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ISKCON GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION SOCIETY

Reg. No S/74662 under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 P.O. Shree Mayapur Dham, Dist. Nadia, West Bengal

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ISKCON GBC BODY SOCIETY SRI DHAM MAYAPUR, MARCH 2, 2000

#### RESOLUTIONS

APPOINTMENTS:

1. His Grace Ravindra Svarupa Das is elected as Chairman.

2. His Holiness Ramai Swami is elected as First Vice-Chairman

3. His Holiness Gopal Krishna Goswami is elected as Second Vice-Chairman.

4. His Holiness Giridhari Swami is elected as Third Vice-Chairman.

5. Her Grace Manjari Devi Dasi is elected as Secretary.

6. The following devotees are appointed as Assistant GBC members: His Grace Prthu Das His Holiness Bhaktimarga Swami

7. Her Grace Manjari Devi Dasi shall continue as an assistant GBC member.

8. The following devotees are confirmed as Acting GBC members: His Grace Anuttama Das Her Grace Malati Devi Dasi

9 The following devotees are confirmed as Full GBC members: His Holiness B.B. Govinda Swami His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami

10. The GBC Body accepts the resignation from the GBC Body of His Grace Naveen Krishna Das.

The GBC Body requests Naveen Krishna Das to give careful and dispassionate consideration to the case presented in the book Not That I Am Poisioned, and, after doing so, to enter into discussion with the Executive Committee for a resolution of this and any related issues.

11. The resignations of the following GBC members are accepted and they are appointed as GBC Emeritus effective at the conclusion of this GBC meeting:

His Holiness Giriraja Swami His Grace Bhurijana Das

His Grace Vasudeva Das

12. [GBC RULE] One additional member shall be added to the Executive Committee as Third Vice-Chairman as a voting member. (Passed unanimously)

#### Section 100: BASIC PREACHING

#### His Holiness Sridhara Swami

101 [STATEMENT] The GBC Body hereby honors and deeply appreciates the selfless service provided by His Holiness Sridhara Swami to Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON Society in his various preaching services particularly; fund development, life membership and world-wide preaching. The GBC Body earnestly prays to Lord Nrsimhadeva and Sri Sri Radha-Rasa-bihari to protect Their sincere devotee, His Holiness Sridhara Swami.

#### Section 200: SPECIALIZED PREACHING

#### Life-Membership Standards Subcommittee

201 [ACTION ORDER] 1. The Life-membership Standards Subcommittee is hereby established with the purpose to work on recommendations for life-membership standards. This committee is to complete their work by July 15, 2000.

2. The following persons will determine the members of the committee and the mechanism and constituency for the committee's accomplishing their goals: Braja Bihari Das – convener, Vedavyasa-priya Swami, Ramabhadra Das, Svavasa Das, Kalakantha Das, Pancaratna Das, Varsana Devi Dasi, Sudharma Devi Dasi.

3. The following have been nominated as members but are not present in Mayapur: Devakinandana Das, Mahamantra Das (Delhi), Srutidharma Das and Pranabandhu Das.

## Section 300: EDUCATIONAL AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

## Expressing Doubts

301 [GUIDELINE] 1. ISKCON members should be careful to adhere to the proper process of expressing doubts within the community of Vaisnavas. The guidelines for that process are set forth herewith:

(a) As doubts are a function of intelligence, it is expected that intelligent and inquisitive devotees will naturally have doubts concerning the statements of authorities like guru, sadhu and sastra.

(b) It is important whatever doubts may arise be expressed so that they may be properly examined, understood and resolved.

(c) Our tradition has established a proper process within the community of devotees for resolving doubts. This process allows a devotee to express misgivings while protecting the devotee from checking his or her spiritual progress through committing offenses. When handled in the proper manner, doubts become a basis for growth in spiritual understanding and the deepening of faith.

2. The guidelines for expressing and resolving doubts are as follows:

(a) Doubts should be placed before a proper authority in whom one has faith and confidence. That is, inquiry should be humble and submissive in spirit.

(b) There should be a presupposition that the doubts should be resolved successfully.

(c) Doubts should be expressed in a way that is careful to be respectful of guru, sadhu and sastra.

(d) Doubts should be expressed in a way that is careful to avoid causing unnecessary disturbance to the faith of other devotees.

(e) Apparent contradictions should not be taken as prima facie evidence that the authority is wrong. Rather, they should become the grounds for pursuing a deeper understanding.

