



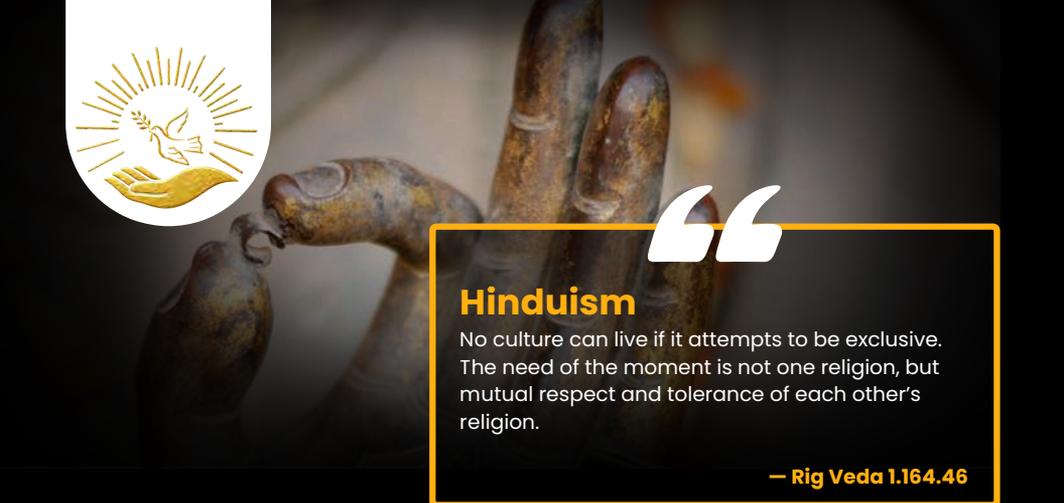
**ILLINOIS**  
**INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION**  
UNITY IN DIVERSITY!

O humanity! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may get to know one another. **Surely the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you. Allah is truly All-Knowing, All-Aware.**

—Surah Al-Hujurat 49:13

We, Illinois Interfaith Organization, inviting everyone to unite through our motto

**“Unity in Diversity”**



## Hinduism

No culture can live if it attempts to be exclusive. The need of the moment is not one religion, but mutual respect and tolerance of each other's religion.

— Rig Veda 1.164.46



## Judaism

Whoever destroys a single soul is considered as if he destroyed an entire world; and whoever saves a single soul is considered as if he saved an entire world.

— Mishnah, Sanhedrin 4:5



## Christianity

That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You."

— John 17:21



## Buddhism

All beings tremble before violence.  
All fear death.  
Seeing oneself in others, one should not harm.

— Dhammapada 129



## MISSION

The Illinois Interfaith Organization **unites people of all faiths** in a spirit of dialogue, dignity, and mutual respect. By honoring diversity, upholding human rights, and helping organize various religious and cultural events that strengthen community bonds, it nurtures understanding, **peaceful coexistence, and a deeper awareness of our shared humanity.**

## VISION

The Illinois Interfaith Organization envisions a world rooted in **unity, peace, and harmony**, where diverse faiths and cultures come together in compassion and cooperation, recognizing the sacred bond that connects all people.



## WHAT IS ILLINOIS INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION?

The Illinois Interfaith Organization is a community-driven initiative committed to uniting people of diverse faiths, cultures, and backgrounds through understanding, service, and harmony. Founded in the **summer of 2021**, it is inspired by the spiritual teachings of **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi**, carried forward by his student **Nauman Khan Azeemi** after more than twenty years of training. Rooted in unity and inner awareness, the organization builds bridges through dialogue, education, and collective service.



## What We Do?

We host interfaith dialogues, community service initiatives, educational programs, and cultural events that foster respect, compassion, and cooperation. Through partnership and outreach, we encourage peaceful coexistence and collective responsibility for a stronger, more inclusive society.



# COMMUNITY **GATHERINGS**



## PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS 2023

At the Parliament of the World's Religions 2023 at **McCormick Place**, the Illinois Interfaith Organization joined the Walk for Unity and hosted a booth promoting Adam and Eve Day, and shared its mission of interfaith harmony. The August 14–18 Chicago gathering welcomed 7,000+ participants under the theme **"A Call to Conscience: Defending Freedom and Human Rights."**



**FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC**



# GARBA



# ANNUAL INTERFAITH DINNER



# EID MILAD UN NABI



# EID NAMAZ



# COMMUNITY BASH



# ADAM & EVE DAY

(events)



DAWN OF  
**ADAM DAY**



**Definition:** A celebration of humanity's inception and the fact that everyone belongs to the same human family as children of **Adam and Eve**.

