

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

Masjid Baitur Rahman



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسَاجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ
وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَعَسَى
أُولَئِكَ أَنْ يَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ ○

The mosques of Allah shall be visited and well-maintained by such who believe in Allah, and the Last Day, and pay the Zakat, and fear none but Allah. It is these who are likely to reach the goal being guided aright.

Al Qur'an 9:18

وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا

And all places of worship belong to Allah alone; so call not, along with Allah, upon anyone else.

Al Qur'an 72:19

جَعَلْتُ لِي الْأَرْضَ مَسْجِدًا وَطَهْرًا

For me the entire earth is made a mosque and a source of purity.

A Saying (Hadith) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad

(peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam

An Introduction

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam is a religious organization, international in its scope, with established branches in 143 countries in Africa, Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe. At present, its total membership exceeds 10 million worldwide, and the numbers are increasing day by day. Within the last 12 months (from August 1993 to July 1994), more than 400,000 persons joined the Movement. This is the most dynamic denomination of Islam in modern history.

The Ahmadiyya Movement was established in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835 – 1908) in a small and remote village, Qadian, in the Punjab, India. He claimed to be the expected reformer of the latter days, the Awaited One of the world community of religions. The Movement he started is an embodiment of the benevolent message of Islam – peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the Will of God – in its pristine purity. Hazrat Ahmad proclaimed Islam as the future religion of man:

“Remember that nothing happens on this Earth unless it has been so willed in Heaven. And, it is God of Heaven who revealed to me that ultimately it will be the religion of Islam which will conquer the hearts of people.”

With this conviction, the Ahmadiyya Movement, within a century, has reached the corners of the Earth. Wherever the Movement is established, it endeavors to exert a constructive influence of Islam through social projects, educational institutes, health services, Islamic publications and construction of mosques, despite being bitterly persecuted in some countries. Ahmadi Muslims have earned the distinction of being a law-abiding, peaceful, persevering and benevolent community.

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was created under divine guidance with the objective to rejuvenate Islamic

moral and spiritual values. It encourages interfaith dialogue, and diligently tries to correct misunderstandings about Islam in the West. It advocates peace, tolerance, love and understanding among followers of different faiths. It firmly believes in and acts upon the Qur'anic teaching: *“There is no compulsion in religion.”* It strongly rejects violence and terrorism in any form and for any reason.

The Movement offers a clear presentation of Islamic wisdom, philosophy, morals and spirituality as derived from the Holy Qur'an and the practice (Sunnah) of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Some Ahmadi members, like late Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan (who served as the first Foreign

Minister of Pakistan; President of the 16th General Assembly of the U.N.O.; President and Judge of the International Court of Justice, at the Hague), and Dr. Abdus Salam (the Nobel Laureate in Physics in 1979), have also been recognized by the world community for their outstanding services and achievements.

After the demise of its founder, the Ahmadiyya Movement has been headed by his elected successors – *Khalifas*. The present Head of the Movement, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, was elected in 1982. His

official title is *Khalifatul Masih IV*. He has launched several social projects to help poor countries in Africa, and under his personal supervision and guidance the Movement has translated the Holy Qur'an in more than 50 major languages of the world. In 1982, he initiated a project to build mosques in 5 cities in the United States with an estimated cost of 2.5 million dollars. The Ahmadi Muslims in the United States responded to his appeal by having Mosques and Islamic Mission Houses in 22 cities with donations of more than 10 million dollars. Masjid Baitur Rahman, by the grace of Allah, is one of them.

The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement And His Mission

كَيْفَ تَهْلِكُ أُمَّةٌ أَنَا فِي أَوَّلِهَا وَالْيَسُوعُ فِي آخِرِهَا

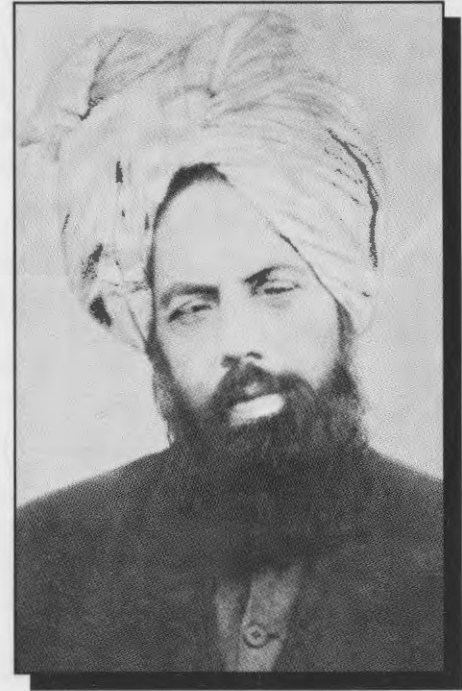
*“How can that Ummah perish when I am
at its beginning and the Messiah at its end!”*

A Saying of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a worldwide progressive Movement within the broader spectrum of Islam. Its founder, *Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad*, was born on February 13, 1835, at Qadian (Northern India) – a small town which lacked all modern facilities of communication with the rest of the world. Since his childhood, he showed an extraordinary indifference to material values. He dedicated most of his time either in the study of the Holy Qur’an or in supplication to God Almighty.

In the late nineteenth century, in India, the aggressive and often offensive Christian and Hindu contentions against Islam and its Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) were a matter of deep concern to *Hazrat Ahmad*. He grieved extremely at the pitiable state of the Muslim masses who were unable to defend the honor of their Prophet and the glory of their faith. *Hazrat Ahmad* took over the responsibility to defend Islam. From about 1872, he began to emerge as a reputable scholar, an eloquent speaker and a distinguished preacher in Islam. In 1882, he received a divine revelation that he had been commissioned as the Reformer to re-establish faith in one God and the Prophethood of Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

In 1889, he claimed that he was the Promised Messiah and the Mahdi whose advent in the latter days had been prophesied by the Holy Prophet of Islam. On March 23, 1889, he founded the Movement. *Hazrat Ahmad’s* claim to be the Promised Messiah raised a public outcry since Muslims and Christians generally believed that he was to descend from heaven physically in the person of Jesus Christ (peace be on him). This claim also made him an object of ridicule in the eyes of the orthodox Muslims. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was to be recognized as a dynamic religious force championing the cause of Islam, despite bitter and at times violent opposition. Ahmadi Muslims demonstrate a commitment to the betterment of mankind. Their spirit of selfless service is deeply appreciated universally.



Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad
(1835 - 1908)

The mission of the founder of the community was to revive and rekindle mankind’s faith in God, to work for the renaissance of Islam, to gather and unite all faiths under its banner, to recapture Islam’s lost moral excellence and glory, and to reinstitute its true teachings. In fulfillment of his divinely assigned role of the Prince of Peace, his mission was to inculcate among mankind the spirit of tolerance, good will and true brotherhood, and to abolish hatred and discrimination based on race, color, creed, culture, status, language or nationality. He established Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to serve others through selfless sacrifice, devotion and love.

So Says The Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

The gist of our faith is:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

“There is no God to be worshipped but Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.”

Our paradise is in our God. Our highest delight is in our God for we have seen Him and have found every beauty in Him. This wealth is worth procuring though one may have to lay down one's life to procure it.

That leader of ours from whom radiates all light. His name is Muhammad, he is the one, who has captivated my heart. Indeed, I am sold, entirely, on this light. Wholly and completely am I devoted to it. In my mind there are no reservations! He alone is the one that counts; while I amount absolutely to nothing. This alone is the basic truth, this alone the final verdict!

I have been made to understand that of all the Messengers, the one who gave the most perfect and purest of teachings, full of wisdom, and the one who exhibited in him the noblest of human qualities is the Holy Prophet Muhammad, our lord and master (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

If you want that God should be pleased with you in heaven, unite and be one like two brothers of the same mother. Nobler is he among you who forgives the sins of his brother more than others and doomed is he who is stubborn and does not forgive. He has nothing in common with me.

