





## Press Release

Embargoed till January 11, 2011, 1:00 PM EST:

**January 11th, 2011** 

Contact:

Waseem Sayed, Spokesperson

909-636-4397

waseem.sayed@ahmadiyya.us

## American-Muslim Community Stands Up For Loyalty to their country, the **United States of America**

## American-Muslims have a Religious Duty to be Loyal Citizens

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA announced today the launch of its nationwide "Muslims for Loyalty" ad campaign. There are negative forces working to influence Muslim youth living in the West to become terrorists, and, sadly, they are having some success. This is giving rise to homegrown terrorism. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA seeks to spread the message of loyalty to the United States of America and debunk the myth that Muslims do not stand for peace and justice. Delivering this message by hand across America, the "Muslims for Loyalty" campaign will raise awareness that there is a community of Muslims who actively preach – and practice – this universal teaching of Islam: Muslims have a religious duty to be loyal to their country of residence.

"The purpose of this campaign is to let every American know that the oldest Muslim Community in America, here in the US since 1920, stands for loyalty to the United States of America. We always have been and shall continue to be" said Naseem Mahdi, National Vice President and Missionary Incharge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA.

The nationwide campaign will begin in Washington, DC, where about 100,000 fliers carrying this "Muslims for Loyalty" message were distributed today. This message will also begin to appear on buses, billboards and metro stations across the United States of America wherever we are able to rent advertising space. Additionally, thousands of volunteers across the country will distribute this message by way of fliers. We consider this to be a religious duty of every American-Muslim. This is why we invite all American Muslims to join us in this endeavor.

We welcome all our fellow Americans to call the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at 1-800-WHY ISLAM to ask any question they have about Islam. People can also visit www.MuslimsForPeace.org, or email us at info@MuslimsForPeace.org.

## **About the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community:**

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans over 190 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, established in 1920, is the first American-Muslim organization.

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. 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.