

The Pir-o-Murshid Council, Katwijk 2014

The Mystical atmosphere at the meetings of the Council:

It is a great privilege for each member of this special Council, to hold in hands the precious robe of our Master of us all, realizing in those moments, the responsibility of each one, to secure the high standard of the Sufi Movement, as far as one's conscience reaches. The sacred robe, as well as the Pir-o-Murshid title of our Master, are meaningful flags indicating the embodiment of the Message in our time, and this explains why no one should ever be entitled to carry these symbols individually.

There is no succession to the bringer of the Message in our time. Therefore, as said, in the future, the high standard of the Sufi Movement is obviously in the hands of the Pir-o-Murshid Council, when together, the members are holding collectively the 12th initiation. And together, suggestions are made regarding the welcoming of new Murshids and Murshidas. The 11th Initiation is given by either one of the General Representatives.

Background: Regarding the continuation of Leadership in the Sufi Movement, History has proven that the concept of succession has always brought division. Therefore, in 2009 the Pir-o-Murshid Council was established in order to successfully guide the Sufi Movement into the future. The Council was instituted, and subsequently great care was given to amending the Articles and Bylaws of the Sufi Movement to establish the Pir-o-Murshid Council functionally as the "Seat of the Pir-o-Murshid" for the Sufi Movement

Currently: There has been much speculation about the future leadership and governance of the Sufi Movement. First it must be stated: There is no succession to the bringer of the Message in our time. Therefore, in the future, the high standard of the Sufi Movement is obviously in the hands of the Pir-o-Murshid Council. The Sufi Movement is evolving towards a more Brotherly and Sisterly approach, giving a broader base and greater representation to our membership. With this intention, as established in 2009, the Pir-o-Murshid Council will hold collectively the "Seat of the Pir-o-Murshid", and that which was previously considered and decided upon by a singular Pir-o-Murshid in the past, will now be consulted upon collectively, by the members

of the Council. The Pir-o-Murshid Council shall then make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee will take under consideration, discuss, and vote of all recommendations and will be responsible for the oversight and implementation of all initiatives, addendums, ratifications on behalf of the collective membership of the Pir-o-Murshid Council, and this important responsibility is expected to be done in line with the great Ideal of the Sufi Movement.

The Role of the General Representative/s: The General Representative/s hold a position/s on the Pir-o-Murshid Council and function as a voting member of the Executive Committee. The role of General Representative/s will be nominated by the current General Representative/s, discussed among the members of the Pir-o-Murshid Council and voted upon by the Executive Committee. The General Representative/s will function as Administrator's of the Sufi Movement assigned to oversee and implement the business of the organization under the direction of the Pir-o-Murshid Council and the Executive Committee.

The Sacred Teachings of Hazrat Inayat Khan:

Regarding the Teachings to be given in the future, it has been made quite clear at the Pir-o-Murshid Council, that only our Master's Teachings shall be the source of inspiration in the Sufi Movement. Other teachings from other organizations shall not be introduced in the Sufi Movement.