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SWAMI'S VISION AND MISSION OF ISSO

An Interactive Session



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1. WHAT DID SWAMI SAY ABOUT HIS MISSION?

What did He emphasize?



SWAMI'S MISSION

“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**.”

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2. ACCORDING TO SWAMI, WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SATHYA SAI ORGANIZATION?



OBJECTIVE OF SAI ORGANIZATION

“The main objective of the Sathya Sai Organisation ... is to help humanity recognize its inherent divinity.... So, your duty is to emphasise the One, to experience the One in all you do and speak. *Do not give any importance to differences of religion, sect, status, or color.* Have the feeling of One-ness permeate all your acts. Only those who do so have a place in this Organisation; the rest can withdraw.”

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"The main goal of the Sai Organization is to enable members, workers, and officers to lead ideal, perfect, and happy lives ...

Sai Organization should live in Love. Exchange hearts with Love, give Love and take Love, and flourish in Love. Both money and power have no place in our organization."

- Baba





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3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A SATHYA SAI BABA CENTER?



PURPOSE OF A SATHYA SAI BABA CENTER

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The purpose of a Sathya Sai Baba Center is to foster and support the spiritual activities of its members.

The Center is a focal point for individuals to learn and practice Sathya Sai Baba's teachings and message of Love and to lead disciplined, spiritual lives.

**Introductory booklet,
The Sathya Sai Baba Central Council of United States Of America**





PURPOSE OF A SAI CENTER

"The organizations named after Me are not to be used for publicizing My Name or for creating a new cult around my worship. They must try to spread interest in prayer, meditation and other spiritual practices which lead man Godward. They must demonstrate the joy that can be derived from singing and remembering the Lord's name, the peace that one can draw from good company. They must render services to the helpless, the sick, the distressed, the illiterate and the needy. The service must seek no reward."

- Baba

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4. WHY DOES THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE INCLUDE A REGIONAL TEAM?



WHY REGIONAL TEAM?

Swami

Prasanthi Council

National

(9 Zones, we are Zone 1, Sathya Sai Baba Council of America)

Regional

(10 Regions, we are Region 7, Northern CA and Nevada)

Center

(19 Centers, 1 Devotional Group in Region 7)

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5. WHAT IS THE REGIONAL TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD THE CENTERS?



REGIONAL TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Attend/participate in National-level and Regional-level meetings and conference calls
- Organize/conduct meetings and conference calls with center officers
- Serve as a conduit to promote Organizational directives
- Support training and orientation of new officers
- Address questions on guidelines
- Help solve issues/problems at centers
- Facilitate Officer Selection process at centers
- Support centers as needed
- Lead Regional events
- Lead Initiatives

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6. WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CENTER OFFICERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SAI ORGANIZATION ?

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CENTERS AND SAI ORGANIZATION

The inspiration of Sathya Sai Baba's example and message of unselfish love and service has resulted in the establishment of over 1,200 Sathya Sai Baba Centers in 126 countries throughout the world.

The Sathya Sai Baba Centers constitute a genuine spiritual movement.....Love is the fuel for our spiritual movement. The quality and constancy of our love determines the speed and duration of our journey.

International Sai Organization website

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7. WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CENTER OFFICERS WITH RESPECT TO THE REGIONAL TEAM?



CENTER OFFICERS AND REGIONAL TEAM

- Support Regional events
- Support Regional initiatives
- Respond to phone calls and emails
- Attend/participate in meetings and conference calls

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WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CENTER OFFICERS WITH RESPECT TO FELLOW CENTER OFFICER TEAM?

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CENTER OFFICER TEAM

It is the responsibility of the officers of a Sathya Sai Center to ensure that the Center is run in accordance with the Guidelines and this Operations Manual.

Unity, harmony, and cooperation form the basis of a properly conducted Center.

Officers are expected to be of high character, with love in their hearts, to set an example by practicing Sathya Sai Baba's teachings in their daily lives.

-Operation Manual

Unity, harmony, cooperation





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9. WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CENTER OFFICERS WITH RESPECT TO CENTER MEMBERS?



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The primary purpose of the ISSO is to promote in its members ever-increasing faith in God, along with the recognition of the inherent Divine Nature of human beings and all of God's creation.

The Sathya Sai Center, consisting of members in a local community, is the principal instrument through which this goal is achieved. The Center provides a loving environment that nourishes the devotion of its members by creating opportunities to study and practice the teachings of Sathya Sai Baba.

Guidelines



