



January 17, 2007

Dear Mr. Nusri Kassam, M. Ed (UBC)

It has come to our attention that Rutherford University of B.C. is considering giving a Doctorate of Theology to Amir Gillani. At the outset we wholeheartedly support Amir Gillani in this matter.

During his time at Horizon Interfaith Council, Mr. Gillani served on the executive board for some seven years. He served as chair for three years and also a vice chair for three years. It was under his leadership that the Council was able to formally incorporate as a non-profit organization.

Mr. Gillani himself organized the incorporation at his expense. He gave of his time and his home to invite executive members for meetings. He was instrumental in mediating conflicts among a few of the religious communities during his tenure and inspiring faith community members to share their faith and bring about an understanding and respect amongst the faith groups. He was instrumental in organizing the Horizon Interfaith Council to be on the Internet as well.

Mr. Gillani went above the ordinary demands of an executive member during his time at Horizon. He organized a retreat for the executive one year so that we could plan and create the future of the Horizon Interfaith Council thus creating a stability and growth for the Council. Most importantly, his work enabled all faith communities to have the opportunity to tell of themselves and put God, Allah and the many names for the Creator, in the hearts and minds of men and women across the greater Toronto area.

On behalf of Horizon we highly recommend him to you.

Yours sincerely

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Pastor Basil Miller
Chairman

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Earl W. Smith
Past Chairman