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| Session 3 Sat | 9:00 AM - 10:10 AM |

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| Session 6C Sat | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM |
| Session 6D Sat | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM |
| Session 7A Sat | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM |

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| Session 8A Sat | 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM |

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| Session 9 Sat | 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM |
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| Session 10 Sun | 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM |
| Session 11 Sun | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM |
| Relaxation | 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM |
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12th HINDU MANDIR EXECUTIVES' CONFERENCE,
Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept 15-17, 2017

PROGRAM OVERVIEW DRAFT - July 5

FRIDAY September 15, 2017

Registration

Dinner

Inaugural Session - Challenges of the 21st Century

Every good action is only increased many fold with blessings and gratitude. We will open the conference with Vedic Mantras and Diya lighting by hosts of the HMEC 2017. Welcome address by the organizing hosts will be followed by invited talks and inaugural addresses.

Bhavgeet - Mansa Satatam

Invocation Through Vedic Mantras

Deep Prajjwalan

Blessings

Opening Remarks

Temple of the Future: Our Hopes and Dreams from a Youth Perspective

Hindu Activism in the 21st Century

Inaugural Address: Challenges of the 21st Century Hindu Religious/Spiritual standpoint

Program Agenda Overview

Ashirvachan

Instructions

Optional Documentary - Hindu History

Optional Documentary --Temple Makers

SATURDAY PRE-LUNCH PROGRAM

SATURDAY September 16, 2017

Yoga, Meditation, Devotional Singing

Dhyan - Meditation

Yoga

Bhajans - Devotional Singing

Breakfast

Temple of the Future, Fulfilling Our Hopes and Needs

Youth Engagement

When addressing challenges of the 21st century, addressing youth engagement is of utmost importance. Ensuring that children, teens and young adults are actively engaged in their mandir community is important to preserve the longevity and vibrancy of our temples in North America. This session aims to address the current state as well as propose several methods for strengthening youth involvement.

Q&A

Relaxation

Hindu Activism

HMEC Update

HMEC was established to be a driver for catalytic change. Many creative ideas and practical projects have emanated from HMEC over the past 12 years. Key accomplishments from the past HMEC initiatives, action plans and projects delivered will be summarized. Some of these success initiatives have become significant movements in their own right, examples such as the Hindu Mandir Priest Conference, the Hindu Chaplaincy Initiative, the Hindu Prayer Book for Hospitals, the Bal Vihar Network or Hindu Women's Network. This session provides a glimpse of these projects.

HMPC

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Regional HMEC

Publications

Seva Diwas - Successes of Blood Drive through Temples

Vanaprasthi Network Vision - HAVAN

Lunch

SATURDAY POST-LUNCH PROGRAM

SATURDAY September 16, 2017

Parallel - Break Out Sessions (A, B, C, D)

Temple Conceptualization, Construction, Operations and Management

Our temples are our spiritual homes and we build them with the hope they will last forever, but many are already falling into disrepair. The temple of the 21st century needs to be beautiful, durable and "green" as well. This session will explore construction, renovation, and management concepts that enable temples to meet the needs of vastu shastra, building codes, and sustainability.

Q&A

Young, Youth Education program and Curriculum

The temples need to be equipped with a program for Hindu education, which can start from something very basic "Bal Vihar" style for kids, to a multipronged program for all age groups, both young & old. The curriculum can be taken from the best of the already active programs, eg: Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Chinmaya Mission, temples like Minneapolis (Vishal Agarwal's well researched curriculum which he has willingly shared in the past) or others like Toledo etc which may have written subject matter available.

TBD

Youth Program

Womens Role in Temple Life and Leadership

The role of women in temple life and leadership differs from mandir to mandir. The goal of this panel would be to promote and establish equality of women be it within a temple setting or the role of Hindu women as leaders in the community. It would also identify obstacles that are faced by women in their efforts to become leaders.

Potential topics for the panel are as follows:

Hindu sacred texts that highlight the role of women and promote equality beyond traditional roles

Development of women priests in Hindu temples - taking cues from already established Hindu temples that are led by women, obstacles/challenges and ways to overcome them

How Hindu women use their Hindu beliefs to succeed in their profession/community leadership position

Discussion and Actions

Dealing with the Media

For decades other religious institutions have developed savvy internal mechanisms in the area of media relations. Hindu temples are yet to catch up. This section will focus on developing a proactive agenda in matters of public relations, damage control, education & maintaining relationships with local media outlets.

