

## Abstract of Presentation

American Hindu World Service (AHWS) was first introduced to the HMEC audience at the Baltimore conference back in 2009. In promoting the Hindu perspectives of service and charity, this presentation will note the importance on why service and charitable concepts must be taught by the Hindu community, leading by example. Interfaith development and service can be intertwined towards making a positive difference, both for the individual and community. Service can first start within the domestic environment, but should eventually expand on an international scale by reaching out to Hindu communities around the world. The presentation will also showcase and highlight the projects that AHWS has been supported, since it first began operations in 2012 from three nations – Nigeria, Pakistan and Nepal. AHWS will also be introducing its first potential project in India.

## Bio

Dr. Divya L. Selvakumar is a registered dietitian, nutrition specialist, professor, and consultant with over 15 years of experience. Her experiences are noted in international development, academia and global nutrition. Divya is currently the founder of a small international charity organization, American Hindu World Service (AHWS), and a budding business, Divine Diets.