

QUOTES

“I firmly believe that if the African countries and people unite together and fulfil the requirements of justice, then one day, Africa will emerge as a true global power.”

(His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad – Keynote Address at the ‘Africa at 50’ event 2011 at Baitul Futuh Mosque.)



“We are heartened by the fact that the Ahmadiyya Mission has been paying heed to this primary injunction by opening and maintaining schools all over the country. In fact, in many places in our land, Ahmadiyya is a byword for school, education and learning.”

(His Excellency, Dr Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone)



“The Ahmadi motto: ‘Love for All, Hatred for None’ is particularly recommended for all mankind in these very trying times.”

(John Agyekum Kufuor, Former President of the Republic of Ghana) and now Special Envoy to the United Nations on Climate Change.



“I know very well that the aim of the members of your Community is only to win the pleasure of God. Other Muslim groups in the country also approach me but they just seem to want help. They flatter me but I have little time for them. I do help them and give them money, but only reluctantly. Not in exchange for any reward but only to win the pleasure of God, your Community is rendering valuable service in Liberia. They have never held out before me their ‘begging bowl’.”

(William Vacanarat Shadrach Tubman, Former President of the Republic of Liberia)



“Since the founding of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in The Gambia, they complement government’s efforts. They love the country and are working tirelessly for the country. They continue to make giant strides in different sectors, including the education both religious and secular, health among others.”

(Mr Lamin Queen Jammeh, Governor of North Bank Region, The Gambia.)



“You have roots in Freetown, you have the largest student population in Freetown and in Bo. You have done a lot of things in terms of education, welfare, health, you name it and we are very proud of the Movement.”

(His Excellency, Edward Mohammed Turay, High Commissioner, Sierra Leone High Commission UK.)

“I remember those days in my home state in Kano, the best eye clinic then was the Ahmadiyya clinic and that has still remained so. So people usually associate Ahmadiyya Movement to something which is good.”

(Alhaji Ahmed Umaru, Head of Chancery, Nigerian High Commission UK)

“We do know particularly in Ghana how well established the Ahmadiyya Movement is as we all know Ahmadis are the best in Ghana. They are all over the country – one of the best religious establishments you can think of whether in the area of health or in the area of education... All I can say is thank you for your efforts in Ghana.” *(Alhaji Bawah Ayembillah, Minister/Head of Consular and Welfare Matters, Ghana High Commission UK)*



PAAMA President addressing delegates



PAAMA members at a General Meeting



Gathering at Eid Milan Picnic at Jamia

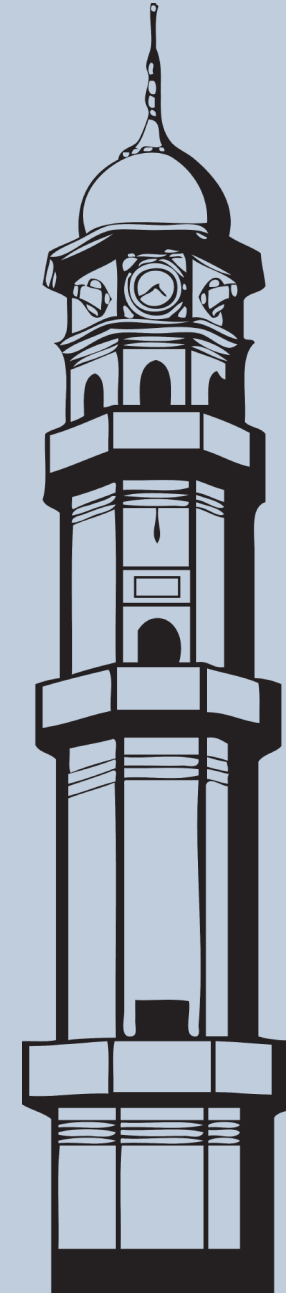


Children enjoying at Eid Milan Picnic

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The Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK

Founded in 1986 by the then Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (PAAMA) UK is a subsidiary organisation within the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK. Underpinned by the Community's motto 'Love For All, Hatred For None', PAAMA is a unique, dynamic and vibrant association serving not only the needs of its members but British society as a whole and the continent of Africa at large.

PAAMA is comprised of all Ahmadi Muslims of African origin living in the UK and has its own National Executive and Regional Heads as well as a parallel administrative structure for female members.

