

**12th HINDU MANDIR EXECUTIVES' CONFERENCE,
Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept 15-17, 2017**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW DRAFT - August 30

FRIDAY September 15, 2017

	4:00 PM	Registration	
Session 0 Fri	5:00 PM	Vedic Wisdom and Modern Science	Sanskrita Bharati of Indianapolis Anil Vashistha
Meal	6:00 PM	Dinner	Entertainment by Aks & Lakshmi
Session 1 Fri	7:30 PM	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	
1.1		<i>Bhavageet - Mansa Satatam</i>	Local Indy Hosts
1.2		<i>Invocation Through Vedic Mantras</i>	Local Priests
1.3		<i>Deep Prajjwalan</i>	All Co-Host Temples
1.4		<i>Blessings & HMEC Vision</i>	Swamini Svatmavidyanandaji
1.5		<i>Welcome from Indianapolis Host Team</i>	Vijay Reddy
1.6		<i>Hindu Activism: A Driver of Our Future, Hopes and Dreams</i>	Raman Khanna
1.7		<i>Inaugural Address: Challenges of the 21st Century</i>	Swami Pratyagbodhanadaji
1.8		<i>Program Agenda Overview</i>	Ami Patel
1.90		<i>Ashirvachan</i>	TBD
1.10		<i>Instructions</i>	Arun Jain
1.11	9:00 PM	<i>Optional Documentary --Temple Makers</i>	SR Marri
		<i>Q/A wih the Filmmaker</i>	Michael Husain

SATURDAY PRE-LUNCH PROGRAM

SATURDAY September 16, 2017

Sadhana	6:00 AM	Yoga, Meditation, Devotional Singing	
		<i>Dhyan - Meditation</i>	Pierre Couvillion
		<i>Yoga</i>	Yogi Devaraj
Meal	7:00 AM	Breakfast	
Session 2 Sat	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Temple & Institutions of the Future, Fulfilling Our Hopes and Needs	Arun Jain

		The temples we have so lovingly built are destined to become museums unless they meet the spiritual, emotional and social needs of the next generation. The temple of the future will not only be a holy place to honor God but will also be a thriving center for community life offering opportunities for nurturing and support from birth to old age. The temple will have crisis support through Hindu chaplaincy, function halls, sports courts,	
2.1		<i>Hindu Dharma for the Next Generation</i>	Swamini Svamavidyanandaji
2.2		<i>Temples as Centers for Healing of Body, Mind, and Soul</i>	Robert Arnett
2.3		<i>To be Confirmed</i>	Darshan Soni
2.4		<i>Chaplaincy - To Be Confirmed</i>	Rep from Hindu University of America
		Q&A	
Session 3 Sat	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth, Young Adult Engagement	Sohini Sircar
		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	
3.1		<i>Hindu Dharma's Position on Social Justice Issues</i>	Bramachari Suryanarayanji
3.2		<i>Temple Internship/Employment as a Means for Engagement</i>	Ravi Jaishankar
3.3		<i>Chinyana Yuva Kendra Program</i>	Kaushik Joshi
3.4		<i>Interfaith Marriages: Summary of 12 years of Research</i>	Dilip Amin
		Q&A	
Break	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Relaxation	
Session 4 Sat	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Seva As An Inter Generational Bridge	Preya Dave
		Seva or service is a key driver that can bring multiple generations together under a common objective. Hindu Dharma has always promoted seva within our communities and doing good by giving of our time, wealth, knowledge. North American society is always challenged with time, but also find the greatest of joys in giving time. Seva projects that can act as a bridge	
4A.1		<i>Encouraging volunteerism: Recognition programs for youth and adults</i>	Anita S. Gupta
4A.2		<i>Seva Diwas - Seva in America programs</i>	Vallabha Tantry

4A.3		<i>Hindu Family Support Services</i>	Nainan Desai
4A.4		<i>International Seva Projects</i>	Divya Selvakumar
		Q&A	
Session 5 Sat	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	HMEC Update	Abhaya Asthana
		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	
5.1		<i>Hindu Mandir Priests Conf. (HMPC)</i>	Lakshmi Bhamidipati
5.2		<i>WHC and WHEF</i>	Sham Sheth
5.3		<i>Vanaprasthi Network Vision - HAVAN</i>	Kumar Dave
5.4		<i>Hindu Women Network Conference (HWN)</i>	Renu Gupta
5.5		<i>HMEC Publications</i>	Tejal Shah
5.6		<i>HMEC Alignment with National Services</i>	CH (CPT) Jeremy Naugle
5.7		<i>HMEC Updates and Regional HMEC</i>	Sanjay Mehta
Meal	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	
SATURDAY POST-LUNCH PROGRAM			
SATURDAY September 16, 2017			
Parallel - Break Out Sessions (A, B, C, D)			
Session 6A Sat	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Temple Conceptualization, Construction, Operations and Management	Anil Bajpai
		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	
6A.1		<i>Temple Construction East Meets West</i>	Sathya Thulasiraman
6A.2		<i>21st Century Temple Communications</i>	Rhagava Ayyagari
6A.3		<i>Renovations & Rehabilitation</i>	Bhavanandam Stapathi
6A.4		<i>Apps for Temple Management & Maintenance</i>	Ravee Dudhlur
		Q&A	
Session 6B Sat	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Young, Youth Education Program and Curriculum	Vishal Agarwal

