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DEVOTION WING

Prema Rao

Regional Devotion Coordinator



DEVOTION

“The path of devotion will take along your mind, body and action toward God. As the river flows into the ocean, the river of your life should flow into the ocean of God. Human nature should have this as the sacred objective. Truly, having attained human birth, if we are unable to take ourselves toward God, it is useless attaining this birth.”

Baba

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DEVOTION COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Devotional program
2. Devotional singing practice/classes
3. Study circle
4. Newcomer welcome and orientation
5. Altar
6. Library

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DEVOTION PROGRAM

- Sai Music Day
 - Workshop by Swami's students
 - Swami's guidance, Organizational guidelines
 - Address questions raised by DCs
 - Available on the regional website
- Improve variety of songs
 - English Devotional Singing Workshop
 - Christmas Caroling Workshop
 - SSE Devotional Singing Workshop
 - Sing Along Workshop (Convalescent Home service)

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DEVOTION SINGING PRACTICE/CLASSES

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- 108 Devotional Song Guidebook
 - Beginner and SSE
 - Simple, Medium, Complex
 - Lyrics, audio
 - Available on the Regional website
- One-on-One coaching
 - Objective – Improve quality, learn new bhajans
 - Coaches – devotees from around the region (bio provided)
 - In-person, phone, skype
 - Sign up on the Regional website
- Online resources
 - English songs available on the Regional website





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STUDY CIRCLE

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- Study Circle Workshop – Regional
 - Study Circle Facilitator Workshop
 - Mock study circle – what not to do
 - Mock study circle – Ideal study circle format
- Inspirational Speakers
 - ‘i to I’ Transformation speaker series
 - Professor Anil Kumar Kamaraju/Vijaya Kamaraju/Dr. Sue Evans
 - Dr. Sue Evans
 - Professor G. Venkataraman
 - Dr. Mohan Kollengode
- Resource Database





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NEWCOMER WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

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- Newcomer Package
 - Newcomer Brochures – Swami, Sai organization
 - Photo, vibuthi
 - ‘Who is Sai Baba’ DVD
 - Business card with website, contact information

- “How to make our centers welcome to all”
 - Multi-faith Initiative
 - Details to follow





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ALTAR

- Neutral to all religions and religious traditions
 - Swami's quotes
 - Universal quotes from major World religions
 - Simple altar – flowers, Sarva dharma symbol
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- Baba said that no picture is necessary, but if you must have one, have one of Him

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LIBRARY

- Every center is requested to have a library
- Center library to be accessible to all center members
- Details provided in the role-alike group session later
- Regional team can provide books
- Collections done at Global Akhanda Bhajans

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DEVOTION WING RESOURCES

1. English Devotion song Workshop
2. Christmas Caroling Workshop
3. 108 Devotional song Guidebook
4. One-on-One coaching
5. Study Circle Workshop – Regional
6. Study Circle Facilitator Workshop – National
7. ‘i to I’ - Sai Music Day
8. ‘i to I’ - Sing Along Workshop
9. ‘i to I’ - SSE Devotion Workshop
10. ‘i to I’ - Prof Anil Kumar, V. Kamaraju, Dr. S. Evans
11. ‘i to I’ - Dr. S.Evans
12. ‘i to I’ - Prof G. Venkataraman
13. ‘i to I’ – Dr. M. Kollengode
14. Newcomer Welcome packet

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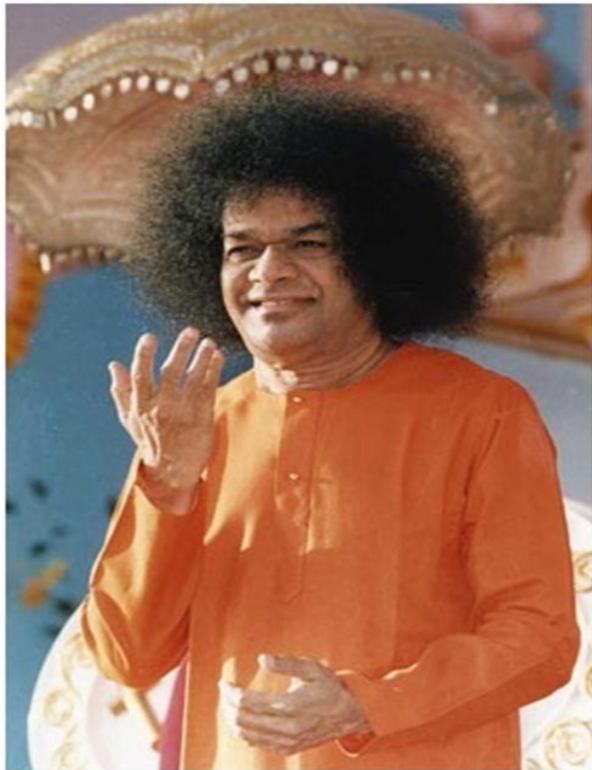
RESOURCE DATABASE

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SRI SATHYA SAI BABA CENTERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION 7 DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES



I have come to light the lamp of Love in your hearts, to see that it shines day by day with added luster. I have not come on behalf of any exclusive religion. I have not come on a mission of publicity for a sect or creed or cause, nor have I come to collect followers for a doctrine. I have no plan to attract disciples or devotees into my fold or any fold. I have come to tell you of this unitary faith, this spiritual principle, this path of Love, this virtue of Love, this duty of Love, this obligation of Love.

-Baba





WITH GRATITUDE

- Swami
- Swami in all

Sathyanand Balan, Sathya Vasan, Jagan Pandarinath, Carol Nagle, Padma Eyyunni, Koteswara Rao, Ladd Bogdonoff, Maneesha Munshi, Sundar Parthasarathy, Sunny Sampson, Swapna Kulshi, Deanna Leitz, Aishwarya Jayagopal, Lakshmi Jagannath, Shankar Venkataraman, Shankar Radhakrishnan, Usha Padmanabhan, Gayatri Gurumoorthi, Madhura Shetty, Raj Purushottaman, Renee Choudhuri, Joanne Pesce, Sudha Rajagopal, Swati Iyengar, Kondal Atkuri, Deepika Singaraju, Vish Ganapathy, Pavithrah Tharmaseelan, Gowri Radhakrishnan, Uday Putcha, Sai Krishna, Asha Giridharan, Balaji Shanmugam, Murali Krishna, Sandhya Srikant, Booni Bala, Jagadeesh Shetty, Holly Spagens, Sekhar Boddupalli, Arun Balaraman Jeroo Captain, Seyna DeSilva, Beth Sandweiss, Sathyam Warner

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LATER.....

- Regional Events/Other Initiatives
 - Global Akhanda Bhajans (GAB)
 - Regional Bhajan Leaders (RBL)
 - Multi-faith Initiative

- Role-alike group- agenda
 - Details of responsibilities
 - Details of available resources
 - Questions addressed
 - National Devotion Coordinator's message
 - Reports
 - Devotional singing practice – Padma Eyyunni
 - Multi-faith Initiative – Aishwarya Jayagopal
 - Global Akhanda Bhajans – Murali Krishna
 - Study Circle – Sai Krishna