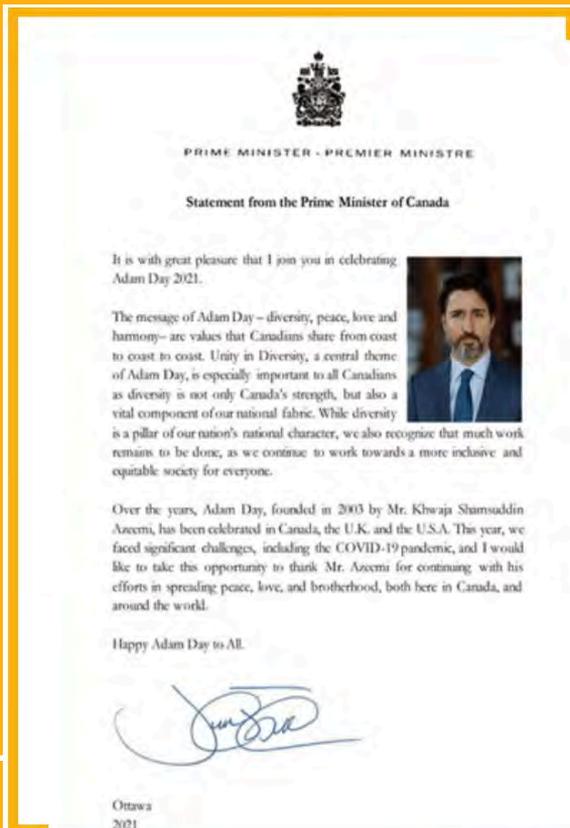
**History:** Started in 2003 in Manchester by the **Sufi Order Azeemia**. It is now observed annually on August 10th in various international locations, including the U.K., Canada, and the U.S..

**Founder:** Introduced by Sufi scholar **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi**.



## RECOGNITION OF ADAM DAY BY A FOREIGN PRIME MINISTER

Adam Day 2021 Prime Minister of Canada **Justin Trudeau** sent a written message to Adam Day participants in 2021. He wished the organizers well and emphasized the importance of diversity in Canadian society. See the written statement by Justin Trudeau.





# 2022: ORIGIN OF ADAM & EVE DAY

Adam & Eve Day evolved from Adam Day, introduced in 2003 by the Sufi Order **Azeemia** under **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi's** guidance. Inspired by its message of peace and harmony, the Illinois Interfaith Organization proposed celebrating it in Hanover Park and received his blessings. Originally focused on Adam, the vision expanded when **Belinda Mustafa** suggested including Eve to reflect partnership and unity. The Hanover Park District embraced this inclusive idea, proclaiming the Second Sunday of August as Adam & Eve Day.





# PROCLAMATION GRANTED

## DATE: 19TH AUGUST, 2022



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on Second Sunday of August (14th August, 2022), **Hanover Park Interfaith Organization (HPIO)** celebrated **Adam & Eve Day**, and

**WHEREAS**, The idea of celebrating **Adam & Eve Day**, was approved by Executive Board of Directors of Hanover Park, Park District; which allowed the Hanover Park interfaith Organization to celebrate **Adam & Eve Day** on **Second Sunday of August**, every year; and

**WHEREAS**, The idea of celebrating **Adam & Eve Day** was inspired by Adam Day, which was initiated in 2003 in UK by Mr. Khwaja Shamsuddin Azeemi, and through their message of Unity in Diversity, they inspired diverse communities and faith individuals to come and celebrate this day together; and

**WHEREAS**, diversity is one of Hanover Park, Park District's greatest strengths and Hanover Park is proud to have the organizations as Hanover Park Interfaith Organization (HPIO), who initiated the celebration of **Adam & Eve Day**, annually; to encourage community members to celebrate, honor and respect each other despite of all the cultural and religious differences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park District of Hanover Park joins with Hanover Park interfaith Organization in celebrating **Adam & Eve Day** for the betterment of the society.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Miguel Fuentez, Park Board President, do hereby recognize **Second Sunday of Every August** as an **Adam & Eve Day** in Park District of Hanover Park, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our residents.

**DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022**

Sincerely,

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**Miguel Fuentez**  
Park Board President

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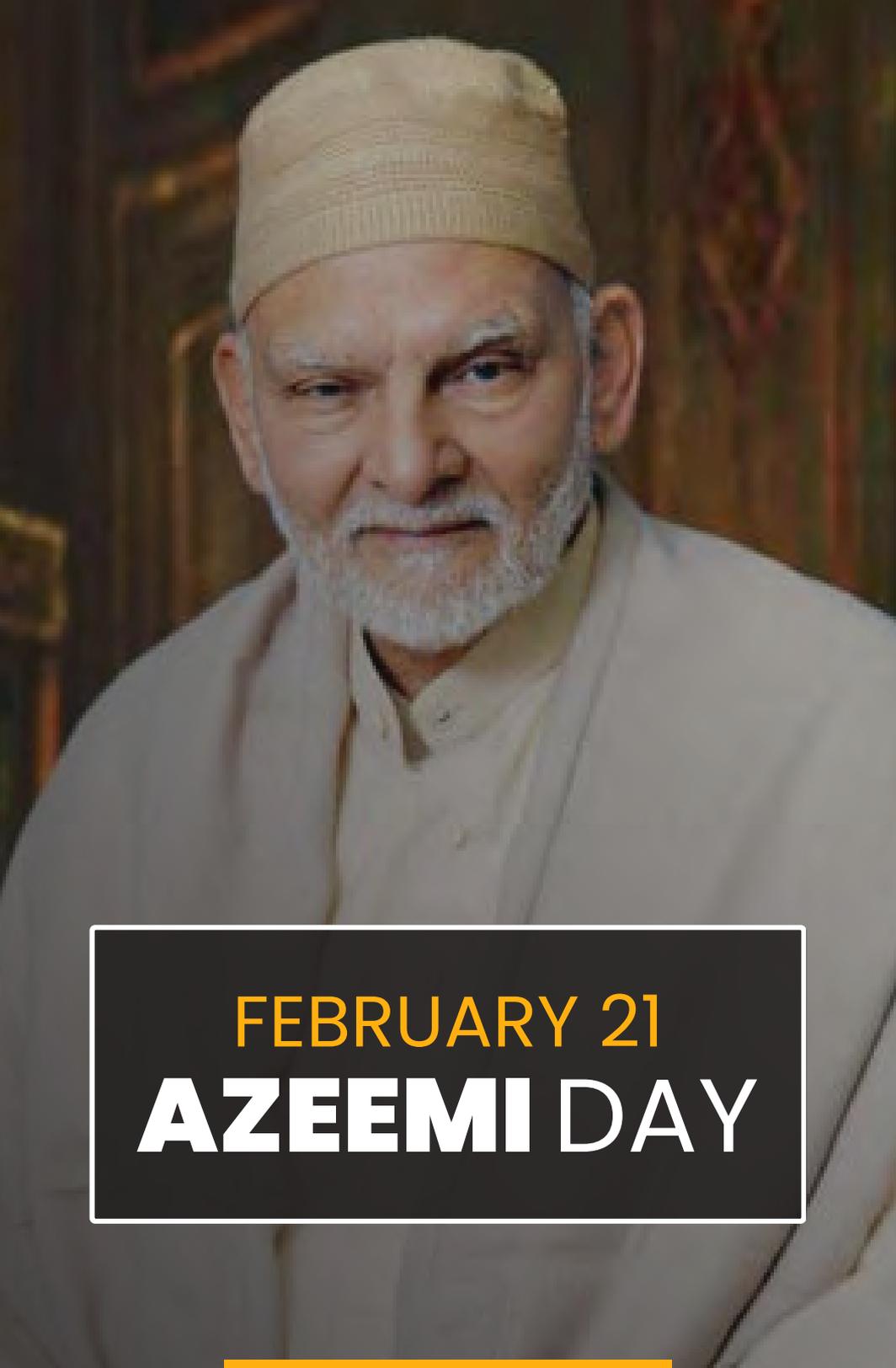


# SHAPES TOMORROW!

In the path set by the esteemed **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi**, the Illinois Interfaith Organization is thrilled to celebrate Adam & Eve Day on the **Second Sunday of August**. This annual event not only showcases the unwavering value of togetherness and understanding but also vividly embodies the lasting spirit of Adam and Eve, aiming to nurture a world filled with harmony and a beautiful blend of diverse unity.

