it is a delightful and unique privilege to be here with you all on this special occasion...I thank you for the service you have given and continue to give to the local community..."



## Scientific Research and Development



## Medical Facilities

Under the Nusrat Jahan scheme in 12 African countries, 41 hospitals have been constructed in which 44 central doctors and 11 local doctors are working. During the year 39 hospitals/clinics set up by AMJ was in operation in 12 countries with 43 missionary doctors. Apart from this, dozens of health professionals who are members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, travel on a short term basis to various remote parts of the world in a voluntary capacity under the supervision of AMJ International, to provide medical services. We also employ health professionals including doctors, nurses and other sectors at a local level who are providing healthcare services in our hospitals and clinics. Further, we are continuing to provide better equipment and facilities to all of the hospitals and clinics and this is on-going and continually developing. People who are unable to afford treatment are afforded free treatment in these hospitals and clinics.

International Association of Ahmadi Architects & Engineers (IAAAE-Europe)  
The IAAAE is an international organization catering to the professional development needs of Ahmadi Muslim engineers, architects and technologists. IAAAE was founded in 1980 by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, Mirza Nasir Ahmad<sup>rh</sup>, to gather applied-scientists and researchers with the purpose of interpreting and correlating the scientific research in the light of the Holy Qur'an. Such an association was also considered essential in providing assistance to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jammāt in

meeting its architectural and engineering needs. In 2004 the first symposium of Ahmadiyya Engineers Association was held. During this symposium, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup>, directed the Association towards providing humanitarian aid and logistical support to the poorest of the world. Under his guidance the following committees were formed to carry out outlined goals:

## Humanitarian Projects

### Introduction:

The Second Successor to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>, Hazrat Mirza Bashir-Ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad<sup>ra</sup>, outlines in his book New World Order of Islam:

"In the early days of Islam, the social and economic teachings of Islam proved fully equal to the demands made upon it. The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> not only insisted upon simple modes of living but as soon as Muslims achieved political power, history bears witness that the needs of the poor were fulfilled from Zakat supplemented by voluntary subscriptions. In this connection the Companions of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> used often to make great sacrifices. Hazrat Abu Bakr<sup>ra</sup> on one occasion contributed the whole of his property and on another Hazrat Uthman<sup>ra</sup> contributed almost the whole of his belongings, so that in accordance with this teaching, the needs of the people were fulfilled according to the requirements of the age."<sup>[1]</sup>



*“All men, whatever nation or tribe they may belong to, and whatever station in life they may hold, are equal.”*

It is on this basis that schemes are established by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at<sup>[2]</sup> (AMJ) to help the poor and needy in every way possible. The spirit behind voluntary sacrifices of the members of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at and their passion to help humanity, the poor and the destitute in every way possible is a reflection of the exemplary model set forth in the early stages of Islam by the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and his successors.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at prides itself in serving mankind through its various humanitarian projects throughout the world. 'Love for All, Hatred for None', is expressive of its enthusiastic spirit to provide aid and social justice to all those in need, without exception. This inspirational and guiding principle, which alludes to compassion and sympathy for all creatures of God Almighty, is a theme and motto that has become synonymous with the Community over the years. Khidmat-e-Khalq (Service to Mankind), a subsidiary of the Community's central youth organization, Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, is a representation of the motto that the Community abides by; And it is primarily through this vital subsidiary that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community puts into action the very motto it promotes, in order to achieve its objective of establishing peace, serving society and supporting the social structure of the global community.