		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 II 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 Hindu Temple of Minnesota or Hindu Temple of Toledo etc	
6B.1		<i>Chinmaya Mission Bal Vihar Program</i>	Devendra Trivedi
6B.2		<i>To Be Confirmed</i>	Bhakti Mehta
6B.3		<i>Challenges and Opportunities in Hindu Education</i>	Vasu Murthy, SSVT
6B.4		<i>Parents & Teacher's Day</i>	Venkat Aravala
		Q&A	
Session 6C Sat	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Seniors: Current Issues & Challenges and Resolutions	Kumar Dave
		Seniors faces many issues and challenges in regard to when to retire and where to settle. Many seniors don't know how to engage them into some meaningful activities. They have ample of time, knowledge and wisdom but lack in enthusiasm and motivations. They are too much concern about the financial and physical well being but gives less importance to	
6C.1		<i>Emotional & Physical Well Being</i>	Vipin Kalia
6C.2		<i>Financial well being and Retirement planning</i>	Surendra Pandey
6C.3		<i>Engaging seniors into temple programs(programs for the seniors)</i>	Inderjit Saini
6C.4		<i>Project Akshaya Vata - Final Stop for Hindu Life</i>	Venkat Subramanian
6C.5		<i>Panel Discussion: Social Security, Medicare, Living Will</i>	Surendra Pandey, Inderjit Saini, Giridhar Ahuja, Vipin Kalia
Session 6D Sat	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Youth Session: Hinduism, Social Challenges and Other Questions of Today	Ankush Modi, Shama Mehta HMEC Interns: Srinidhi Raghav, Gyan Mehta
		From social challenges of bullying and profiling to making career choices, join us in discussing the unique challenges Hindu youth living in North America are facing today.	
6D.1		<i>Workshop & Discussion</i>	

Session 7A Sat	2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Women's Role in Temple Life and Leadership	Shama Mehta
		Hindu Dharma is gender inclusive. Over the centuries, there have been many great women leaders that have shaped the Hindu society with their philosophies, such as Gargi and Maitreyi. Today, the role of women in temple life and leadership differs from mandir to mandir. The goal of this panel would be to	
7A.1		<i>Workshop</i>	
Session 7B Sat	2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Dealing with the Media	Fred Stella
		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.	
7B.1		<i>Workshop</i>	
Session 7C Sat	2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Swadeshi Indology and its Relevance to the Hindu Temples in the US	Sant Gupta, Ravi Joshi
		The current Swadeshi Indology (http://swadeshiindology.com) is a multi-tier effort - with Levels A, B, C, & D - at institutionalizing the ability for Indian Civilization to be able to project its own Grand Narrative worthy of what the great civilization it is. Level A is original research and level B entails discovery and nurturing young scholars of rigor and expertise. Level C is the creation of high quality educational courses on Indian Knowledge systems and Level D is dissemination of information in variety of modes. The conveners of this workshop will	
7C.1		<i>Workshop</i>	
Session 7D Sat	2:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Youth Session: Shaastras/Spiritual Content Distribution for Millenials Workshop	Preya Dave, Parth Parihar, Aditya Lingampally HMEC Intern: Nina Jain

		In this session, participants will focus on reaching Millennials with Hinduism related content through social and informational platforms they already use. Participants will discuss which online platforms are best suited to promote Hinduism. They will also identify platforms not ideal for this purpose and why. Groups of participants will also be asked to demonstrate their views on interacting with these platforms via practical exercises.	
7D.1		<i>Workshop & Discussion</i>	
Meal	3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Afternoon Tea and Snacks	
		Parallel Workshops - (A, B, C, D)	
Session 8A Sat	4:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Developing Common and Simplified Temple Resources	Chandra Reddy
		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	
8A.1		<i>Workshop</i>	
Session 8B Sat	4:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Temple By Laws and the Legal Implications	Vijay Reddy, Jatin Shah, Ramu Yeleti
		The Bylaws of a not-for-profit organization are the legally binding rules by which the organization is governed. They set forth the structure of the organization and guide the Board of Directors ("Board") in the conduct of its business. In essence, Bylaws are the operating manual for the not-for-profit, by-laws should be unique to each organization and tailored to the needs of the not-for-profit organization. Most or all of the temples are non-for profit, a nonprofit that is exempt from	
8B.1		<i>Workshop</i>	
Session 8C Sat	4:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Hindu Executive Leadership Development	Madhu Sharma, Sri Mukthananda

