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*Muslims who believe in the Messiah,  
Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani<sup>ra</sup>*

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## **Nation's Longest Running Muslim Convention Draws Thousands to Advance Campaign for Justice, Honor Military Veterans**

***Senior Trump Administration Officials, U.S. lawmakers, scholars, and faith leaders laud The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community as a role model for promoting justice, pursuing peace***

Prominent civic, political and religious leaders across the country lauded the efforts of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA during its 70th Annual Convention this past weekend in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Nearly 10,000 convention delegates, including 500 guests, attended the oldest and longest running Muslim convention in America to discuss efforts to combat extremism and promote the theme of “*Justice: The Foundation for Lasting Peace.*”

Sam Brownback, U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom under President Trump, remarked: “*We stand with you. Your Community in too many countries is persecuted, faces religious discrimination, hardship and difficulty. We believe religious freedom is the right of any individual no matter who you are and where you are from. We are your partners. I love your banner: “Love for All, Hatred for None.”*”

U.S. Congresswoman Norma Torres (D-CA) remarked, “*Thank you for promoting peace and understanding for more than 100 years. You provide a greater understanding of Islam. I see your Community putting the values of respect and understanding into practice every day.*”

Nadine Maenza, Commissioner for the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, newly appointed by President Trump, who extensively highlighted the plight of Ahmadi Muslim prisoners of conscience in Pakistan, remarked: “*I personally have so much respect for your Community. We report on the persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan, Algeria, Indonesia, Bangladesh and elsewhere. Ahmadi Muslims have been singled out by*

*government officials and the public at large as the most persecuted Community in Pakistan.”*

Eric Papenfuse, the Mayor of Harrisburg, remarked, *“The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is an integral part of the city of Harrisburg and a vibrant part of Pennsylvania since 1920 when the first Ahmadi Muslim missionary arrived in Philadelphia. I applaud your Community’s True Islam Campaign to fight extremist ideology and protect our national security. You are truly an example of peace and good will throughout the world.”*

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA also presented its annual Humanitarian Award to awardees. Veteran Scott Cooper for his work with [The Veterans for American Ideals Campaign](#) and U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-Illinois) for their efforts in serving America’s military veterans.

*“Your Khalifa, His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, has continuously called for honesty and observance of unconditional justice and fairness in international relations – an important and extremely well-deserving remedy for today’s challenges, and I praise his and your noble efforts. Your Community gives me hope that if we are humble and stand up for every man, woman and child and know we are equal under His eyes, then we will find the better angels of our nature,”* said Scott Cooper, Director of National Security Outreach for Human Rights First.

*“Generations of American soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen have fought and died to preserve the freedom and equality that the U.S. represents,”* said U.S. Congressman Krishnamoorthi, *“Thank you for this honor. Ahmadiyya Muslims are some of the most exceptional people who make this country one of the most exceptional in the world. They serve humanity and promote the peaceful teachings of Islam. Your goals of peace, rejection of violence and celebration of justice are central to the dreams of all Americans.”*

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community U.S.A received official proclamations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate and the City of Harrisburg, along with special messages from the [Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Wolf, Mayor of Harrisburg](#), Eric Papenfuse, U.S. Congressman Pete Roskam (R-IL) and Judy Chu (D-CA). In addition, over two dozen members of U.S. Congress, including U.S. Senators Robert Casey, Pat Toomey, John Cornyn, Cory Booker and Amy Klobuchar, sent official greetings for the Convention.

Special guest dinner concluded with remarks from official representatives from the Gambian and Sierra Leone governments, who brought messages praising the work of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to serve humanity and combat injustice.

**More Information:**

<http://convention.ahmadiyya.us>

<http://www.MuslimsForPeace.org>

**About Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:**

*The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans over 200 nations with membership exceeding tens of millions. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is among the first American-Muslim organizations.*

*The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. Ahmad claimed to be the metaphorical second coming of Jesus of Nazareth and the divine guide, whose advent was foretold by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad. The Community believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace. Ahmad's advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation. He divested Muslims of fanatical beliefs and practices by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings.*

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