



The World Zoroastrian Organisation



THE WORLD ZOROASTRIAN ORGANISATION
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Annual Report
&
Financial Accounts

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Members, Donors and Supporters of WZO,

I am humbled that you have elected me to be the Chair of WZO at the 2021 AGM for which I thank you. I also want to thank the entire Board of Directors of WZO who have dedicated their time to its benefit and made my job that much easier.

2021 has been a difficult year due to Covid-19 and like other charities, WZO has been adversely affected. With no events taking place except for a lecture in November, income from donations was approximately £100,000 lower and the cost of maintaining our lovely centre continued to be high and increase.

In spite of this, WZO is pleased to say that it increased its charitable donations to those in need, when compared to the previous year. For it is in difficult times, when the demand from charities is higher. Staying within the Covid rules and regulations, WZO continued to provide its Mobed services to the community at large through Fali Madon, the resident priest. Where possible, WZO worked with the local community, particularly in the local inter-faith activities, and we are honoured that Fali has been invited to join the Executive committee of the Hounslow Friends of Faith. The lecture in November last year was the first in a series of lectures and cultural events which have continued through this year.

WZO took the opportunity during the lull in activities, to look at its future. It became apparent early in the year that there was work to be done on the centre which were essential to its maintenance. Working with appropriate consultants, and keeping to the idiom of 'Best Value for Money', It embarked on the project which was completed early this year. Those of you who have visited the centre this year, would have seen the benefits of this work. There is further work to be done and this will be phased in, as necessary. WZO also looked at its mode of operation to become more efficient. Like other organisations, it was forced to work remotely and holding its governance meetings through zoom. It became apparent that the best way to achieve efficiency and be accountable was to work through sub-committees. A number of these sub-committees were formed with its Chair reporting to the main Board.

With the reduction in income and increase in its expenses, WZO's bank balances were substantially lower at the end of 2021 than at the start of the year. Together, we must reverse this trend, so may I please request you to donate generously to its funds, support its activities and consider leaving a lasting legacy to WZO in your will.

Let me end my message by assuring you that in spite of its lower bank balance, WZO is financially secure and with your help will continue to support the community well into the foreseeable future. I personally thank each one of you for your confidence in me and the support you have given to WZO. Long may this continue.

Yours humbly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rumi Sethna', written over a horizontal line.

**Mr Rumi Sethna,
Chair, WZO.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



First and foremost, I am truly grateful to all the committee members as well as our Chair Mr Rumi Sethna and all the other world representatives who have so well contributed to our vision, our mission, our status and our knowledge of the World Zoroastrian Organization.

Being focused and dedicated as we are in our attempts to help and assist the needy in all sorts of different fields.

We are blessed that the WZO reaches out to all our community members worldwide that include our youth. We value our youth and their contributions to our work as well as their shared knowledge to benefit others.

We need to move from an individualistic culture to a collective culture where we care for one another and learn from each other.

I am also very grateful and thank the entire committee for their steadfast contribution and commitment into overseeing successful charity work which is recognised world over.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Zenobia Nadirshaw'.

Prof Zenobia Nadirshaw MBE

President, WZO.

Notice of WZO's AGM on 2 October 2022

AGM NOTICE

10th September 2022

NOTICE is hereby given that an **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of **The World Zoroastrian Organisation Limited** will be held on Sunday 2nd October 2022 at **World Zoroastrian House via Zoom at 4:00 pm BST precisely**, to transact the following business.

1. To receive and adopt the Committee's report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.
2. To elect members of the Managing Committee in place of the following, who retire in accordance and (3) of the Articles of Association, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

UK Committee Members

Mrs Armaity Engineer
Ervad Jimmy Madon
Prof. Zenobia Nadirshaw

Overseas Committee Members

Mr Russi M. Ghadiali (Singapore)
Mr. Darius Mistry (New Zealand)
Mr. Kayomarsh Mehta (USA)
Dr Parmis Khatibi (USA)
Mr Fariborz Rahnamoon

Pia Sutaria was co-opted to the WZO committee on 17th April 2022 and is now standing for election to join the WZO committee.