None of the true Muslims who ever lived maintained that force should be employed in the spread of Islam. On the other hand, Islam has always flourished on the strength of its inherent qualities of excellence.

Righteousness means that a person should, to the best of his ability, discharge his responsibilities regarding his faculties and covenant of faith with God as a sacred trust. Also he should pay full regard to what he owes to his fellow human beings and to all that is created by God as a trust imposed on him.

That suffering which pleases God is better than that pleasure which displeases Him. That defeat which pleases God is better than the victory which earns His displeasure.

I proclaim to all Muslims, Christians, Hindus 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 the enemy of only 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.

The Holy Qur'an is a miracle the like of which never was and never will be. The age of its blessings and bounties is everlasting. It dictates of truth and human nature. The doctrines it propounds are so perfect and well founded that they are entirely supported by powerful and irrefutable evidence. Its injunctions are based on nothing but the truth. Its teachings are completely free from adulteration or idolatry, innovation and creature worship.

Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad ***Khalifatul Masih IV***

A Profile

His Holiness *Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad*, the present Supreme Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, was born on December 18, 1928, in Qadian, a small village in northern India.

After graduating from the *Jamia Ahmadiyya*, the religious training college of the Ahmadiyya Community, he spent some years at the School of Oriental & African Studies of the University of London, England.

Upon his return to Pakistan, he formally dedicated his life to the service of Islam. The following two decades saw him immersed in the service of the Movement in various capacities - ordinary worker, coordinator, organizer and head of various institutions.

In June 1982, he was elected to his supreme position, formally designated as *Khalifatul*

Masih (literally "Successor of the Messiah") and thus became the fourth Successor of the founder of the Movement, *Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad*. In 1984, the exigencies of the politico-religious

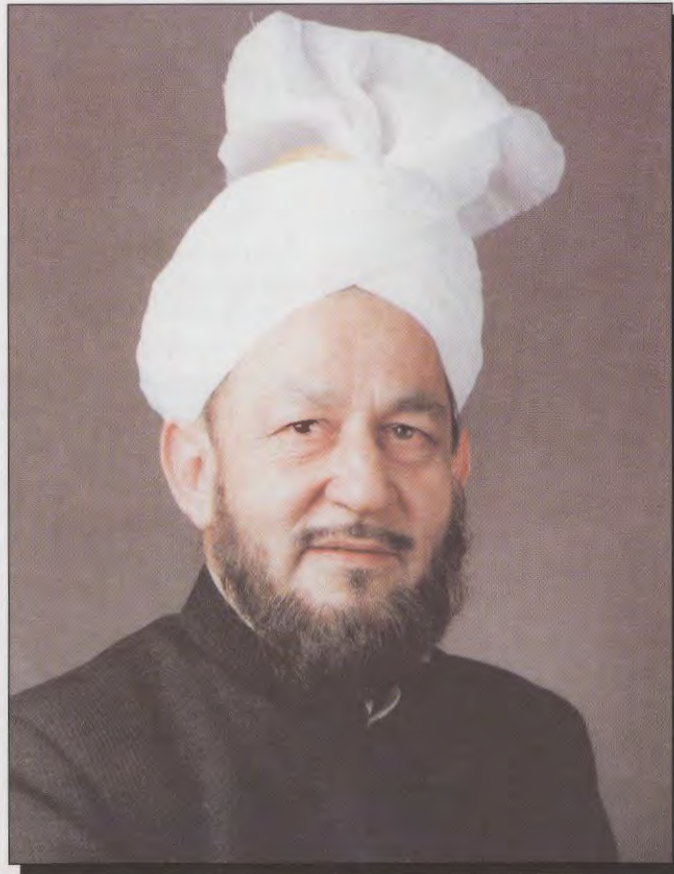
situation in Pakistan forced His Holiness to move to England, from where he has since been directing the activities of the Movement in 143 countries around the globe.

Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad is a widely travelled man and a keen observer of other cultures, groups and societies. His Friday sermons are

tape-recorded and distributed to all Ahmadi Muslims around the world regularly every week. These sermons are also being telecast live to the rest of the world through satellite relays and are being watched by Ahmadi audiences in all the continents. These sermons serve as a guide and source of knowledge to Ahmadi Muslims to conduct their lives on Islamic principles.

Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad is an avid reader and takes keen interest in modern scientific knowledge. He is also a forceful writer in prose

and, occasionally, expresses himself in verse. His books, *Murder in the Name of Allah* and *Islam's Response to Contemporary Issues*, have been widely acclaimed.



His Holiness *Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad*

Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam

Some Contributions and Services

To disseminate and implement teachings of Islam, the Ahmadiyya Movement is engaged in a variety of projects. The Movement has so far:

- Participated in numerous humanitarian and charitable services offering food, medicine, clothes, and shelter to the poor, war-victims and drought-stricken nations.
- Constructed 3,122 new mosques around the world.
- Established 496 Islamic mission houses.
- Published the Holy Qur'an with translations in 54 main languages of the world.
- Published selected verses from the Holy Qur'an in 117 languages.
- Constructed 30 medical clinics and hospitals in underdeveloped countries.
- Published a very comprehensive 5 volume commentary of the Holy Qur'an in English, including a biography of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), exhaustive index and a general introduction with cross-references to the verses.
- Published a selection of Ahadith, the Sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) in 117 languages.
- Instituted 347 schools, mostly in Africa.
- Established a global Islamic outreach program through satellite communication system, relaying Friday Sermons (*Khutbat*) in seven languages, and featuring daily program for Asian and European countries.

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ
لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

“We will surely guide in Our ways those who strive after Us. Verily Allah is with those who do good.”

(Al Qur'an 29:70)

Worldwide Branches Established in 143 Countries

Abu Dhabi • Afghanistan • Albania • Algeria • Angola • Argentina • Australia • Austria • Bahrain • Bangladesh • Belarus • Belgium • Benin • Bhutan • Brazil • Brunei • Bulgaria • Burkina Faso • Burma • Burundi • Cameroon • Canada • Cape Verde Islands • Chad • China • Chuuk • Columbia • Comoros • Congo • Cook Islands • Denmark • Dominican Republic • Egypt • Ethiopia • Fiji • Finland • France • Gabon • Gambia • Germany • Ghana • Greece • Guam • Guatamala • Guinea • Guinea Bissau • Guyana • Holland • Hong Kong • Hungary • Iceland • India • Indonesia • Iran • Iraq • Ireland • Israel • Italy • Ivory Coast • Jamaica • Japan • Jordan • Kazakhstan • Kenya • Keri Basu • Kuwait • Lebanon • Liberia • Libya • Lithuania • Madagascar • Malawi • Malaysia • Maldives • Mali • Marshal Islands •

Mauritania • Mauritius • Mexico • Miconesia (Ponape) • Mongolia • Morocco • Mozambique • Naru • Nepal • New Zealand • New Calendonia • Niger • Nigeria • Norway • Oman • Pakistan • Palestine • Papua New Guinea • Philippines • Poland • Portugal • Qatar • Raisul Khema • Renien • Romania • Russia • Ruwanda • Saudi Arabia • Senegal • Sierre Leone • Singapore • Solomon Islands • Somalia • South Africa • Spain • Sri Lanka • St. Lucia • Sudan • Suriname • Sweden • Switzerland • Syria • Tahiti • Tanzania • Tataristan • Thailand • Togoland • Toke Lau • Tonga • Trinidad • Tunis • Turkey • Tuvalu South Pacific • USA • Uganda • Ukraine • Ummul Quvain • United Arab Emirates • United Kingdom • Uzbekistan • Vanuatu • West Somoa • Yemen • Yugoslavia • Zaire • Zambia • Zimbabwe

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ
نَحْمَدُهٗ وَنُصَلِّیْ عَلٰی رَسُوْلِهِ الْخَیْرِ

Message
of
Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV
Supreme Head of the World-Wide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
on the occasion of the inauguration of
Masjid Baitur Rahman



The building of places of worship, such as mosques, dedicated entirely to the one and only one God, is indeed among the noblest of tasks. But alas, the places of worship are sometimes built with mixed intentions. They are not always entirely and purely dedicated to the worship of Allah alone.

