Mount Madonna Institute is proud to announce that Swarup Wood, Ph.D. has accepted the position of President effective immediately. Dr. Swarup has served as Interim President since September of 2021. During this past year, Swarup has brought clarity to MMI’s organizational and financial structures and has led with integrity and dedication.

The Board is delighted that he has accepted the role of President. We are confident that his continued leadership will successfully bring MMI out of the difficulties created by the prolonged pandemic, support MMI’s continued tradition of excellence, and create opportunities for MMI’s future thriving. As Dr. Swarup said in his letter to the Board,

“*My commitment to MMI is to engage even more deeply than I have thus far, and work steadfastly together to move MMI in the direction of continuing to actualize Babaji’s legacy while paying our bills.*”

As a young man, Dr. Swarup moved to the Land in early 1985 and soon took on the dump run, and painting in the unfinished kitchen, while living in the “naga den.” He remembers finishing and moving into the CB, and a runaway dump truck, as a few of the highlights that year. Intrigued by the pace of life and work at MMC, he asked Babaji why he encouraged such intensity. Babaji twinkled and wrote, “It gives the mind less time to think.” Swarup has kept the humor and wisdom of that exchange close to his heart. At Babaji’s urging, he started at Cabrillo College that summer and earned his doctorate in 1996 in Biology at UCSC. Nearly forty years later he is finishing a career as a Professor of Chemistry at California State University Monterey Bay, where he Coordinates First Year Seminar, and serves as Interim Director of General Education. His scholarship has focused on teaching, learning, and assessment.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Swarup in his full role as President. He will need all our committed support to fulfill his stated commitment to MMI. He and the Board invites the extended MMI community to welcome Dr. Swarup by email at swarup@mountmadonna.org and we look forward to welcoming everyone to an on-campus celebration as soon as it is possible for us to gather together.

On behalf of the Board of MMI,
Wishing you and yours healthy and happy,
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