

VEDANTA NEWSLETTER

The Quarterly Newsletter of
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God is one. Different sages call Him by different names – Rig Veda

Membership in the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of BC

Membership of the Society runs on a calendar year basis. Members, please renew your membership in time. The Annual Membership fee for a couple is \$60.00, and for a single person \$40. The fee for Life Membership is \$500.00 for a couple, and \$300.00 for a single person. Please contact our Treasurer Mrs. Purabi Das at (604) 942-9377 or during the Society's functions.

Sunday Service

The Society holds a Sunday Service on the first Sunday of every month at the Vivekananda House. One of the Swamis from the Vedanta Society of Western Washington in Seattle would arrive for the day and conduct the Service at 11:00 am. The program consists of arati, singing of devotional songs, and a talk by the Swami on a title of his choice. A potluck lunch would follow. Please phone (604) 228-9987 OR (604) 942-9377 first to confirm.

Meditation Meetings

The members of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society meet for Meditation and Scripture reading at the Vivekananda House on the second Saturday of every month at 3:00 p.m. Please phone (604) 942-9377 first to confirm.

Monthly Ramnam

Monthly Ramnam sessions are held by the Society at the Vivekananda House at 5:00 pm on the last Sunday every month. There will be arati and singing of devotional songs on Lord Rama and other Divine incarnations. Please phone (604) 228-9987 first to confirm.

Book Sale

Audiotapes and CDs of lectures by Swamis, tapes of bhajans and other devotional music are also available. For all your needs on books about Vedanta and other spiritual subjects, please contact our secretary, Mrs. Radha Chaklader. Phone: (604) 228-9987. All the popular titles are available. Any book that is not in stock will be made available at short notice.

"Live for an ideal, and that one ideal alone. Let it be so great, so strong, that there may be nothing else left in the mind; no place for anything else, no time for anything else."

— Swami Vivekananda (1863 — 1902)

Coming Events

Dear members, friends and devotees,

In response to the repeated requests from the management of Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia, Vancouver, the Board of Trustees of Ramakrishna Math in its meeting held on 26th of March 2019 decided to affiliate our Society with Ramakrishna Math, Belur. In the same meeting the trustees also appointed Swami Vimohananda (Shridhar Maharaj) minister-in-charge of the Vedanta Society.

Swami Vimohananda is in the process of getting his Immigration procedure completed, and if everything goes well (which we expect it will) we should have him here in Vancouver by August.

Before Swami Vimohananda arrives, we devotees all have to get together and have meetings and make sure he is settled well and help him to set up the daily routines and running of our society. There will be a lot of cleaning, clearing up the bookshelves and updating the Society's relevant documents and getting rid of the irrelevant old ones that are not of any use any more. All these will need quite a lot of time to get things ready. Accordingly we have decided there will not be any visit from Swamis Atmajayananda and Brahmamatmananda from Seattle in the months of July, August and September.

Annual Retreat

The VVSBC Annual Retreat in Loon Lake Lodge Retreat Centre, 14500 Silver Valley Road, Maple Ridge, BC, V4R 2R3 will take place as scheduled. The dates will be Monday, August 5 to Friday, August 9, 2019.

Swami Sarvapriyanandaji, from the The Vedanta Society of New York (34 West 71st Street, New York, NY 10023-4201) will be the Guest Swami conducting the retreat. The title of Swamiji's discourse will be "**Aparoksanubhuti**".

Warm Regards,

Dr. Kidoor Bhat, President, VVSBC