Islam stands out among religions in its total commitment to the unity of God. Yet it does not permit its adherents to interfere with the beliefs and practices of the idolatrous religions. The principle teaching in this regard without compromise, is given in the following verse of the Holy Qur'an:

لَا اِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّیْنِ

"There is no compulsion in religion."

This contains, indeed, the fundamental principle of freedom of religious practices and beliefs.

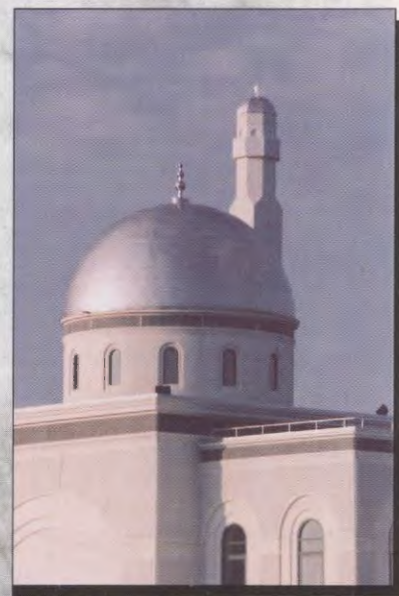
This principle also implies that those who believe in the unity of God cannot be denied the right to worship in the mosques. The doors of the Muslim mosques

must, therefore, always remain open to the followers of all religions who believe in the unity of God. As far as physical access is concerned, even the idolaters are not denied. That which is forbidden is only to pay homage to anyone else besides God. The Muslim places of worship must entirely remain dedicated to God alone in all sincerity.

There is no doubt that this grand, spacious and beautiful building is extremely impressive and is a treat for the eyes to behold.

Yet, it must be remembered that, according to Islam, the status of a place of worship in the sight of Allah is not related to physical grandeur or outstanding architectural design. The greatness of a mosque depends entirely on the fear of God and the sincerity with which the worshippers bow and prostrate therein.

However, it is permissible to build large, spacious, simple but beautiful mosques, such as this one for whose inauguration we have all gathered here today. This is an issue that relates to the deep-rooted intentions that precede every human project.



If the mosque incidentally also happens to be attractive and beautiful, without the element of lavishness, it is not disapproved in Islam. *Alhamdulillah* – all praise be to Allah – I can say with great confidence that those who participated in the building of this mosque did so entirely to win Allah's favour and had no baser motives.

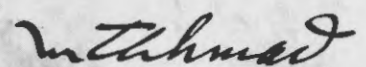
The first house of Allah ever built in the U.S.A. was by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in 1922. Since then, we have been able to add 28 more mosques or centers of worship. It is a small number but the work is quickening in pace with the passage of time. Out of the total, 22 were added only between 1983 and 1994. We are planning to build many more in the coming years to keep pace with the expansion of our Jama'at.

I do hope and pray that the sacrifices of all those who have generously participated in the building of this humble yet great house of God will find favour with their Lord. This mosque has been built at a cost of 4.25 million dollars, which has been provided almost entirely by the members of the U.S.A. Ahmadiyya Jama'at. A large share of the credit goes to the association of Ahmadiyya doctors and surgeons who provided more than half of the entire expenses. The president and office bearers of the Ahmadi Medical Association should especially be remembered in our prayers. Among them there are some whose personal sacrifices are phenomenal. As for the rest of the Jama'at, a large majority of them participated to the best of their capacity, with enthusiasm and a spirit of dedication that has touched my heart. The Amir of U.S.A., M. M. Ahmad Sahib, and his team, who worked diligently under his able leadership, are also to be remembered in our special prayers. Outside the executive, there is one name which I would personally like to add to the

list of those who performed outstanding work with regard to the collection of funds: *Hazrat* Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad Sahib, the ex-Amir and Missionary In-Charge of U.S.A. His strenuous tours for fund raising have been truly impressive. He must be nearing 90 years of age and yet, by the Grace of Allah, he works like a young man. God bless him and all the workers in whatever capacity they worked. May the posterity also remember them with prayers when they read this brief mention of their services on this stone-tablet.

Allah, however, does not need any inscription to remind Him. I have no doubt that He will always shower His blessings on those who have participated with profound sincerity only to please Him. May He always remain pleased with them. Along with those who have made outstanding financial contributions, there are also others who have only been able to offer small sums, but with pure love and deep sense of sorrow that they could not offer more. The ways of Allah are strange. In His sight, sometimes, small contributors are held higher and closer in His love than those who have offered more. He knows best and to Him we should all turn with prayers that He should ignore our shortcomings and forgive our sins and accept our offerings, small or big, pure or defective, with mercy and graciousness."

offerings, small or big, pure or defective, with mercy and graciousness. May He grant us the opportunity to be able to achieve the very noblest of expectations related to the houses of His worship.



Mirza Tahir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih IV
October 14, 1994

AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN AMERICA

**“Our task today is to herald the news in all directions;
he who has a noble soul surely comes!”**

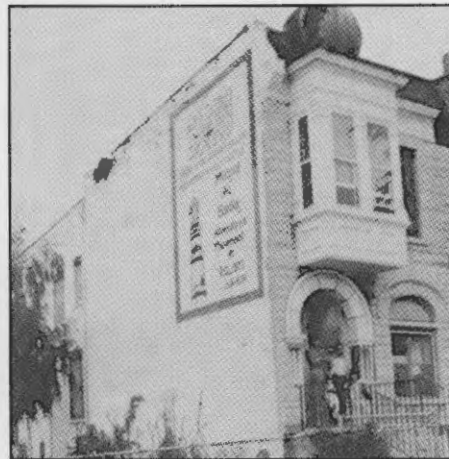
(The Promised Messiah)



Mr. Muhammad Alexander Russell Webb
The First American Convert to Islam

The United States of America is one of those countries which was blessed with the message of true Islam through the Promised Messiah himself. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad first conveyed the message of Islam to the American people through a pamphlet mailed to thousands of laymen and clergy in Europe and America in the year 1885. This created a considerable interest in Islam among various sections of the Americans. A journalist, Mr. Alexander Russell Webb, who later became American Consul in the Philippines, became deeply interested and started correspondence with Hazrat Ahmad. In a letter dated February 24, 1887, Mr. Webb wrote to the Promised Messiah: “...it occurred to me that I might, through your aid, assist in spreading the truth here. If, as you say, the Muhamaden is the only true religion why could I not act as its Apostle or Promulgator in America...” Consequently, Mr. Webb accepted Islam and became an active

missionary of Islam, established seven Islamic branches in various cities in the United States, and in 1893, founded a publication, “The Moslem World”. In his letter of condolence upon the death of the Promised Messiah, Mr. Webb wrote: “Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad accomplished a great undertaking and conveyed the light of truth to hundreds of hearts, which it could not have reached otherwise. More than twenty years ago I started my correspondence with him and ever since then I have been deeply affected by the fearless earnestness with which he continued to spread the truth in the pursuance of his purpose. Without a doubt God Almighty had chosen him for this great enterprise which he fulfilled completely. I am sure that he will enjoy the companionship of the saints and prophets in heaven.”



