

## Passing of DHARMACHARYA RISHI BENIMADHO MISIR – Comments by Ashook Ramsaran

Born: March 22, 1940 (Guyana)

Departed: July 17, 2022 (New York, USA)

Dharmacharya Rishi Misir performed a vital and necessary role as leader of the Federation of Hindu Mandirs in New York in promoting and preserving Hinduism, its culture and traditions among the Indo-Caribbean community in New York. He was well respected and brought honor and dignity to the continuing observance of Hinduism among the new immigrant populations of Indo-Caribbeans.

I distinctly remember being presented the Gandhi Peace Award in 2014 by Dharmacharya Misir.



*Dharmacharya Misir shown on the left*

I also remember him requesting me to conduct the annual elections of the Federation of Hindu Mandirs which I did with utmost transparency.

Later, I came to know that Dharmacharya Misir was the second cousin of my wife from her mother's side.

His leadership among the Indo-Caribbean community in New York will be missed.

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