The spirit to serve humanity is inspired and impressed upon every member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community by teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>. In the Holy Qur'an, Allah addresses Muslims by saying, 'You are the best people raised for the good of mankind. You enjoin what is good and forbid that which is evil and believe in Allah.'<sup>[3]</sup>

Striving for the 'good of mankind' is a fundamental principle that the Holy Qur'an wishes to embed into the lives of every Muslim. The passion and zeal by which the Holy Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> strived for the

goodness of mankind is exemplary for all people. It is narrated that the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> once said, 'All of mankind is the family of God. So the most beloved to God are those who benefit humanity the most.'<sup>[4]</sup>

The Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> ardently desired for all people to become united like one family and act with one another in a just and peaceful manner. In what is known as the Farewell Sermon addressing the Muslims, the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> stated:

“All men, whatever nation or tribe they may belong to, and whatever station in life they may hold, are equal. Allah has made you brethren one to another, so be not divided. An Arab has no preference over a non-Arab, nor a non-Arab over an Arab; nor is a white one to be preferred to a dark one, nor a dark one to a white one.”

It is upon the abovementioned Islamic teachings that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community aims to serve mankind in any way possible.

Today, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is at the forefront in practicing the ideals of service to mankind as taught by Islam. The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> of Qadian, declared that service to mankind was one of the very cornerstones of being a member of the Community. Thus, one who accepts him as the Messiah of the latter days and the Messiah of Peace, solemnly declares that he or she 'shall keep himself/herself occupied in the service of God's creatures for His sake only and shall endeavour towards the beneficence of mankind to the best of his/her God-given abilities and powers.'<sup>[5]</sup>

The passion of service to mankind demonstrated by the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and his attitude towards people of all faiths can be summarised in his own words when he states:

“I proclaim to all Muslims, Christians, Hindus

# ‘...But man only becomes a true human being when he tries to be advantageous to others.’

and Aryas, that I have no enemy in the world. I love mankind with the love that a compassionate mother has for her children; even more so. I am only the enemy of the false doctrines which kill truth. Human sympathy is my duty. My principle is to discard falsehood. I reject paganism, wrongdoing, misconduct, injustice, and immorality.”<sup>[6]</sup>

These are the fundamentals that are being advanced and progressed by the current leadership of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aba</sup> is the Fifth Successor to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and as the Khalifatul Masih, it is under his very guidance that the entire Community proceeds in its objective of achieving world peace through service to mankind. Under His Holiness’ leadership, the Community has paralleled all the activities and services to mankind as practiced in the time of the Holy Prophet of Islam<sup>sa</sup>. His Holiness has emphasised the importance of service to mankind. In his Friday Sermon on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012, he said, ‘Among God’s creation, the greatest is mankind, which is the most eminent of all creation; but man only becomes a true human being when he tries to be advantageous to others.’

His Holiness, expounding upon the attribute of Graciousness of Allah (Rahmaniyyat), stated:

“Every Ahmadi should excel in becoming Rahman (Gracious). As Ahmadis we should adopt this attribute of Allah and become a mercy for all mankind. It is through serving humanity and being mindful of social welfare that one can truly mirror the attribute of Rahmaniyyat.”<sup>[7]</sup>

Furthermore, with regards to the very purpose of Ahmadiyya Mosques around the world, which number more than 15 thousand, His Holiness has also stated in his Friday Sermon of February 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 that, other than the purpose of prayer services, Mosques should be used to plan and discuss methods by which the betterment of mankind can be achieved.

His Holiness consistently urges members of the Community to tread the path of righteousness, a goal which is impossible to achieve if one does not fulfil the rights of fellow human beings. In 2012, while addressing the Community’s Annual Convention in Germany, His Holiness stated:

“Righteousness is not attained by only performing worship, by serving the Jama’at, by loving God and His Messenger<sup>sa</sup> and obedience to the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and Khilafat. Righteousness is perfected when the rights of parents, wives, husbands, children, friends and relatives are paid, when the rights of members of the Jama’at are paid, in fact when the rights of the enemy are paid.”<sup>[8]</sup>

Thus, it is essentially a matter of completion of faith that members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community remain at the forefront of service to mankind, determined to achieve a higher objective.