#### Section 500. HOLY PLACES AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES

#### Women in ISKCON

WHEREAS, the Women's Ministry presentation on March 1st, 2000 to the GBC Body brought a clearer understanding of the mistakes of the past and the need to provide equal and full opportunity for devotional service for all devotees in ISKCON, regardless of gender, and

WHEREAS, it is clearly following in the line of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada that all people are welcome to join Lord Caitanya's sankirtana movement and are capable of developing full love of God, and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that many of the social issues that confront us are exacerbated because the voice of our women, who are the mothers and daughters of our Krsna conscious family, have been hushed and stifled due to misinterpretation of our Vaisnava philosophy, and thus the human and interpretation are devotees have been minimized,

#### THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

501 [STATEMENT] 1. the members of the Governing Body Commission of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness offer their humble apologies to the women of Srila Prabhupada's society who, because of our own shortcomings and those of the Society, have suffered due to a lack of protection, support, facility and appreciation for their service, devotion and vast contributions to the Society, and

2.[ACTION] All GBC Body members and other leaders shall hold istagosthis in each of their respective temples to establish the priority of providing equal facilities, full encouragement and genuine care and protection for the women members of ISKCON. Also, separate meetings should be held with the leaders and women of each temple to address the women's needs and concerns, and

3.[GUIDELINE], All GBC Zonal Secretaries, Temple Presidents and other leaders are requested, in coordination with the Women's Ministry, to invite senior devotee women, especially Srila Prabhupada's direct disciples, to visit their temples to provide their association and thus help in training younger devotees.

#### Section 600: INTERNAL ISKCON

#### Srila Prabhupada's Siksa Position

601 [ISKCON LAW] A duly initiated disciple in ISKCON can accept Srila Prabhupada, the founder-acarya of ISKCON, as his principle siksa-guru. During his devotional life, he may experience that he derives more spiritual inspiration from Srila Prabhupada's books and vani than from his own diksa-guru.

#### Srila Prabhupada's Absolute Position

602 [ISKCON LAW] 1. The GBC Body wishes to emphasize that any attempt to minimize the position or teachings of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder-Acarya of the International Society for Krsna Consciousness, will not be tolerated in any way by the leadership structure of ISKCON. This is an absolute and inviolable principle.

2. Any member of ISKCON involved in such criticism shall be immediately dealt with by the appropriate measures according to ISKCON Law 1996/607.4.A.1 "Offenses Against Founder-Acarya and Guru-parampara" which states : "A person guilty of denouncing, openly blaspheming, or publicly abandoning loyalty to the founder-acarya, the previous acaryas in the disciplic succession, or Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, incurs automatic dissociation from ISKCON, the right to revoke being reserved to the local Governing Body Commissioner. If the offending person holds a position of spiritual authority, the right to revoke the dissociation is reserved to the Governing Body Commission. If the seriousness of the offense warrants a more severe reaction, other measures may be brought to bear, including dismissal from authority, disqualification for initiating, and excommunication."

3. The GBC Zonal Secretaries and/or the local leaders must implement ISKCON Law when they perceive a transgression of this principle. If they fail to do so, the GBC Executive Committee shall directly take measures to rectify the situation and may censure or suspend (probate or remove) local leaders for not taking appropriate measures.

#### Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa-puja Book

603 [ACTION] 1. The GBC Body requests the LA BBT to continue publishing Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa-puja book. Srila Prabhupada approved of the idea of the BBT publishing his Vyasa-puja book as it was also done during his stay on the planet.

[ACTION] 2. A standing committee named the Srila Prabhupada Vyasa-puja Book Standing Committee is formed with the purpose of assisting the LA BBT to draw ideas and talent from devotees around the world to make the Vyasa-puja book more affordable and marketable. The standing committee will initially consist of: Danavir Goswami (point man), Deva Gaura Hari Das (Australia), Acyuta Das (Ukraine) and Simhesvara Das (Malaysia).

#### GBC Secretariat

#### 604 [LAW]

1. A full-time secretariat office shall be established in Mayapur.

2. This office shall work directly under the Executive Committee. It shall take necessary steps towards organizational improvement.

3.[ACTION] The Secretary Office shall be staffed by Kalakantha Das, Manjari Devi Dasi and Divyambara Devi Dasi.

