



GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING
Sunday Oct 20, 2024



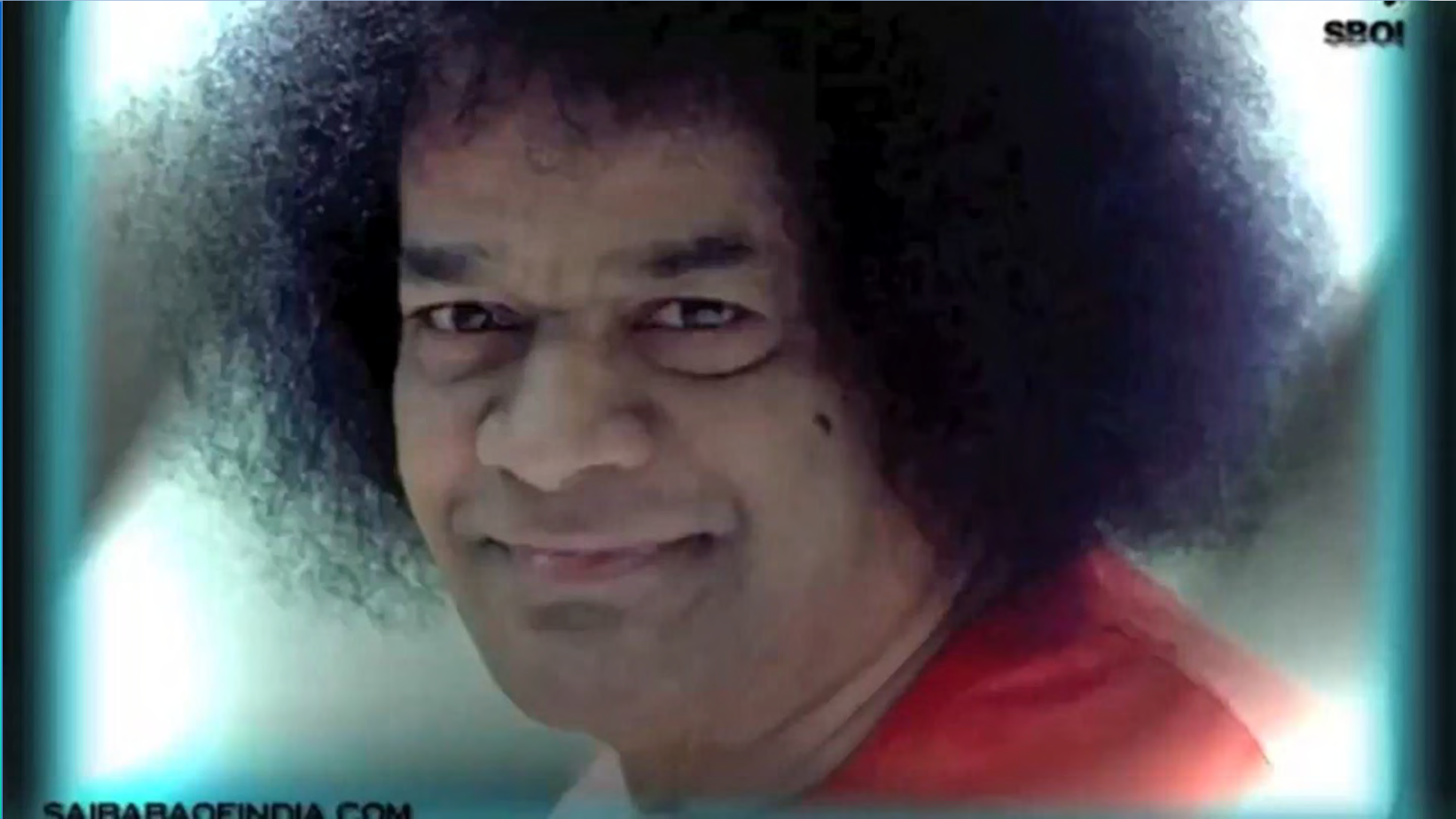
A non-profit Organization
In Support of
Sathya Sai Spiritual & Community Center in Dallas
Prasanthi Dham