His Holiness tirelessly stresses the need for Ahmadis to expend their time, energy, and resources to serve mankind. During the opening ceremony of Noor Mosque in Crawley, UK earlier this year, His Holiness said:

“No matter what type of suffering, we desire and seek only to help and remove the pain of the people of the world and to fulfil their needs without any discrimination of cast and religion. We seek to give peace of mind to those who are restless. It is for these reasons that, with the Grace of God, wherever natural disasters strike the Ahmadiyya Community immediately helps and assists those who have been affected. Similarly, in the developing world and in particular in a number of African countries we are, within our limited resources, running humanitarian projects to help alleviate the suffering of the local people and to help them develop.”

He further stated:

# “We seek to alleviate the suffering and anguish of mankind as though their problems are our problems and their grief is our grief.”

“Whatever we do is motivated entirely by the teachings given to us by Allah in the Holy Qur’an. It is because of these teachings that we consider the pain of the world to be our pain. We seek to alleviate the suffering and anguish of mankind as though their problems are our problems and their grief is our grief.”

Similarly, during the opening ceremony of Nasir Mosque in Gillingham, UK, His Holiness said:

“The purpose of worship can only be fulfilled when a person comes to follow and act upon all of God’s commands. And God’s commands entail fulfilling the rights of both God and also of His creation. In terms of God’s creation, Islam does not teach us to fulfil only the rights of humans, but rather it teaches that every form of creation, including animals and birds, must be treated with love, mercy and compassion. The truth is that Allah has directly intertwined and interwoven the rights due to Him with the rights due to mankind.”

His Holiness went on to elaborate on the definition of true Muslim. He said:

“...A person can only be deemed a true Muslim when he seeks to remove the pain of others and to alleviate their anxieties. And a person can only be considered a true Muslim when he feels the grief of others as though it was his own personal grief.”

Councillor Josie Iles, Mayor of Medway, was present at the opening of Nasir Mosque in Gillingham and could not help but enumerate some of the Community’s services. She said: “Your Holiness, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is a delightful and unique privilege to be here with you all on this special occasion. Local

Muslim communities have been in the Medway towns for 50 years and as you celebrate this golden anniversary year, I should like to thank you for the service you have given and continue to give to the local community. Your hard work and efforts involve charity collections, blood giving donations, homeless feeding sessions, woodlands clean-ups and volunteer services in Medway Hospital and many other local projects. Medway truly appreciates what you do! You underline the very essence of its motto, ‘Forward Together’ and I quote, ‘By encouraging everyone to work together, to make the area a better place in which to live, work and play.’ Moreover, this is so strongly linked with your own motto, ‘Love for All, Hatred for None’, a desire for cohesion and peace, that we can see a good and respectable interrelationship that benefits us all.”  
Global Role of International Association of Ahmadi Architects & Engineers

The IAAAE-Europe is an international organization catering to the professional development needs of Ahmadi Muslim engineers, architects and technologists. IAAAE has played an integral role in serving mankind through various humanitarian projects worldwide. The organization was founded in 1980 by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, Mirza Nasir Ahmad<sup>ra</sup>, to gather applied-scientists and researchers with the purpose of interpreting and correlating the scientific research in the light of the Holy Qur’an. Such an association was also considered essential in providing assistance to the Ahmadiyya Jama’at in meeting its architectural and engineering needs. In 2004, at the first symposium of its type in the Ahmadiyya Engineers Association, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V, Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aba</sup> directed the Association towards providing humanitarian aid and logistical support to the poorest of the world. Under his



“...A person can only be deemed a true Muslim when he seeks to remove the pain of others and to alleviate their anxieties.

guidance, various committees were formed and undertook numerous projects around the globe.

The Water for Life (WFL) Committee was established under the guidance of His Holiness in January 2005. Its major objective was to carry out research into establishing cheap methods of extraction of water for the people of Africa. Early on, the Committee recognised that to achieve this task, it would concentrate on rehabilitation rather than new pumps. In this manner, the Committee successfully regenerated almost 1,000 water wells alleviating over a million people in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania.

