I arrived in India on December 16 and was greeted at the airport by Mr. Amit Paul, President of the Delhi Chapter of WCPA. We took a prepaid taxi to his home in West Patel Nagar which he has generously offered to WCPA travelers when they are in Delhi.

On December 17th morning, Dr. Manoj Srivastava provided a car and driver for our trip to Aligarh Islam University where I was one of the invited speakers, hosted by Professor Rashid Shaz. I spoke to an audience of students and faculty on the Uniqueness of Islam and the Earth Constitution. My talk was well received and we were treated with great hospitality and warmth by everyone at the university. After my talk and a great lunch, I posed for photos with faculty and students (below).

In the right hand photo, on the side of me are Dr. Manoj and then Professor Shaz. On the return drive from Aligarh to Delhi, we stopped in a village and met with local leaders about their problems and WCPA’s recognition of the similarities between their problems and those of people worldwide. We returned to Delhi and I was generously hosted that night at the flat of Dr. Manoj and his family.

On December 18th we drove to IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University) to meet with Dr. Darvesh Gopal, Dean of Social Sciences, and several faculty on the topic of “Higher Education in the 21st Century.” Upon learning that I have been invited to speak at the CCEAM Conference in Udaipur, India in September 19-21, the group decided to organize a follow-up conference at IGNOU for September 22-24th. It was a pleasure to be hosted by Dr. Gopal again at IGNOU.

Later that day we went to Hansraj College of Delhi University, joined by Dr. Eugenia Almand who had just arrived in Delhi, and we spoke to those gathered about “Managing Radical Social Change.” After the program we were entertained by musicians, a singer, and dancing. Photo on the left below: Dr. Gopal appears on the left side. The right hand photo was taken after the events at Hansraj College. The woman in the white gown is Madam Rekha Udit. To the left of her is Mr. Amit Paul.
On December 19th we visited the Paryavaran Complex, hosted by Prof. Priya Ranjan Trivedi. We sat around a great round table and were each videotaped concerning our views on environmental friendly development. Later we visited the ashram of Swami Padm Praksah and returned for a dinner hosted by Prof. Trivedi. I gave Prof. Trivedi a copy of the Earth Constitution and spoke with him about building a permanent home for the World Parliament in India, to which idea he responded positively. We agreed to discuss the matter further when we would again be meeting at an event on December 24th. In the photo on the left, Prof. Trivedi is at the center with the white robe and red hat. On the left in that photo are Drs.______ Eugenia Almand, and Patricia Murphy. On December 20th I was invited to participate in a program sponsored by the Global Peace Foundation at the Hotel Shangrila in which the participants were discussing the formulation of a statement on global ethics. We took turns speaking to this issue. I argued that no adequate global ethics could be formulated that failed to include the vision of One Earth under the Earth Constitution (photo on right below).

That evening we met with a group of leaders at Jantar-Mantar in Delhi. Then on December 21st we spoke at a program on the “Next Computer Revolution” at Vivekanand Subharti University. (Below: lighting the peace
candles and a view of the audience at this event. I spoke about the power of computers to make possible global electronic voting and thereby facilitating the advent of the Earth Federation. That evening we returned to the flat of Dr. Manoj and his family to celebrate the birthday of their son Keshan who was now 21.

On December 22nd and 23rd, we visited several places in Delhi, guided by Amit Paul, such as the Institute for Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies and the famous Constitution Club of India where the Indian Constitution had been signed and which was the location for the 2nd session of the Provisional World Parliament in 1985. In the evening participated in ceremonial planting of trees on behalf of the Shu Shringar Foundation, which has planted many trees in India.

On December 24th morning we met with top reformers and leaders concerning “Brahmand Kutumb” in which we spoke about ideas of sustainable development at the India International Center in Delhi. The events were hosted by Prof. P.R. Trivedi (white robes and red hat), and we each spoke about the ideals of education and service organizations, my own talk stressing the Earth Constitution as the ideal and model for all of us. There were ambassadors from several countries present (photos below). In the evening we visited the Asian Academy of Film and Television (ICME), founded by President Sandeep Marwah (left of me in the photo below). We each spoke about the media in relation to the quest for peace and justice. Later we visited the Ashram of Swami Agnivesh, author of Applied Spirituality, and a well-known leader in the struggle against bonded labor, who expressed interest in discussing the Earth Constitution (saffron robes in the photo below). On December
25, I flew to Kolkata in advance of the 14th session of the Provisional World Parliament do to open on December 27th.