

RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE GENERAL BODY MEETING ON JULY 27, 1975.

Having reaffirmed-

that the Hindu faith is essentially universal, catholic, permissive and non-dogmatic in its ways of worship;
and that the Hindu Temple of Pittsburgh is and shall remain non-sectarian and broad based, so as to meet the religious, spiritual, cultural, humanitarian, educational and social needs of all its members;

It is hereby resolved

1. That the New Temple which when built shall not in any way violate the aforesaid affirmations;

2. That in the recognition of the efforts and to respect the feelings of the Indian community, the architecture of the new temple may remain as per the original plans and the idols of Lord Venkateswara, Lakshmi, and Devi will be placed in the center. But the idols of other main Hindu deities like Sita-Ram, Radha-Krishna, Shiva, Ganesh, Durg, Kall, Mahavirswamy and Guru Granth Sahib shall also be placed under the same roof at properly chosen and dignified locations;

3. It is further resolved that the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and general body of the temple shall devise mechanisms and processes by which any further deities may be added if and as the need arises;

4. It is also resolved that the new temple shall be open for personal and group worships for all its members, and all and every religious ceremonies and festivals as per the religious and spiritual needs of the members shall be permitted therein. These also include marriage ceremonies, Havan etc.

It is felt that some persons may have contributed towards the building of the new temple under the impression that this will be exclusively Lord Venkateswara Temple. If such persons feel that the concepts of the new temple as stated herein are unacceptable to them for their own reasons, the amount of their contributions towards the building of the new temple will be duly refunded if so desired.

This resolution explicitly directs the officers of the temple to abstain from any and all such commitments and acts of commission which are contradictory to the words and the intent of this resolution. If any such commitments have been made or any such acts have been accomplished which stand contradictory to the words and intent of this resolution, all such acts and commitments are hereby voided and cancelled.