The Chicago Mosque

In 1922, the first Ahmadiyya Mosque was established in Chicago at 4448 Wabash Avenue. The money for this project was donated by Ahmadis in India.



Hazrat Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq
(May Allah be pleased with him)

The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam began its regular mission in the U.S.A. in 1920 under the direction of Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, the Second Successor of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, of Qadian, India.

The first Ahmadiyya Muslim missionary in America, Hazrat Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, arrived in New York on February 25, 1920; but he was detained in Ellis Island, New York. He was asked to write to the President of the country. The Secretary of State replied on behalf of the President conveying his permission to him to preach Islam in the United States. Soon after his arrival, Dr. Sadiq established the first Headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam in Chicago, Illinois.

Message of the Amir, U.S.A.

It is Allah's great bounty and mercy that He has enabled the small number of Ahmadi Muslims of U.S.A. to triple the number of new mosques and mission houses in the U.S.A. since 1983. The moral and spiritual devaluation which has taken place in the West, the misconceptions about Islam so widely and unjustly held by so many through ignorance of its true message and teachings, attracted the attention of *Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV* and he called upon the U.S.A. Jama'at for a renewed commitment and resolve to redouble our efforts for the spread of Islam's true message. One specific target given was to collect 2.5 million dollars, outside the budget, for the construction of mosques or acquisition of mission houses to serve as Centers for the task ahead. The Jama'at's response was splendid and heart warming. Its members and in particular members of the Ahmadiyya Medical Association, contributed generously. The amount contributed was indeed many times the high target fixed by *Hazrat Khalifatul Masih* and increased the number of mosques and mission houses from 7 to 29 during the last decade or so.

The latest addition is this Washington Mosque whose inauguration (on October 14, 1994)



is being blessed by *Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV*, the Supreme Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Community.

Our gathering today is not so much a celebration as it is a symbol of our renewed commitment and resolve to make this inspiring mosque

a center for righteousness, *tarbiyyat* (training) and spread of Islam. It should be made into a shining *minaret* which dispels all darkness and sweeps away all misconceptions and false notions about Islam. The divine message brought by *Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa*, the Holy Prophet of Islam



(peace and blessings of Allah be on him) be spread and practiced throughout in its purity. Violence, tyranny and terrorism all now associated with Islam in people's mind in the West are in fact violation of Islamic morality, its code of conduct and its laws.

The suffering humanity should be rid of its ailments and strife through the renaissance of true Islam for which *Hazrat Ghulam Ahmad*, founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam and a servant of the *Khatamun Nabiyyin*, the Holy Prophet of Islam, established the Ahmadiyya Jama'at under divine command. May Allah bless our humble efforts to fulfill the task which lies ahead and enable us to win back the lost glory of Islam, spread its teachings and divine message and usher an era of peace, interfaith harmony and service of the suffering humanity.



M. M. Ahmad
Amir, U.S.A.

October 14, 1994



قُلْ أَمَرَ رَبِّي بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَقِيمُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ عِندَ كُلِّ
 مَسْجِدٍ وَادْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ هُ كَمَا بَدَأَكُمْ
 تَعُودُونَ ۝

“Say, My Lord has enjoined justice. And fix your attention aright at every time and place of worship, and call upon Him, making yourselves sincere towards Him in religion. As He brought you into being, so shall you return.”

(Al Qur'an 7:30)

Masjid Baitur Rahman

Salient Features

The Masjid is located in Montgomery County, Maryland, at the intersection of Good Hope Road and Briggs Chaney Road, in the corridor between two main highways - Columbia Pike and New Hampshire Avenue. It is fifteen miles north of Washington, District of Columbia, and five miles outside the National Beltway. The area gives the feeling of an ecumenical spiritual mosaic as there are more than two dozen churches, temples and religious centers in its vicinity belonging to various Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist denominations.

The two-story building of the Masjid, with a lower level basement for administrative use, is on an eleven-acre parcel of land. The total constructed area is 22,000 square feet. There are two additional structures on the land, one for the residence of Imam and the other for a satellite earth-station control location. Adjacent to the building is a parking lot for 125 cars.

The exterior of the Masjid is made of almost 200 pieces of panels of exposed precast concrete in off-white color, with dark green Kirkstone band under the cornice and over the dome's drum. The dome is 24 feet in diameter with stainless steel claddings, twenty-five feet above roof level. There is a minaret, ninety feet tall, also with a stainless steel clad top. Arched windows of the upper level are gracefully designed above square and rectangular windows, decorated spandrels and grills. The dome also has small arched glass windows for natural light to reach the interior of the Masjid. The design of the Masjid combines gracefully the architectural elements of the East and the West. It exhibits both the Washington's neoclassical architecture style as well as the eastern Islamic traditional features, and makes it a simple yet dignified and beautiful place of worship.

The prayer halls in the upper two levels can accommodate approximately 1300 worshipers at a time. As the Islamic liturgical worship, Salat, involves different postures of human body, including prostration - to express complete submission to God, there are no seats in the prayer halls. Instead, green carpet rows are laid down, wall to wall, for the comfort of the worshipers. The second floor has, under the dome, a semicircular opening above the *Mehrab* (where the Imam stands to lead the prayer) to make the interior of the dome visible from the first floor as well and to maximize the reach of natural light. The upper prayer hall is designated exclusively for the ladies. It has a glass semicircular wall through which the *Mehrab* and the dome are visible. For the convenience of ladies with small children, there are additional rooms including a nursery. Both the upper floors have spacious hallways, *Wuzu* (ablution) areas, and access to elevators for the handicapped.

The basement has office rooms for the National Headquarters and local officials of the Washington Metropolitan community, with an open multipurpose space in the middle. It also has a spacious kitchen well-equipped with modern utilities and a dumb-waiter to take food to either of the two upper floors. Areas are reserved for audio-video control, translation and a library, while the prayer halls have projectors, screens and televisions installed to watch and listen to religious sermons and discourses. The Masjid is equipped to receive international religious programs relayed by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Television, London, through satellite system, and the programs in the Masjid can also be relayed throughout North and South America via international satellite communication systems.



Messages and Proclamations
on the occasion of the inauguration of
Masjid Baitur Rahman
Friday, October 14, 1994



On Friday, October 14, 1994, to honor the inauguration of Masjid Baitur Rahman, the American Flag will be raised at the Capitol on the request of the Honorable Congresswoman, Leslie L. Byrne, member of the U.S. House of Representatives. The same flag will be presented to the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, U.S.A. to be raised in front of the Masjid Baitur Rahman.



Congressional Achievement Award

Congressman Kweisi Mfume, U.S. House of Representatives

Letters and Messages

Congresswoman Leslie Byrne, U.S. House of Representatives
Congressman Steny Hoyer, U.S. House of Representatives
Congresswoman Eleanor Norton, U.S. House of Representatives
Ruth Dawson, Resettlement Coordinator, Lutheran Social Services

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The Council of Prince Georges County, Maryland
The Council of Montgomery County, Maryland

Congressional Achievement Award



Be it hereby known to all that
Congressman Kweisi Mfume
offers his sincerest congratulations
to

AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM, INC.

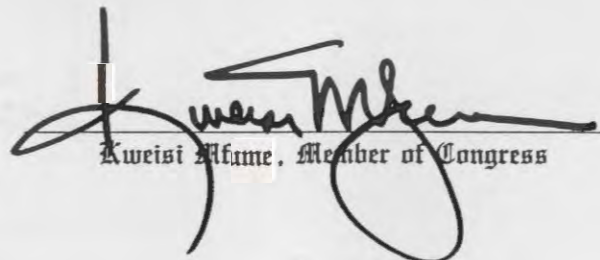
in recognition of

THE INAUGURATION OF BAIT-ur-REHMAN MOSQUE

Congressman Mfume extends
best wishes on this memorable occasion
and directs this resolution be presented on

this 14TH day of OCTOBER 1994.




