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## Vision

Enshrine the globally applicable, multi-dimensional, multi-facted value system of "Dharma" as a critically important paradigm for sustainability, harmonious living and all round well-being of the planet.

## Recent Key Initiatives:

1. Swami Vivekananda Visiting Faculty in Hindu Studies at USC.
2. Dharma Civilization Foundation Endowed Chair in Hindu Studies at USC.
3. Swami Vivekananda Fellowship in Dharma Studies at UCI.
4. DCF has established the Center for Dharma Studies at Claremont Lincoln University.

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## DCF Receives Divine Blessings from AMMA

The DCF Board of Trustees met AMMACHI (Mata Amritanandamayi) on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2013, along with representatives of USC & CLU. AMMA conferred her divine blessings by embracing them, as a process of purification and inner healing. She was engaged in a conversation with them for 30 minutes wherein she warmly welcomed the proposal for hosting the **International Academic Retreat**, towards the end of December 2013, either at the Coimbatore campus or at the Amritapuri campus.



H.H. AMMACHI (Mata Amritanandamayi) with DCF representatives

The representatives of both the universities also had a separate meeting with the international coordinator of Amrita University, Dr Maneesha when they discussed about their respective institutions and exchanged ideas on areas of mutual interest and the possibility of developing MOUs for exchange programs of students & faculty. Dr. Maneesha also mentioned that AMMA has blessed DCF on their yeoman efforts for revitalization of Dharma through their initiatives and she welcomed the proposal for creation of an Endowed Chair in her name at one of these universities.

The DCF Board of Trustees also met **Sri Sri Ravishankar**, both, in LA and in Bangalore, receiving his endorsement of the DCF academic efforts. Similarly Dr. Shinde also had a fruitful conversation with **Pandit Rajmani Tigunait**, President of the Himalayan Institute (originally founded by Swami Rama), for his blessings for the DCF initiatives.

### MOU signed between DCF and Sanatan Dharma Foundation (SDF)

An MOU was signed between DCF & **Sanatan Dharma Foundation (SDF)**, Dallas TX, to summarize the mutual agreement between the two foundations for collaborating on specific initiatives designed to promote a systematic study of Hindu Dharma in mainstream academic environments, funding the position of an interim Dean

at CLU for \$ 100,000 and raising funds for a *three million dollar endowed chair* in the name of *Swami Dayanand Saraswati*, at a reputed American University.

The SDF will be hosting 2 major fund raising and public awareness events on July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2013, in Dallas.

### DCF supports International Congress of Vedanta.

The **20th International Congress of Vedanta** is being organized from July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup> at the University of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, by Prof. Bal Ram Singh, for which DCF supported the Center for Indic Studies.

**Earlier**, DCF co-sponsored the Vedanta conference at LMU on June 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> 2013, organized by philanthropist Shri Navin Doshi & Prof. Chris Chapple.

दरिद्र्यनाशनं दानं शीलं दुर्गतनाशनम् |

अज्ञाननाशिनी प्रज्ञा भावना भयनाशिनी || -Chankya Neeti

daaridryanaashanam daanam sheelam durgatinaashanam | agnyayanaashini pragnyaa bhaavanaa bhayanaashini ||

**Meaning:** Giving quells poverty, integrity dispels bad times, awareness dismisses ignorance, contemplation dissipates fear.

"Religion as a science, as a study, is the greatest and healthiest exercise that the human mind can have. "

- Swami Vivekananda