

Jain Society of Greater Detroit, Inc.



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MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Since 1975, the Jain Society of Greater Detroit has been a thriving spiritual and cultural center, supporting the Jain community in Detroit and nearby areas. Established by dedicated members from Michigan and Canada, the society has grown to support over 600 families across multiple counties. Society formalized its Articles of Organization in 1981.

Mission and Vision

Our mission is to share the timeless teachings of Jainism, fostering both spiritual and educational growth and championing charitable initiatives. We aim to make Jain wisdom accessible to individuals from all backgrounds, promoting inner peace and encouraging positive societal contributions. Through Jain scriptures, spiritual practices, and community service, we envision a world of harmony where individuals live with awareness, joy, and compassion.

Guiding Principles

The Jain Society of Greater Detroit is founded on Jainism's core values:

Ahimsā (Non-violence): Commitment to compassion and kindness in thought, word, and action

Satya (Truth): Dedication to honesty and integrity

Asteya (Non-stealing): Respect for others' rights and a commitment to fairness

Anekantvad (Tolerance of differing viewpoints): Openness to and respect for diverse perspectives

Aparigraha (Non-possessiveness): Embracing simplicity, contentment, and reducing attachment.

These values shape our way of life, promoting a predominantly lacto-vegetarian lifestyle as a testament to non-violence and mindful living.

Objectives

The objectives of the Jain Society include:

- Strengthening Jain Associations: Supporting and fostering Jain associations in Detroit and surrounding areas
- Promoting Religious and Educational Initiatives: Offering resources and activities to deepen understanding of Jain philosophy
- Charitable Endeavors: Supporting community service and humanitarian efforts in North America, India, and globally
- Advocating Non-violence and Vegetarianism: Encouraging compassionate lifestyle choices
- Cultural and Academic Exchange: Fostering unity and learning within the Jain community and beyond.

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Navkar Mantra

At the heart of our spiritual practice is the Navkar Mantra, a sacred chant that honors purity and enlightenment:

Namo Arihantanam – I bow down to Arihanta, the enlightened beings

Namo Siddhanam – I bow down to Siddha, the liberated souls

Namo Ayariyanam – I bow down to Acharya, the teachers

Namo Uvajjhayanam – I bow down to Upadhyaya, the spiritual guides

Namo Loe Savva-sahunam – I bow down to Sadhu and Sadhvi, the monks and nuns

Eso Panch Namokaro – These five bowings down

Savva-pavappanasano – Eradicate all sins

Manglananch Savvesim – Amongst all that is auspicious

Padhamam Havei Mangalam – This Navkar Mantra is the foremost

This mantra embodies deep respect for those who have attained spiritual purity and is believed to purify one's actions, representing all that is auspicious in Jainism.

For further information, please visit www.jsgd.org or contact us at (248) 851-5246. Together, let us continue to grow in peace, harmony, and the pursuit of spiritual enlightenment.