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World Sikh Council America Region Meets in New York All the thirteen Executive Members were present Regional committee plans a Sikh Convention in New York And plans to set up a suitable memorial of Sikh Martyrs in 1999

Executive committee of World Sikh Council, America Region met at the Richmond Hill Gurdwara, New York on November 14, 1998. All the members of the executive committee, who traveled from all parts of USA, gave an overwhelming response by participating actively in developing the future program of World Sikh Council, America Region. In his presidential address, Sardar Kuldeep Singh told the members to make World Sikh Council a premier organization of Khalsa Panth by impressing upon all the Sikh Institutions to become its members. He emphasized the need to support Sri Akal Takhat Sahib. Only a stronger World Sikh Council can ensure the independent working of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib, he said.

Other developments, which are of great significance, were:

1. Any efforts by any Sikh institution in organizing any kind of special functions to celebrate the *Sirjana Divas of the Khalsa* must be encouraged and supported.
2. Regional Committee of the World Sikh Council was authorized to set up special committees to organize a Sikh Convention in New York City to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Khalsa in 1999.
3. To pay our tribute to all the Sikh martyrs on the eve of the 300th anniversary of the Khalsa, it was unanimously decided to build a suitable memorial in Washington, D.C. area in a park like setting.
4. To hold or co-operate with local Gurdwaras in holding Amrit Parchar Samagams. To hold seminars and workshops not only to emphasize the importance of Amrit but also to propagate various aspects of Sikhism at least on a monthly basis next year.
5. To recognize those Sikhs, who have made significant contributions in various Panthic and professional fields while following the tenets of Sikhism.

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