The Alternate Energy Committee (AEC) is comprised of approximately 15 engineers who volunteer their time and services to it. To-date AEC has installed over 160 solar systems and a total of 500 solar lanterns have been distributed in deprived areas of Africa. The AEC also holds itself responsible for any maintenance services of these installations. For example, in the past year, 25 installations were repaired in DR Congo alone. Furthermore, maintenance services were provided for a total of 11 systems in Sierra Leone.

The Architectural Committee of the IAAAE provides specialists, advice and technical input for architectural projects in such European & African countries where local expertise does not exist. It ensures in providing assistance to the various Jamaat's in meeting their architectural and engineering needs. In 2013, the Architecture Committee has provided support to the following projects:

- Mosques: The Architecture Committee assisted in planning and designing construction of Mosques within Europe. Belgium (Brussels),

Ireland (Galway), Holland, Spain, Portugal and Sweden, to name a few. This service was also offered outside of Europe. A Mosque in Tanzania was designed and technical guidance was provided for the Kampala Mosque in Uganda.

- Model Village Projects: The aim of these projects was to bring clean running water to the doorsteps of people and with it provide light not only in houses but in streets also. Water generated could also be used for irrigation allowing villagers to grow crops for their everyday needs all year round. In the deserts of Africa where this scheme was carried out, the impact was simply incomprehensible. Particularly for those people who had to travel up to 4-5 miles every day just to quench their thirst. Also through irrigation, people were able to grow cash crops thus helping them earn a decent living. Other than the clean water and light provided to the most remote areas of Africa, the Model Village projects provided computer training, sewing classes for women, street lights, vocational schools and other facilities.

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### Humanitarian Services - Facts & Figures

Humanitarian aid provided by AMJ, the only Muslim Community with Caliphate or worldwide spiritual leadership, is well organised. This makes this Community very unique and the services provided so paramount. The members of the Community are motivated to serve their beloved Khalifa by offering their time and wealth. Many dedicate their entire lives for the service of mankind and to offer their services for the Community. Below is a list of services that have been provided by AMJ on a global scale:

During the year, 25 solar energy systems have been purchased and are in the process of being installed in various African countries.



**Solar Energy Systems:**

- By 2011, a total of 210 solar energy systems were installed in various African countries, including: Ghana, Benin, Nigeria, Gambia, Mali, Sierra Leone and Burkina Faso.
- In 2012, solar systems were installed in a total of 50 locations in: Mali, Benin and Niger.
- During the year, 25 solar energy systems have been purchased and are in the process of being installed in various African countries.
- 210 locations in Africa were provided with electricity.
- This year, 25 new systems for Gambia, 10 for Nigeria and 50 for Congo were installed.

Thus far, 1062 hand pumps have been fitted this year and 247 hand pumps have been rehabilitated.

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**Water Wells/Water Hand Pumps:**

- In the last year, a total of 650 water hand pumps were installed.
- Thus far, 1062 hand pumps have been fitted this year and 247 hand pumps have been rehabilitated.
- Work is on-going in: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Gambia, Mali, Nigeria and Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Uganda.



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**Medical Facilities & Free Medical Camps:**

- Under the Nusrat Jehan Scheme[9], 41 hospitals and twelve African countries were opened.
- Apart from this, dozens of health professionals who are members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, travel on a short-term basis to various remote parts of the world voluntarily



and work under the supervision of AMJ International to provide medical services.

- AMJ also employs health professionals; including doctors, nurses and other sectors on a local level to provide healthcare services in its hospitals and clinics.
- There is an on-going effort to provide better equipment and facilities to all of the hospitals and clinics. People who are unable to afford treatment are offered free treatment in these hospitals and clinics.
- In poor Asian and African countries, 20,000 people were given medical and general care.
- Free medical camps were established in: Liberia, Benin, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone and Mauritius.
- In India, dispensaries set up by AMJ treat thousands of people. Free medical camps, free eye camps and free dental camps have treated more than 20,000 people.



2013, 65,325 (18,884 in Spring and 46,441 in Autumn) trees were planted. This year, 67,000 trees have been planted already.

