

FFWPU UK: Unity In Diversity - Eid Al-Fitr Celebration Of Faith And Solidarity

Michael Balcomb
April 10, 2024



Eid Mubarak!

We want to wish all members of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community a Blessed Eid al Fitr, the holiday that ends the holy month of Ramadan when all observant Muslims offer fasting and other devotions. As a community with a strong tradition of fasting, prayer and devotion, our Family Federation is quite aware of the disciplines and sacrifices that have to be made while fasting. And at the same time, we know about the spiritual, mental and physical benefits that fasting brings.



A few days ago, Fumiko and I were invited to a public Iftar celebration at the main Ahmadiyya mosque in Morden. The Ahmadiyya are still a small minority in the UK and we wanted to show our support, solidarity and appreciation for these fine people whose motto is "love for all, hatred for none" despite ,

and still suffering severe persecution in some parts of the world.



Followers of all faiths had been invited to attend and join the community in celebration, education and sharing the Iftar meal. After the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, various speakers explained the philosophy of fasting in Islam. There were congratulatory messages, both by video and in person from local MPs and government ministers. In conclusion, the National President, Rafiq Ahmad Hayat, explained about the three stages of Ramadan: Mercy; Forgiveness and Safety (from hell) and led silent prayers.

After breaking the fast with a single date, we were invited to observe the Mahgrib (sunset) prayers, followed by a generous and joyful dinner. We some wonderful people at our banquet table from many different backgrounds and faith. All of us had come to show our support and to determine to live and work together for peace.