Objectives

The raison d'être of the PAAMA is that of uniting Ahmadi Muslims of African descent in the diaspora under one umbrella. Under the auspices of PAAMA, its members come together in affectionate ties of brotherhood and sisterhood and carry out programs designed to promote intellectual discourse and dialogue, facilitate religious education and training, and engender service to humanity.

One of the principal objectives of PAAMA is the inculcation of moral and spiritual values in its members

through a mixture of religious and secular activities. It is dedicated to ensuring Africans develop and excel in qualities such as piety, righteousness, honesty, justice and fair dealing so that they can better contribute to the society in which they live.

PAAMA also provides a platform where its members can engage and exchange ideas with the intellectual elite of Africans in the UK with a view to promoting mutual respect and finding common grounds to enlighten the people of Africa about religious affairs and secular matters.

Mission

The mission of PAAMA remains lofty and sublime. It seeks to propagate, by words and actions, the true and pristine message of Islam as advocated by its Holy Founder, the Holy Prophet Muhammad^(sa) and to preach the Islam of peace, justice and truth.

The members of PAAMA have a noble ambition of bringing hope, guidance and enlightenment to the continent of Africa to enable it to realise its true potential.

Activities

Though a Muslim organisation, the activities of PAAMA are not limited to the Muslim community. It serves the needs of all members of society irrespective of colour, race, religion or



creed and promotes interfaith dialogue and co-operation in order to promote peace and harmony in society at large.

The activities of PAAMA range from serving the needs and welfare of its members through religious and recreational events to involvement in the wider community social enterprises and charitable endeavours.

Events and Functions

PAAMA has held many high profile events most notably a traditional dinner at the Annual International Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK hosted in honour of the delegates to the Convention from the African continent and a series of "Africa at 50" events on the 50th independence anniversaries of various African nations.

These events were graced by the august presence of the Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, who delivered the keynote addresses articulating the

great emphasis which Islam places on the independence of each nation and each people, and on the act of freeing others from servitude and oppression.

Interfaith Dialogue

PAAMA promotes interfaith dialogue and works with external agencies including voluntary and public sector organisations to promote peace, tolerance and harmony in society.

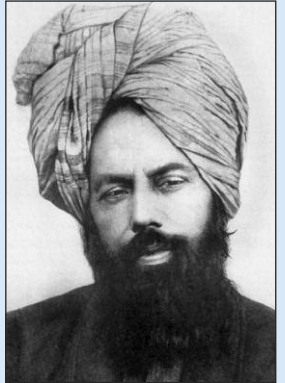
PAAMA is involved in a number of programs and social activities ranging from public lectures to question and answer sessions and organises visits. It also organises visits and open days to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's mosques.

Islam Awareness

PAAMA is actively engaged in promoting the peaceful message and true teachings of Islam given the current misconceptions and misunderstandings regarding the faith. It firmly believes that tolerance, engagement, interaction and debate are vital to understanding the true teachings of Islam.

ABOUT THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Founded in 1889, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is now established in over 200 countries and has tens of millions of members worldwide. Throughout the world Ahmadi Muslims have become renowned for their commitment to peace, their law-abiding nature and determination to create a harmonious society for all people, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity or faith.



The Founder of Islam, the Holy Prophet Muhammad^(sa) foretold that in the latter days the teachings of Islam would be corrupted and many Muslims would have deviated from the right path. The Holy Prophet Muhammad^(sa) further prophesied that at such a time God Almighty would send a person as the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi to revive and restore the true original teachings of Islam.

Ahmadi Muslims believe this prophecy was fulfilled in the person of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^(as) who was born in the small Indian village of Qadian. According to the prophecy, Hazrat Ahmad^(as) claimed to be the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi and laid forth thousands of signs that established the truth of his claim. He also claimed to be a Prophet of God from within the community of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^(sa). He warned the Muslim world that their interpretation of Jihad had become corrupted and that true Islam upheld principles of freedom of religion, universal human rights and non-discrimination at all levels. He taught that a true Muslim must hold sympathy for all mankind. Hazrat Ahmad^(as) passed away in 1908 but his mission has continued to flourish under the leadership of his spiritual successors (Khalifas).

Today, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is led by its fifth Khalifa, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, who continues to guide and encourage members of the community not only towards moral reformation and spiritual enlightenment, but also towards the highest standards of secular achievement.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is actively involved in providing services to many developing countries in the world, notably in Africa, where it has established scores of schools open to all, built hospitals and health centres, and launched many social projects in the most deprived areas.