

LIFE MEMBER TRUSTEE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



Arul Vignesh, Arasan

I have been a devotee at the Sri Venkateswara Temple, since 2000 and volunteered from 2015 in Planning, Building and Supporting all aspects of the temple and served as IT Vice-chair since 2016.

Contributions: Develop/Implement 5-year IT roadmap; Buildout of campus fiber network, datacenter, Auditorium, Vidyalaya; Implement cloud-based POS for main-office, cafeteria, giftshop; Setup Office 365, Sharepoint with free Microsoft Grants(1000 users); Responsible for overall IT Security (Network+Data), Backup; Campus Wi-Fi for volunteers, devotees, hall rental; IT Support for Trustees, committees, special projects; Reducing costs using Cloud VoIP/PBX; Azure Cloud Tenant for applications; Buildout of Cultural Center, Vidyalaya IT Network; Pandemic: Live Streaming, touchless temperature check.

My goals are to preserve the principles of worship, culture of Hindu traditions; Manage IT technology solutions for committees, projects; encourage youth participation to empower the next leaders; develop, vet and introduce policies to ensure the temple legacy.



Sudhakar Bandari, Ph.D.

I am blessed to serve our Temple (HTCS) as a volunteer since 1996. Since then, I volunteered for all major religious events and special occasions along with my wife Renuka Kalvala. Currently I am a Trustee and Joint Secretary (HTCS Board). As a Joint-secretary I conducted monthly board of trustees' meetings in a systematic manner in absence of Secretary. I served as a Chairperson for the Volunteers Committee for 8 years, ensured that all areas of organization have enough volunteers and successfully met the requirement. Developed communication channel perfectly between volunteers and all other committees/ and worked closely with all the committee chairs to meet their requirements.

The trustee position gives me the opportunity to take on more responsibilities and I plan to develop the team by involving the next generation. I am committed to maintain the devotee trust and expectations they have with the temple. I will continue to meet the interest of the devotees and to make our temple a true spiritual and cultural heritage for entire Hindu community. With all my credentials I request all the members to re-elect me to serve as a Trustee.



Venkat R. Golthi

I am grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to serve the Temple in many ways for countless years including 4 years as the Treasurer. Thankful for the courage and strength He gave me to always put Temple first. As the Treasurer, in addition to managing the operations; I executed many initiatives for improving/modernizing the processes/tools and establishing

missing processes related to Accounting/Financial operations/controls, High Value Inventory management, Insurance, HR Management, Immigration, Front desk operations, Major Donations Attribution program etc.

Temple is a public institution supported by public funds. I believe timing is ripe for strategic ground work for stronger future. Among other things, if elected I will work towards improving Priest welfare and implement Conflict of Interests avoidance policies. Priests are heart of the Temple and they deserve more. Absence of robust Conflict of Interest refrainment practices is a serious threat to Temple; proactive measures are overdue.

Thank you.

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Laxmi Karri

My name is Lakshmi Karri. I would like to submit my nomination for the HTCS Board Member. My family and I have been volunteering at the temple since 2015. In addition to volunteering, I am currently serving as the temple food committee vice-chair and am also responsible for the temple catering orders. My family enjoys volunteering and we love giving back to the community. Every year my family volunteers over 1000 hours at the temple, and we also did not stop volunteering during the COVID pandemic.

If elected, my goals are to have transparency in the temple operations and ensure devotee satisfaction. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting & Commerce, and a Diploma in Computer Applications. I work as the Software Systems Integration Lead at Boeing Intelligence & Analytics. Prior to Boeing, I worked as an accountant and expense management auditor at Weichert Mobility Solutions. I am passionate about helping others. My hands-on experience in operations and accounting will be a perfect complement to this role.



Srinivasa Kommineni

I am an Ex Indian Air force officer and an information technology engineer by profession. My philanthropical passion not only focuses on giving back to society but also on nurturing next generation by the way of providing a platform to learn and be creative. I have been associated with Bridgewater temple for about two decades plus and have a life membership status. As a family we participated and continue to participate in Education committee in many possible ways and highlighted some below: a) Started as a parent volunteer when my daughter was a student; b) An active participant in the operation of Education committee serving in the capacity of Vice Chair for the past 4 years; c) Working on the infrastructure and security related aspects of Bharti Vidyalaya; d) Directed Summer Camp ; e) Designed workshops on educational tracks, career opportunities and scholarship programs; f) Set up an endowment fund to be awarded to high school seniors who were persistent and demonstrated commitment in enhancing educational opportunities for the youth. If I am elected, I will be honored and will provide quality educational service and will be versatile in other areas of activities with diligently serving the patrons of the temple on religious and cultural activities.
