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Leaders Guild News and Update

Taking the Dances beyond...

where they have never been before

The Beyond Initiative, sponsored by Dances of Universal Peace International (DUP IN), is an endeavor to bring together two of Murshid SAM's visions:

- spreading peace, and
- spreading it in a sustainable world.

The initiative is being done in partnership with the Global Ecovillage Network, so it is touching youth who are dedicated to global sustainability. It focuses on regions that are under-privileged in countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia-Pacific, taking the dances to people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience them, and to places where peace is especially needed right now. It is being focused by our younger generation of mentors and is naturally attracting youth of a similar age.

We have a dedicated, long-term commitment to the training of the new leaders in these regions. As a result of the first year of the Initiative, there are now permanent dance circles in Turkey, Israel, and Iran! We are making a 3 year commitment to the continual training of these new dance leaders. In the meantime, we are beginning to spread the dances into Africa and the Asia-Pacific regions.

The initial funds for this project came to DUP IN as an endowment, and this seems to be a most beautiful way to honor this bequest! But now the

project has a life of its own, and is growing in many directions.

Please read about it and see how you can be involved!

Click on the link below and scroll down to "your support" to an outline of various ways to participate: [support an emerging dance leader](#), [you can [click here](#)], join a caravan, sponsor an emerging leader to come to your event, develop a pen pal, and consider a legacy.

<https://dancesofuniversalpeace.org/wwwbeyond.shtm>



With love,



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