

Sufism: The Inner Heart of Islam

Tuesday, November 29 7:00 – 8:30pm St. Matthew's Episcopal Church 330 N. Hubbards Lane 40207

Free event! All are welcome!

Salaam Network is delighted that honored teachers, Shaikh Kabir Helminski and Shaikha Camille Helminski, will offer an introduction to the principles and practices of the Sufi tradition, as well an opportunity to experience some Sufi practices, either as participant or observer.

Sufism is concerned with the transformation of the human being through developing selfawareness, purifying the heart, and practicing remembrance of God. It is a spiritual path highly integrated with daily life, encouraging individual responsibility, maturity in relationships, and being of service to others. Sufism has also contributed to world civilization through the creativity of its greatest figures like Jalaluddin Rumi, whose tradition Kabir and Camille represent.

Our Presenters: Shaikh Kabir and Shaikha Camille are internationally respected teachers, translators, and authors. In 2009 and subsequent years Kabir was named one of the "500 most influential Muslims in the world" by Georgetown University and The Royal Strategic Studies Center (Jordan).

Their books, which have sold over a quarter of a million copies, have been translated into at least eight languages. A few of Kabir's books are *Living Presence* (a 25th anniversary commemorative edition to be published by Penguin in 2017), *The Knowing Heart, Love's Ripening, The Drop That Became The Sea,* and the forthcoming *Holistic Islam.* Camille's titles include: *Women of Sufism, Rumi's Sun,* and *Rumi and His Friends, The Book of Character,* and *The Book of Nature.* Together they have authored many collections of Rumi translations, including *The Rumi Collection, The Pocket Rumi,* and *The Rumi Daybook.*



Salaam Network is an interfaith group of educators, peacemakers, writers, and supporters from a wide range of backgrounds. It grew out of a Muslim-led Brainstorming Meeting held at Drepung Gomang Center for Engaging Compassion on May 1, that was attended by a large number of local religious leaders and peace-and-justice activists.

Salaam Network is committed to building bridges of understanding and harmony from a knowledge-based foundation.

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