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### Other Charitable Works

**Blood Drives:** The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community makes great efforts to organise various charitable events such as blood drives on a global level in countries including: UK, France, India, Trinidad, Marshall Islands, Germany, Mauritius, Bangladesh, USA and Canada etc. and in various African countries as well. In the USA, a nationwide blood drive was organised by the Community on September 11, to honour the victims of that fateful event. The purpose of holding this particular blood

drive was to show loyalty to one's nation. Various Senators and other key dignitaries attended this blood drive. Thousands of ordinary citizens also showed their support by participating.

The blood drives have been very successful. Over the past 2 years, more than 22,000 pints of blood were collected in the USA. Whereas in the UK, over 2,000 pints of blood have been collected.

**Charity Walks:** Charity walks were organised in different countries around the globe in which the concept of charity was promoted and the sentiment to help one another was fostered. The donations raised were granted to different charities. The majority of the charity money was granted to non-Muslim charities. £7 million was raised last year alone.

**Natural Disasters Relief:** The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is always at the forefront to provide urgent relief to victims of natural disasters. For example, victims of the Fiji flood in 2012 were provided with a large quantity of aid. Similarly, during the famine of North East Africa when 13 million people were affected, AMJ established camps through which flour, cooking oil, lentils (all local foods) were provided. The policy of AMJ is to help and support wherever it is required.





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**Humanitarian Services by MKA, UK**

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya (MKA UK) has played a vital role in offering humanitarian services to local communities. These services include:

- Several hospital and nursing home visits were organised on regional and local level all across the UK. Khuddam[10] and Atfal[11] actively take part in such activities and present various gifts like chocolates, fruits, flowers and greeting cards for young children. There have been in excess of 1000 visits in total to various organisations all across the country.
- Homeless feeding sessions throughout the country in all regions. With the help and support of AMJ, Khuddam and Atfal packed containers of food, then distributed at homeless shelters on a weekly basis. From November 2012 till August 2013, 9,956 packs of food were distributed. From November 2013 onwards, more than 10,000 packs of food were distributed.
- Supporting the elderly, flood relief & disaster relief programs and hikes for charities; which raised £240,000 in 2013 alone.
- MKA has organised blood donations regularly and in 2013, 2500 pints of blood was donated. This amount equates to 7500 lives saved. MKA encouraged stem cell donation and organ registration. The purpose is to show the beautiful teachings of Islam mentioned in the Holy Qur'an that saving one life is like saving the entire mankind.
- MKA has been involved with various tree planting projects. In 2013, 65,325 (18,884 in Spring and 46,441 in Autumn) trees were planted. This year, 67,000 trees have been planted already.
- Flood Relief Activities: MKA provided tremendous support and help to the hardest hit areas in the UK such as the villages of Somerset; Burrow Bridge and Moorlands. Aid was also provided to: Chertsey, Staines, Wraysbury, Eggham, Datchet, Winchester, Reading and Guildford. Up to 200 Khuddam across the country helped and supported their local communities, councils, police and the army with flood relief efforts. 600 blankets were provided by AMJ for this cause of which more than 500 were distributed. 3000 bottles of water were provided by Humanity First - an internationally established charity to promote and safeguard the preservation of human life and dignity. The organisation was established in the UK and formally registered in 1994 by the leader of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Mirza Tahir Ahmad.



In his keynote address at the concluding session of the three-day National Ijtema 2013, of MKA, UK

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## Humanitarian Projects

the Worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat and Fifth Khalifah, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aba</sup> said, 'If you are able to improve and reform yourself it will not only benefit you, but it will also be a means of serving your nation and the society in which you live.' His Holiness went on to quote the Second Khalifah, Hazrat Mirza Bahir-Ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad<sup>ra</sup>, who founded Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, 'Nations cannot be reformed without the reformation of their youth.'<sup>[12]</sup> By serving others, AMJ seeks to reform its members, particularly the youth, so they can become law-abiding and loyal citizens with a firm zeal to offer a helping hand to anyone in need.

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