

**Seattle Dances of Universal Peace
Planning Meeting
3/24/25**

Present: Hassan, Elizabeth, Ka, John (convener), Phil, Martha, Helen (scribe), Karim (vfP), Jennifer

Opening Dance: “Allah in Four Directions”

Announcements:

April 2025 Dance: drummer needed. Elizabeth and Karim leading.

New INDUP website is up, an improvement with multiple resources easily findable. There are still a number of technical issues getting people onto the site. Dancers who are not leaders can get in for \$12/year, leaders get in for \$36/year.

Park dances will start in May, dates TBD.

Treasurer’s Report: paid through indoor dance year. Have \$5248 with no immediate expenses coming up. \$442 of that is dedicated to scholarship fund.

Finalizing indoor dates for October 2025 through April 2026 at 7400 Woodlawn.

Things to consider:

Avoiding 11/8 due to Vashon retreat being that weekend.

December: how to space Aramaic and Global Peace Dance?

Request from dancer to move to 4th Saturdays.

The experience of moving dates around disrupts attendance. People get confused. But we want to respect a dancer’s request, who has attended many park dances and made this request repeatedly. We discussed dancing on 2nd Sat in 2025 and then on 4th Sat in 2026, which would not be too disruptive.

Proposed schedule accepted by consensus:

Oct 11 – 12:15-3:15

Nov 15 – 12:15-3:15

Dec 13 – 12:15-3:15

Jan 1 – 10:30-3:30

Jan. 24 -- 2026 12:15-3:15

Feb 28 -- 2026 12:15-3:15

March 28, 2026 -- 12:15-3:15 (if available or March 21 if not available)

April 25, 2026 -- 12:15-3:15

Moments for breathing and Check-ins

Regional Fall Retreat on Vashon Island:

No significant updates. Elizabeth and Martha are planning to get together soon to put flier together in time for spring retreat. Martha and Helen are planning to meet soon to set prices. Some inquiries to Burton staff are still pending.

Next meeting:

Wed, May 14, 3:30pm

Convenor: Karim

Scribe: Helen

Interim committee: John, Karim, Hassan

Closing dance: “Thy Light Is in All Forms”