

MADISON SUFIS



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**2021
via Zoom**

**Big Love
in Times of Impermanence**

Tasnim and Saadi

March 25 - March 28

Dances of Universal Peace

1st Friday, November 6

3rd Friday, November 20 - Long Dance Night

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Zoom link will be emailed before event.

Jamila, 608-338-0709

**View a video message from Saadi
about the change in plans for this event.**

Madison regrets -

<https://vimeo.com/472757825/bd03a8e76f>

*Remember that all of your prayers,
all of your practices,
do make a difference
in the outer situation and the difficulties
in which we find ourselves.*

- Murshid Saadi

Universal Worship Service

Sunday, November 8 **via Zoom**
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome to join in a contemplation of TRUTH during this month's Universal Worship service. Pir-o-Murshid tells us that the hearts of Truth are warm. May we warm one another as the light decreases and the temperature drops!

A Zoom link for the service will be emailed. For more information, contact:

Rev. Murad at jodycurley@gmail.com.

Ziraat Lodge

Wednesday, November 11 **via phone**
7:00 p.m.

The Ziraat service will be Wednesday November 11 at 7:00 pm. We will return to the phone connection as we go into the colder months. Ziraat uses a metaphor of agriculture to develop the mind and experience deep ecology. Anyone is welcome.

Please contact Noor Rachel if you would like to participate.

Rachel.roang@gmail.com

Grassroots Gathering

Friday, November 13 **via Zoom**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Activity - TBD

A description of the activity and a zoom link will be emailed.

Rafiq, 608-338-0709

Rahmat's Class

via Zoom

Rahmat will send an email to the newsletter group about class this month. If he does we will continue to explore practices of presence through, Zikr, Wazifa, and silent meditation.

Rahmat, 608-338-0709
madisonsufis@gmail.com

Healing Service

Sunday, November 15 **via Zoom**
11:00 a.m.

Healing Service will be led by Gayatri Ann Aswegan who has just completed her initiation as a healing conductor. Here's an opportunity for anyone who is interested in the healing service to join us on zoom. Please contact her at annaswegan@gmail.com so she can send you a link an hour prior to the service.

The healing service was developed by HIK to utilize absent healing for those who have asked to be sent healing prayers.

If you have any names you would like to add to the healing list please send them to my email address.

Rachel.roang@gmail.com

Karima's Sunday Heart Gathering

Sunday, November 22 **via Zoom**
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm

We will work with Healing practices, readings, meditation, music and take time for story telling as people feel inspired. Please bring a poem to share, or something that touches your heart during this time.

Karima, 608-338-0709

Sufi Songs and Teachings

Tuesday, November 10
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **via Zoom**

Jamila Joy will lead **via Zoom** this class of songs, practices and readings from the Githa papers of Hazrat Inayat Khan. This class is for mureeds.

Please contact Jamila ahead of time if you wish to attend for the first time.

Call me with questions,
thanks, Jamila 608-513-3950



November, 2020

Pir Shabda's October 2020 Message

Beloved Family,

Hope this reaches you all in good health and spirit!

Those of us in the US especially feel the precarious and important moment in our history with the upcoming elections, the change to our Supreme Court, along with the light shining on racial, gender, religious and income inequality, and the clarion call to slow down the abuse to our environment. All this in the midst of a pandemic affecting the whole world.

I believe this implores us all to connect with our potential for contribution through a compassionate heart and an easeful swing of the breath amplified by steady daily practice.

HAPPY 124th BIRTHDAY Murshid Sam, born October 18, 1896. Dearest Murshid, we are so deeply grateful for the Umbrella of your Protection and Guidance to each of us, our Ruhaniyat family and all sentient beings.

Recognizing the lack of physical affection many of us experience in the pandemic I suggest we practice wazifas from the Love Family this month.

And for our next text, I invite you all to an amazing history lesson of Hazrat Inayat Khan's life and teaching in the words of Pir Zia Inayat Khan written as his Doctoral Dissertation. It starts a little slow by presenting the milieu of the time just before Inayat's arrival to the West and from then on is an engaging and thorough detailed account. Hope you can make a commitment to read it through.