The following Life members have been nominated to join the WZO committee:

Mrs Zerbano Gifford	Proposer – Rumi Sethna; Secunder – Shahin Bekhradnia
Ms Freny Pavri	Proposer – Darayus Motivala; Secunder – Rustam Dubash

If you wish to nominate some other members of the Organisation for the Managing Committee, please send in your nomination, together with the written consent of your nominee, to reach the Honorary Secretary not later than 72 hours before the time arranged for the meeting. Nominations received thereafter will not be accepted.

3. To elect the Chairman from amongst the members of the Committee for the year 2022/2023.
4. To re-appoint the Honorary Auditors, Nash Harvey LLP, for the year 2022/2023.
5. To transact the other usual business of an Annual General Meeting.

If you informed us previously that you would like a printed copy in Abbreviated or Full format then they either enclosed with this Notice or will be posted to you separately. If you have not

previously requested a hard copy or you are receiving this Notice by email then please download it from WZO's website at www.w-z-o.org/agm.

According to the Constitution, non-members may not be admitted to the meeting; however, interested Zoroastrians will be welcome but not entitled to vote.

A personalised proxy form is enclosed for your use which should arrive at WZO's headquarters not later than 72 hours before the time arranged for the meeting. Proxy forms are only required if you are not attending the AGM in person or via Zoom.

The AGM will be held in person and on ZOOM.

Kindly confirm us if you would like to attend the AGM in person or via Zoom by emailing at agmproxy@wzo.org . Prior registration is a must.

The Zoom login details are as below:

Topic: WZO Annual General Meeting

Time: Oct 2, 2022 04:00 PM London

(India IST 8.30pm, Pakistan PKT 09.00 pm, USA EST 11am, USA PST 8 am)

To join Zoom Meeting, please click the link below

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Meeting ID: 816 9036 3064

Passcode: wzo-agm-22

Thank you and with kind regards

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. Benafsha Engineer-Mulla
(Secretary)

Minutes of WZO's AGM on 26 September 2021

THE WORLD ZOROASTRIAN ORGANISATION LIMITED

Minutes of the 41st **Annual General Meeting** of the World Zoroastrian Organisation held on Sunday 26th September 2021, online via Zoom, commencing 4.00pm.

Present

Mr Rumi Sethna - Chairman
Mr Dinyar J Modi – Treasurer
Mrs Benafsha Engineer - Mulla – Secretary
Dr. Godafreed Irani - Grants Co-coordinator
Mrs Armaity Engineer – Social Secretary
Ms Tushna Ghadially
Mr Jimmy Madon
Prof. Zenobia Nadirshaw MBE
Mrs Manijeh Parki
Mrs Meher Amersey
Mr Kayomarsh Mehta
Mr Fariborz Rahnamoon
Mr Darayus Motivala
Ms Anahita Madon
Ervad Fali Madon
Mr Rustam Dubash
Ms Hilda Sethna
Ms Shahin Bekhradnia
Mr Kersi Shroff

In attendance 19 members of the Association.

The meeting commenced with a one-minute silence for our past Chairpersons.

The prayers were led by Ervad Fali Madon.

1 AGM Notice

The Hon. Secretary, Benafsha Engineer - Mulla, read out the notice convening the meeting.

2 Chairman's Report

WZO's Chairman, Mr Rumi Sethna, gave a report on the workings of WZO during 2021. A copy of his report is available on the WZO website, www.w-z-o.org.

3 Annual Report and Financial Statement

The Hon. Secretary, mentioned there were no questions or points raised on the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted as per the votes cast in the proxies.

4 Re-election of Committee Members

The Hon. Secretary read out the names of the members standing for re-election:-

UK Committee Members

	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Ms Manijeh Parki	Benafsha Engineer Mulla.	Dinyar Modi

Overseas Committee Members

<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Armaity Engineer	Prof Zenobia Nadirshaw

Meher Amersey
Homi Khusrokhan
Dadi Mistry
Ervad Jehan Bagli

All the UK and the Overseas International Committee Members standing for re-election were unanimously elected as per the votes casted in the proxies.

