

Faith groups met in Noor Mosque, Langley Drive, Crawley on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018. It was a show of solidarity arranged by 'Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association – Crawley branch' to better understand different religions, promote and share common grounds. The conference was attended by 70 people and had representatives from Sikh, Hindu, Christian, and Muslim faiths.

The keynote speaker Mr. Momin Zahid, a lecturer at the School of Ahmadiyya Theology, Haslemere UK, said:

"All religions of the world teach the same thing: Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism, they all teach the same thing, so in the presence of these [peaceful] teachings, no single religion can be maligned for promoting hatred and terrorism, because all these religions are actively trying to establish peace of the society by building proper social and moral grounds."

He further read out extracts from the last sermon of the Prophet of Islam Muhammad (Peace be upon him) that is often described as the "Eternal Charter of Peace for all mankind".

The Deputy Mayor Cllr Carlos Casto said:

"It [the peace] starts with us, for individuals to appreciate the values and differences with others, and it should follow you wherever you go, at home where you teach your kids that [it] is okay to play with others, at work promoting equal opportunities, in our community volunteering and becoming role model for the next generation. Despite our background, we will always find common ground".

Cllr Peter Lamb said:

"It is only really by coming together and walking through these, and learning not only that we have far far more in common than it divides us, but also that we should never be afraid of those differences, much beauty seems to be found in them, ..., and it is because of events like this that we have this opportunity, and we all should be very grateful to Ahmadi community for putting this all to give us this opportunity".

The National Vice-President of Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association, Mr. Khalid Mahmood said:

"It is extremely important for us to have a clear understanding of this beautiful name [of God] As-Salam, this name designates Allah's special attribute of being the source of peace. Once we have proper insight of this special

attribute of Allah, it would become easy for us to make a stronger connection with Him, to mould our lives accordingly, and ultimately to feel secure and protecting, being at peace with Allah, with His creatures and with our own selves".

The program finished with a networking dinner that provided an opportunity to socialise with each other and to get to know each other on a personal level.

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Some pictures of the events:











