

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Boston Chapter Hosts Interfaith Dinner during Ramadhan.

Civic/ law enforcement and religious leadership applaud Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's efforts to serve humanity

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Boston Chapter hosted an auspicious Ramadan interfaith dinner, on August 17 2012, inviting civic and religious leadership. The event was attended by over 150 guests that came from Sharon/Canton Police Department, Fire Department, American Red Cross, multiple Christian churches and trusts, Hindus Sikhs and Muslim organizations. Attendees of the event applauded the effort by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, whose guiding principle is "Love for All Hatred for None", to gather leading communities of the greater Boston area.

Respected guests were welcomed by Khuddham and Lajna members, and were awed by a simple but elegant Holy Quran exhibition. Over 30 copies of translations of the Holy Quran took the center stage. In addition, posters displaying the fulfillment of prominent Quranic prophecies related to black holes, black body concepts, promised sustenance of Pharaoh's physical body etc grabbed guests' attention.



Guests left gracious remarks at the end of the event. President of Congregation at the United Church of Christ Mr. Gilson, for instance, said of the Hebrew translation of the Holy Qur'an: *"Very much appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the true intention of the Islamic faith. We are enlightened. I learned a lot and met some people to plan interfaith/ service projects with together....and dinner was excellent!"*

Canton Police chief Mr. Ken Berkowitz applauded the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's efforts to spread the peaceful message of Islam. He said *"Thank you so much for the opportunity to learn about the Ahmadiyya Community. I hope tonight is the start of a long friendship"*.

David Pales, Retd. Director of Dept. of state acknowledged the strength of the message delivered as *"The power of your faith and love of humanity sustains us all"*

This year's nationwide “Muslims for Life” campaign – aimed at collecting almost 11,000 bags of blood to save 33,000 lives in partnership with the American Red Cross – was also announced at the dinner. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Boston will take part in the Fenway and Faneuil Hall blood drives on September 11, 2012.



Director Leonard Walker of Red Cross International acknowledged the outstanding and continuous efforts of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in running blood drives nationwide. He encouraged attendees to donate blood in “Muslims for Life” campaign to fill the gap of supply and demand of blood products in New England area. In a discussion afterwards, he extended Red Cross Media help to raise awareness of the partnership and upcoming drives including at Capitol Hill on Sep 9 and 13th, 2012 at Rayburn hall and Canton building.