New members to the WZO Committee

Nominations for election to the WZO Committee were received from:

	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Mr Rumi Sethna	Dinyar Modi	Darayus Motivala
Mr Rustam Dubash	Rumi Sethna	Jimmy Madon
Ms Shirin Mehri	Tushna Ghadially	Leea Contractor
Mr Darayus Motivala	Jimmy Madon	Benafsha Engineer - Mulla
Ms Shahin Bekhradnia	Kersi Shroff.	Jimmy Madon

The New Committee members were unanimously elected as per the votes casted in the proxies.

5 Election of Chairman

Benafsha Engineer – Mulla, read out the list of nominations for the chairman.

The current Chairman, Rumi Sethna was the only nominee who indicated his agreement to stand for election. He was proposed by Dinyar Modi and seconded by Darayus Motivala. Rumi Sethna was unanimously elected Chairman for the year 2021 – 2022.

Benafsha Engineer – Mulla, read out the names of the new committee for the year 2021-22

1	Mr Rumi Sethna	British	14	Mr Darius S Mistry	New Zealander
2	Dastur Dr Kersey H. Antia	American	15	Mr Dadi Mistry	Indian
3	Mr Dinyar J Modi	British	16	Mr Homi R Khusrokhani	Indian
4	Mrs Armaity Engineer	British	17	Mrs Meher Amersey	Indian
5	Ms Benafsha Engineer	British	18	Mr Maneck Bhujwala	American
6	Mr Darayus Motivala	British	19	Dr Parmis Khatibi	American
7	Prof. Zenobia Nadirshaw (MBE)	British	20	Mr Kersi Shroff	American
8	Ms Tushna Ghadially	British	21	Mr Kayomarsh Mehta	American
9	Mr Rustam Dubash	British	22	Ervad Dr Jehan Bagli	Canadian
10	Ms Shirin Mehri	Pakistani	23	Mr Sam Vesuna	Canadian
11	Ervad Jimmy Madon	Indian	24	Mr. Fariborz Rahnamoon	Canadian
12	Mrs Manijeh Parki	British	25	Mr. Shahin Bekhradnia	British
13	Mr Russi M. Ghadiali	Singaporean			

6 Honorary Auditors

The Hon Secretary, Benafsha Engineer – Mulla, thanked the Auditors Nash Harvey LLP for their services to WZO. They were proposed for re-election as Auditors by Benafsha Engineer - Mulla and seconded by Prof. Zenobia Nadirshaw (M.B.E). They were unanimously re-elected as Auditors.

7 Any Other Business of AGM

The Hon Secretary requested members that if they had any points to raise relative to the AGM, they may kindly email the same to us at: contact@w-z-o.org There being no other business pertaining to the AGM, she declared the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all present.



Mrs Benafsha Engineer - Mulla
Jt. Hon Secretary

WZO's Events in the UK.

Majority of the face-to-face events were cancelled for 2021, due to the pandemic. During the pandemic, WZO continued to offer its priestly services to the community including attending funerals and performing death ceremonies on Zoom which brought closure to families in these difficult times for all. WZO is grateful to its resident priest, Ervad Fali Madon, for performing his priestly duties in spite of the difficult circumstances.

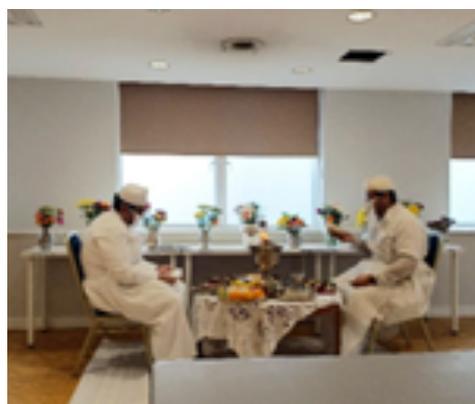
20th March 2021

Jamshedji Navroz Jashan - Ervad Fali Madon and Ervad Jimmy Madon performed a virtual Boi ceremony which was welcomed by the community members. The prayers concluded with a 'Humbundagi' with all the participants.



6th August - 16th August 2021

WZO did perform the Muktrad prayers for the community, albeit they were held virtually using Zoom and Facebook. Some people did attend in person though they were seated socially distanced. On 16th August, a Navroz Jashan and Boi service were performed by Ervad Fali Madon and Ervad Jimmy Madon.