Youth Program

Afternoon Tea and Snacks

Parallel Workshops - (A, B, C, D)

Hindu Worship - a common resource for temples

Develop a Common Resource/Handbook for Worship (Session 8A Saturday)

There is a need to prepare handbooks and/or flyers on a series of topics.

- Publications that describe and explain the significance of various rituals performed at temples and in Hindu families.
- A publication that helps in identifying “Hindu” traits of faith, hence promoting Hindus to speak in one voice about what Hinduism means.
- A publication describing a formal ceremony for those who embrace Hinduism from non-Dharmic faith

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| <i>Discussion and Actions</i> |

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| Temple By Laws and the Legal Implications |
| Hindu Excecutive Leadership Development |
| Temple leadership needs certain skills and knowledge in order to have a successful organization. In volunteer based organization it is not always possible for each member to have those leadership skills and knowledge. Board members as well as the management teams that have these capabilities can lead successfully; on the other hand, lack of these capabilities could lead disastrous effect on the organization as well as the community. The objective of this workshop is to identify those critical skills and knowledge and develop long term strategy to deliver these skills to the leadership team of the organization. Ideally, aspiring leaders should receive this training in advance of their being elected or selected for the leadership positions, a backup option is also needed as an alternative for those who may have missed the initial training. |
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| <i>Discussion and Actions</i> |
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| Youth Requirements from Mandirs and Institutions |
| Free time - Networking |
| SATURDAY EVENING |
| Gala Dinner Program |
| Bus Transfer to HTCI |

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| Temple Visit and Aarti |
| Dinner & Cultural Program |
| Bus Transfer to Hotel |
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| SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM |
| SUNDAY September 17, 2017 |
| Yoga, Meditation, Devotional Singing |
| <i>Dhyan - Meditation</i> |
| <i>Yoga</i> |
| <i>Bhajans - Devotional Singing</i> |
| Breakfast |
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| Indic Faith Session: Promoting Solidarity of All Dharmic faiths |
| Break |
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| Parallel Track Summary and Solutions Integration |
| <p>The intent of this session is to summarize and integrate the solutions which emerge from the parallel sessions on Saturday (Sessions 6A-6D, 7A-7D, 8A-8D). Observers are appointed for the parallel track series and they are asked to sit through the sessions, put together a summary of ideas captured from the sessions and share the insights in a concise manner.</p> |
| <i>Summary and Lessons Learned: Sessions 6A-7A-8A</i> |
| <i>Summary and Lessons Learned: Sessions 6B-7B-8B</i> |
| <i>Summary and Lessons Learned: Sessions 6C-7C-8C</i> |
| <i>Summary and Lessons Learned: Sessions 6D-7D-8D</i> |
| <i>Q&A</i> |
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| HMEC 2017 Closure Session |
| Lunch |
| End of HMEC 2016 |
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| Guided Tour of Indy 500 Race Track |

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| Ravi Joshi | Propose a Resolution to Develop Resources for Curriculum /Training/Assessment, Form a committee to work on this shared curriculum |
| & Sri Muktananda | <p>Propose a Resolution to Develop Resources for Curriculum /Training/Assessment, Form a committee to work on this shared curriculum</p> <p>The goal is to write a paragraph description for each session. For workshop, it is also important to conceptualize the goal of the workshop, what the action, resolution or deliverable can be and a timeline for developing the tangible output.</p> |
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| Bhakti Mehta & youth | |
| Shama Mehta | Develop Guidelines/Statement Promoting Equality of Women |

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| Fred Stella | Develop Guidelines for Dealing with Media with Unified Message |
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| | GOALS |
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| Surendra Pandey | Develop a Common Resource/Handbook for Worship |

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| | Create 1 or 2 signature pamphlets common to all temples – fundamentals of our Vedic understanding – core values of Sanatan Dharma irrespective of sects |
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| Vijay Reddy | Discuss and Revise Bylaws with Legal Experts |
| Madhu Sharma | Executive Coaching by Professional |
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| Bhakti Mehta & youth | Develop a Requirements documents of the Future - Vision and Service Offerings/Solutions that can cater to the youth, young adults and new young families |
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