Let us invoke our Swami by Chanting GAYATHRI

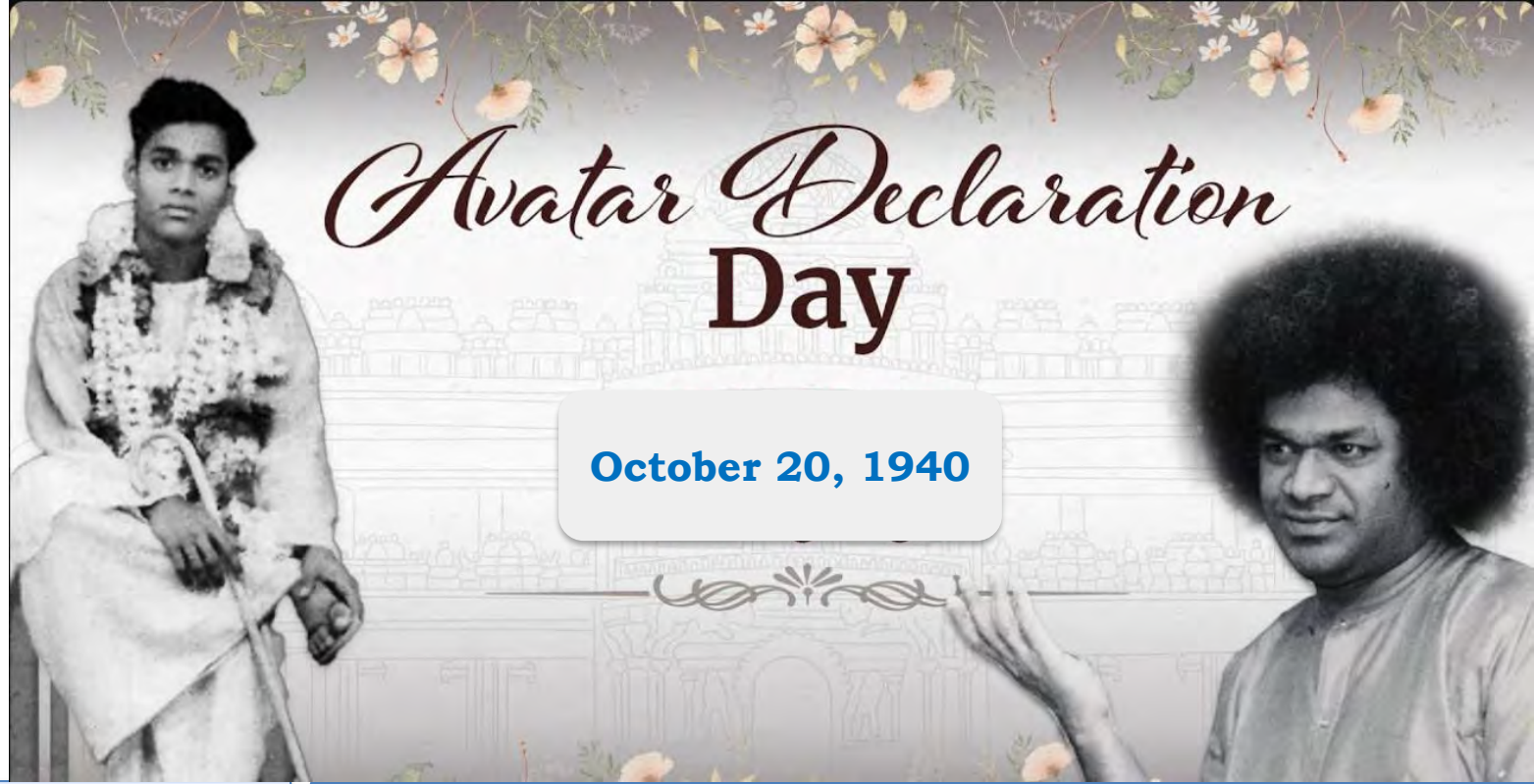
Om Bhur Bhuvah
Svah
Tat Savitur
Varenyam
Bhargo Devasya
Dhimahi
Dhiyo Yo Nah
Prachodayat

We meditate on that most adored Supreme Lord, the creator, whose effulgence (divine light) illumines all realms (physical, mental and spiritual). May this divine light illumine our intellect.