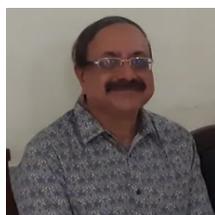
29 August 2021 – Farvardegan Prayers at Brookwood Cemetery. We remembered the Late Noshirwan Cowasjee, Late Shapur Captain (past Chairman) and Late Sammy Bhiwandiwalla (past Chair and President). Also remembered was the Late Jehangirji Moos (past President

and Trustee of the Zoroastrian Association of Europe) along with all the righteous departed souls of our near and dear ones. It was well attended by Zoroastrian and non-Zoroastrian from all over the United Kingdom and visitors to the UK from abroad.



6th November 2021 – Lecture Dr Ravi Kumar Khetrpal

WZO welcomed the community members back to the WZO centre after the pandemic by organising a talk by Dr Ravi Khetrpal on the Contribution of Zoroastrians to Humanity and the World, and the Forgotten Zoroastrian Heroes.



Dr Khetrpal, M.S., F.R.C.S. is an Orthopaedic surgeon working at the Lewisham Greenwich NHS Trust who qualified as a surgeon from the Royal college of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1995. He has family ties with Iran, having lived and worked there and is fluent in Farsi. He is the author of three volumes of the book "The Journey of Ahura Mazda's Children" which are available at the British, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin libraries. He also has an informative website <https://ahuramazda.co.uk>.

Dr Khetrpal says, "When I was in Iran, I developed friendship with many of the Mobeds, such as Mobed Firouzgary in Tehran and Mobed Lorian at Yazd. I realised that most of what is available in the guise of Persian history is actually fiction written by Greek authors such as Herodotus, who lived in the next century after Cyrus the great and by Arab authors such as Tabari.



Destruction, Ctesiphon's library, we lost a millennium of history,

Burning books hammam water heated, they fabricated our history.

The description of significant events such as the death of Cyrus the great at the hands of the Scythian Queen is completely incorrect.

History, a victor's lie, fiction to glorify, eulogize, massacres, ravages, wealth ill-gotten,

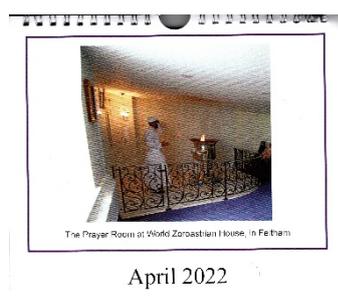
Attainments, accomplishments, gallantry of slain, vanquished, unmentioned, forgotten.

The Zoroastrians have made a tremendous impact and contribution to the world and humanity in the fields of human rights, women's rights, workmen's rights, art, music, architecture, water resource management, development of the first roads and the postal service. Even the festivals of Christmas, Thanksgiving and celebration of birthdays have their roots in ancient Iran.

In the second part of his talk, he introduced the audience to our ancient Zoroastrian heroes, who have not been accorded the honour and respect they merit. Just one example is Aryabarzan and his sister Youtab, whose story is uncannily similar to that of the famous Greek Leonidas but they are completely unknown.



18 November 2021 - Hounslow Friends of Faith (HFoF) event for the Interfaith Week



WZO was represented at the Interfaith Week event organised by the HFoF by Ervad Fali Madon (now a committee member of HFoF), his wife, Anahita, Darayus Motivala and his wife, Arnavaz. The event was used to launch the HFoF's 2022 Interfaith calendar, a



booklet on the various faiths and the Interfaith quilt woven by various members of HFoF. The Zoroastrian faith was featured on all three items. The article on Zoroastrianism was prepared by Shahin Bekhradnia for the booklet.

HFoF took this opportunity to honour Ajit Singh for his dedication and hard work to Interfaith activities in the local area. Ajit and his wife, Charanjit, are frequent visitors to WZO's cultural event and at the ZAPPG meetings. Ajit was presented with a special certificate by the Mayor of Hounslow, Councillor Bishnu Bahadur Gurung. Before presenting the certificate, the Mayor praised the local faith groups and gave a special mention to WZO and to Darayus Motivala for their involvement in the local community affairs. Darayus thanked the Mayor and the HFoF members for making WZO so welcome in the community in such a short space of time.



