

**Prasanthi Council**  
*of the*  
***Sri Sathya Sai International Organization***

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**FROM:** William Harvey, Leonardo Gutter, Marianne Mayer, and Kalyan Ray.

**TO:** Prof. S. Giri, Mr. V. Srinivasan, and Mr. R.J. Ratnakar

Our beloved Swami has just left his mortal coil and devotees all over the world are grieving this irreparable loss. In the midst of anxiety and uncertainty, devotees everywhere are looking up to the leaders of the Sai Organization for love and solace and for direction to take Bhagavan's Mission forward in unity.

Dr. Goldstein has just informed us that he has been asked to step down from the Chairmanship of the Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation (SSSWF), but to remain on as chairman of the Prasanthi Council. Dr. Goldstein is actively considering the option of resigning from the Chairmanship of the Prasanthi Council and leaving the leadership of the International Sai Organizations, as he feels that he will not be able to provide effective leadership because of the current overlapping and intertwined mandates of SSSWF and Prasanthi Council.

We, the undersigned members of the Prasanthi Council wish to express our utmost anxiety at this most unexpected turn of events at this critical time in the history of Sri Sathya Sai Organizations.

Bhagavan personally appointed Dr. Goldstein as the Chairman of Prasanthi Council, when it was formed as the apex body of the International Sai Organizations in 2003. In 2006 Swami named Dr. Goldstein to be Chairman of the Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation to handle financial and legal matters pertaining to the International Sathya Sai Organization.

In March 2011, soon before He decided to leave His physical form, Bhagavan personally approved and blessed all proposals presented by Dr. Goldstein to Him concerning the functioning of the Organization. The implementation of those proposals has just begun.

The Sri Sathya Sai World Youth Conference held during Guru Poornima this year has created tremendous motivation and expectations among the Sai Youth

leaders from every part of the world who felt greatly inspired by the Conference. With great vigor, they are now developing Action Plans for their respective countries as a follow-up to the Conference.

Above all other considerations, if, so soon after our most beloved Swami's departure, the International Sri Sathya Sai Organizations and devotees all over the world are now deprived of the leadership of Dr. Goldstein at this critical juncture, it could well create a disastrous ripple effect.

Hence, more than ever, we must show Unity and Harmony, and that things will continue to function smoothly, just as they did when Swami was physically present.

Dr. Goldstein has served unflinchingly and most faithfully Bhagavan for the past thirty years and has led the international Sai Organization with great distinction, steering it most deftly through some of the most difficult times. Apart from Sri Indulal Shah, he is possibly the only International Sai Leader that every devotee and office bearer in every part of the world knows, respects and defers to, when it comes to taking difficult decisions.

It is with great humility and after most solemn consideration that we four members of the Prasanthi Council submit to you revered members of the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, our grave concerns. We respectfully seek your most considerate and urgent intervention which alone can save the International Sai Organizations from an uncertain future.

With sincere and heartfelt prayers to our beloved Swami for guiding us through these difficult times, we thank you for your attention and consideration.

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P.S.

*Prof. Giri please pass this on to Mr. R.J. Ratnakar, as we are not sure of his email address.*