Kweisi Mfume, Member of Congress

LESLIE L. BYRNE
11TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

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September 14, 1994

Mr. M. M. Ahmad
National President
Ahmadiyya Movement In Islam, Inc.
2141 Leroy Place, N.W.
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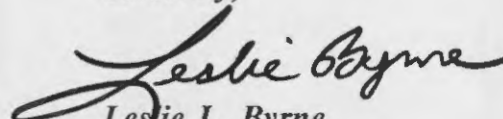
Dear Mr. Ahmad:

It is my sincere pleasure to recognize the on-going humanitarian and spiritual work of the Ahmadiyya Movement. This glorious Bait-Ur-Rahman Mosque stands as a monument to the efforts of believers exercising their faith through deed and word.

We, in the Washington area, have become richer since the global Ahmadiyya Movement planted its compassionate and charitable seeds in the fields of poverty, crime and destitution which plague these United States. Your noble acts to house the homeless, reach out to the refugees of war, clean-up our environment and build alliances with other faiths, are a testament to the inspiring and humanitarian qualities of Islam.

On this auspicious occasion, celebrating the fruits of many years' labor, I salute the congregation of Bait-Ur-Rahman for adding yet another brick to this community's temple of values and righteousness. While October 14, 1994 may signify the end of one kind of work, it most certainly marks the beginning of other more challenging tasks. I know you welcome God's work and will carry out his will to the best of your abilities. May God continue to bless us with the devotion and piety of Ahmadiyya Muslims.

Sincerely,


Leslie L. Byrne
Member of Congress



U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STENY HAMILTON HOYER
5TH DISTRICT, MARYLAND

October 14, 1994

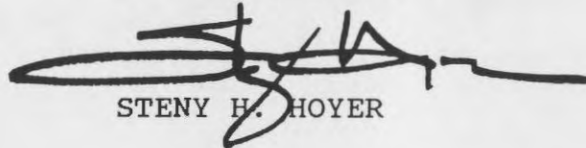
Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad and the members of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam to the inauguration of "Bait-ur-Rehman" the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque. This is a great day for all the members of the Ahmadiyya Movement world wide.

As someone who has great regard for freedom of religion and its meaningfulness as a founding principle of our Nation, I truly appreciate the diversity that the Ahmadiyya Movement brings to our Country. The tenentes of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, such as the rejection of violence, tolerance and understand among followers of different faiths, are admirable beliefs. When benevolent doctrines like these are practiced our Nation can only benefit.

Wishing you the best and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



STENY H. HOYER

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 14, 1994

WELCOME

I would like to welcome all those attending the inauguration of "Bait-ur-Rehman", the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque.

At a time when spiritual guidance and social responsibility is critical, I look forward to your commitment to our community. As a strong advocate for breaking down barriers that divide us, I applaud your efforts to promote peace, tolerance, love, and understanding among followers of different faiths.

I am happy to be a part of this organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eleanor Holmes Norton".

Eleanor Holmes Norton



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October 14, 1994

The Refugee Resettlement Program of the Lutheran Social Services extends its warmest congratulations and best wishes to the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam on the occasion of the inauguration of the "Bait-Ur-Rahman" mosque.

The Ahmadiyya Movement is currently supporting the work of our program resettling refugees from Bosnia and other countries in the Washington Metropolitan area. Furthermore, the Youth Organization (Khuddam Ul Ahmadiyya) is actively involved in assisting refugees to adjust to life in Maryland and Virginia.

We hope you continue to strive for the promotion of peace, tolerance and understanding among people of different backgrounds.

Best wishes for the opening ceremony and the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ruth Anne Dawson
Resettlement Coordinator



SENATE OF MARYLAND



Resolution

Be it hereby known to all that

The Senate of Maryland

offers its sincerest congratulations to

"BAIT-UR-REHMAN"
MOSQUE

in recognition of

THE DEDICATION OF THE MOSQUE WHICH SERVES THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM
COMMUNITY. WE SALUTE THE MEMBERS WHO SO LOVINGLY SERVE THOSE IN NEED.
MAY THEIR FAITH AND COMMUNITY GROW IN SPIRIT, LOVE AND HAPPINESS!

The entire membership extends best wishes on

this memorable occasion and directs this resolution

be presented on this 14TH day of OCTOBER 1994 .



Thomas D. Doherty Miller
President of the Senate

Leo Green
Sponsor
SENATOR LEO GREEN

Senate Resolution 728

The
City Council of Baltimore



Resolution

Be it hereby known to all that
The City Council of Baltimore
offers its sincerest congratulations

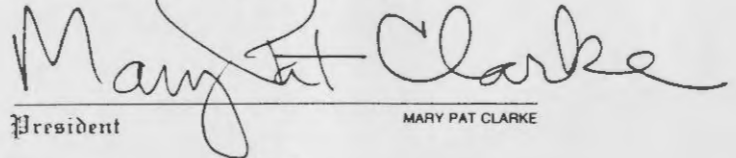
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HIS HOLINESS, HAZRAT MIRZA TAHIR AHMAD,
KHALIFATUL MASHI IV

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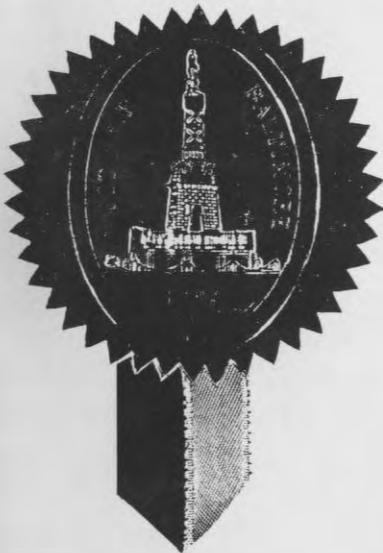
THE COMMEMORATION OF HIS HOLINESS VISIT TO THE
STATE OF MARYLAND, U.S.A. TO DEDICATE THE
BAIT-ur-RAHMAN MOSQUE

The entire membership extends
best wishes on this memorable occasion
and directs this resolution be presented on
this 14th day of OCTOBER 19 94.