27th November 2021 - Commemorating the 30th Death Anniversary of Freddie Mercury



The World Zoroastrian Organisation in conjunction with Angela Parton, Chair of the Friends of Feltham Green, held a joint event to remember Freddie Mercury, the iconic lead singer of the Queen band. The event was held on 27 November 2021 at the World Zoroastrian House (WZH) which is at 1 Freddie Mercury Close in Feltham, Middlesex. The street was renamed in 2020 at the request of WZO to the London Borough of Hounslow.

The event was open to all and the attendees included Freddie's sister, Kashmiri Balsara, and other members of his family, The Worshipful, The Mayor of the London Borough of Hounslow, Councillor Bishnu Gurung, the immediate past Mayor, Councillor Tony Louki, the local MP, Seema Malhotra, local residents, fans of Freddie

Mercury and WZO members.

Guests were welcomed by Darayus Motivala, a long-serving committee member of WZO, who explained their connection with Freddie who was a Zoroastrian and lived in Feltham. Angela Parton is the driving force behind the Freddie Mercury Memorial and the Freddie Mercury Gardens at Feltham Green which is due to open next year. She explained her personal love for Freddie and his music and felt this anniversary should be remembered by an event in Feltham.





The guests were then invited to the Worship Room at WZH to witness a short Zoroastrian prayer which was dedicated to the souls of Freddie and his parents, Bomi and Jer. The prayers were performed by the resident Zoroastrian priest, Fali Madon and accompanied by his brother, Jimmy and their father, Khushroo. The three priests solemnly prayed and were witnessed by the congregation. Due to the numbers attending, WZO's conference room had a video link so

that all the attendees could participate in the service. After the prayers, Jimmy gave a brief introduction to the Zoroastrian religion and an explanation of the prayers recited. WZO's Religious Co-ordinator, Shahin Bekhradnia, gave a short explanation of the Zoroastrian concepts of 'after death'. She explained that death will occur to all living souls and should not be feared or treated as if it was something bad.

After the service, guests were invited to visit the Freddie Mercury Memorial which is a 5 minutes' walk from WZH. Several wreaths and bunches of flowers were laid at the memorial by a number of people including Kashmira, the Mayor and Angela. WZO choose not to lay a wreath but instead to make a donation to the Mercury Phoenix Trust (www.mercuryphoenixtrust.com), a charity set up in memory of Freddie Mercury. This donation was added to the collection made at the event and sent to the charity directly. Angela then went on to describe the plans for the Freddie Mercury Gardens, work on which is due to start in Spring of 2022.



After the event, the Mayor said he was pleased to have been invited and taken part in this memorial. Kashmira thanked the organisers for a fitting and solemn event. Angela felt that Freddie would have smiled at how he was remembered in Feltham. Darayus stated that WZO was very delighted with their connection with Freddie Mercury and would participate in future events in Feltham to remember this iconic singer.

Hamazor



WZO's prestigious publication, the Hamazor was not printed in 2021. WZO is pleased to inform you that Ms. Shirin Mehri, a WZO Committee member, has been appointed as the Guest Editor for the next issue of Hamazor, which will be printed and circulated in 2022.

All past Hamazors are available on our website at: <https://www.w-z-o.org/publications-archive/>.

Membership & Communication

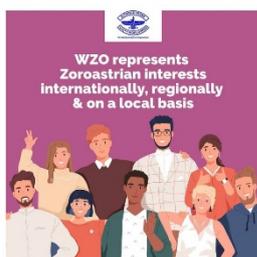
WZO's membership is open to all Zoroastrians, their spouses and their children. Non-Zoroastrians can become Friends of WZO. A Membership form can be downloaded from the website at <https://www.w-z-o.org/membership/> . Alternatively, you can request one by email to membership@w-z-o.org

WZO urges their Ordinary members to upgrade to **Life/Family membership** which decreases its administrative burden. Please do get in touch with the WZO representatives in USA, Canada, Pakistan, New Zealand and India if you do wish to upgrade your membership to Life. In the UK and other areas, please contact the Membership Secretary Mrs Anahita Madon at membership@w-z-o.org for all membership issues. Many members have responded positively to our requests for receiving mailers and Hamazor via email. Please consider whether you can reduce WZO's cost by agreeing to receive its Mailers and Hamazor by email.

