

2018 Events and Dates. Please mark your calendar!

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Dear Samiti Sisters and Well wishers,

We are aligned as a group of women committed to the teachings of the Holy Mother, Sri Sarada Devi, and to Swami Vivekananda's message for the West.



Visit our website: www.maasamiti.org for video talks by Revered Pravrajika Vivekaprana and Pravrajika Divyanandapranaji of the Sri Sarada Math as well as informative articles and links. **Mark your calendar for the following opportunities to participate in 2018:**

Samiti Satsang (contemplation, bhajans, and community dinner) are held on three Fridays from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. (**January 5th, March 2nd, and September 7th, 2018**) in the home of our Samiti Shrine.

Sister Nivedita Study Circles are held on Saturdays from 1:45 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Vedanta Society of Sacramento Assembly Room. Samiti members and friends including men are welcome to participate. (**January 6th, February 3rd; March 3rd; May 5th; June 2nd; July 7th; September 8th; October 6th; and December 1st, 2018**). We are grateful to Pravrajika Vivekaprana Mataji, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Pangot, for her willingness to respond to questions raised during discussions.

Samvit: Knowledge that Leads to Enlightenment, a publication of the Sri Sarada Math, is distributed to all Samiti members as well as others throughout America in March and September.

“Meditations on the Upanishads: Antaryoga Retreat” with Pravrajika Dayapranaji of the Vedanta Society Convent of Southern California, will be held at the Mercy Center, Auburn from **Friday morning, April 20th through Monday lunch, April 23.**

Annual Samiti Summer Gathering at the Olema Women’s Retreat House is scheduled from **Wednesday, August 1st through Sunday, August 5th.** Pravrajikas of the Vedanta Society of Northern California offer sessions for our spiritual benefit.

Parliament of the World’s Religions, Toronto, from **Thursday, November 1st through Wednesday, November 7th, 2018.** The compelling theme is “The Promise of Inclusion, the Power of Love: Pursuing Global Understanding, Reconciliation, and Change”.

SEVA: Samiti Service Projects include participation in Sri Sarada Mahila Samiti administration including the Board of Directors and offering financial support of the twenty needy and deserving girls in Northern India.

Please donate to this worthwhile project initiated by our Samiti in 2004. A recent United Nations Report notes that, “The future of 10 year old girls will shape our collective futures.” Former First Lady Michelle Obama writes, “The barriers to girls’ education {are} also about attitudes and beliefs- the belief that girls simply aren’t worthy of an education; that women should have no role outside the home; that their bodies aren’t their own, their minds don’t really matter, and their voices simply shouldn’t be heard.”

Join us in 2018 for a vital and inspiring new year. May it be spiritually beneficial for each one of us. Feel free to contact us by email or telephone to discuss how you might choose to participate more fully.

With all good wishes for the coming year and gratitude for our work together,

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