Prasanthi Council

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SRI SATHYA SAI WORLD CONFERENCE YOUNG ADULTS

The second World Conference of Sai Young Adults was held in Prasanthi Nilayam on 13 and 14 July 2011. The delegation included 440 officers and former officers in the Young Adult Movement from 75 countries. In the 2007 World Conference of Young Adults, the resolutions included the adoption of an ongoing "Sadhana Program". The young adults have perpetuated this lofty program. It is ongoing. They have been dedicated and consistent in applying themselves to the Divine Instructions given by Swami, Himself, as to how they should conduct their lives. Spiritual progress is clearly evident among the Young Adults as a result of their dedication. The Resolutions of the SaiYoung Adult World Conference of 2011 are as follows:

RESOLUTION I: PURITY AND PRACTICALITY

CONTINUATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF YOUNG ADULT SADHANA PROGRAM INITIATED AT WORLD CONFERENCE OF YOUNG ADULTS 2007

Whereas, a Sai Ideal Leader is an exemplar of the Divine Teachings of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. To become an exemplar, one must engage in the spiritual practices recommended by Swami. Therefore, the Young Adult Sadhana Program in which young adults have been engaged since the 2007 Young Adult World Conference will be perpetuated. Further, additional spiritual programs and practices consistent with Swami's Teachings will be adopted which will enhance the sadhana program.

Whereas, Sai Young Adults recognize that progress on the spiritual path requires diligence and vigilance. Sai Young Adults will diligently and consistently engage in those practices recommended by our Beloved Swami for their own spiritual progress. Sai Young Adults will be always vigilant in order to avoid those worldy propensities that deter them from applying themselves to the spiritual purpose of human life as taught by our Beloved Swami. They must be practical but pure, determined but selfless. They must let His Will prevail over their own willfulness!

RESOLUTION II PRACTICAL IMMERSION TO SAI SPIRITUAL CONVERSION: BECOMING THE "LORD'S APPRENTICE"!

Whereas the Young Adult Apprenticeship Program means practical immersion in the management of the organization that results in spiritual benefits for the server and the served ones.

Let it be resolved that subsequent to November 23, 2011, the young adults currently serving as Zonal Young Adult respresentatives in the Young Adult World Council will continue in their current position and will each be attached to their respective Zonal Chair as an apprentice in the management of their respective zones. They will have duties assigned to them by their Zone Chair and the Prasanthi Council member responsible for their zone. They will confer with their Zone Chair and their Prasanthi Council

member on a regular basis. They will make every effort to attend and participate in zonal activities in their respective zones.

Let it be resolved that commencing on Guru Poornima 2012 young adult apprentices will be attached to each of the National Central Council Presidents in each zone in addition to the zonal young adult apprentices. They will relate to their respective Central Council Presidents just as the zonal young adult apprentices will relate to their respective zone chalrmen. The selection of the national apprentices will be accomplished and the duties and terms of reference of their office will be developed by the Prasanthi Council, Zone chair, and zonal young adult apprentices during Mahasivarathri, 2012. They will commence their duties shortly thereafter.

Whereas the Young Adult Apprenticeship Program will evolve and progress, new opportunities for Sai Young Adult active participation in the management of the International Sai Organizations will arise.

Let it be resolved, that the roles of Sai Young Adult Apprentice will be considered and implemented wherever possible and practical. That is, apprenticeships will be considered that will enable Sai Young Adults to assist in the duties of the officers in various other capacities and positions.

Let it be resolved that with "Heads in the forest and hands in society", the Sai Young Adults will strive to infuse the organization with the innocence and purity that are still unblemished from the worldly events and interactions that will transpire over the forthcoming years. This purity, love, and wisdom resulting from their stage in life and their sadhana as Sai devotees will substantially accelerate the spiritual progress of the Sri Sathya Sai Organization. Let this noble and uplifting Sai Work commence!

RESOLUTION III

Let it be resolved that the International Youth Council and International Youth Coordinator will continue to oversee the activities of the Young Adult members of the International Sai Organizations. They will meet with the Prasanthi Council every Birthday. In addition, a meeting at Guru Poornima will be convened for those who are able to attend.

RESOLUTION IV YOUNG WORLD CONFERENCE IN 2015

The Sai Young Adults have demonstrated their extraordinary love for Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, our Beloved Swami. They have abundantly demonstrated their Sai Dedication and Love in the Young Adult Conferences of 2007 and 2011. Their precocious Sai Wisdom was also evident. The Young Adult "Apprenticeship Program" will commence November 2011 at the zonal level and be in full effect at the national level subsequent to Mahasivarathri 2012.

Let it be resolved that the next Young Adult World Conference will take place in Prasanthi Nilayam, November, 2015, date forthcoming.

Let us pray that the Sai Young Adults will continue to bring more and more Sai Light into the world. Let them forge the path for the next generation of Sai Young Adults and for the multitudes of generations that will surely follow thereafter. Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, our Beloved Swami, will bestow His Divine Grace on all people now and forever who genuinely strive to realize the light of selfless love.

Lovingly in the Service of Sai

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