With all love and gratitude,
Shabda

<https://www.ruhaniyat.org/index.php/shabda-blog/2869-october-2020-message>

Text and Commentary to Study

**A HYBRID SUFI ORDER AT THE CROSSROADS OF MODERNITY:
THE SUFI ORDER AND SUFI MOVEMENT OF PIR-O-MURSHID INAYAT KHAN,
by Pir Zia Inayat-Khan**

Read chapters 1- 3, pages 1-118

Life and Times of Hazrat Inayat Kahn Part A

<https://files.constantcontact.com/162dcf2e401/dfc450e4-a4f8-4c9a-9f3d-83bd5a53e04e.pdf>

Life and Times of Hazrat Inayat Kahn Part B

<https://files.constantcontact.com/162dcf2e401/2a48e336-1126-418f-89b2-d8da5c11d793.pdf>

The Zephyr October 2020

Dear Companions on the Path,

I hope this finds you well. Here in Richmond, the sidewalks are spangled with golden leaves. As the trees shed their spent foliage, the Light of Nature is calling us to relinquish our outworn devices and sink down into our roots. Thus Shelley sings to the West Wind, "Drive my dead thoughts over the universe / Like wither'd leaves to quicken a new birth!"

The last month has brought us together in delightful ways. The Suluk Global course convened for its inaugural session, attended by saliks and salikas from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, India, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Scotland, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. We also happily gathered for the Volume Four study course, and for Spiritual Healing. Next month the Suluk Graduate course on alchemy commences, and in the Sunday classes we return to the Gathas.

I received many positive responses to the announcement last month recommending "Messenger" as an alternative to "Master" in the Invocation. But "Master" exists in other prayers as well (together with the word "Lord"), and questions remain. Please be assured that the Message Council and I are giving deep consideration to the whole subject, and more is yet to be resolved. Your thoughts on this subject are welcome and may be sent to: piroffice@inayatiyya.org

Here is another announcement of a linguistic nature. Since its founding more than a century ago, the initiatic school within our movement has been known by various names. It has been called the Esoteric School (a phrase borrowed from the Theosophical Society, of which the Madar al-Maham of the Order, Murshida Sharifa, had been a prominent member), the Inner School, the Sufi Order, the Order, and the Tariqat. As we streamline our communication, there is value in highlighting one of these names as the primary one. In many ways, the Inner School is the most intuitive of the names, pointing directly as it does to the inner life, which is the essence of the matter. In view of this, the Vice Presidents of the Activity and I have reached the conclusion that "Inner School" is the designation we will prioritize going forward.

Murshid's words on the inner life bear quoting on this occasion: "By inner life is meant a life directed towards perfection, which may be called the perfection of love, harmony, and beauty; in the words of the orthodox, towards God. The inner life is not necessarily in an opposite direction to the worldly life, but the inner life is a fuller life. The worldly life means the limitation of life; the inner life means a complete life. The ascetics who have taken a direction quite opposite to the worldly life, have done so in order to have the facility to search into the depths of life; but going in one direction alone does not make a complete life. Therefore the inner life means the fullness of life."

In the United States, the presidential election is nearly upon us. True democracy, Murshid reminds us, is seeing the Divine spark in every soul. A spark of the Divine Life exists in every candidate on the ballot and, just as importantly, in every person, animal, and plant that will be affected by the winners' actions in office. May the good of the whole guide us, and may none be forgotten, least of all the least remembered.

Yours ever,

Pir Zia

Ya Tawwab

I am once more taking leave
of a state of separation,
of an exile into emptiness
imposed by hopeless ghosts
who haunt a house I thought
I'd left forever

I am once more turning
toward Your face
nearer to me than my own,
toward Your willingness to take me in,
Your eagerness to receive me,
Your ever present sanctuary
each time I remember
to return

- Jody Murad Curley



Evening Prayer

Beloved One

With the closing of this day,
draw me nearer to You
every day, more and more.

Let my progress in this life
not diminish,

but grow to its fullness.

Let my ending in this world

be full of satisfaction,

of honor and glory,

that the Beauty may follow me to the end
and not leave me on the way.

-Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan



November, 2020

It is a golden day, a day
beholden to nothing but its
own sweet unfolding.

The only question is how
much of its richness can I
let in?

How slowly can I walk
the leaf-strewn trail, inhaling
the goodness of the woods?

Just how blessed can I let myself be
in the midst of the world's chaos
and the unfailing generosity of trees?

~ Tara Brach



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Basir, Treasurer, Madison Sufis

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1 Daylight Savings ends at 2:00 am	2	3	4	5	6 Dances of Universal Peace via Zoom 7:00-9:00 pm	7
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Milwaukee Area Activities

Universal Worship

UW Milwaukee
Nov. 1st 10:00am
Email me your email for possible zoom link
from my new place on planet Earth. Angels among us Theme

angelwork99@gmail.com

Dances of Universal Peace

**Waukesha/Delavan
online gathering**

**Thursday, October 15
1:00 pm CDT**

Promoting Healing, at Home and Worldwide

For Zoom link and additional info :
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