Website and Social Media

WZO emails members who have subscribed to its newsletters. If you have not subscribed to it as yet, kindly do so by emailing them at membership@w-z-o.org and your email ID will be added to its emailing list for updates about upcoming WZO events and communications.

WZO events and communication are also updated on its website at <https://www.w-z-o.org> and also on their Facebook and Instagram pages (#world_zoroastrian_organisation) which provides information of all WZO events and news related to Zoroastrianism worldwide.



WZO urges its members to please share with them Community related and Interfaith news. If you have participated in a programme, they would be happy to share this with their members worldwide.

Helping the Organisation

WZO can only continue to do its work in the community if it is supported by its members and supporters. There are various ways you could help WZO serve the community.

1. WZO requests you and your family members to become its Life Members / Patrons (if you are not one already). Please do encourage your friends to also become members. WZO's membership is open to all Zoroastrians, their spouses and their children. Those people who are interested in Zoroastrianism and WZO but do not qualify for full membership can join as Friends of WZO.
2. Volunteering your time and knowledge for the successful running of WZO, the community centre and its amenities. You may well have skills and expertise in areas to supplement those of the committee members. WZO is particularly looking for Young Zoroastrians to help shape its future to meet the needs of the next generation.
3. Please consider WZO in your will for a lasting legacy.
4. Please consider donating to WZO's General Fund as it gives them the flexibility to use your donation to the most pressing expenditure they face. At the time of your donation, you can indicate how you would like your donation to be used and they will do our best to honour your wish. The Committee of WZO wants to thank many of their supporters who donate regularly to them through a Standing Order.
5. A community that looks after its priests who serve the flock with fairness and consideration should be supported by the laity. Please consider using the priestly services offered by WZO.
6. Donate whatever you can when you visit the Worship room to cover the cost of purchasing Sukhar and Kathi. Alternatively, please donate these items to WZO.

Security and maintenance of the community centre

While the World Zoroastrian House sits in a pleasant garden setting, there are many security and maintenance issues in a public area. Therefore, WZO needs to secure the grounds around the property with protective landscaping.

WZO needs your wholehearted support: attitudinal, physical and also your financial commitment to maintain these premises so WZO can continue the work of its various charitable activities. The World Zoroastrian House is a stepping stone to further increase their activities. Their charitable activities are posted on the website on a regular basis. Kindly donate generously through its website www.w-z-o.org/donate.

Supporting Zoroastrian Communities Worldwide

WZO carries out its charitable works worldwide, in partnership with other, mainly Zoroastrian charitable organisations, and through its own Trust Funds. WZO representatives in UK, Canada, USA, Pakistan and New Zealand collect substantial sums towards charitable activities. During the year, WZO endeavoured to fulfil its obligations towards community requests for medical

treatment and aid, educational grants and loans for higher education, lectures and seminars for the furtherance of religious education, interfaith and social and religious activities.

WZO Trust of India

The WZO Trust of India believes in building confidence, changing lives and creating a strong community. They have continued to support various different projects during the pandemic. WZO extends its thanks to Bachi and Dinshaw Tamboly for all their hard work and dedication throughout the years.

News from the WZO Regional Offices

WZO Foundation, India formed in 2013, operates as a charitable trust from Delhi. The Foundation is now up and running and is able to receive and process WZO membership applications, receive and distribute funds and can process application for funds. Membership issues for WZO India should be sent to Meher Amersey (meher.amaersey@w-z-o.org). WZO offers its sincere thanks to Meher Amersey for her hard work in managing the Foundation.

WZO US Region is ably managed by its President, Mr Kayomارش Mehta. It raises funds for every appeal that they receive. Donors from all over North America support them in their work. Looking back on the year 2021, they thank their donors throughout North America, who donated generously to support all their Appeals, especially the Covid related causes from hospitals as well as from affected individuals due to loss of income during the pandemic.

It is therefore fitting that they first acknowledged, with sincere gratitude, the contributions made by all their donors, big and small. Their donors have truly been the main pillars of encouragement, motivation and support towards the various welfare assistance that they were able to provide.

