

A globally recognised pioneer in peace-building, and in mobilising innovative partnerships for shared flourishing, Professor Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh is third in the line of spiritual leaders serving the prominent Sikh volunteer-led organisation, Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha. Based at its international headquarters in Birmingham, UK, he also heads the Nishkam Group of Organisations, whose track record in values-led education and health care provision, community regeneration, civic engagement and heritage conservation is based on a benevolent ethos of *nishkam sewa* (unconditional selfless service). A retired Civil and Structural Engineer, Bhai Sahib Ji draws on 27 years of professional practice across three continents, in the fields of town planning, housing and policy formation



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Titles, Awards and Memberships

- Recipient of the official title of *Bhai Sahib* from the five Sikh *Jathedars* (highest office bearers of the five sacred Sikh *Takhats* seats of spiritual or temporal authority in India) and president of The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC).
- Recipient of the *Shiromani Panth Rattan Award* ('Jewel of the Global Sikh Community') for the international scope of his work to share Sikh principles and for his dedicated leadership in completing the heritage conservation of the five sacred Sikh *Takhats*, Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple, Amritsar) and other landmark Gurudwaras in India.
- Recipient of the Papal Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great (KSG).
- Officer of Her Majesty the Queen's British Empire (OBE).
- Recipient of the 2017 Global Thinkers Forum Award for Excellence in Peace and Collaboration; the 2016 African Interfaith Harmony Award of the Year, United Religions Initiative-Africa; the Juliet Hollister Interfaith Award from the Temple of Understanding, New York; the Guru Nanak Interfaith Award from Hofstra University, New York; and the GCGI Award for Public Service in the Interest of the Common Good' from the Globalisation for the Common Good Initiative.
- *Honorary doctorates* from three UK universities for interfaith and peace-building work: Aston University, Birmingham City University & University of Birmingham.
- Honorary Professorship in the Department of Theology and Religion from the University of Birmingham.
- Chair and Trustee of the proposed *Museum of World Religions (UK)* and Initiator & Co-Convenor of the *International Peace Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation*, adopted by the 10th World Assembly of Religions for Peace International in Lindau, Germany 2019.
- One of fifty Co-Presidents and a Trustee of *Religions for Peace International;* member of the *Religions for Peace International World Council.*
- Member of the Advisory Forum of the *King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre (KAICIID)*.
- Founding Member of the Circle of Patrons for the *Parliament of the World's Religions*.
- Patron of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace.
- Patron of the ground-breaking Sikh ethos, multi-faith, virtues-led *Nishkam School Trust* and its network of nursery, primary and secondary schools; Patron of *AnonCare* and the *Nishkam Civic Association*.