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**How can priests bring
all communities
together under one roof**

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VASUDHAIVA
KUTUMBAKAM

Bringing All Communities Together Under One Roof

How priests can lead unity through prayer, education, and loving service

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My 49-Year Journey

From Tirupati to Hindu communities across America



13 13 Years in India

Served at Alivelu Mangapuram near Tirupati—building a strong foundation in sacred ritual and community service.

36 36 Years in the USA

Served Hindu communities in Chicago, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Denver, and Seattle.

11 Current Service: Seattle

Chief Priest at VEDA Sri Venkateswara Temple for the past 11 years—serving devotees from many states, languages, and cultures.

Wherever I served, I saw devotees from many states, languages, and cultures.

Bringing People Together Through Open Prayer

Landmark events welcomed thousands into shared worship

2008

First Udayastamana Seva in the USA

Introduced the Tirumala tradition for the first time in America—in Denver, Colorado.

2009

Grand Sahasralinga Archana

United Malayali, Nepali, North Indian, and South Indian devotees in Minneapolis.

2008

Couples Worshipping Together

Conducted a mass Satyanarayana Vratam in Minneapolis with 108 couples.

2014

International Sacred Service

Performed the Yoga Hanuman Mandir Kumbhabhishekam in Canada.

When everyone is invited with love, regional differences disappear.

Keeping the Next Generation Connected to Our Roots

Teaching children, adults, and priests across India, California, and Seattle

LEARN
UNDERSTAND
BELONG

Simple explanations help young people feel happy, confident, and proud of their culture.

WHO LEARNS

Children	Adults	Priests
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SCRIPTURES TAUGHT

Ramayana	Bhagavad Gita	Vishnu Sahasranamalu
Srimad Narayaneeyam	Chandi Saptasati	Prabandham

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Simple Ways Priests Can Lead Unity

Three everyday actions that help every devotee feel included.

1 Use simple language

Explain pujas, mantras, and their meaning in clear words so every devotee can understand and participate.

2 Celebrate all festivals

Respect traditions from North, South, East, and West equally, honoring the diversity within Sanatana Dharma.

3 Serve with love

Speak with kindness and patience. Work together through Annadanam and shared temple activities.

Service brings people together faster than anything else.

One Big Family

The whole world is one family—and the temple is one peaceful home



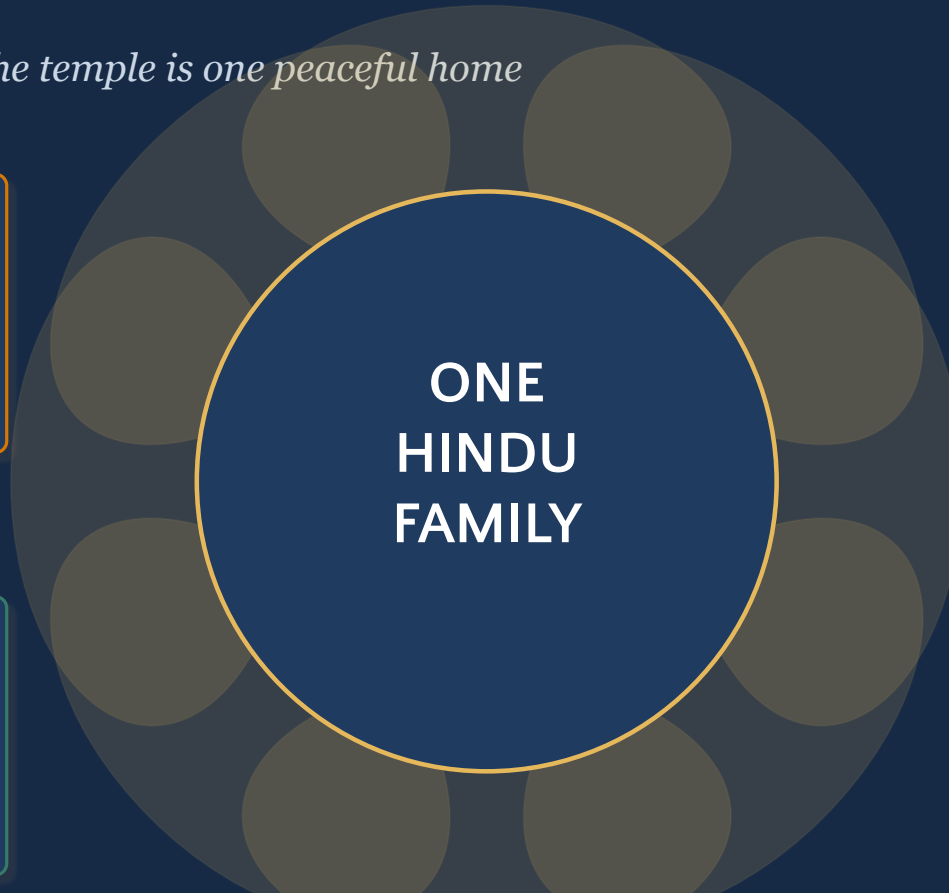
OPEN DOORS

Welcome every devotee as a child of God.



FUTURE GENERATION

Help children see the temple as one peaceful spiritual home.



SHARED HARMONY

Grow stronger together through devotion and Dharma.

The real meaning of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

Ready to Serve—Always

1

READY TO HELP

Available to support the priest community and all devotees in any way possible.

2

HEARTFELT THANKS

Gratitude to the Hindu Priest Group and Priest Association for this great honor.

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BLESSINGS

Health, peace, happiness, unity, and devotion for every family.



WITH GRATITUDE

May Lord Venkateswara and Goddess Alamelu Manga bless you and your families.