#### **GBC Restructuring Taskforce**

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize GBC operations to achieve more efficiency, more local ISKCON leadership, less stress for GBC members, and more effective fulfillment of GBC responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the issues involved are deep and complex and do not lend themselves to resolution at the brief annual Mayapur meeting;

605 [ACTION] IT IS RESOLVED THAT

1. The GBC Body hereby appoints an ongoing GBC Restructuring Task Force whose members include:

Jayapataka Swami, Mukunda Goswami, Malati Devi Dasi, Sudharma Devi Dasi, Pancaratna Das, Atmarama Das, Abhirama Das, Kalakantha Das, Anuttama Das, Aniruddha Das, Atmabhu Das, Hrdaya Caitanya Das and Prasanta Devi Dasi. This group may also seek the help of professional advisors.

2. This task force shall be coordinated by the GBC Secretariat and communicate by e-mail throughout the year. It shall convene in Mayapur prior to the 2001 annual meetings.

3. The specific goals of this task force shall include:

- (a) to gather and deliberate on input on the following questions from various ISKCON Regional Bodies:
- What should be the definition of ISKCON Regional Governing Bodies/Divisional Councils?
- Should some GBC members serve in the role of "Monitor" overseeing secretaries of smaller zones?
- How should the GBC delegate problem-solving authority to regional levels?
- How should ISKCON Ministries function?
- How should ISKCON develop a constitution?
- What statements of Srila Prabhupada are relevant to GBC structure?
- What do leading ISKCON stakeholders (temple presidents, congregational leaders, and senior devotees) want to see from the GBC?

4. This Task Force shall compile a progress report and possible restructuring models for consideration by the GBC Body at the 2001 annual meeting.

5. Funding for the Task Force is nil as it's members are volunteers working through e-mail and their coordination will be handled by the already funded GBC Secretariat.

## GBC Deputy Membership

606 [ACTION ORDER] Membership in the GBC Deputies body is constituted as follows:

1. For the years 2000 and 2001:

(i) participating members among the existing GBC Deputies (as selected by the GBC Deputies Body), and

(ii) additional members from geographical areas not presently represented, selected by the Executive Committee with the help of existing GBC Deputies.

## (b)[VISION & GOAL] After Gaura-purnima 2002:

(i) a combination of members selected by the GBC Body or Executive Committee and members selected by functioning Regional Governing Bodies or Divisional Councils.

2.[LAW] Further membership in this body shall be for three years and may be renewed. Members must attend the annual Mayapur GBC meetings.

## **Removal of Property Trustees**

WHEREAS, GBC Law 1993/54 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 contains provisions for changing of property trustees, but no specific provision has been established by GBC Law for the resignation or removal of a property trustee, and there is a need to fill this gap;

607 [LAW] 1. IT IS RESOLVED THAT the following provision is added into Law 1993/54 3.3 "Property Trustee Appointment Procedure" as clause 3.3.4:

THAT in general property trustees are appointed for life. However, a property trustee appointment may be terminated under the following conditions:

(a) On the submission of a letter of resignation to the GBC Body via the ISKCON Property Office. For the resignation to take effect it must be either unanimously accepted by the remaining trustees (if two or more exist), or by decision of the ISKCON Property Office.

(b) Upon the death of the trustee or upon the trustee becoming permanently disabled so as to not be able to carry out the duties of trusteeship.

(c) If the property trustee fails to act within a reasonable time upon a specific proposal related to a property from either the local management, a co-trustee, the ISKCON Property Office, or the GBC Body, the local management or the co-trustees may submit a request for removal of the trustee to the ISKCON Property Office stating the facts of the failure to act. The ISKCON Property Office may grant the request immediately if the submitted facts are sufficiently compelling or it may again formally request the trustee to act on the proposal. If the trustee continues to fail to act, then the trustee shall be removed.

(d) Temple management can approach the Property Office to bypass a non-functioning trustee without replacing him.

## Guru Services Committee

608 [LAW] 1. A Guru Services Committee is hereby established with the purpose to resolve present and perspective guru topics. This committee is to:

- A. Ascertain whether each guru is following the standard practices of Krsna consciousness, including:
- (a) chanting a minimum of sixteen rounds per day and having a visible sadhana,

(b) has proper relationships with others according to his asrama, especially with the opposite sex,

(c) is responsibly engaged in his service within the Society,

(d) has an appropriate understanding of the siddhanta of Krsna consciousness as given by Srila Prabhupada,

(e) is cooperating with the other devotees within ISKCON, and

(f) is financially accountable.

