What is in the name?

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Veerashaiva Samaja of North America

- **V**eerashaiva:
  - Dr. Kalaburgi's research on the word Veerashaiva has established that, Veerashaiva word is found in early 20th century literature in Kannada. Word has originated in Andhra Pradesh in 16th century to describe Saiva sect [Marga-Volume 3, Sahaithya Academy award winning book]
  - Veerashaivism historically is considered a fine and full-blown flower of Shaivism.
  - Varanshramas running either subtly or grossly throughout all the schools of Shaivism.
  - Word Lingayat correctly identifies the people who created revolution in 12th century and people who practice and live the faith according to Vachanas
  - Sadly both words have been used as caste descriptor in Indian context. Google it!

Samaja

- Samaja:
  - a Hindu religious association : SOCIETY
  - Hinduism is not a homogeneous, organized system.
    - Many Hindus are devoted followers of Shiva or Vishnu, whom they regard as the only true God.
    - Most Hindus respect the authority of the Vedas and the Brahmans (the priestly class)
  - Example usage of Samaja, Brhaman Samaja and Harijan Samaja, they describe caste.

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- North America, describes geography to which organization caters, located and represented etc.. Nothing wrong with it!

Basava Mission of North America

- Basava, do you need an intro?
- Basava's Mission:
  - Prosperity through hard work (Kayak)
  - Charity for humanity (Dasoha)
  - This universe is gift of god (Prasad)
  - Achieve universal harmony, prosperity, and peace through mission Kayak-Dasoha-Prasad