



SUFI RUHANIAT INTERNATIONAL

February 5, 2018

91ST URS OF HAZRAT PIR-O-MURSHID INAYAT KHAN

“Our work is to spread the knowledge and love and light of God. By stressing the positive, the affirmative, the true, we help ourselves and all humanity.” - MURSHID SAMUEL LEWIS

Dear Ruhaniat Family,

Toward the One! It is a beautiful blessing to be on this path of love, harmony and beauty with you. I hope that this letter finds you well and at peace, with joy in your heart. As we move into 2018, I hope that you will consider making a gift to Sufi Ruhaniat International to support our shared mission of helping individuals unfold to their highest spiritual purpose, manifest their essential inner being, and live harmoniously with others, with the hope of relieving human suffering and contributing to the awakening of all humankind.

There are many ways in which Sufi Ruhaniat International serves our family. From the website, complete with archives and resources, event calendars and history of our lineage, to the Dances of Universal Peace, to the many retreats offered around the globe. You will find an extensive list of all the amazing programs and services that your generosity supports at the end of this letter. We hope that you consider these activities worthwhile and make donation today and every year! The Ruhaniat is fully dependent on your donations for its operations in support of this work.

Our Family is Growing

Alhamdulillah! Seekers of freedom and truth are abundant! There is no doubt that as our Sufi family grows, our impact and ability to spread love and light grows with it! Since I became a member of the Ruhaniat Board of Trustees last year, I have learned that there are now members of our family in 36 countries around the world, and each year many new mureeds join us on the path. As our family continues to grow, it is your support that allows the Ruhaniat to provide resources and teachings for new mureeds, as well as continued resources for current seekers on the path.

Youth Scholarship Fund

As a 29-year old woman who grew up in the Sufi community, I know the huge impact that comes from spending time in retreat. It is undeniable that I have been given a great gift in receiving the guidance of this lineage - it manifests in my life all the time. When a challenging situation arises at work or elsewhere, I return to my breath and my mantra, *Toward the One*. When I'm having trouble making a decision, I meditate, and things become clearer. When good things happen, I experience deep gratitude and joy for blessings received. Every aspect of my life is made better by doing my best to follow the teachings I've received in retreat. Strength, courage, love, compassion; the gifts of this path are so precious.

Over a decade ago, the Ruhaniat International Sufi Youth Council was created to help support teens and young adults on the Sufi path, and I now have the great honor of serving on that council. Many of our young teachers and dance leaders have benefited from the youth scholarship fund and other resources that help them attend retreats, seek out spiritual guidance, and develop community as they move forward on their paths. There is no doubt that they are an integral part of how our lineage will continue to grow and flourish. Your donation will help support the next generation!

Gratitude & Generosity

I believe that many of us have experienced the joy and fulfillment that comes with the practice of gratitude. I would also be willing to bet that many of us have felt moved by being able to offer our generosity to others. Generosity allows us to take an action to show our gratitude. It's a manifestation of our how we share our love for those around us, and for the things we care about. When we are able to shine a bit of our light, in whatever form, on someone or something for which we are grateful, it is a beautiful practice.

We all have our unique lives, different challenges and personal work to accomplish, but we also share the same goal of spreading love and light in the world, especially in these challenging times. Please consider making a generous contribution to support the work of the Ruhaniat as an organization and as a vehicle of transformation in this world. It is a blessing to walk this path together, *Toward the One!*

Love,



Batina Jenny Estes

Trustee, Board of Trustees and International Youth Council



DO YOU RECEIVE OUR CONSTANT CONTACT EMAILS?

You can sign up to receive Constant Contact emails on the Ruhaniat website www.ruhaniat.org
Go to 'About' and 'Sign up for SRI email'. Still not getting them? – *check your spam folder!*

DID YOU NOTICE A CHANGE ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL?

The post office in some areas will not deliver mail when an individual's spiritual name is included on the address label - many letters are returned to us as 'undeliverable'. To ensure better delivery, in some cases we are not using your spiritual name on the address label. **Your spiritual name is still recorded in the Ruhaniat database** – there is no need to contact us to let us of your spiritual name. Thanks for your kind understanding.

DO YOU USE PAYPAL?

Choose 'send money to friends or family' and there will be no service charges to you or the Ruhaniat if you are sending funds within the USA. Your donation will go farther!

IN UNISON WITH WILL OF GOD, WE WILL TO HAVE PEACE



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*Rays of the Ruhaniat Strengthened by Your Donation
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Youth Council • International networking, retreats, scholarship fund
Jamiat Aam & Jamiat Khas • Annual international meetings for mureeds, initiators, & teachers
Ruhaniat Affiliated Centers • Serving communities throughout the United States
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European Summer School • Ruhaniat lineage teachings
Worldwide Community • Ruhaniat representatives in Australia, Canada, Europe, Russia, Central America, South America, United Kingdom
Website & Living Stream Archives Project • Teachings, worldwide contacts, event calendars, Murshid Sam's legacy digitized, preserved & accessible
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