[Gayathri Mantra by Sathya Sai Baba - YouTube](#)



Bhajan



Avatar Declaration Day

October 20, 1940

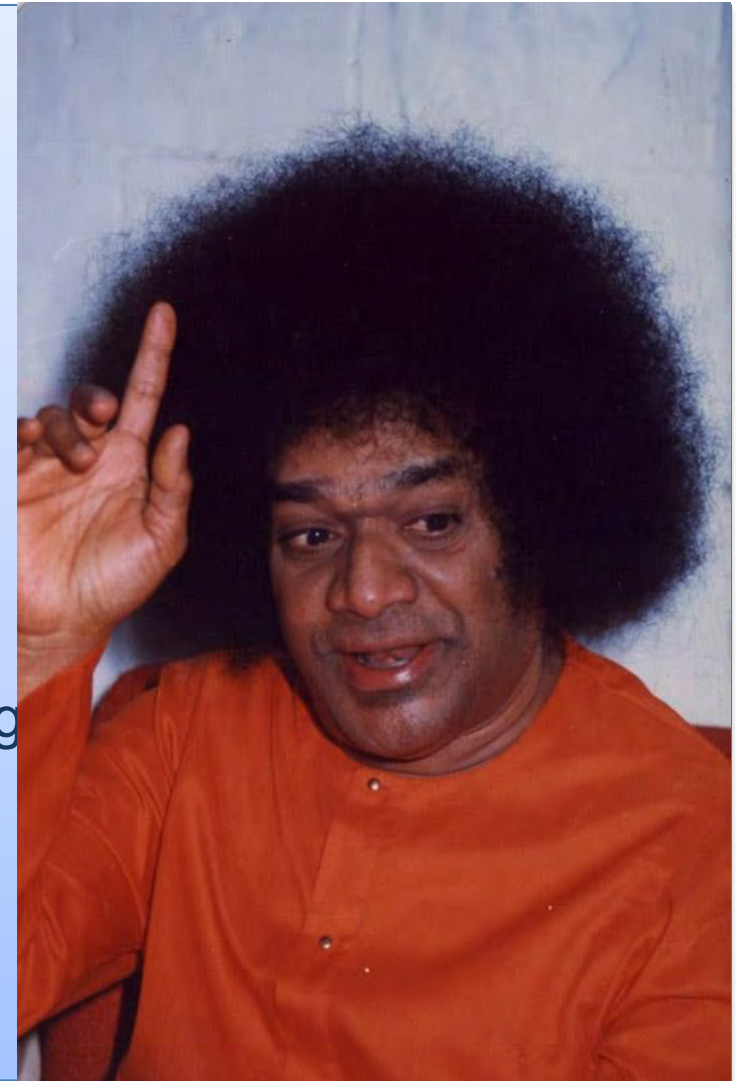
**Yuga Avatara Sai Rama
Rama Rama Ram (Sai)
Rama Rama Ram Sita Pathey Sri Ram
(2) [Yuga Avatara ...]
Parama Niranjana Prashanthi Rama
Sri Raghu Rama Sai Rama
Rama Rama Ram (Sai)**

English Translation

O Lord Sai, You are the incarnation of this Kali age. You are verily Lord Rama, the consort of Sita. O Lord of Prashanthi, You are eternally pure. Glory to Lord Rama of the Raghu dynasty who is none other than Lord Sai.

AGENDA

1. Establish Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda & Previous Minutes
3. Board Report - President
4. Committee Reports
 - a) Spiritual
 - b) Operations
 - c) Communications
 - d) Finance
5. Old Business
 - a) Resolution of actions from last General Body meeting
6. New Business
 - a) Construction approach
7. Comments, Announcements, Q&A
8. Adjournment of General Session



Sai Outreach for Up Lifting Society (SOULS) - Mission

❑ Establish *Prasanthi Dham*

- A Spiritual and Community center in North America (*a satellite to Kulwant hall in Puttaparthi, India*) to promote the Message of Sri Sathya Sai Baba for individual transformation and service to the community.
- A spiritual center where Sai Devotees can feel emotionally closer to Prasanthi Nilayam.

❑ This center will meet the growing needs of community activities that includes - Education in Human Values (EHV), Devotional singing, and many more

❑ Conduct activities in the areas of,

- EDUCARE – Love that Inspires (EHV & SSE classes)
- HEALTHCARE – Love that Heals (Free Health Clinics)
- SOCIOCARE – Love that Shares (Community service projects)
- ENVIROCARE – Love that Protects (Community gardens, food pantry)
- SPIRITUALCARE – Love that Transforms (Mindful living)

Prasanthi Dham – Timeline synopsis

Aug 2018

1. Started with a smaller scope of a building ~12,000 SqFt facility on a 4-acre land - with a phased approach as part of a larger building.
2. Forged a partnership with *Prasanthi Dham* land partners for a shared land development costs.
3. The Project estimated costs (land & building) ~\$3.5M
4. Implement with a bank loan and member monthly ACH donation commitments.

