The highest truth of the human being is love.
If love is not based on respect it is not love.

GURUVANI

GURU MAHIMA
Santhigiri Ashram Thiruvananthapuram is a spiritual and charitable institution registered under the Travancore-Cochin Literary Scientific and Charitable Societies Act 1955, Vide Order No: 88/78.

It is today at the forefront of a three fold mission set by its founder Navajyothisree Karunakara Guru. These objectives are Annadanam(serving of free food), Athurasevanam(treatment of sick), Athmabodhanam(imparting spiritual knowledge). The endeavour of the master has resulted in the creation of a new life-vision that combines the spiritual and material aspects in fine balance. The community that has formed around the Guru based on Guru-Sishya relationship is cross-cultural and has no barriers of caste, creed or colour. Women and men get equal opportunities for their all-round growth in the Ashram.
Guru Mahima is a cultural organization for young girls that seek to spread the ideals given to us by Navajyothisree Karunakara Guru. Women need to develop in material and spiritual terms so as to become enlightened mothers, helping to give rise to an evolving civilization. As the first teacher of the child, the mother needs to be able and enlightened, Guru has said. Guru Mahima draws its inspiration and sense of direction from Guru’s words.

This organization has set in motion various projects involving cultural activities, handicrafts and vocations. Through all this, it aims to empower young women to be the basic strength of family and society. The organization functions without any reference to caste, creed, class or any such discriminative consideration. All young ladies between thirteen and thirty five can be its members.

Members receive guidance with regard to their inner spiritual experiences, if any, of the members so as to lead them forward. How should these experiences be made use of for the world? How could we avoid a break in the flow of such experiences and nurture them?

Compassion is the most important factor in such conscious living. We need to be sympathetic not only to fellow human beings but to all creatures around us. Friendliness, empathy, patience, humility and firmness of mind accepting pleasure and pain with equilibrium are qualities to be nurtured within us. These qualities once developed will enable one to respect oneself and love God.
GURU MAHIMA'S CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Guru Mahima seeks to:
- To work for the development of children in socio-cultural and economic terms even as they are receiving their education.
- Organizing different programmes for sensitizing students about the need to foster communal harmony and national integration, scientific and technological advancements for the welfare of the people through debates, seminars and workshops.
- To nurture children's artistic talent and encourage them in their pursuit of fine arts like music and painting.
- To hold discussions on spiritual as well as material topics important to our lives.
- To foster reading habit.
- To professionally train young girls in income generating activities like stitching, embroidery, glass painting, fabric painting, pot painting, knitting, doll making, cookery, umbrella making etc.

KARUNA

Karuna is a periodical brought out entirely by Guru Mahima. It aims to inspire girls and young women to cultivate their literary abilities as also their connectivity to traditional modernity.
Uttarasree is engaged in dedicated social work with a view to contribute towards the building up of a welfare society. As part of this work, economically backward school children who are good at studies are provided with the necessary learning materials, uniforms etc.

We look forward to the warm cooperation of the general public in the gradual expansion of this activity.

We, the youngsters of Guru Mahima, hopefully pray that Uttarasree would become a nationwide activity. Rev. Fr. Valsan Thanmbu, well known educationist inaugurated Uttarasree on the 8th anniversary of Guru Mahima and handed over books including Encyclopaedia to the neighbouring Laxmi Vilasam School.

As a part of Uttarasree Educational Programme, 1500 students of Pothencode Govt. Upper Primary School and Kolliyakode Govt. Upper Primary School were given uniforms during the meeting held on Navajyothisree Karunakara Guru's Navaolijyothirdinam 9 on May 6, 2008. Transport Minister Mathew T. Thomas inaugurated the programme, Shri N.K. Premachandran (Minister, Water Authority), Shri K. Muralidharan (State President, NCP), Swami Rithambarananda (General Secretary, Sivagiri Madam) also presided over the function.

May you become a fellow traveller in our efforts! And may your involvement and generosity yield a long lasting and ever increasing deposit of goodness for your family.

May your cooperation bring you close to the Santhigiri's vision and Dharma for the world!