Zone 6 SSIO Advisory

Sai Ram, dear Zone 6 Pre-World Conference participant, we are forwarding the communication just sent to NCPs, informing of the changes made because of Covid-19 (a.k.a. Coronavirus) spreading, specifically in Northern Italy. Lovingly in Sai,

Zone 6 Team



"Unity is Divinity; Purity is Enlightenment"

"Trust My wisdom. Love My uncertainty. It is My intent and will."

- Sathya Sai Baba (Sathya Sai Speaks: Vol. 30, Chap. 31)

Dearest all,

A heartfelt Om Sai Ram and loving greetings to each one of you. We hope you are all well. This communication contains an important update on our upcoming Zone 6 Pre-World Conference and Pre-World YAs Festival.

As you all are surely aware of, at present, there is an increasing global concern about the spreading of the Coronavirus. First and most importantly, it is good to remember Swami's guidance to remain calm in all situations. Additionally, and as advised as well by our dearest Sathya Sai in one of the ten Guiding Principles: "Observe your country's laws and be exemplary citizens". In this sense, the experts of our national and local medical authorities have recommended and asked all their citizens to avoid travelling, and more specifically to those areas of the world where the number of people affected by the virus is relatively high, which includes Milan. Furthermore, people affected by the virus is

relatively high, which includes Milan. Furthermore, flights to and from Milan have already started being cancelled in some European countries as well as around the globe.

It is due to these reasons that <u>the SSIO in Zone 6 has decided to suspend our 'inperson' Pre-WC and Pre-World YAs Festival to be held in Mother Sai, Milan from the 24th-26th April 2020.</u> We will however have a 'virtual' Pre-WC during these days, using the Zoom platform. (Further details have to be defined by the Zonal Board and will be shared with all shortly).

We are sorry for the inconveniences this may cause for those members who have already bought their tickets (hopefully, they can be refunded; this communication will also be sent directly to each participant that has registered through the online link); however, we are sure you lovingly understand this decision as well, which is also supported and advised by Dr. Narendranath Reddy, SSIO Chairman. Therefore, please inform all your members of this important change accordingly so that no one else buys their tickets to Milan.

Taking into consideration another important recommendation Swami has given to us as one of the nine points in the Code of Conduct "Daily Meditation & Prayer", our beloved Baba says: "The power of prayer is incalculable. Everyone should pray everyday for the welfare and happiness of all. This is true spirituality (20-03-1996)." He has also encouraged us all to recite the Gayathri: "Repeat the Gayathri Mantra, it is a universal prayer. First the Divine is praised, then it is meditated upon in reverence and lastly, an appeal is made to the Divine to dispel the darkness of ignorance and to awaken and strengthen the intellect. The Gayathri Mantra purifies the mind and confers devotion, detachment and wisdom (10-02-2000)."

Therefore, <u>let us take this opportunity to intensify and strengthen our spiritual practice</u> and chant the Gayathri to experience greater PURITY of mind. To do this in unison and the spirit of togetherness, <u>we propose to chant this powerful prayer anytime between</u> 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. C.E.T. and between 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. C.E.T. with the aim of experiencing greater UNITY among us all while we pray for the welfare and happiness of all!

We will keep you posted on further updates on our 'virtual' Pre-WC programme, so let's stay tuned, enthusiastic and inspired! As always, we are happy to assist you in any way we can.

With Love,

Zone 6 Team