

## Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre of Auckland

### President's Report for the Year 2016-2017

I have pleasure in presenting a brief report of our Centre's activities for the year ended 31st March 2017.

**Membership:** The membership at the end of this financial year stood at 121, a slight improvement on last year. This is the highest we have ever achieved. I thank the members for their interest in our Centre and hope that we will surpass this figure next year.

**Finance:** A full and detailed audited Financial Report will follow this report. You will see that our finances are healthy. However, as we expand, our financial needs will also increase. I am grateful to all those who are regularly contributing and encourage others to consider joining in with whatever they are comfortable with.

#### **Activities:**

**Daily Arti:** A vesper service is held daily at 7 pm. Presently, 7 families have undertaken this responsibility. However, I request others who can spare some time to come forward and join these 7 families by attending whenever it is convenient to them.

**Satsungs:** Regular Satsungs are held every second and last Sundays of each month from 11 am to 1 pm followed by Prasad-lunch. I am grateful to the members who have voluntarily undertaken to read and speak on the various books we study. Once again, I encourage all members to attend regularly and take part in these programs.

**Other Celebrations:** All special occasions celebrated by the Mission are also observed by us in an hour-long program following the evening Arti. During the year we observed the birth anniversaries of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda. We also observe Kalpataru Day, Shiva Ratri, Buddh Purnima, Guru Purnima, Durga Puja and Christmas Eve.

**Swamiji's Visits:** Due to his age, health and heavy commitments in Australia, Revered Swami Shridharanandaji could only visit us twice in this year. During his last visit in March, he advised us that he wished to relinquish his responsibilities of the Auckland Centre, and advised us to seek the assistance