

# FOURTH COMING TOGETHER ROUNDTABLE

## "CONNECT, COLLABORATE, CREATE"

Houston, Texas  
December 31, 2008

With migrations from India and Iran, mostly in the last half century, Zarathushtis are now a "Community Without Borders" spread all over the globe, in the Western Diaspora of UK, North America and Australia, the Far East and other countries worldwide. They are exposed to different cultures and traditions, and are evolving and adapting to their new climes and times. Never before has there been a greater need to keep these pockets of Zarathushtis connected with each other and with the mother countries of India and Iran.

The Coming Together Roundtables provides such a forum -- to bring together Zarathushtis from over the world to dialogue and to action on issues of global import. Joint action is the cement that bonds our global community; it is said that "Dialogue brings minds together and action brings hearts together." Preservation, perpetuation and enhancement of our community worldwide is our responsibility jointly and severally. Thus far three Roundtables have been held: the first one in London during the World Congress in 2005; and two succeeding ones in Mumbai in January 2007 and January 2008. This will be the IV th Roundtable, in Houston, along with the WZCC Global AGM, hosted by the Zoroastrian Association of Houston.

This is the first year of our operation with our Administrator, Percis Dubash of Mumbai, under the direction of Yazdi Tantra. We are very grateful to Yazdi Tantra of On-Lyne Systems for setting up a Website blog for the Roundtable, at [www.zoroastrians.net](http://www.zoroastrians.net). The proceedings of the Coming Together Roundtables, and especially a full report of the IIIrd Roundtable, can be viewed at this website under the category "Round Table."

The format of the Roundtable meetings is open and free flowing. Items of discussion are placed on the agenda and assignments are taken on a voluntary basis. Our administrator Percis Dubash is available for assistance in working on the action items.

All interested persons, especially those in leadership positions from around the world, are invited and encouraged, to come and participate in the Roundtable proceedings, and offer their assistance in working on the Action Items. Being the first time that the Roundtable will be held in North America, we especially invite participation from the USA and Canada, notably from Houston.

For information, visit [www.zoroastrians.net](http://www.zoroastrians.net), [www.zah.org](http://www.zah.org), [www.wzcc.org](http://www.wzcc.org) or [www.fezana.org](http://www.fezana.org) and click on EVENTS and then WZCC AGM, or contact:

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## THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

ZARATHUSHTI HERITAGE & COMMUNITY CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2008 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

### AGENDA

- 9:30 REGISTRATION
- 10:00 BENEDICTION & MONAJAT  
Hamazori, Talk # 3 by Ervad Ramiyar Karanjia – Message to be read.  
Welcome and self-introductions  
Background & current status. Roundtable Administration & Accounts.  
Web presence ([www . Zoroastrians. net](http://www.Zoroastrians.net)). Future directions?  
Review of III rd CTR Report by Percis Dubash, Administrator and Yazdi Tantra
- 11:30 DISCUSSION & ASSIGNMENTS  
World Congress RFP, criteria, selection and next venue  
Promotion of Jamshedi Nauruz/Norooz/Navroze as Zarathushti observance worldwide.  
COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS - NEEDS vs RESOURCES: Screening eligible Zarathushti women for Breast Cancer; Operation Eyesight collections for Dubai Congress; PARZOR, WZCF, K. R. Cama Institute, schools, colleges, hospitals, disaster Relief etc.; Education and medical support to Mobeds and their families (PRG); Manuscript restorations, archives and archeological preservations.
- 1:00 LUNCH – hosted by ZAH
- 2:00 DISCUSSION & ASSIGNMENTS (Contd.)  
Coordination of UN & Interfaith programs - Parliament of World's Religions, etc.  
Zarathushti Diaspora : Duties, Rights and Privileges  
Passing the torch to the Next Generation – YLEP  
Religious/Cultural Infrastructure worldwide (agiaries, centers ....)
- IF TIME PERMITS, NEW ITEMS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY:  
Support for Zoroastrian Bank, Mumbai; Code of Civil conduct; Ethic of collective giving.
- 3:30 – 4:00 SUMMATION & NEXT STEPS