During the 2021 year, WZO US Region was able to receive and disperse a total of \$367,666 for various causes. At the recent World Zoroastrian Congress of 2022, WZO US Region was thanked and acclaimed as one of the seven heroes of the community.

It would not have been possible for WZO US Region to provide such extensive welfare assistance without support from and munificence of all their donors. The Donor's support has enabled them to provide not only a helping hand to their beneficiaries, but also facilitated many of them to transit from abject poverty to relevant prosperity and return back into the mainstream of society.

Here is a brief summary of the multifarious welfare activities and the donations to support the community during the course of calendar year 2021.

- Covid Related Aid to various Hospitals in India to purchase Ventilators, Oxygen Concentrators and other equipment - \$ 74,691.00
- Humanitarian Assistance to Individuals affected due to Covid - \$81,000.00
- Critical Medical Assistance to nine (9) Individuals in India - \$54,500.00

- Established The Deena and Minoo Mistri Endowment Fund for Poor Mobeds - \$50,000.00
- Support for Dadar Athornan Institute, India - \$15,500.00
- Support North American Mobeds Council and Mobeds, North America \$1,350.00
- Support Gram Seva Foundation, India - \$10,000.00
- Education Grants to Fali Chothia Fund and to four (4) other students all over the world - \$29,875.00

WZO offers its sincere thanks to Kayomارش Mehta for his hard work in managing the US Region and for the substantial sums raised in the USA for its charitable purposes.

WZO Canada is ably managed by its President, Mr Sam Vesuna and assisted by its past President, Dr Jehan Bagli. It is a Canadian Registered Charity (CRC) organisation and is currently, restricted by the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) to donating only to other CRCs. In 2021, WZO Canada awarded 3 University Scholarships totalling C\$ 7,000 and contributed C\$ 50,000 to the University of Toronto (UOT) for setting up a Professorship in Zoroastrian Literature and Languages. This is a FEZANA sponsored activity with participation in discussions with the UOT by Jehan Bagli and Sam Vesuna.

WZO Canada works closely with the two Zoroastrian organisations in Greater Toronto; the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) and the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF), for its social and charitable activities.

WZO Canada is currently in discussions with the CRA in seeking approval for undertaking Zoroastrian religious and cultural activities and to be able to donate to those in need including non CRC organizations.

WZO offers its sincere thanks to Sam Vesuna for his hard work in managing the Canadian organisation.

WZO New Zealand is ably managed by its President, Mr Darius Mistry and supported by fellow Trustee, Ms Rashna Tata. This year was a tough one to cope with due to the COVID lockdowns all throughout the world, especially so in New Zealand. The local NZ community coped well with the situation. They continued with their Jashans and regular celebrations when allowed in between the lockdowns.

One of their community members Mr. Viraf Todywalla even organised a variety show to collect funds for the Covid affect Zoroastrians in India. They raised almost NZ \$2000, which was donated to WZO Trust Funds of India to be used to assist with the community affairs during Covid.

Rashna Tata, recently was recognised along with Viraf Todywalla for their services to the Indian community by the Local NZ Indian association. Rashna has been hosting online interviews with local politicians to question them about their policies for the migrants communities.

WZO New Zealand's membership continues to grow, thanks to the efforts by Darius and Rashna.

WZO New Zealand works with the local ZANZ organisation who continue to hold community functions, monthly social events, sports events, community social get togethers, etc. to keep the community meeting together on regular basis and solving the issues of loneliness and stress, which is a major area of concern among the elderly in our community.

They have a small group of motorbike riders who call themselves "The Bawa Bikes of NZ" who go for bike rides on weekends to the local scenic spots. This was an initiative started by Mr. Porus Kateli, and they now have around 7 to 8 regular motorbike enthusiasts who go out frequently on weekends.

One of the young enterprising Zarthosti has started an online business of bringing and selling Zarthosti related items online. Mr. Jehan Ganjia calls it "The Zoroastrian Culture Shop". Through this online venture Jehan promotes all sorts of items such as Sadrehs, Kustis, Topis, Scarfs, Prayer books, Stickers, Kakras, Children's Navjote books, Promotional items, etc. It is worth an online visit, and Jehan assures me he can ship his items anywhere in the world.

