



Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations (FIACONA.ORG)

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Serving the Indian American Christian community for 23 years

Indian American Christian Representation Lacking in US Congress:

FIACONA Advisory Board Member, Hon. Ronnie Shows, a former Member of US Congress from Mississippi, at a recent event with FIACONA leaders in Washington, said that he is pleased to see five Indian Americans serving in the US Congress. But he asked why none of them are Indian Christians.



He asked why there is a lack of participation from Indian American Christians in Washington. He also said, whenever Indian American Christians need support on an issue, you now have to go to others who may or may not be sympathetic to your plight or a cause. Some of them may be supporting the opposite side of the issue. If you want to raise your

issues you have to have your representation in the US Congress.

Mr. Shows proposed that the Indian American Christian community must think seriously about forming a national PAC in Washington to support and encourage Indian American Christians running for state and federal offices.

Mr. Prabhudoss, the Chair of the Board said, as FIACONA is not a political action committee, there are limitations on what it could do in Washington. But he welcomed the suggestion that Mr. Shows and some former Members of US Congress are willing to provide guidance should the Indian American Christians are interested. Mr. Shows suggested creating a Political Action Committee (PAC) called Indian American Freedom PAC for that specific purpose.

If you are interested, please email him directly at Ronnie@Indianamericanfreedompac.com.

CSI Bishop From India Visits Washington Office:

A delegation of clergy from the Church of South India visited our Washington DC office on September 28 to discuss some of the issues facing the church in India. The delegation was led by a Bishop of the Church of South India. FIACONA team in Washington which included Dr. Raj Sampson, Mr. N Mani and Mr. John Prabhudoss met with the delegation.

Save the Date:

- FIACONA welcomes you to attend the community advisory board meeting via Zoom on the **1st Monday of every month at 8 PM ET**
- Join a community Webinar on various subjects every **3rd Monday of the Month at 8 PM ET**
- Join the Prayerline to pray for India every **4th Monday of the month at 9 PM ET**
- Please email President@fiacona.org for the Zoom links to attend any of these meetings. Open for all Indian American Christians.

Pray for the Christians of Israel and Palestine

Indian American Christians are seriously concerned about the conflict in the Holy Land and its impact on the oldest Christian community there.



FIACONA expressed shock over the bombing of a 1000 year old historic church in Gaza on October 20th. Indian Christians express our solidarity with the Christians in Israel and Palestine and urge our members and supporters to pray for the church there.

MANIPUR UPDATE:

A big thank you for all who donated money for Manipur victims. FIACONA collected and sent \$ 10,000 to women's groups working on the ground in Manipur to buy winter clothes and blankets ahead of

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By ZELLE: Please use President@fiacona.org Other options are at www.fiacona.org/donate



INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS:

FIACONA is now ready to start accepting applications for our internship program for college students, and Capitol Hill Fellowship Program for college graduates.

We're hoping to place 5-10 Christian, Indian American fellows in Congressional Offices starting January 2024. Please share with any interested students in your church community!

Please also consider partnering with us financially to fund these programs! <https://fiacona.org/donate/>

FIACONA IS HIRING:

FIACONA is so excited to announce that we are looking for an Executive Director, and an Advocacy Director to help steer the organization in the new year! If you know anyone with Capitol Hill experience, and are politically minded - please send them to our website to apply! <https://fiacona.org/careers/>