President MARY PAT CLARKE

Resolution 4313

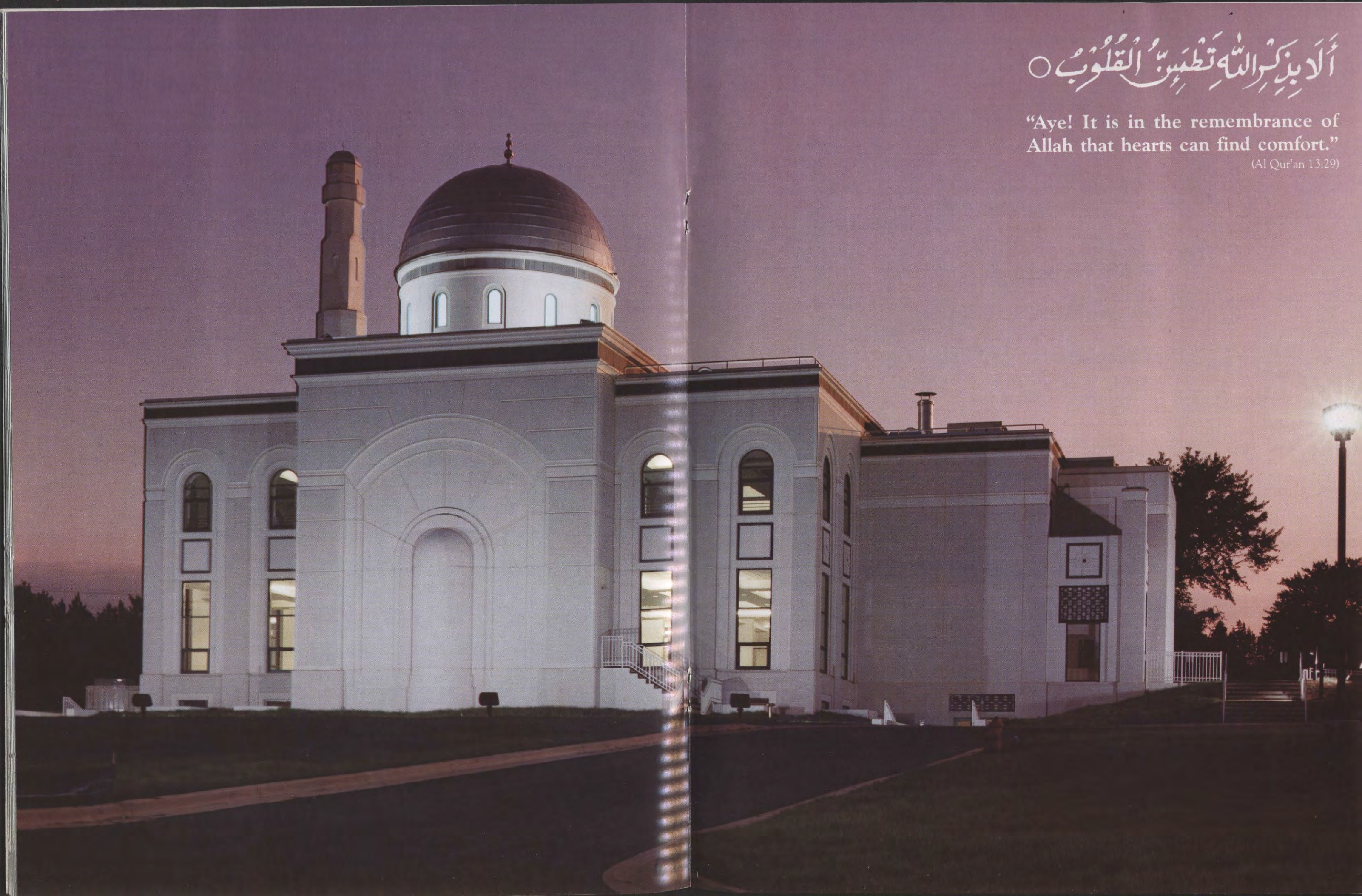
By PRESIDENT MARY PAT CLARKE
COUNCILMAN CARL STOKES
AND ALL MEMBERS



أَلَا يَذْكُرُ اللَّهُ تَطْمِئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

“Aye! It is in the remembrance of Allah that hearts can find comfort.”

(Al Qur'an 13:29)



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
23RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Resolution

Be it hereby known to all that

The 23rd Legislative District

offers its sincerest congratulations to

"BAIT-UR-REHMAN"
THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MOSQUE

in recognition of

CELEBRATING ITS INAUGURATION

The entire district extends best wishes on

this memorable occasion and directs this resolution

be presented on this 14TH day of OCTOBER 1994.



Mary A. Conroy
MARY A. CONROY
James W. Hubbard
JAMES W. HUBBARD
Joan B. Pitkin
JOAN B. PITKIN

Resolution _____

AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc. was founded to promote peace, tolerance and understanding among people of different backgrounds.

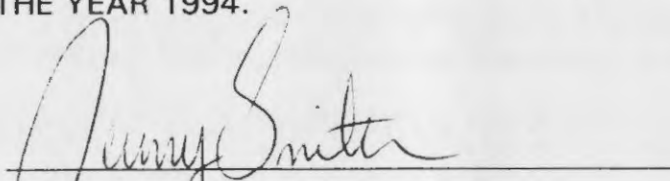
WHEREAS, the Ahmadiyya Movement is supporting the work of the Winter Haven Homeless Shelter Program in the Laurel area.

WHEREAS, the Youth Group of the Movement has been actively involved in assisting with the homeless shelter.

RESOLVED, the Winter Haven Executive Board recognizes the "Bait-ur-Rehman" Ahmadiyya Mosque in Silver Spring and acknowledges the work of the Ahmadiyya Movement in the community.

APPROVED BY THE WINTER HAVEN EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR 1994.

SIGNED BY:



Jenny Smith
Executive Board Member
Winter Haven Homeless Shelter Program
15121 McKnew Road
Burtonsville, MD 20866

The State of Maryland



Governor of the State of Maryland, to

"BAIT-UR-REHMAN"
AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MOSQUE

, Greeting:

Be it Known: That on behalf of the citizens of this State,
in recognition of the inauguration of the largest Mosque in the Washington Metropolitan area... in honor of the significant contribution that your followers have made to the betterment of the community and the great State of Maryland; and as an expression of our admiration, gratitude and great respect on this very special occasion,
we are pleased to confer upon you this

Governor's Citation



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this 14th day of October

One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-four

William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Lynne S. Athey
Secretary of State

City of Baltimore

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

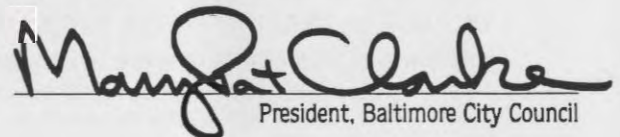


I, Mary Pat Clarke, President of the Baltimore City Council,
do hereby present this President's Citation to
HIS HOLINESS, HAZRAT MIRZA TAHIR AHMAD,
KHALI FATUL MASIH IV

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FRIENDSHIP ESTABLISHED BETWEEN
THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY AND THE
CITIZENS OF BALTIMORE

In witness whereof, I have affixed my signature to this
Citation on this memorable occasion.

Given under the Corporate Seal of the City of Baltimore, this
____ 14th ____ day of ____ OCTOBER ____ in the year one
thousand nine hundred and ____ 94 ____ .


President, Baltimore City Council



THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

SHARON PRATT KELLY
Mayor

HAZRAT MIRZA TAHIR AHMAD DAY

OCTOBER 14, 1994

BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Incorporated will sponsor an inauguration ceremony and jalsa at the Bait-ur-Rehman Mosque; and

WHEREAS, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad was born in Qadian, India and is the grandson and fourth elected Khalifa (successor) of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, who founded the Ahmadiyya movement; and

WHEREAS, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad has served as a member of the Central Executive Directorate of the International Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, as President of Majlie-e-Khudam-ul-Ahmadiyya, and on the Board of Directors of the Fazle Umar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Ahmadiyya Muslim community continues to promote humanitarian service to mankind, brotherhood, peace and harmony among all faiths:

NOW, THEREFORE, I THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, I do hereby proclaim October 14, 1994, as "HAZRAT MIRZA TAHIR AHMAD DAY" in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents of this city to join me in celebration.

SHARON PRATT KELLY
MAYOR
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



PROCLAMATION

BY

MAYOR KURT L. SCHMOKE

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 14, 1994

AS

"AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MOSQUE DAY" IN BALTIMORE

WHEREAS, the citizens of Baltimore are proud to join the Ahmadiyya Movement in celebrating "Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque Day;" and

WHEREAS, the Ahmadiyya Muslim community was founded more than one hundred years ago in Qadian (India); and

WHEREAS, Ahmadiyya Movement has planted its compassionate and charitable seeds in the fields of poverty, crime and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Baltimore extends our admiration and gratitude on this very special occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KURT L. SCHMOKE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim October 14, 1994, as "AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MOSQUE DAY" IN BALTIMORE, and do urge all citizens to join in this celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this fourteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four.



