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World Sikh Council America Region



(A Representative Body of Sikh Institutions of America)

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World Sikh Council is a Representative body of the Sikh Institutions of the World under the Patronage of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib To preserve, promote and safeguard the interests of the Khalsa Panth

Toledo, December 15, 1998: Inspired by the lofty mission of the Sikh Gurus and the glorious history of the Sikhs and keeping in view their worldwide dispersion, the World Sikh Sammelan held in Amritsar from September 21 to 25, 1995 resolved to set up, under the auspices of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib, a global organization aimed at promoting international brotherhood among the Sikhs and to work vigorously towards the abiding glory of the Khalsa and the well-being of mankind.

Pursuant to this Resolution, an organization named WORLD SIKH COUNCIL (ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸਿਖ ਕੌਂਸਲ) has been set up as a representative body of Sikh institutions of the world under the patronage of Jathedar, Sri Akal Takhat Sahib. The Patron announced a revised constitution for this organization on December 21, 1997 in Amritsar and named Justice Kuldip Singh as the President.

Ten Regional Councils covering different regions of the world and comprising member institutions in the respective regions have been designated. One of them is the Regional Council for the America Region.

Singh Sahib Bhai Ranjit Singh Ji, Jathedar Sri Akal Takhat Sahib, in consultation with Justice Kuldip Singh, the President of the Council, named Sardar Kuldeep Singh of Toledo, Ohio as the Chairman of the Regional Council for the America Region on May 10, 1998. The appointments of the entire Regional Committee, consisting of thirteen members, for the America Region was completed on August 25, 1998. World Sikh Council is in the process of constituting a “Think Tank” consisting of Sikh scholars and intellectuals to help plan the future course of action for the Khalsa panth. The Executive Committee of the WSC has received a number of names for inclusion in the “Think Tank”, but hasn’t come to any conclusions yet.

As of this date, 26 gurdwaras/institutions have joined the organization as members. The number is steadily increasing. Preservation of and respect for a distinct Sikh identity; Advancement of social and economic interests of the Sikhs; Developing programs for proper upbringing of Sikh children and youth; Acceptance and implementation of *Panth Parvanit* “Sikh Rehit Maryada”; And strengthening faith in fundamental human rights are a few of the noteworthy aims and objectives of the World Sikh Council.

All the Sikh Institutions and Gurdwaras of America Region are hereby requested to join the World Sikh Council and come under the umbrella of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib. If, for any reason, you need any clarification and/or information about the activities and program of the World Sikh Council, please feel free to call Sardar Kuldeep Singh, Chairman of the World Sikh Council, America Region at (419) 841-7178 or E Mail him at sikhs@accesstoledo.com. If you come across any propaganda, which is contrary to the above-mentioned facts, please do not hesitate to call us to get the official position of World Sikh Council and do not rely upon rumors.

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