

Talking Points (Q&A)

What is the purpose of the Pledge Campaign?

- To access and determine the financial support of the local Hindu community to sustain the temple operational expenses over the next 5 years.
- To show the mortgage bank our community support for the temple through pledges.
- Pledges will help to determine the size of the temple based on affordability.

What is the Status of Temple Construction?

- The temple acquired 2.75 acres land for \$300,000 located on Ireland Grove and Tullamore in Bloomington.
- Temple layout has been developed with the input from a temple Vastu consultant from India.
- Temple layout consists of 4 main components: Sanctum with Deities, Prayer hall with a stage, 4 class rooms (includes a library), and a commercial quality Kitchen.
- Construction committee and several subject matter experts are working diligently to have the temple ground breaking in the **spring of 2012**.

What is the projected cost of this temple?

- Based on 10,000 sqft building, preliminary estimation is between \$1.2M – 1.5M.
- Construction committee is working with the architect to get the better estimation.

What Deities would this temple have?

- Similar to other temples in USA, HTBN will have most of the popular Deities to accommodate the needs of the local Hindu community based on the Sanctum area and space limitations.
- **Most likely list of deities:**

Ram Parivar (Rama, Lakshman, Seeta, Hanuman)
Hanuman (separate)
Radha Krishna
Sri Lakshmi
Shiva Parvathi with Lingam
Ganesha
Venketashwara/Balaji, Sridevi, Bhudevi
Ambaji (Durga)
Gurus: Mahavir and Saibaba, depending on the community support through pledges

What is the requirement to be a trustee?

- Anyone who believes in HTBN mission and willing to support HTBN mission/objectives.
- Trusteeship requirement also includes \$15000 donation payable in lump sum or over 3 years.
- If you are interested contact any one of the executive committee member.

What are the ways to donate?

- **Brick by Brick:** Sponsor a brick for \$1001 (Payable in lump sum or \$100/month). Devotee will have an opportunity to sign the names of their family on a decorative cloth with bricks drawn on it. This decorative cloth will be on display at temple premises.
- **Divine Stones:** HTBN invites devotees to sponsor a divine stone with one of the 1008 names of Lord Vishnu or any God's name. These Divine stones will be used as part of temple foundation (people will not be walking on these Stones). Devotees can sponsor a stone for \$101. Suggestion of this divine stones came from Lemont Temple's Priest.
- **On-line Donation:** We have secured website and accept credit cards. Web site address - www.htbn.org
- **By Check:** Mail check to HTBN address: P. O. Box 5546 Bloomington, IL 61702-5546



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