- B. Establish committees to research and deal with the philosophy and practical issues concerning gurus within ISKCON.
- C. Review existing procedures and recommend modifications of the existing procedures by which gurus in ISKCON can be approved.
- D. Review prospective gurus when called upon to do so.

E. This committee has the power to educate the guru or to recommend to the GBC Body Executive Committee to sanction him or her according to ISKCON Law. Any sanctions must be reviewed by the GBC Body at the annual meeting in Mayapur.

## 2. The members of this committee are:

Anuttama Das, Virabahu Das, Ravindra Svarupa Das, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, Prahladanananda Swami and Visakha Devi Dasi.

## Times for Guru Worship

609 [LAW] All festivals, events, commemorative occasions, etc., that are in honor of present ISKCON gurus and that are observed in the main worship areas of ISKCON institutions, are to be held at times other than those normally set aside for regular worship, such as the morning program and the Sunday feast.

## Disciples Initiating in the Presence of Their Spiritual Master

610 [ACTION ORDER] A subcommittee shall be formed by the newly appointed GBC Guru Services Committee to review and reassess the GBC Law 6.3.2 on Srila Prabhupada's grand disciples initiating as well as the GBC position paper on disciples initiating in the physical presence of their diksa-guru. The subcommittee shall include a convener and members and shall present a proposal to the 2001 GBC meeting.

## Mahavisnu Goswami

611 [ACTION ORDER] 1. The GBC Body agrees to review and reassess the position paper "Devotees Initiating Before Their Guru's Physical Departure" approved by the GBC Body in 1993 (resolution number 60) and also the statement of ISKCON Law on this in the ISKCON Law Book numbered 6.3.2 at the annual general meeting 2001 with the aim of issuing a judgment on disciple's initiating in their guru's presence;

2. In the meantime, His Holiness Mahavisnu Goswami is not authorized to give diksa and accordingly he should refrain from doing so.

## Appeal of the Decision of the Area Council in Guru Approval Procedures

612 [LAW] If an Area Council (as outlined in the paper entitled "Gurus and Initiation" and approved by the GBC Body in resolution 1995/No. 58 and stated in ISKCON Law

Section 6.4) does not endorse a guru candidate, the candidate has the right to appeal the case to the relevant Regional Governing Body for review. If the Regional Governing Body decides that in spite of having met the mandatory qualifications for a spiritual master and the eligibility requirements (in 1.2.1 "Mandatory Qualifications" and 1.3 "Eligibility of Devotee to Be a Guru in ISKCON" from the paper "Gurus and Initiation" and stated in ISKCON Law Book 6.2.1 and 6.3 respectively), the candidate has not been endorsed by the Area Council, then the Regional Governing Body is empowered to overrule the decision of the Area Council by endorsing the candidate. The Chairman of the Regional Governing Body instead of the Area Council.

#### Sri Padambhuja Das

613 [ACTION ORDER] 1. Sri Padambhuja Das (formerly known as Bhakti Abhay Caran Swami) shall not be privileged to wear saffron cloth and shall be referred to by his initiated name given by Srila Prabhupada. He is indefinitely suspended as a spiritual master, therefore, he cannot initiate nor maintain an absolute siksa position in relation to his disciples and he must follow other aspects of suspension as per ISKCON Law.

2. The GBC Body encourages those who have taken initiation from him to take shelter of Srila Prabhupada and his other followers, as Sri Padambhuja Das is not competent to deliver absolute instruction or receive gifts or veneration at this time. They should refer to the directions in the Guru-asraya paper issued by the GBC Body and stated in ISKCON Law Book at 6.5.1.3-5, which also gives guidance for those who have lost faith in their initiating guru.

3. A program of rectification shall be given by a committee of Jayapataka Swami, Guru Prasad Swami and Virabahu Das.

#### Financial Disclosure of Leaders Including Guru-daksina

WHEREAS, financial disclosure for ISKCON leaders requires that "all GBC members, gurus, sannyasis and international project directors" file annual financial reports.

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand the financial reporting of ISKCON leaders and this should be done prior to any further discussion of specific regulation of gurudaksina.

#### IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

614 [LAW] 1. All GBC Body members, gurus, sannyasis and international project directors are required to file annual personal financial reports to the Executive Committee of the GBC Body and, where requested, their national executive body. These reports shall contain a standard Income Statement and Balance Sheet (to be reported in a Quickbooks or other standard software format). The report should also include a list of all ISKCON related bank accounts (including account names, signers and balance) for which these individuals are a signer or have some control. All guru-daksina must be included in this report.

