

*Like hundreds of circles
around the world,
this dance circle is
part of the*



**International
Network
for the Dances
of Universal Peace**



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*“The Dances of Universal Peace
change lives. And the world changes,
life by life. All over the earth, people
long for an alternative to the numbing
effects of consumerism, and to the fear
of diversity that drives humanity apart.
They long for an actual experience
of reverence for the earth and all its
forms. The Dances show how.*

*“We need the ordinary to make the
extraordinary possible. Just as a box
creates an accommodation and allows
us to carry more than what we can
grasp in our two hands, the Network
creates a container with which
we carry forward our deep vision
of toward one world, within and
without. Many thanks for your
help and support.”*

— Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz,
FOUNDING DIRECTOR



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We seek to transform ourselves and our relationships through sacred song, dance, and movement.

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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

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



Ruth St. Denis

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



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.

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, India, Pakistan, South Africa, Senegal, the Middle East, Japan, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand.



BOB SPENCER

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

The Network is a nonprofit volunteer organization that:

- maintains www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org – a website that describes the Dances and lists circles and events throughout the world,
- provides a listing of certified Dance leaders,
- publishes an annual international Dance journal, *We Circle Around*,
- publishes, distributes, and sells Dance booklets, tapes, CDs, and other instructional materials,
- provides an annual membership directory,
- provides outreach support to dancers and Dance leaders, and
- maintains archives of the Dances of Universal Peace.

PeaceWorks, the North American branch of the Network, also:

- issues an annual North American journal and periodic regional newsletters,
- promotes and sponsors Dance workshops and events for those seeking extended Dance experiences and leadership training,
- issues a brochure featuring these events, many of which offer discounts to Network members,
- maintains the North American website www.peaceworksdancesna.org
- links the Dance circles in North America with one another and with circles around the world.