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THE LORD DWELLS IN ALL

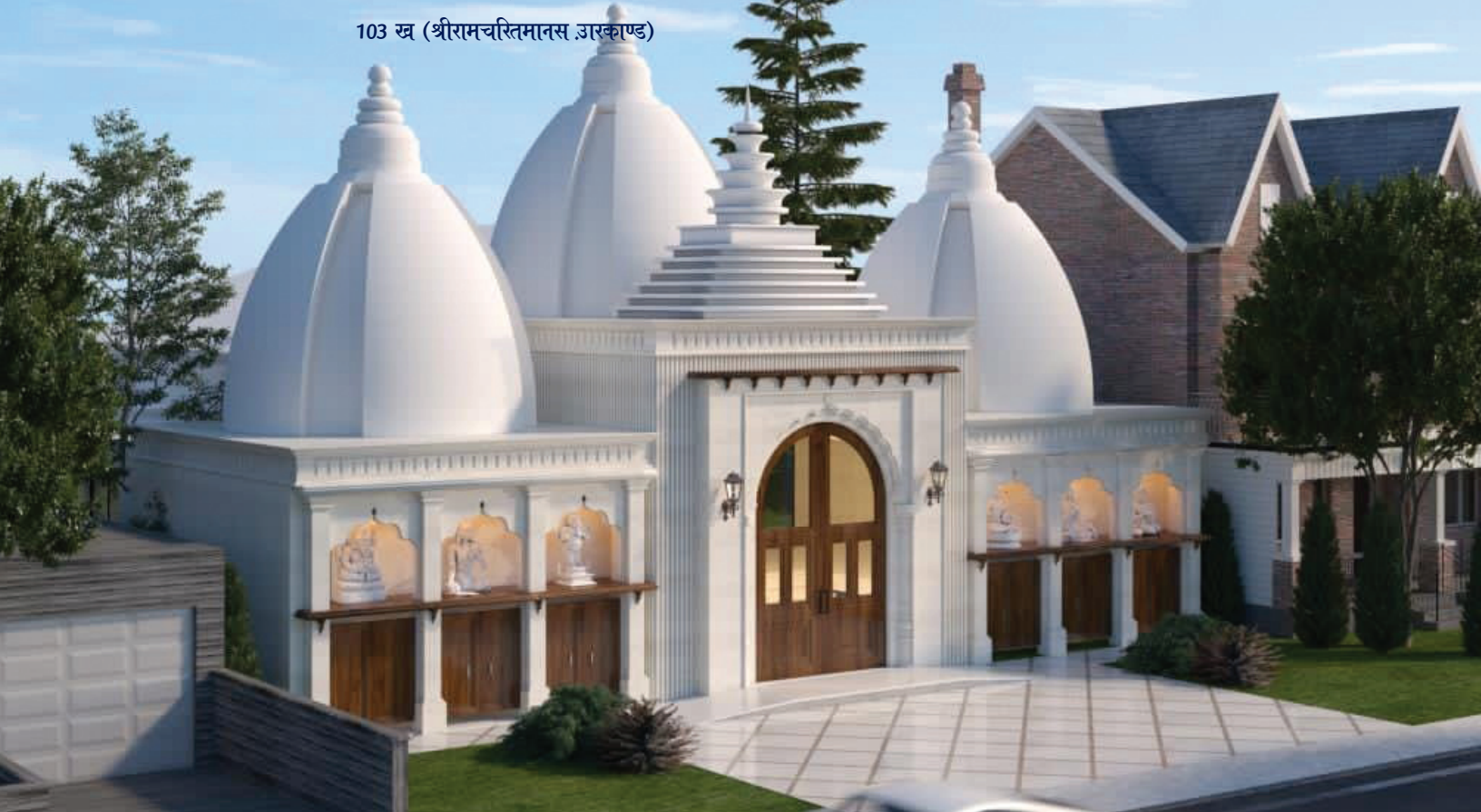
HINDU PRARTHANA SAMAJ

हिन्दू प्रार्थना समाज



प्रगट चारि पद धर्म के कलि महुँ एक प्रधान,
जेन केन बिधि दीन्हें दान करइ कल्याण॥

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HINDU PRARTHANA SAMAJ MARCHES ON

Back in 1966 some of the Hindu families got together with the idea of celebrating Krishna Janamashtami. It was a great celebration. We were privileged to use the Donway United Church Gym. This brought some of the prominent Hindus together, with the idea of meeting every Sunday for prayers. As the church pews were not used on Sunday evening, the church priest had no objection in allowing us to use the facilities. Once the idea caught on, we started meeting on a regular basis. Afterwards we were asked by the church authorities to pay \$40 per meeting. Right from day one this caught us off guard as we were not organized. However we were happy that the church authorities finally agreed to allow us the use their facilities free of charge. We are very thankful to the Donway United Church for the use of their church premises.

