

## PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the 34th World Religions Conference, organized by Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada.

This event brings together individuals from a wide range of religious beliefs and philosophical traditions to explore issues of shared concern. Members of faith communities have an integral part to play in promoting tolerance, openness, and understanding toward others. The fact that you have been assembling in a spirit of dialogue and congeniality for more than three decades speaks to your commitment to fostering mutual understanding, respect and acceptance and, thus, to making the world a better place.

I am certain that the theme of this year's conference, "Pathway to Peace," will stimulate a great deal of enlightening and thought-provoking discussion, and that this event will continue to thrive as an inspiring gathering where ideas can flourish for the common good.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for a most productive meeting.

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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