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Member Gurdwaras:

1. Gurdwara Sahib Fremont, Fremont, CA
2. Guru Nanak Sikh Mission, Livingston, CA
3. Sikh Gurdwara of LA, North Hollywood, CA
4. Sikh Gurdwara Riverside, Riverside, CA
5. Colorado Singh Sabha, Denver, CO
6. Guru Singh Sabha of Augusta, Augusta, GA
7. Sikh Study Circle of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
8. Sikh Religious Society of Chicago, Palatine, IL
9. Sikh Society of South, New Orleans, LA
10. Sikh Gurdwara of Michigan, Rochester Hills, MI
11. Sikh Society of Michigan, Madison Heights, MI
12. Sikh Gurdwara of North Carolina, Durham, NC
13. Garden State Sikh Association, Pluckemin, NJ
14. Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Glenrock, NJ
15. Sikh Cultural Society Inc., Richmond Hills, NY
16. Sikh Cultural & Edu. Society of Western NY, Buffalo, NY
17. Sikh Religious Society of Dayton, Dayton, OH
18. Guru Nanak Found. of Greater Cleveland, Richfield, OH
19. Guru Gobind Singh Sikh Society, Bedford, OH
20. Guru Nanak Religious Soc. of Central Ohio, Columbus, OH
21. Tristate Sikh Cultural Society, Monroeville, PA
22. Mid South Sikh Sabha, Memphis, TN
23. Sikh Center of Gulf Coast, Houston, TX
24. Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Richardson, TX
25. Sikh Gurdwara of North Texas, Garland, TX
26. Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Fairfax, VA
27. Sikh Association of Central Virginia, VA
28. Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin, Brookfield, WI

Other Sikh Institution Members:

1. Siri Guru Granth Sahib Found., Anaheim, CA
2. Sikhs Serving America, Topeka, KS
3. Sikh Youth Federation of North America, White Plains, NY
4. Sikh Coalition, New York, NY
5. Sikh Educational & Religious Foundation, Dublin, OH
6. Sikh Youth Federation of USA, Toledo, OH
7. Academy of Guru Granth Studies, Arlington, TX

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WSC-AR Participates in National Interfaith Dialogue Gathering

The World Sikh Council – America Region (WSC-AR) represented the Sikh faith at the National Interfaith Dialogue Gathering held in Washington, DC, November 12-14, 2004. The theme of the conference was “promoting interfaith understanding and cooperative action.”

The event, held at American University, was attended by about 100 representatives of several religions. The Sikh participants included Dr. Tarunjit Singh (of Columbus, Ohio), Chair of Interfaith Committee of WSC-AR, and Dr. Kamaljit Kaur (of Washington, DC), founder and anchor of Sikh Broadcasting Corporation.

A panel discussion on the “Shared Wisdom for a Global Ethic” included Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh perspectives. Dr. Kamaljit Kaur outlined the Sikh motto of remembering God’s name, engaging in honest labor, and sharing the fruits of that labor as the Sikh faith’s contribution towards a global ethic. Dr. Tarunjit Singh co-presented a workshop on “Organizing Local Partnerships and Programs.” He highlighted how people of different faiths can work together to form long-lasting interfaith organizations, and work across faith boundaries to promote peace and harmony.

The interfaith gathering was co-sponsored by Communities Working Together, the Interfaith Alliance, and American University's Chaplain's Office. The WSC-AR's Interfaith Committee endorsed the gathering and worked with the organizers in arranging for Sikh participation in the conference.

Earlier on September 11, 2004, the WSC-AR participated in an interfaith dialogue seminar held at Union Theological Seminary in New York on "Religion Related Violence and Resources for Healing from Faith Communities." Dr. Gurcharan Singh, Vice-Chairperson of WSC-AR presented a Sikh reflection at the closing plenary session of the September 11 seminar.

The WSC-AR is a representative and elected body of Sikh Gurdwaras and institutions in the United States. Its members include 28 Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship) and 7 other Sikh institutions across the nation.

Photos of the event, suitable for publication by media, can be obtained by e-mailing contact@worldsikhcouncil.org.