Dr. Bhartendu, Dr. B.K. Gupta, Mrs. K.K. Sabharwal, Mr. Durlabh Kakdia. Dr. Kumar and Mr. Ramdial Kenny were the founder members and signatories to the constitution of the Hindu Prarthana Samaj.

During that period we felt a strong need to have place of our own for worship. In 1971 our dream of having our own place of worship came true. At that time we had decided to collect \$6000 for the purchase of our own

temple. Dr. Kumra, Mr. Khosla and few others were working very hard to achieve this goal so we started a life membership campaign by asking each family to donate \$250 and become life members. After looking at 62 Fern Avenue it was felt that the building will meet our needs. About 20 members signed as guarantors for a mortgage from Royal Bank to purchase 62 Fern Avenue.

It is worth mentioning here that Mr. Gupta was very generous to donate his commission (\$2000) on the purchase of the building. During this time we faced many problems financial, racial and vandalism. The community stayed together and helped pay off all the financial commitments of our premises.

The membership has been steadily increasing over the years and we have plans to renovate our building in the near future. With the generous donations of the members of the Samaj we have been able to acquire many moorties used for worship.





"दानं ख्यातिकरं सदा हितकरं संसार सौख्याकरं
नृणां प्रीतिकरं गुणाकरकरं लक्ष्मीकरं किङ्करम् ।
स्वर्गावासकरं गतिक्षयकरं निर्वाणसम्पत्करम्
वर्णायुर्बलबुद्धिं वर्धनकरं दानं प्रदेयं बुधैः ॥

दान ख्याति बढ़ाने वाला, सदा हित करने वाला, संसार सुखी करने वाला, प्रीतिकर, गुणों का लाने वाला, लक्ष्मीदायक, स्वर्गदाता, दुर्गति क्षय करने वाला, मोक्षरूप संपत्ति देने वाला, आयुष्य, बल और बुद्धिदाता है ।
(इस लिए) बुद्धिमान् लोगों को दान करना चाहिए ।

जीर्णोद्धार - एक श्रेष्ठ दान

उदार स्वभाव के कारण मनुष्य जीवनभर कहीं न कहीं कुछ न कुछ दान करता है एवं उसके द्वारा प्राप्त फल से अपने जीवन को सुंदर बनाता है।

दान बहुत प्रकार के होते हैं। अन्नदान, रत्नदान, भूमिदान, धातुदान सहित जनोपयोगी भवन, कुँए, बावड़ी, तालाब, धर्मशाला, लंगर, मंदिर निर्माण इत्यादि में सहयोग करना। ये सब श्रेष्ठ सत्कर्म है।

दान के मार्ग में बहुत समय से चल रही सामाजिक, धार्मिक स्थलों को सुरक्षित एवम और अधिक जनोपयोगी बनाने हेतु किया गया

सहयोग हमारे जीवन में अत्यंत फलदायी होता है। एक व्यवस्था जिसमें हम लंबे समय से ईश्वर कृपा का लाभ अर्जित कर रहे हैं उसे और अधिक सुंदर बनाने में किया हुआ हमारा दान, सहयोग हमारे आत्मबल को बढ़ाता है और हम सन्तुष्टि प्राप्त कर के जीवन में सुखद अनुभव करते हैं।

भारतवर्ष की पुण्यभूमि से दूर रह कर भी हमारे समक्ष धर्म के निमित्त दान करने का ये दुर्लभ सुअवसर प्रकट हुआ है। इसमें अधिक से अधिक दान दे कर परम् पुण्यलाभ करें।





Total Project Cost

\$1.5 Million

1 *Face lift
of the temple*

2 *Inside face lift and
interior decoration*

3 *New lights*

4 *Elevator*

5 *New Coat and
Shoe Room*

6 *New
Washrooms*

7 *New
Electrical
Room*

8 *New
Dining Hall*



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