Sikh Dharma International Minister in the Spotlight: Sardarni Sahiba Sat Kartar Kaur Khalsa-Ramey

May, 2014—Congratulations to SS Sat Kartar Kaur Khalsa-Ramey, Sikh Dharma International Minster and former Head Chaplain for the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, California, for a recent recognition for her contributions to the field of chaplaincy and her service as a chaplain educator with the title ACPE Supervisor Emeritus.

The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education honored her at the National ACPE Conference in May 2014 and bestowed her with the title ACPE Superior Emeritus.

SS Sat Kartar Kaur was ordained a Sikh Dharma International Minister in 1991. She recently served on the Board of Directors for Sikh Dharma International, is a member of the International Khalsa Council and has worked in Clinical Pastoral and healthcare for over 25 years. Her career includes developing in-house chaplaincy training programs for hospitals, and working with hospital staff to create environments that deeply honor the spirit of healing.

In an article on the Sikh Dharma International website, SS Sat Kaur Kaur shared: *"Clinical pastoral education is a field of study that helps individuals from different religious traditions learn to minister to people at the bedside," she explained. "It is in that field that they get to utilize their theology and their self-knowledge. Everything they ever learned comes together for the good of the patient. It is patient oriented. It's not proselytizing. It is about knowing the essence of your religious tradition and bringing your well-spring of love forward to serve a person who is in distress."*

As a Sikh, Sat Kartar takes her own inspiration from a Sikh soldier who lived hundreds of years ago named Bhai Kanhaiya. On the battlefield, Bhai Kanhaiya would share water and give medicine to whoever had fallen in battle, no matter what side or whose army the soldier belonged to. It is this spirit of serving all people that Sat Kartar incorporates into her work as a chaplain.

"Over the years, as a chaplain, I have ministered to a wide gamut of people," she said. "And over time I realized it's all the same. It's seeing God in that person, and trying to get myself out of the way so I could fully be with them. Serve them as they needed."