Nov 2021

1. Swami sent an Angel donor with larger funding.
2. Subsequently, *Prasanthi Dham* has become a grandeur undertaking (35,000 SF @ \$9M) - to complete in a single undertaking.
3. A group split away from Prasanthi Nilayam in Puttaparthi.

May 2022

1. Bhoomi Pooja in May 2022 with anticipated construction start on Dussera (Oct 2022).
2. The Angel donor verbally committed for the funds for construction of two (2) buildings – preferred to have entire land for Swami.
3. Our Land Partners gracefully offered to donate the land under lien to SOULS, after construction starts.

RECAP from Last General Body Meeting in Oct 2023

Context

- ❑ Angel donor informed their continued commitment to *Prasanthi Dham* with funds arrival in 6-12 months, so construction can begin with all money in our hands.
- ❑ With anxiousness to begin construction, SOULS EC proposed an approach to meet devotees' expectations while waiting on Angel donor's funds.

As follow-up to action from last General Body meeting,

- ❑ Plan and build a facility either in phases or smaller footprint post March 2024, if Angel donor funding continues to be delayed
- ❑ Explore alternate funding paths to realize *Prasanthi Dham*
- ❑ The following progress (*next slides*) has transpired after EC re-grouped in March 2024

MAJOR MILESTONES since last General Body Meeting in Oct 2023

- ❑ Explored acquiring existing buildings in Plano area (minimum quoted was \$4.5M)
- ❑ Finalized plans for a smaller building footprint.
- ❑ Agreement from our Land Partners to allow for construction on North side of land.
- ❑ Lower land development costs on North side, with confirmation from Civil Engineers.
- ❑ City of Plano is acceptable to preliminary revised plans
- ❑ Ramtech Building Systems (*modular construction*) proposed a building - 14,000 SqFt at \$3M + Land development at ~\$1M = a total of \$4M in 6-9months.
- ❑ Subsequently, SOULS requested in-person meetings with Sai Centers
 - SSSIO center: Need written guidance from National level, before talking
 - SSSGC center: Met national, regional, and center leadership
 - Willing to explore and scope the project with broader, national level key players
 - SOULS be aligned with Global Council and that was a pre-requisite

SOULS AFFILIATION TO SSSGC

- Nonprofits often consider expansion for many reasons - *increasing impact, expand community needs, extend services, and diversifying funding sources.*
- SOULS will be expanding their reach by associating with larger nonprofit SSSGC USA, with independent legal status but share a common mission.
- Dr. Axay Kalathia – *Zone-1 President* visited Dallas to see *Prasanthi Dham* land.
- SOULS affiliation to SSSGC is via formation of an on-line SOULS Sathya Sai GC Center (with Deep Kumar Muthu as President).

Google Forms

Thanks for filling out [Sri Sathya Sai Global Council \(SSSGC\) Registration Form](#)

Here's what was received.

Sri Sathya Sai Global Council (SSSGC) Registration Form

Zone 1 (USA, Canada and West Indies including Guyana and Suriname)

PLEASE HAVE EACH CENTER OR GROUP MEMBER SUBMIT THE FORM

Email * souls.exec@gmail.com

Would like to register with SSSGC * [Start a new Center / Group with SSSGC \(minimum of 5 people required\)](#)

If you chose Start a New Center, please enter Center Name [SOULS Sathya Sai GC Center](#)

Name * [Deep Kumar Muthu](#)

Age *: [Over 35](#)

Gender * [Male](#)

Phone Number * [214-918-8136](#)

City * [Plano](#)

State * [Texas](#)

Country * [USA](#)

Center Position: [President](#)

I'm interested in joining SSSGC virtual centers / groups / sathsangs [Yes](#)

Prasanthi Dham dedicated to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Value statement of *Prasanthi Dham* alignment to SSSGC

- Land is readily available
- Project design is complete and is ready for construction
- Optionally, alternate (smaller) layout can be completed in 6-9 months
- *Prasanthi Dham* serves as a satellite to Prasanthi Nilayam, in North America/USA
 - A replica of Sai Kulwant hall, ashram in USA with 1000 people capacity
 - Availability to larger Sai family resources, independent of their affiliation
 - Propagate Swami's message in this part of the world.
 - Centrally located in DFW, with easier access from all corners of the country.
 - Accessible for spiritual retreats, meetings for any Sai centers in the region or National, Zonal conferences
- Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust can decide which way to support *Prasanthi Dham*, including sharing responsibilities and Building usage

Acknowledgement from SSSGC Zone-1 President

- ❑ Dr. Axay Kalathia acknowledged project *Prasanthi Dham* and has set following next steps:
 - SSSGC is Inspired by the vision of constructing a Sathya Sai Spiritual Center that serves devotees at a Zonal level and the broader Western Hemisphere.
 - The notion of a multifaith center and hub for community service is in harmony with “Love All, Serve All”
 - Further, to fully align with SSSGC and Prasanthi Nilayam, comply:
 1. Formation of Sri Sathya Sai Global council center
 2. Adhere to governance guidelines and principles, including transparency, accountability in administration, finance and spiritual activities as set by Swami.
 3. Provide a clear and transparent funding model for construction and operation of the building that is fully in line with Bhagawan Baba’s divine teachings.