2. within the definition of the previous resolution regarding reportable income, all income and non-monetary gifts over US\$500 must be itemized according to source.

[NOTE; US based preachers are reminded that all gifts over US\$10,000 and income from inheritance or family trusts must be reported to the IRS.]

3. All annual reports must be submitted by January 31st of each year and be signed with the following statement:

I solemnly swear that this report represents a true and accurate statement of my financial activity and status for the previous year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Executive Committee shall provide an annual report for the GBC Body prior to the annual meetings containing information on the number of GBC Body members filing, names of those not filing and a summary report of the financial data including high, low and median numbers for income, assets and expenses.

#### **Ritvik Committee**

615 [LAW] 1.In order to protect the interests of ISKCON, the GBC Body hereby establishes the Ritvik Committee as a permanent standing committee. This committee can also appoint others at their discretion and is to include one international GBC Body member who does not have zonal responsibilities in India. The purpose of this committee is to address and make decisions regarding ritvik related lawsuits to protect the interests of ISKCON.

2.[ACTION] The committee's members shall be: Gopal Krsna Goswami, Jayapataka Swami, Sri Nathji dasa, Mahaprabhu Das, Dayarama Das and the Executive Committee shall be ex-officio members.

#### **Ritvik Case Fund**

WHEREAS, the ritviks have filed cases against individual GBC Body members, gurus, the ISKCON GBC Society and the ISKCON Bureau.

WHEREAS, the ritviks are presenting a dangerous concocted philosophy and we stand to lose ISKCON properties if we do not defend with the best legal help.

616 [ACTION ORDER] IT IS RESOLVED THAT every GBC Body member and every guru must contribute five hundred dollars (US\$500) this year towards the legal costs. Indian temples are to help pay for the legal costs by dividing amongst the Indian temples based on the percentage of total collection for the last year.

#### **Poison Controversy**

#### [STATEMENT]

WHEREAS, the book Not That I Am Poisoned published by the GBC Ministry for the Protection of ISKCON establishes that:

1. Srila Prabhupada's medical history shows no evidence of poisoning, but rather confirms diabetes as the major factor in His Divine Grace's deteriorated physical health.

2. Forensic (hair) analysis does not show any evidence of poisoning, in that the amount of arsenic is compatible with environmental levels and with normal physiological functioning.

3. Recorded conversations indicate that Srila Prabhupada did not believe he was poisoned.

4. Analysis of 'whisper evidence' is inconclusive or can be show to correlate with spoken conversations of the same time.

WHEREAS, the report submitted by Balavanta Das, commissioned by the GBC Executive Committee, does not contradict the conclusions of the more detailed investigation by the Ministry for the Protection of ISKCON;

617. [STATEMENT] IT IS RESOLVED THAT 1. There is no evidence at this time to support the allegations of poisoning of Srila Prabhupada. This conclusion is based on two independent reports commissioned by the GBC Body.

2. The GBC Body endorses the book Not That I Am Poisoned as the most detailed and comprehensive exposition of these allegations to date, and it recommends this book strongly to devotees who may have been affected by or who are interested in this issue.

#### Women's Participation

#### 618 [LAW]

A. All ISKCON temples are to allow all qualified devotees, regardless of gender, to speak on Srimad-Bhagavatam, Bhagavad-gita, etc. during the regular temple class.

B. All ISKCON temples designate half of the temple room area, divided in the center from the altar, for the ladies

C. If the management in a particular temple feels it is unable to implement these proposals, the Executive Committee will appoint a small team of senior devotees, including women, to sensitively review the particular local situation.

## **CPO** Amendment

618 [LAW] The time period for giving notice of intent to appeal an Official Decision by the Child Protection Office is reduced from six months down to one month. One extra month is given for the Child Protection Office to complete the filing process of appeals. That is, the time period for the above process for appealing an Official Decision is two months from the time that a party receives the Official Decision.