		Temple leadership needs certain skills and knowledge in order to have a successful organization. Involunteer 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	
8C.1		<i>Workshop</i>	
Session 8D Sat	4:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Youth Session: Digital Guide for Mandirs Workshop	Bhakti Modi, Sohini Sricar HMEC Interns: Shivani Bajpai, Amruth Bairavasundaram
		This session will give participants a chance to implement ideas from Youth Sessions 1 & 2 by creating digital products that can be put to use in their own mandirs and organizations. This engaging workshop will provide the youth an opportunity to create a simple guide for mandirs to help them adapt and implement technology into their regular operations.	
8D.1			
	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Free time - Networking	
SATURDAY EVENING			
Session 9 Sat	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Gala Dinner Program	
	6:00-6:30PM	Bus Transfer to HTCI	
	6:30-6:45 PM	Welcome by HTCI	
	6:45-7:00 PM	Aarti	
Meal	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Dinner	
	8:00:00-9:30 PM	Entertainment Program	
	8:00 PM	Invocation	
	8:05 PM	Welcome by HTCI Chairman	Anil Bajpai
	8:10 PM	Indianapolis Mayor's Welcome	Mayor Joe Hogsett
	8:15 PM	Indiana Sec. of State Welcome	Sec. of State Connie Lawson
	8:20 PM	Sanathana Dharma Scholarship	Sanjay Mehta
	8:30 PM-9:00 PM	Bhajans by Aks & Lakshmi	
	9:00 PM-9:30 PM	Bhajans by Anita Lerche	
	9:30 PM	Bus Transfer to Hotel	
	10:00 PM	Arrive Hotel	

SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM

SUNDAY September 17, 2017

Sadhana	6:00 AM	Yoga, Meditation, Devotional Singing	
		<i>Dhyan - Meditation</i>	Pierre Couvillion
		<i>Yoga</i>	Dr. Yogi Devaraj
Meal	7:00 AM	Breakfast	
Session 10	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hindu Activism	Darshan Soni
		Hinduism is being threatened on many fronts today and this is likely to get worse with the rise of nationalism, intolerance and hatred that has been spreading around the world. We must take these threats seriously and use all non-violent means necessary to defend our right to practice our faith with respect and acceptance in Western society.	
10.1		<i>Social Media - depending on platform - strategy</i>	Aditya Lingampally
10.2		<i>Speaking with one voice--Developing a central coordinated media response to national issues and defamation effecting Hindus</i>	Padma Kuppa
10.3		<i>Political engagement for promoting Hindu interests outside of India</i>	Raja Krishnamoorthi, US Congressman
10.4		<i>Textbook reform as a means of dispelling ignorance and mistakes in Western education about Hinduism</i>	Parth Parihar
Session 11	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Indic Faith Session: Promoting Solidarity of All Dharmic faiths	Swami Parmeshananda
		Dharmic or Indic faiths are the religions that originated in the Indian subcontinent and include but are not limited to Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism. There are a lot of misunderstandings and misconceptions by other faiths, especially Abrahamic religions, regarding Dharmic faiths. While education and awareness are integral to developing tolerance	
11.1		<i>Sikh</i>	Baljit Singh Oberoi
11.2		<i>Jain</i>	Suvarna Vinze
11.3		<i>Buddhist</i>	Betty Klein
11.4		<i>Hindu</i>	Sri Nandanandana Dasa
		Q&A	
Relaxation	10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break	

Session 12 Sun	10:15 AM -11:15 AM	Parallel Track Summary and Solutions Integration	HMEC Intern
		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	
12.1		<i>Summary and Lessons Learned: Sessions 6A-7A-8A</i>	HMEC Intern
12.2		<i>Summary and Lessons Learned: Sessions 6B-7B-8B</i>	HMEC Intern
12.3		<i>Summary and Lessons Learned: Sessions 6C-7C-8C</i>	HMEC Intern
12.4		<i>Summary and Lessons Learned: Sessions 6D-7D-8D</i>	HMEC Intern
Session 13 Sun	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	HMEC 2017 Closure Session	Vipul Patel
		Every great idea starts with a single thought. The fluid thoughts and active participation excites us to continue on this remarkable journey with the review of action items and	
13.1		<i>Immigration Update</i>	Shrinarayan Chandak, Sudhir Pai, Chitti babu Pacharu
13.2		<i>Closing Remarks</i>	Chandra Reddy
13.3		<i>Action Items and Resolutions</i>	Vipul Patel
13.4		<i>Blessings</i>	TBD
13.5		<i>Announcements & Thanks</i>	TBD
Meal	12:15 PM	Lunch	
		End of HMEC 2017	
	12:45 PM	Guided Tour of Indy 500 Race Track	

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