On Wed, Sep 25, 2024 at 6:20 AM Axay Kalathia <chair@sssgc-zone1.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Sarma Gunturi,

Om Sri Sai Ram, On behalf of the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council (SSSGC), I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your beautifully conceived proposal regarding the establishment of a spiritual center in Dallas, USA.

The idea of constructing a center that serves not only the United States but also Zone 1 and the broader Western Hemisphere reflects a thoughtful and expansive approach to ensuring that the values taught by Bhagawan Baba continue to inspire and transform lives globally. The notion of a multifaith center promoting the oneness of all religions, as well as a hub for service and sustainable living, is in harmony with Swami’s timeless message of “Love All, Serve All” and “Help Ever, Hurt Never.”

That said, as we move forward to consider the next steps,

1. Formation of a Sri Sathya Sai Global Council Center:

2. Compliance with SSSGC Guidelines and Governance:

3. Secure and Aligned Funding Model:

To that end, I encourage the team behind this project to provide a clear and transparent plan that ensures all funding follows Swami’s instructions.

We are truly inspired by your devotion. With Bhagawan’s divine blessings, this project has the potential to manifest His vision of love, service, and unity on a global scale. Once the above-mentioned key concerns are addressed, **we look forward to presenting this wonderful initiative to the SSSGC Executive Committee and Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust.**

Should you require any additional guidance or support, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Paddy Padmanabhan, President of the Texas region. Also, Dr. Balu Karanam, USA National President and I are here to assist and offer our full cooperation in ensuring this project’s alignment with the sacred mission of our beloved Bhagawan.

With love, light, and Sai blessings,

Dr. Axay Shanti Kalathia

SSSGC, Zone 1 Chair



<https://www.sssgc-zone1.org/>

<https://www.srisathyasaiglobalcouncil.org/>

MOVE FORWARD – NEXT STEPS

- ❑ Create *Prasanthi Dham* Governance body
 - with representations across the nation to create an execution plan.
- ❑ Present this initiative to the SSSGC Executive Committee and Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust
- ❑ Updates channeled to Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, Puttaparthi
 - Via SSSGC Zonal, US, and Regional Presidents
- ❑ Explore options to reduce construction costs of *Prasanthi Dham* building,
 - Focus on the Spiritual wing, including Phased approach
 - Construct the shell for whole building but finished occupancy of Spiritual wing
 - Optimizations to land and parking lot developments
 - Interior finishings

MAJOR MILESTONES in Last year (cont.)

Finance and Accounting

- ❑ Filed Federal and State franchise taxes for 2023 under 501 (c)(3).

Spiritual Sadhana

- ❑ Antaryami Sai:- Weekly on-line sadhana ongoing for past 190 weeks to enjoy Swami.

Project Awareness

- ❑ SOULS' updates on saioutreach.org and set a target for quarterly updates.

Organization

- ❑ Dr. Raj Reddy and Mrs. Aruna Sampath decided to step aside from serving on executive body; We sincerely thank them for their services past 4-years.

SOULS - OFFICERS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)

Sarma Gunturi	Board of Trustee, President
Srinivas Somisetty	Board of Trustee, Central Coordinator
Raj Tripathi	Board of Trustee, Fiscal Coordinator
Dr. Vijay Nama	Advisory Board of Trustee
TBD	Advisory Board of Trustee
Dr. Raj Natarajan	Advisory Board of Trustee
Saman Illangasanghe	EC Member, Operations Coordinator
Raj Tripathi (Acting)	EC Member, Finance and Accounting
Srinivas Somisetty (Acting)	EC Member, Communications Coordinator
TBD	EC Member, Mission Coordinator

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

Communications

Membership

- Every individual (18+) of a family requested to register to be a member
- Current members List (166)
- I am interested list (150+)
- Membership link is at www.saioutreach.org/contact-us/

An attempt to make an update every quarter, also visit the website under Communications for all updates.

