

April 4 – 7, 2024 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Dancing with Holy Wisdom and Sacred Sense

Tasnim Hermila Fernandez and Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz

A Deepening Retreat in the Dances of Universal Peace, meditation, walking meditation, wisdom from the world's traditions, including Sophia-Holy Wisdom, the Aramaic Jesus, classical Sufi mystics, Murshid Samuel Lewis, and Hazrat Inayat Khan

at The Elizabeth Hotel, in the Heart of Old Town, Fort Collins, Colorado

Tasnim and Saadi will offer advanced practices embedded in inspired Dances of Universal Peace, which Samuel L. Lewis used to originally envision them, and which Tasnim and Saadi used to begin the Dances of Universal Peace Network. These practices allow anyone, dancer or dance leader, to go more deeply into the sensations and feeling of the Dances and Walks in order to fulfill their real potential:
Touching the infinite source of sensing, knowing, creativity and freedom.
In this lies the future of the Dances of Universal Peace.

Retreat: \$350 per person – Includes: All sessions and 2 Lunch group meals at the Hotel.

Other meals will be on your own in restaurants within a 5-minute walk radius.

A map of Old Town will be available.

More information to come as we are closer to the date of the retreat.

To Register:

- 1. Send the 2024 Dancing with Holy Wisdom Retreat Registration Form and Waiver by email to the Registrar, Vimlan VanDien - vimlanv@gmail.com**
- 2. Payment: Send Check for \$350.00 in US Dollars to:**

Grace D Marie, PO Box 2454, Fort Collins, CO 80522

OR

PayPal: www.PayPal.me/GraceDMarie

**Use ‘Friends and Family’ to make your payment.
If you choose ‘Goods and Services’, your payment will be returned.**

Financial Assistance Scholarships

A limited number of \$50.00 scholarships for those in need are available.

First come, first served. Contact Vimlan to request it.

If you want to make a contribution to assist someone to attend, include it in your registration fee.
Or send via PayPal or check to Grace and indicate ‘Scholarship’.

Lodging at The Elizabeth Hotel:

15 rooms are reserved for participants at our group discount rate.

3 nights: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am checkout.

Special group rate extended for nights before and after the retreat:

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 - Monday, April 8, 2024

Last Day to Book: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Choice of 2 Queen Beds (1- 4 per room), or 1 King bed, both in limited quantities.

\$209/night/room (regular rate is \$249) – **3 nights with total fees costs = \$712**

If you share a room, below is an approximation per person:

\$356 each for 2 persons per room. **\$237** for 3 people. **\$178** for 4 people.

If you share a room with a person(s), one person will make the payment for the room, with the roommates reimbursing their share. We will have a list of those seeking a roommate. Up to 4 people can share a room.

**The registrar, Vimlan, will send you the link for your room reservation,
upon receiving your registration and payment.**

Alternative Lodging: 2 Old Town Hotels 2 blocks walking to retreat at The Elizabeth Hotel:

Armstrong Hotel - 259 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO, 80524 - 888-703-5147 <https://thearmstronghotel.com>

Edwards House - 402 W Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO, 80521 - 970-493-9191 <https://edwardshouse.com>

3 Hotels Not Walking distance but within 2 miles.

Best Western University Inn - 914 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO, 80524 - 970-484-2984

Best Western Kiva Inn - 1638 E Mulberry St, Fort Collins, CO, 80524 - 970-484-2444

La Quinta Inn - 3709 E Mulberry St, Fort Collins, CO, 80524 - 970-493-7800

Local Home Stays – A list of home stays will be available with the Registrar, Vimlan, as they are offered.

Please ask if you want one. Please offer if you have one.

About the Guest Teachers



Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz - co-founded the International Dances of Universal Peace Network together with Tasnim in 1982 as an act of service and spiritual vision. He lives in Scotland and teaches online and worldwide, where his dances are well-known particularly those focused on sacred phrases from the Aramaic Jesus, the Hebrew Bible, and Qur'an. His many books include *Revelations of the Aramaic Jesus* (2022), *Desert Wisdom*, *The Sufi Book of Life*, and *The Hidden Gospel*. His biographical collections of the works of his Sufi teachers include *Gardens of Vision and Initiation* (Samuel L. Lewis) and *Illuminating the Shadow* (Moineddin Jablonski). This is his only retreat in the USA in 2024.