## Child Protection Office Funding

620 [ACTION ORDER] The Child Protection Office shall be funded for the year 2000 as follows:

1. US\$15,000 of the GBC annual assessment funds will be allocated to the Child Protection Office in the year 2000.

| 2. FURTHERMORE,  |            |
|--|------------|
| a) The North American Temples need to raise an additional        | \$ 5,000   |
| b) The Indian Temples need to raise an additional                | \$ 5,000   |
| c) Mayapur Temple will commit half of its agreement from a       |            |
| recent CPO recommendation for funding this effort, equaling      | \$ 5,000   |
| d) Other GBC Body members and Emeritus' not previously pledging, |            |
| including Mukunda Goswami, Giriraja Swami,                       |            |
| Hridayananda Goswami, Bhakti Svarupa Damodara Swami and          |            |
| Balavanta Das, are officially requested to support this effort,  |            |
| collectively we hope for a total of not less than                | \$ 20,000  |
|  |            |
| Total to be pledged  | \$ 225,579 |

3. GBC Body members and others who pledged funds, and especially those who expressed a desire to try to raise more money than pledged, are encouraged to try to raise additional funds to assure there is no shortfall.

4. The Child Protection Office also explored several options for helping to raise funds for the 2001 pledge including producing a CD by gurukuli musicians as a benefit and will develop these options during the next year for partial funding of the 2001 requirement.

## Vanaprastha-asrama Guidelines Committee

621 [ACTION ORDER] 1. A Vanaprastha-asrama Guidelines Committee is hereby established with the purpose of drafting a set of general guidelines and standards for the vanaprastha-asrama in ISKCON. The Chairman of this committee shall be Janananda Das and he will engage the help of Hare Krsna Dasi and her correspondents who have been formulating written guidelines on this topic. The committee should have a first draft prepared by the GBC Body meeting of 2001.

2. [VISION & GOAL] It is understood that the Vanaprastha is an important and growing sector of ISKCON's membership. Therefore, establishing guidelines for Vanaprastha Asram is a necessary step in the ongoing development of this important Asram.

#### The BBT Construction-Grant Allocation Committee

622 [ACTION ORDER] 1. A BBT Construction Grant Allocation Committee is hereby formed and empowered to decide the allocation of the annual BBT construction and renovation grant to ISKCON, according to the principles established by Srila Prabhupada. The members of this committee are: Ramai Swami, Bhakti-tirtha Swami, Sivarama Swami, Hrdaya Caitanya Das, the GBC annual chairman, the BBT treasurer, a member nominated by the BBT trustees.

## Sri Mayapur Project Development Committee Expansion

623 [ACTION ORDER] The following devotees are appointed provisional members of the Sri Mayapur Project Development Committee through to Mayapur festival 2001: Sivarama Swami, Gopal Krsna Goswami, Radhanatha Swami, Bhakti-caru Swami Ambarisa Das. Anuttama Das.

## GBC ZONAL ASSIGNMENTS 2000 -2001:

Anuttama das: Assistant GBC — GBC Minister of Communications

## Badrinarayan Das:

GBC for USA: California (South), Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah. Co-GBC for USA: Los Angeles.

## BB Govinda Swami:

GBC for: Mauritius, all Arabic speaking countries. Sole GBC: Russia: Volga Region; central Asia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Kirghizistan; Co-GBC for Moscow, and St. Petersburg (with Vaidyanatha Das and Niranjana Swami.) Mauritius, Vrindavana.

## Bhakti Caitanya Swami:

Co-GBC for Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Russia: Siberia, South Africa. GBC for: Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Malawi, Angola, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zambia.

## Bhakti Charu Swami:

Two-year leave of absence from zonal assignments. Assignment "Abhay Caran" Video production.

## Bhaktimarg Swami: Assistant GBC

Candidate for GBC for all of Canada.

## Bhakti Swarup Damodar Swami:

GBC for India: Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh. Co-GBC for India: Tripura, Andra Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Orissa, U.P. (Kuruksetra); Burma.

## Bhaktitirtha Swami:

## GBC: Switzerland, Dole (France).

Co-GBC for Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Togo, Zaire;

GBC: USA: West Virginia, Michigan (Detroit), Pennsylvania (Gita Nagari), Washington D.C., Potomac, MD.

## Bhaktivaibhava Swami:

Co-GBC for Czech Republic, Slovakia, Russia: Siberia, Far East; Ukraine Belarus, Italy.

## Bir Krsna Goswami:

GBC for USA: Virginia, Southeast United States (except Florida and Murari Sewak, Tennessee), Hawaii, Fiji.

## GBC Executive Committee:

GBC for India: Gadaigiri, Balikuda Orissa.

## Giridhari Swami:

Co-GBC for USA: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas; China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, North Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Polynesia.