Kurt Schmoke

Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, a worldwide movement in Islam, was founded more than one hundred years ago in Qadian, India; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria is home to many members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, is officially inaugurating the Bait-ur-Rehman Mosque in Silver Spring, Maryland, on October 14, 1994; and

WHEREAS, this will be one of the largest mosques in the Washington Metropolitan area and will attract a large congregation of Muslims who are the fastest growing minority in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this Islamic Movement advocates peace, tolerance, love and understanding among followers of different faiths and rejects the use of force in matters of faith according to the teachings of the Holy Quran;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICIA S. TICER, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim October 14, 1994, as:

"AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DAY"

and the week of October 9 through 15 as Ahmadiyya Mosque Week in the City of Alexandria.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 7th day of October, 1994.



Patricia S. Ticer

PATRICIA S. TICER MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Susan K. Seagroves
Susan K. Seagroves, Deputy City Clerk



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; *The Ahmadiyya Movement was founded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in India over one hundred years ago; and*

WHEREAS; *This Islamic movement advocates peace, tolerance, love and understanding and provides help and supervision at homeless shelters and food drives, works with Habitat for Humanity, and assists refugees from all nations; and*

WHEREAS; *We welcome the Supreme Head Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmed who will officially inaugurate the Bait-ur-Rehman, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque located in Silver Spring, Maryland.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *John Mason, Mayor, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 14, 1994*


Bait-ur-Rehman Mosque Day

in the City of Fairfax and urge all our residents to join in a wish for peace and happiness in the future.

Done this sixteenth day of September, 1994 in the City of Fairfax.

John Mason

Mayor John Mason


Attest:
Jacqueline Henderson

City Clerk

City of Fairfax, Virginia



Gaithersburg

Proclamation

Of the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg
recognizing the inauguration of
BAIT-UR-REHMAN

Whereas, the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in 1889; and

Whereas, the world-wide Ahmadiyya Movement is now established in 140 countries and started its work in the United States of America in 1922; and

Whereas, in celebration, the Ahmadiyya Muslim community along with the Supreme Head are coming together to inaugurate Bait-ur-Rehman, the largest mosque in the Washington Metropolitan area; and

Whereas, the City of Gaithersburg recognizes the community involvement of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community through their work with the homeless and needy:

Now, Therefore, I, W. Edward Bohrer, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby recognize the inauguration of

BAIT-UR-REHMAN MOSQUE

located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Proclaimed this 14th day of October, 1994.



W. Edward Bohrer, Jr.
W. Edward Bohrer, Jr., Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FRANK P. CASULA



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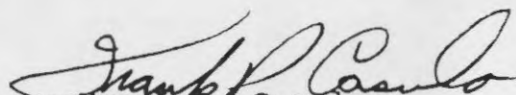
P R O C L A M A T I O N

- WHEREAS: The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in 1889; he claimed to be the Messiah of the latter days whose advent was predicted in scriptures of principal faiths; and
- WHEREAS: Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad advocated the true teachings of Islam -- of peace, tolerance, love and understanding among followers of different faiths; and
- WHEREAS: The inauguration of "Bait-ur-Rehman" the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque located in Silver Spring, Maryland will take place on October 14, 1994; and
- WHEREAS: This will be the largest mosque in the Washington Metropolitan area and will attract a large congregation of Muslims who are the fastest growing minority in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The world wide Ahmadiyya Movement is now established in 140 countries and started its work in the USA in 1922;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK P. CASULA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM October 14, 1994 as

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DAY

and ask our citizens to join in expressing our sincere best wishes for joy, peace and happiness in the coming years.


Frank P. Casula
Mayor

By the Mayor of the City of New Carrollton, Maryland

A Proclamation

**AHMADIYYA MUSLIM MOSQUE DAY
OCTOBER 14, 1994**

WHEREAS: the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, a world-wide movement in Islam, was founded more than one hundred years ago in Qadian (India); and

WHEREAS: the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is very involved in their communities by supporting homeless shelters, running food drives and assisting in various programs for the needy, such as the "Christmas in April" program run in Prince George's County; and

WHEREAS: on October 14, 1994, the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Incorporated, will sponsor an inauguration ceremony and jamaat; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDREW C. HANKO, Mayor of the City of New Carrollton, Maryland, do hereby proclaim October 14, 1994 as

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM DAY

and urge all citizens to recognize this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Carrollton, Maryland to be affixed this Fifteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four.



Andrew C. Hanko
Andrew C. Hanko
Mayor

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

NO. 1994 - 3

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY OF THE BAIT-UR-REHMAN

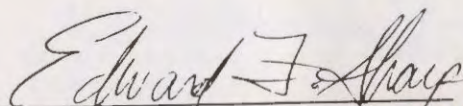
WHEREAS, *the American Ahmadiyya Muslim communities participate in: supervision of homeless shelters, organization of food drives for the needy, assistance to refugees from war and oppression in cooperation with their Christian brethren, and ecological improvement efforts, among other contributions to society at large; AND*

WHEREAS, *the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of the Washington Metropolitan Area will formally open its new mosque, the Bait-ur-Rehman ("House of the Gracious Lord"), on Friday, October 14, 1994, at 15000 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, Maryland; AND*

WHEREAS, *the establishment of the Bait-ur-Rehman Mosque is the culmination of great efforts of our Ahmadiyya Muslim neighbors.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD F. SHARP, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, *do hereby proclaim the appreciation of the members of the Takoma Park Community of the manifold efforts of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community for assistance to and betterment of persons of all ancestries and religious faiths in the Washington Metropolitan Area, and do hereby convey the best wishes of the Takoma Park Community to our neighbors, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of the Washington Metropolitan Area, on the occasion of the opening of its new mosque.*

DATED this 6th day of September, 1994.



Edward F. Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:



Thomas H. Espinosa
Acting City Clerk





A Proclamation

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1994 the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam inaugurates the new "Bait-ur-Rehman" Mosque in Silver Spring; and

WHEREAS, "Bait-ur-Rehman" will stand as the largest mosque in the Washington Metropolitan area; and bring together a large congregation of Muslims who are a rapidly growing part of the American population; and

WHEREAS, the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad and has existed for 105 years; and

WHEREAS, the Ahmadiyya Muslim community seeks to promote peace and understanding among followers of different faiths and is actively involved in community service programs and projects which benefit humanity; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council is honored to have this opportunity to welcome the Supreme Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim community, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, who will travel to the United States to conduct this inauguration ceremony.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by the Prince George's County Council that the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam is congratulated on the inauguration of the new "Bait-ur-Rehman" Mosque and the members of this Movement are commended for their commitment and wished great success in the future.


COUNCIL MEMBER


COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
MARYLAND

Proclamation

- WHEREAS The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam was founded by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in India in 1889 and is now established in 140 countries; and
- WHEREAS Internationally, the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam operates forty hospitals and 390 schools in the West African countries of Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Liberia, and Gambia; and
- WHEREAS Locally, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Organization provides help and supervises homeless shelters; organizes food drives for the needy; and helps the refugees from Bosnia, Somalia, Vietnam, and Haiti; and
- WHEREAS The Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim community has completed the building of the "Bait-ur-Rehman" Mosque, located in Silver Spring, Maryland; and
- WHEREAS The Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, is officially inaugurating the "Bait-ur-Rehman" Mosque on October 14, 1994.

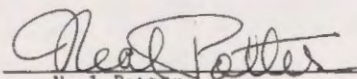
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Executive and the County Council of Montgomery County, Maryland hereby proclaim

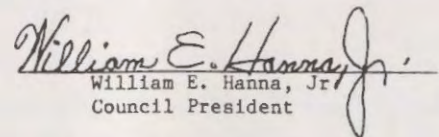
OCTOBER 14, 1994
DEDICATION DAY
FOR THE "BAIT-UR-REHMAN" MOSQUE
IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the County Council welcome the Supreme Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, to Montgomery County.