The Illinois Interfaith Organization is delighted by your presence today and your support for this noble cause. **We aim for statewide recognition of Adam & Eve Day**

**Stand as One for “Unity in Diversity” –**  
Your Support Creates Unity!



FEBRUARY 21  
**AZEEMI DAY**



# WHAT IS **AZEEMI DAY?**

Azeemi Day is observed on February 21, 2026, as officially proclaimed by the Hanover Park Park District in recognition of **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi**, a distinguished 21st-century spiritual scholar. At the request of the Illinois Interfaith Organization, the Board unanimously approved this proclamation to honor his lasting contributions to spiritual education, interfaith harmony, and the promotion of peace and unity.

His teachings have inspired people across diverse cultures and faiths to embrace compassion, knowledge, and service to humanity. Azeemi Day celebrates his legacy and encourages all residents to uphold the values of understanding, respect, and community engagement.



## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AZEEMI DAY

We aim to celebrate Azeemi Day to honor the timeless values of compassion, humility, and service exemplified by **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi**. Through his extensive writings on meditation, spiritual psychology, and spiritual healing, he provided practical guidance that has helped countless individuals find inner peace, emotional balance, and a deeper connection with the Divine.

This day reminds us to strengthen our spiritual awareness, promote harmony among communities, and recommit ourselves to serving humanity beyond all boundaries of faith, culture, or background. It inspires us to live with purpose, empathy, and conscious responsibility toward others.



# PROCLAMATION GRANTED

## DATE: 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2026



### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on January 22, 2026, **Chairman Nauman Khan Azeemi** of the Illinois Interfaith Organization formally requested the Hanover Park Park District Board to designate **February 21 as a day honoring Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi**, a respected 21st-century spiritual scholar; and

**WHEREAS**, **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi** is widely recognized for his contributions to spiritual education, interfaith harmony, and the promotion of peace, unity, and understanding among diverse communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the teachings and legacy of **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi** have inspired individuals across cultures and faiths to pursue knowledge, compassion, and service to humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Hanover Park Park District** values diversity, mutual respect, and community engagement, and acknowledges the importance of recognizing individuals whose influence promotes harmony and strengthens social unity; and

**WHEREAS**, this **proclamation** was introduced **by President Mark Elkins**, seconded by Commissioner Grace Khan, and duly passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0 by the **Hanover Park Park District Board**;

**WHEREAS**, the **Hanover Park Park District** joins the Illinois Interfaith Organization in celebrating **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi Day**; and  
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Bessette, Executive Director of the Hanover Park Park District, do hereby proclaim February 21, 2026, as Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi Day**, and call this observance to the attention of all our residents.

**DATED THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026**

Sincerely,

**Steve Bessette**  
Executive Director  
Hanover Park Park District

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## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF KHAWAJA SHAMSUDDIN AZEEMI**

**Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi** is a renowned 21st-century spiritual transformer, scholar, and reformer who advanced the teachings of Tasawwuf through the Azeemia Sufi Order, guiding its international expansion and offering structured paths of self-purification, ethical living, and divine awareness.

A prolific author of more than **50 books**, he presented traditional Sufi knowledge in a clear, contemporary framework through works such as **Colour Therapy, Theory of Chromolucis, Qalandar Consciousness, and Muraqaba: The Art and Science of Sufi Meditation**. By bridging spirituality with psychology and consciousness studies, establishing learning centers across Pakistan, North America, and Europe, and promoting interfaith harmony, his mentorship and humanitarian vision continue to inspire global spiritual awakening.



## AZEEMI SPIRITUAL ORDER

The Azeemi Spiritual Order, also known as the Azeemia Silsila, is a Sufi path founded by **Khawaja Shamsuddin Azeemi**, a renowned spiritual scholar and author. He systematized Traditional Sufi teachings into a practical framework for modern seekers, emphasizing inner purification, meditation, moral discipline, and service to humanity.

Through his extensive writings and decades of mentorship, he guided thousands worldwide and established international centers for spiritual training. His efforts made complex spiritual sciences accessible and relevant, fostering self-realization, ethical living, interfaith harmony, and a deeper, transformative relationship with the Divine.



# ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2026



**JESSE WHITE**

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**DICK DURBIN**

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**RANA JAVED KHAN**

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY**

PARAGON LEADER AWARD



**SYED HUSSAINI**

PARAGON LEADER AWARD



**STEVE BESSETTE**

PARAGON LEADER AWARD



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