## Gopal Krsna Goswami:

GBC for India: Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Punjab (Chandigarh), Uttar Pradesh (West without Vrndavan) Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh; Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda. Co-GBC for India: Maharashtra (including Mumbai), Jamnu-Kashmir, Himal Pradesh, Lucknow, Hardwar, Goa, Uttar Pradesh (including Vrndavan,); Mayapur Russia: South, Golden Ring; Azerbaijan; Canada: Everywhere.

## Guru Prasad Swami:

GBC for Colombia, Amazon region in Brazil, USA: Arizona; Central America, Mexico. Co-GBC for Venezuela, Trinidad.

Hari Vilas Das: Co-GBC for USA: Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Vancouver (Canada); Co-GBC Armenia, Pakistan, Turkey, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, North and South Yemen, Afghanistan, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti, Gambia, Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkino Faso, Niger, Chad; India: Jamnu and Kashmir, Hardwar and Rishikesh Goa, Himacal Pradesh; Canada: West:

USA: State of Washington, Alaska.

#### Jayapataka Swami:

GBC for Bolivia; India: Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry, West Bengal (other than Mayapur and Calcutta); Maldives, Bhutan, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Co-GBC for Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Chile, Ecuador, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nepal, Oman, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United Arab Emirates; India: Bihar, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Tripura, Assam, Meghalaya, Orissa, Belgaum (Karnataka), West Bengal (including Mayapur and Calcutta). GBC Minister of Congregational Preaching

## Kavicandra Swami:

## GBC for Japan, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Israel.

Co-GBC for Indonesia, Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Benin, Togo, Liberia, Cameroon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Zaire, Gabon, Rio Muni, Central African Republic, Congo, Thailand, Singapore.

## Madhu Sevita Das:

Co-GBC for Italy. Co-GBC for Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Spain.

#### Malati-devi Dasi: Acting GBC

Co-GBC for USA: Ohio, West Virgina, Kentucky, Detroit, Indiana, Western Pennsylvania.

## Manjari-devi Dasi: Assistant GBC

GBC Secretary

#### Niranjana Swami:

GBC for USA: New England, Festival of India; Moldova; Co-GBC for Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia Ukraine, Belarus, Russia: Moscow and St. Petersburg, west of Nijniy Novgorod and north of Voronesh.

#### Paramgati Swami:

GBC for Brazil (except Amazon Region) including Nova Gokula. GBC for France, Portugal.

#### Prabhavisnu Swami:

Co-GBC for Australia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Russia: Far East, South; Latvia Burma; India: Bihar, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh (only Tirupati), Uttar Pradesh (East); Bangladesh, Nepal, Malaysia, Brunei.

#### Prthu Das: Assistant GBC

Co-GBC for USA: Hawaii, Oregon,Washington, Murari Sewak. Co-GBC For: Nrsimha-ksetra (Germany), Austria.

#### Radhanatha Swami:

GBC for India: Mumbai Chowpatti. Co-GBC for India: Belgaum (Karnataka), Maharastra, Uttar Pradesh (Kuruksetra); USA: West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky.

#### Ramai Swami:

Co-GBC for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Solomons, Indonesia.

#### Ravindra Svarupa Das:

GBC for USA: Michigan (except Detroit), Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania. Co-GBC for USA: Washington DC, Pennsylvania (West, Gita Nagari), Ohio, Michigan (Detroit). GBC for Denmark, Sweden, Germany (except Nrsimha Ksetra, Berlin, Hamburg and Hanover). co-GBC for: Nrsimha Ksetra, Berlin, Hamburg, and Hanover.

Rohini Suta Das: GBC for Georgia, Russia: Ural Region. GBC for Russia: Murmansk; Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, Macedonia.

Co-GBC Azerbaijan, Armenia, Austria. Co GBC: Northern Germany (Berlin, Hamburg, and Hanover).

#### Romapada Swami:

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#### Sesa Das:

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#### Sivarama Swami:

GBC for England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands, Ireland, Hungary.

#### Suhotra Swami:

GBC for Greece, Cyprus, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Albania, Norway, Finland. Co-GBC for Czech Republic, Slovakia, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland.

#### Tamal Krishna Goswami:

Co-GBC for USA: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, China (including Hong Kong), North Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, South Korea, India: Mayapur and Calcutta.

#### Vaidyanatha Das: Full GBC

Co-GBC for Russia and Abkhazia.

## Virabahu Das:

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