



SATHYA SAI INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

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RESOLUTIONS

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Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's life, His message, His ideals and His humanitarian works can all be enshrined in two words—Love and Selfless Service. Selfless service is perhaps the single, most efficient and universal tool for understanding, experiencing and expressing the Divine Principle of Love. With Bhagawan's life and message as the guiding principle, the Sathya Sai International Organisation preparations set the theme for the 10th World Conference in 2014 as "*Love is the Source, Love is the Path, Love is the Goal.*" As a first step, two study circle guides, one on Love and another on Service were published for in-depth study by all devotees. The second step was the pre-world conferences held in 16 countries, 11 Zones, which began in January 2015 and concluded in September 2015. The pre-world conferences brought together devotees to discuss these profound truths in practical terms, learn from each other, energise themselves, and move forward along the path laid out clearly by Bhagawan. The Sathya Sai Youth were an integral part of the planning and preparation of the pre- world conferences. The last of the PWCs which took place in September in South Africa and Mauritius were the grandest with 1 600 and 2 000 delegates respectively.

The 10th World Conference was held November 25-27th in the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Prasanthi Nilayam campus, Auditorium. More than 900 delegates from over 80 countries participated in this historic conference, including SSIO officers, administrators and Sathya Sai Youth. The program included talks by members of Prasanthi Council, Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust and other SSIO officers. The main focus was on the role of Sai Organisation, Bhagawan's teachings and stories of personal transformation through Swami's Love. The program also included live performances, music as well as short dramas.

Another unique aspect of the conference program was workshops offered during the afternoon sessions of Day 1 and Day 2. The topics chosen allowed the delegates to delve deeper on the conference theme, its relevance in daily life and practical applications. "Divine Nectar" a collection of Bhagawan's discourses related to the workshop topics was published and distributed to all delegates.

We are pleased to offer the resolutions of each workshop at the divine lotus feet of Bhagawan.

1. Ideal Sathya Sai Centre- We examined three main aspects of an ideal Sathya Sai Centre
 - 1.1. Centres need to host activities to intensify personal Sadhana
 - 1.2. Centres need to conduct study circles to deepen the understanding of Bhagawan's teachings.
 - 1.3. Centres need to reflect the universality of Sai's message through music and devotional singing.

2. Leadership in SSIO- The leaders of SSIO should be exemplars of Sai's teachings.

2.1. The officers should conduct regular meetings with members to increase awareness of SSIO structures and its activities globally.

2.2. Delegates will present reports in their respective centres of the inspirational stories and projects from the conference and workshops to motivate member devotees into action.

2.3 SSIO leadership will conduct comprehensive training of Centre officers.

2.4 Ideal Sai leader should possess the following attributes- Ability (skillset to perform the task), Availability (have the time and interest) and Affability (possess good nature and attitude).

3. Education programmes to spread Swami's message

3.1 In ISSEs and Sathya Sai School, there should be use of more technology for public outreach, educational videos and sharing of resources.

3.2 Education in Human Values and SSE resources should be translated into more languages for local use.

3.3 The education committee of SSIO will assist in developing parenting programmes for Sathya Sai Schools, SSE and SSEHV community programmes.

4. Role of Women in SSIO

4.1 The family should recognise and respect women.

4.2 Women should identify ways to build self-confidence and be an example of Sai Teachings to inspire children to become good citizens

4.3 Women should participate in various seva activities such as hospital visits, Narayana seva

4.4 Women should take up the role of SSE teachers as recommended by Swami

4.5 The SSIO should encourage and support women to take up leadership roles at all levels of the Organisation.

5. Role of youth in SSIO

5.1 Youth are our future leaders. SSIO will empower the youth to shoulder more responsibilities. They should participate in the International Youth Leadership Programme.

5.2 SSIO will encourage youth to contribute in their areas of expertise through their knowledge and talents.

5.3 Youth will conduct more retreats where they will deepen their understanding of Bhagawan's teachings and also address the challenges faced in the modern society.

6. Balancing Family, Career and the SSIO- In this day and age, it is important to practice Swami's teaching of head in the forest and hands in the society for inner peace and harmony to cope with the challenges of the modern society.

6.1 Member will make Swami and His work a priority and dedicate all actions as an offering to God. They will conduct a daily audit of their activities to ensure there is no wastage of time, energy or resources.

6.2 Members will practice to see God in all aspects of their life- family, work and SSIO.

6.3 Members will remember that Swami is the doer.

7. Public Outreach- This is an important initiative of the SSIO in sharing Bhagawan's teachings with all of humanity.

7.1 There is a need for more interfaith activities e.g. devotion singing, seminars, service activities, drama festivals, choirs and orchestras

7.2 SSIO will more actively engage with communities at the local, national and international levels. This will be done through online videos and public meetings.

7.3 SSIO will promote Walk for Values, which is a fun community engagement activity.

8. Effective and loving communication in the SSIO

8.1 Officers in the Sai Organisation should remember that when we speak to another person, we are speaking to God, the Sai within. We should practice active listening. In emails, we should never try to resolve differences in opinion. Instead, we should meet in person. We should not put anything negative in an email. We should respect other person's opinion and practice "first understanding and then adjustment".

8.3 Media interaction with internal and external groups should include timely sharing of information with good audio visual materials. SSIO will document and publicize activities in a professional manner so that they are suitable for sharing with general public.

9. Selfless service

9.1 Health education and medical services committee will share their best practices of local, national and global service initiatives

9.2 Disaster Relief programs will conduct ongoing training programme for disaster relief management and maintain certification

9.3 Sai Centres will increase efforts to protect Mother Earth by bringing more go-green practices (recycle, reuse, reduce) at the Centre and all Sai events and through group prayer.

9.4 SSIO will create a database of skilled and interested volunteers at local, national and global level for the different service initiatives.