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"The Dances of Universal Peace are an open and creative way of coming into the present moment - returning home to ourselves and the immediate felt sense of being alive. In this natural state of radiant presence, without separate endeavor, we spontaneously experience peace, connectedness, joy, understanding, and the desire to be of benefit.

"The Dances of Universal Peace and Walking Concentrations are a transformative practice-in-motion. Thanks to a loving stewardship network, the Dances are a vital practice, available to ever-growing numbers of people in diverse cultural settings all over the world."

~ Darvesha,

President of Dances of Universal Peace International
and Chair of the Guidance Council

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The Dances of Universal Peace are a manifestation of an Ageless Tradition.

From the beginning of time, sacred movement, song, and story have brought people together to celebrate the changes of seasons, life passages, and life itself. The Dances of Universal Peace are a part of this timeless tradition of Sacred Dance.



ERIC GRISWOLD

The Dances were brought forth in their current form by Samuel L. Lewis (1896-1971), a Sufi Murshid (teacher) and Rinzai Zen master who was also steeped in the Hindu, Jewish, and Christian mystical traditions. He studied with spiritual masters throughout the world.



Hazrat Inayat Khan

Samuel Lewis drew his inspiration for the Dances from two of his teachers:

Hazrat Inayat Khan, who first brought Sufism to the West in 1910, and



Ruth St. Denis

Ruth St. Denis, a pioneer in the modern dance movement.



Sufi Ahmed Murad Chisti Samuel L. Lewis

In the 1960s, Samuel Lewis began receiving visions of dances set to sacred phrases from various world Religions. These were the first manifestations of the multicultural Dances of Universal Peace that represent the culmination of his spiritual teachings.

The Dances use sacred phrases, chants, music, and movements from many of the earth's traditions to promote peace and harmony within individuals and groups. There are no performers or audience in the Dances; new arrivals and experienced dancers form the circle together. As moving meditations or body prayers, the Dances reveal the unity of all spiritual experience.



BOB SPENCER

From an original body of about 50 dances, the Dances of Universal Peace have expanded and now number more than 500. Circles have spread throughout the world to touch people living in North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, India, Pakistan, Africa, Senegal, the Middle East, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand.

The International Network for the Dances of Universal Peace was organized in 1982 to support, practice and share the Dances of Universal Peace.

Today its non-profit organization, Dances of Universal Peace International (DUP IN), supports the work of the Leaders Guild and links Dance circles and regions around the world.

Dances of Universal Peace North America is one region within the worldwide community, which includes other regions and worldwide members.

Our region:

- Issues an annual North American Journal and periodic regional newsletters
- Sponsors quarterly regional teleconferences on topics of interest to Dance leaders, organizers and dancers across the region
- Maintains the North American website www.DancesofUniversalPeaceNA.org which includes a wealth of information about the Dances and resources for leaders, circle organizers, and dancers, including the Dance Organizer Toolkit, and updated information on Dance circles and one-time events across the region, and more
- Contributes Dance write-ups with links to audio/video resources available to Dance leaders at the DUP IN website
- Links the Dance circles in North America with one another and with Dance circles around the world