In the month of January 2015 the Sufi Movement started with spreading information.

Letters were sent to different religious and spiritual organisations asking them to pay attention to World Harmony,in unison or singularly ( the Bahai,the Brahma Kumaris,the Universal Peace Federation, the Foundation World Religion Day and the Rastafarians).

A next step was on 27th of january with an interview in a morning News paper ' De Ware Tijd" ( The True Time)

in which information was given about the activities to be held in different religious organisations.

On the fifth of february an

explanation by the Sufi centre was given in the Bahai centre about Harmony (in short):

harmony is the base tone of life.And what is life? Life is Love.Harmony is the means through which life reaches its goal.

After other presentations ( Bahia.Brahma Kumaris) there was a deepening session;the gathering consisted of 25 persons.

On the 5 th of February there was a commemoration of Inayat Khan ( Visalat day).

He brought the Message : Love,Harmony and Beauty,a message for the world for to-day.One of the objects of the International Sufi movement is:

To help to bring the world's two opposite poles,East and West,closer together by the interchange of thought and ideals;that the Universal Brother/Sisterhood may form of itself,and each shall meet with each beyond the narrow national and racial bondaries. ( for more deatailed information see: www.sufimovement.org)

The purpose of the meeting was to offer our gratitude for the blessings received along the years,feeling freedom on the path of Spiritual Liberty,as well as expressing preciuos examples among brothers and sisters and sending prayers of peace in the world.

On sunday the 8th of february we held a Universal Worship together with a deepening session about societal issues,for instance:how to reduce violance in households and about the life style of Rastafarians ( rastas) : their non-violance attitude in life.

The theme of the Universal Worship was : Values and norms for the enhancemnet of Interreligiuos Harmony.

The ceremony first started with meditative indian spiritual songs, performed by an surinmase indian group with the name: Mayantra;they sang spiritual songs based on healings words in the tradition of kirtana.

The Universal Worship expresses the unity of different world religions.In honour of the great world religions and their prophets and those ,who known or unknown to the world have held aloft the Light of Truth ,candles were lit, symbolising that their Light is again spread in the world.

Texts from the scred scriptures were read ,which were in connection with the theme.Texts had been chosen from: the Bhagavad Gita,the Dhammapada,the Gathtas from Zarathusttrs,the Old testament,the New testament,the Koran and from the Gayan and Nirtan.A short deepening of the theme,followed by a silence and closing with prayers.

After the Universal Worship there was a deepening -session about how to reduce violance in households by a christian pastor and of the life style by a rastafarian.The gathering was closed with meditattion by the Brahma Kumaris and the Sufi Movement.Participants ( 27) : were chistians,moslims ,hindus and persons with no religion.

There was a report next day (9/02) in the news paper : " De Ware Tijd" and in the day after ( 10/02) in the newespaper:

'Dagblad Suriname" ( Newspaper for Suriname).

Some facts about Suriname:

Suriname has approximately more than half a million inhabitants whose forfthers came from all over the world.The varied composition of the population dates back to the colonial period.The original inhabitants,the indigenous American people had to deal with European domination,with particular Dutch dominance.

Ever since 1650 colonial rulers forced Africans into slavery and sent them to Suriname.Their descendants are known as Afro Surinamers or Creoles. After the abolition of slavery in 1863,contract laborers from China,India,Indonesia came to work on the plantations.

During the colonial period Jews,Lebanese and Europeans immigrated to Suriname and long afterwards Haitians,Brazilians,Guyanese and recently Chinese.

Suriname is a tolerant country in many ways: in intermarriages,tolerance to the different religions.The Suriname Government has a special office to promote religiuos harmony.

With greetings and good wishes for a harmonius world,

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