Tasnim Hermila Fernandez – co-founded the International Dances of Universal Peace Network, with Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz in 1982, and began to teach and train those interested, with the developed Certification Guidelines and gave direction and guidance to this quickly blossoming spiritual activity that invites everyone to 'Eat, Dance, and Pray' together. Born in Mexico City, Tasnim awakened to the inner life of spirit in her late teens and early twenties, and was initiated into the Sufi path by Hazrat Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan in 1971. She is the spiritual director of the Church of All in Burbank, CA. She gives personal guidance to her Sufi mureeds, trains and certifies Dance leaders, trains and ordains Universal Worship ministers, conducts seminars, workshops, camps, and is a presenter at conferences. She is a trained semazen -whirling dervish- in the Mevlevi Sufi tradition.



Arrival and Check-in begin on Thursday, April 4, 2024 - 6pm at the Elizabeth Hotel, Walnut Ballroom.

6:30pm – Thursday, April 4 – Check-in begins at the Walnut Ballroom.

**7:30pm – Thursday, April 4 – First session.
Dances of Universal Peace.**

3:00pm – Sunday, April 7 - End of retreat

The above photo is the lobby of the hotel. The Walnut Ballroom entrance is to the left of the stairs, at the doorway.

The right photo is a part of the hotel music lending library.

Cancellations and refunds

Full Refunds up to Monday, March 3, 2024.

50% Refund March 4 - 26, 2024

No refunds after Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Parking

There are several parking garages in the area, as well as street parking. You will be given specifics upon registration.



Health and Well-Being

Wash hands often. Be mindful of oral hygiene and breath.

Although we will have simple first aid items, bring first aid items for your own use for minor cuts, bee stings, and antiseptic cream or allergy medication.

Fragrances – Please do not wear or bring fragrances. Many people are sensitive and/or allergic to them.

Emotional Well-Being - Open Hearts

This retreat is focused on developing connections as a supportive community, creating an atmosphere where everyone is welcomed and feels included and safe. We ask to practice mindful and respectful relationship.

Cell phones on OFF at all times during sessions in the retreat space.

Weather

In early April, weather in Colorado is moderate with warm to cool days, cold to cool nights. Bring layers of clothing for all types of weather conditions. Tank tops, sleeveless or short-sleeved shirts, spring and summer clothing are great during the day. Wool, fleece, long sleeved clothing, shawls, sweaters, etc., are good for evenings and those chilly, cloudy days.

Altitude – 4982’

If you are coming from sea level or a low altitude, expect to take some adjustment time. Move at a slower pace, drink a lot of water, and breathe deeply. Aspirin can be helpful.

Fort Collins Visitor Center is in Old Town. www.visitftcollins.com

Local Maps will be available for participants.

Shuttle from Denver International Airport (DIA) to Fort Collins information:

- 1. Groome Transportation - [Fort Collins Loveland Shuttle - Groome Transportation - Book Now](#)**

Important: Make your Round-Trip Shuttle Reservations in advance as seats can be sold out if you don't have a reservation and you'll need to wait for the next open seat on a future hourly bus.

Arrival: Denver International Airport (DIA) Shuttle to Fort Collins - Make advance reservations with Groome Transportation, door to door shuttle directly to the Elizabeth Hotel, or your own drop off address, and also the return trip to the airport. It takes the least time, worry and money for everyone.

Arrival: Fort Collins Regional Airport (FNL): If your plane lands at Fort Collins Regional Airport (FNL) It's closer to Fort Collins with pickup reservations available by Groome Transportation direct to your address.

If you make United Airlines Reservations to FNL (Fort Collins) and your plane lands in Denver DIA, you will walk to Gate B92 to board the United Airlines bus that will shuttle you from DIA to the Fort Collins Airport FNL. If you have Terminal A or C arrival at DIA, you need to go through security at Terminal B and walk to B92, the very last gate. When the bus drops you at the FNL or Fort Collins Regional Airport, you'll still need transportation to Fort Collins, with Groome Transportation or Uber, Lyft, etc.