A humble request to all the members to join this project and enjoy working on Swami's project. Your love and support creates synergy in successful completion.

Pass the status and progress to your fellow Sai family, friends and others whom you think may be interested

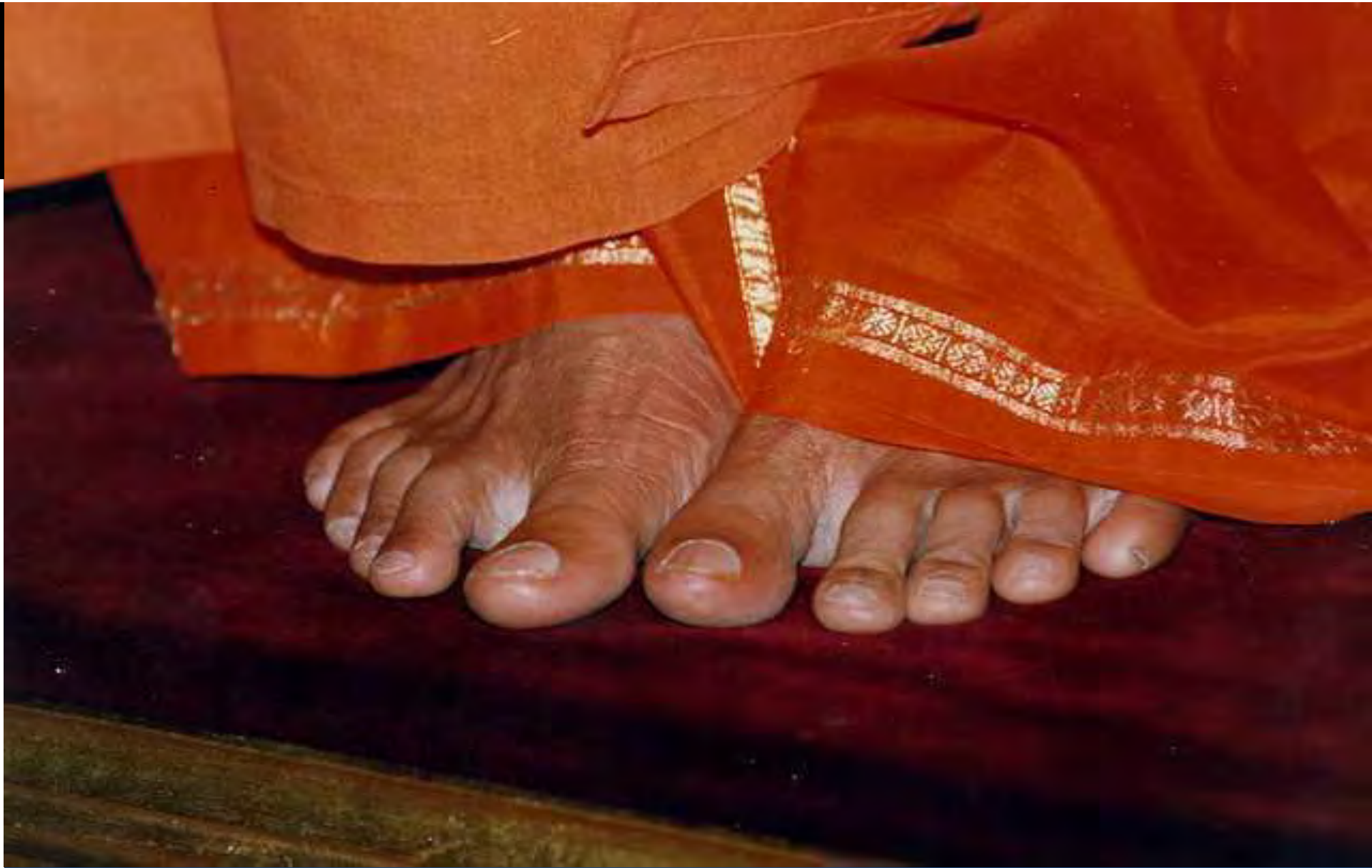
COMMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Members' meeting
- Open discuss – Q&A
- Actions & Feedback

ADJOURNMENT

The success of this project lies within us. A deep sense of unity and commitment from all will substantially strengthen our ability to complete this project.

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Take Our Souls Let Them Merge In Thy Holy Light
Take Our Minds, Make Them Pure Perfect In Thy Sight
May Our Thoughts, Born Of Thee, Guided From Above
Make Us All, Bhagawan, Instruments Of Love**



Dedicated At The Lotus Feet