



Sri Sathya Sai Global Council

Zone 1: USA, Canada, West Indies

CONCERNS ADDRESSED



Independence:

- Concern:
 - Centers will lose their independence and changes will be forced upon them or that they will be isolated without resources and support
- Experience in reality:
 - Discussion and interaction with SSSGC centers clearly have shown that the guiding principle of “by Source, not Force” is being implemented. Centers have been encouraged to continue normal operations, supported for new initiatives, and have greatly benefited from the Unity of the SSSGC by greater collaboration of countries within our zone and access to speakers and resources from both within and outside of our Zone.

Children’s Education:

- Concern:
 - The SSSGC will not have a children's program or that the program will be headed from individuals in India with no understanding of Western culture, or that access to relevant material such as a curriculum and training manual will not be available as they have been copyrighted by individuals and organizations who have not aligned with Prasanthi Nilayam
- Experience in reality:
 - The Sri Sathya Sai Educare - Blossoming the Divinity Within has been a resounding success. Parent training, program orientation, teacher training, online classes are successfully being implemented and headed from within our Zone. Resources and support and guidance has been and continues to come from many senior devotees as well as from various countries from around the world, including the Indian organization and Prasanthi Nilayam.

Cultural:

- Concern:
 - The SSSGC will ignore local cultural norms and religions and become an Indian and Hindu only organization.
- Experience in reality:
 - Staying true to Swami's teachings of Unity in Diversity and the common human values that lie at the core of each culture and religion has been clearly demonstrated in every wing of the SSSGC, from devotional programs, service activities and educational activities. All are welcome and people of many races, religions, cultures, and political backgrounds belong to the SSSGC.

Viability:

- Concern:
 - The SSSGC will soon dissolve, or that it will be absorbed by other organizations.
- Experience in reality:
 - The inauguration and announcement of the SSSGC in front of Swami's Mahasamadhi in Prasanthi Nilayam is the Divine Sankalpa (resolve) of Bhagawan and will not fail.
 - Over the past 6 months, the love, sacrifice, and dedication, along with the numbers in membership has been growing steadily.