Signed this 26th day of August in the year 1994.




Neal Potter
County Executive


William E. Hanna, Jr.
Council President

Mosques and Ahmadiyya Centers in the U.S.A. Historical Dateline 1982-1994

1982

Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV, makes an appeal to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the United States to build new mosques and Islamic outreach centers in five cities, namely, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, D.C. The projected cost is \$2.5 million. The community responds enthusiastically. National Mosque Committee and Local area Committees are formed. A National Mosque Fund is established; pledges and contributions start.

A property is purchased in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for \$42,000.

1983

Selection process for the National Mosque site starts. By August, a total number of 301 individuals pledge \$1.3 million and donations of \$187,000 are received.

One Ahmadi member completes building a mosque in Tucson, Arizona at a cost of \$110,000. This is known as the Yousuf Mosque.

In Glen Ellyn (a Chicago suburb), Illinois, a residential property on a 5-acre parcel of land is acquired for \$290,000 and is used as a place of worship and a mission house.

In Chicago, an adjacent house to the first Ahmadiyya mosque at Wabash Avenue is purchased for \$20,000 for future extension of the mosque.

In Detroit, Michigan, a building on a 7-acre parcel of land is purchased for \$125,000 to be used as a mosque and a mission house.

In Boston, Massachusetts, a 2-acre parcel of land is donated to the Movement for construction of a mosque.

1984

In York, Pennsylvania, a two-story building is acquired for \$40,000. Its upper story is dedicated to be the Noor Mosque and the ground level is used as an Islamic outreach center and a library.

In New York, a school building is purchased for \$450,000 and dedicated as Baitul Zafar Mosque and a mission house.

In Zion, Illinois, a mission house is acquired for \$42,000.

1985

A 4.75-acre parcel of land is purchased near Los Angeles; plans are initiated to build a mosque with a 10,920 square feet constructed area.

In New Orleans, Louisiana, a building is purchased for \$43,000 to be used as a mosque and a mission house.

1986

A 9.6-acre parcel of land is purchased for \$300,000 in Montgomery County, Maryland, 5 miles outside Washington National Beltway. Khuddamul Ahmadiyya starts cleaning up the area. Ahmadi architects and consultants work closely with the National Mosque Committee to develop plans and designs for the Washington National mosque.

1987

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV visits the U.S.A. and lays down foundations at both the Los Angeles and Washington mosque sites.

Meanwhile in Dayton, Ohio, a residential house is purchased for \$20,000 as the missionary's residence.

In Pittsburgh (a San Francisco suburb), California, a property is acquired for \$250,000 to be used as a mosque and a mission house.

In Clifton, New Jersey, a property is purchased for \$240,000, and is dedicated to be a mosque and a mission house.

1989

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV visits the U.S.A. during the Ahmadiyya Centenary Celebration. The Lajna (Women Auxiliary) Organization of New York pledges \$30,000. One individual member from the Los Angeles Jama'at donates \$100,000. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV adds a personal gift of \$3,000.

Masjid Baitul-Hameed is complete in Los Angeles, California, at a total cost of \$1.3 million. On August 7, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV inaugurates the mosque.



Mosques and Ahmadiyya Centers in the U.S.A. Historical Dateline (continued)

1989 (continued)

During the inauguration of Masjid Bait-ul-Hameed, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV makes an appeal for \$2.5 million, specifically for the Washington National Mosque.

A property is purchased in Rochester, New York, for \$91,000 to be used as a mosque and a community center; it is named "Baitun Naseer."

In Portland, Oregon, some members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community build a mosque at a cost of \$300,000 and dedicate it to the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam.

1990

A Washington-based firm, Bass and Mickley Architects, is hired to develop initial concept plans and design of the Washington National Mosque. The schematic design of the mosque is prepared, and initial cost estimates are prepared by the architects.

In Houston, Texas, a building is purchased for \$50,000 to be used as a place of worship, mission house and the missionary's residence.

1991

The Washington National Mosque architectural drawings and necessary documents are submitted to the Montgomery County Officials for the building permit. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV reviews the design, and some important improvements are identified to be incorporated in the design. A major change is from a red brick structure exterior design to a precast concrete exterior in off-white color.

In Boston, Massachusetts, some members are working on an Ahmadiyya Community Development, and the Movement gives \$20,000 for its land development and utilities.

1992

Revised construction design and documents are completed for the Washington National Mosque.

In Chicago, Illinois, it is decided that the first American Ahmadiyya Mosque, established in 1922, be completely reconstructed at its historical location under the name of The Sadiq Mosque.

In St. Louis, Missouri, a property is purchased for \$350,000 but the local zoning laws do not permit its use as a place of worship.

1993

The Washington National Mosque cost projection reaches \$4 million. The Amir U.S.A., Sahibzada M.M. Ahmad, makes a special appeal to the members of the Ahmadiyya Medical Association to bear the cost substantially. The response of the members of the Association is most enthusiastic and generous. The members of the Ahmadiyya Medical Association donate more than \$3 million towards the Mosque Fund.

On September 11, 1993, ground breaking is celebrated and collective prayer is made for successful completion of the project. Construction of the mosque starts.

A spacious building is purchased near Miami, Florida, for \$160,000 to be used as a place of worship and a mission house.

A property is purchased on a 4-acre parcel of land in Charlotte, North Carolina, to be used as a place of worship and a mission house. The land is dedicated for the future site of a mosque.

1994

Construction of Masjid Baitur Rahman – the Washington National Mosque and the National Headquarters – proceeds as scheduled. On May 7, two bricks, on which Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV said special prayers, are laid under the Mehrab of the mosque. By the end of September, the construction is completed with the Grace of Allah. On Friday, October 14, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV inaugurates Masjid Baitur Rahman. On Saturday, October 15, the 46th Annual Conference of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, U.S.A. will take place on its grounds.

In Chicago, Illinois, an additional building is purchased at a cost of \$85,000, to be known as the Van Buren Center, for Friday prayers and community meetings.

With the Grace of Allah, the Sadiq Mosque is complete at the historic location of the first Ahmadiyya Mosque in the U.S.A., at 4448 S. Wabash Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV will inaugurate the Sadiq Mosque on October 23, 1994. *Insha'Allah Ta'ala.*



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"As Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organization, I have had the pleasure to become more aware of the tremendous contributions that the ten million Ahmadi Muslims have made to the countries and societies in which they live. Ahmadiis have enriched all of our lives with their participation in the entire realm of positive human endeavor. In education, medicine, law and other professions, in the arts and culture and in philanthropy, the work of the Ahmadi Community has been manifested. My admiration for the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam is heightened by the fact that in some 117 countries the Community faces various forms of discrimination and persecution. Yet, the Ahmadi people remain a peaceful, persevering and benevolent Community."

Dr. Garth N. Jones, Professor of Public Policy and Administration, University of Alaska, Anchorage.

"Ghulam Ahmad was an exemplary religious figure, a seeker of truth who contributed much to the advancement of Islam. In fundamental beliefs, Ahmadiyyat is a very compassionate and tolerant religion. Ghulam Ahmad required that his followers refrain from injuring any person, no matter what his or her religion."

Dr. B.B. Beach, Secretary General, International Religious Liberty Association.

"The Ahmadiyya Community has endeavored to exert a constructive influence through social projects, educational institutions and health services. Its missionary zeal is to be commended and so is its call for universal brotherhood. Ahmadiis has been tested by the fire of persecution and the ice of discrimination. I like their emphasis on friendship, equality, tolerance and their opposition, in contrast to some other religious leaders, to bigotry and fanaticism. I welcome the Ahmadiyya support to human rights, including religious liberty - the basic human right which undergirds and supports all other human rights."

Dr. Stanley E. Brush in *The Encyclopedia of Religions*.

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