The local community being a young community in NZ is still striving to establish themselves in their beloved Country, but the next generation of Zoroastrians in New Zealand are starting to make their mark by getting involved in business and some top professions such as Medicine, Law, Engineering, IT and Accountancy.

Their prayer and blessings are not only to survive but thrive in this land of theirs, they call "Aotearoa" - The land of the long white cloud.

WZO offers its sincere thanks to Darius Mistry and Rashna Tata for their hard work in managing the New Zealand organisation.

WZO Singapore is ably managed by Russi Ghadiali supported by his wife, Shirin. Russi and Shirin are very involved with the Parsee Zoroastrian Association, South East Asia and the Inter Religious Organisation of Singapore. Russi has been Present of both these organisations in the past. Due to Covid, all organisations in Singapore have had to curtail their activities. Russi is pleased to report that, with the strict Government regulations in force, the local Zoroastrian community did not suffer any loss of life. Over the years, Russi has received several awards for his work with the interfaith group and enjoys friendship with other Religious Leaders.

WZO offers its sincere thanks to Russi and Shirin Ghadiali for their hard work in managing the Singapore organisation.

Fundraising for WZO Projects

Fund-raising is the life-blood of our organisation in supporting the community's needs. WZO made substantial disbursements towards medical assistance, education, relief of poverty and helping individuals with self-employment. Thanks to the generosity of its members and supporters, all over the world, WZO was able to finance activities that promote its objectives.

WZO funds

A list of the the various designated funds held within WZO to support communities worldwide is given below:

Noshirwan F. Cowasjee Medical Benevolent Fund supports applications for assistance where family resources cannot meet the escalating costs of medical treatment. WZO requests donors to continue supporting this very worthy and humanitarian cause for the benefit of our community.

Roshan A. Dehnugara Benevolent Fund was set up in loving memory of Roshan, a popular and respected member of the UK community. The income from the corpus is utilised for the relief of poverty in our community.

Aloo Vatcha Education Fund generously started with the guidance of the Vatcha family continues to grow through donations and our fund-raising activities. Students seeking to achieve their academic ambitions face escalating fees towards higher education. WZO welcomes further support from their well-wishers.

Ervad Framroze Edulji Gazi and Allan Framroze Gazi Education Fund was endowed with a donation of £10,000 from Miss Thrity Framroze Gazi in loving memory of her dear departed parents. WZO offers its sincere thanks to Miss Gazi for this generous donation.

The WZO General Fund serves a plethora of applications be they administrative or charitable, thus giving it the freedom to apply resources where urgently needed. Support towards the implementation of any of its activities is essential for the effective working of the organisation and WZO would request our donors not to overlook the benefits of supporting the General Fund.

WZO's ardent supporters

WZO extends its sincere appreciation to all their donors, big and small, for their munificent support and co-operation without which very little would be possible. They especially acknowledge, with immense gratitude, the extremely generous support received from:

1. World Zarathushtrian Trust Fund, UK towards general charitable donations and publications.
2. The Dasturji Dr. S. H. Kutar Benevolent Fund for relief of poverty, medical cases and higher education.
3. The Erach and Roshan Sadri Foundation has channelled substantial funds towards Zoroastrian and non-Zoroastrian causes worldwide over the years. WZO offers its sincere thanks to the Trustees of The Erach and Roshan Sadri Foundation for their magnanimous support.

4. The Firuz Madon Foundation. WZO is deeply indebted to FMF for their ongoing commitment towards the furtherance and study of Zoroastrianism through lectures and seminars held worldwide. Have sponsored a number of issues of the Hamazor.
5. Mr Rumi Sethna and his wife, Hilda, for their continued financial support, their precious time and sound advice.
6. Mr Behram Baxter of San Diego, USA and his wife, Rena, for their continued financial support.

WZO records its sincere thanks to the following members who generously endowed part of their estate to them in their respective wills:

1. Faridoon Madon MBE
2. Prof. Stanley Insler Ph.D.

Individual Donors

The Committee of WZO wishes to thank all the supporters and donors worldwide who helped them to carry on their charitable activities for the Community.

The Committee also extend its thanks to members of our community who have placed their confidence and trust in WZO and leaving a lasting legacy for future generations by including WZO in their will.