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2010 Subud World Subud Congress COUNTRY REPORT

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| NAME of COUNTRY | United States of America |
| GENERAL FACTS such as number of members and groups | <p>From our 2007 census, Subud USA has a total of 4,932 members, of which only 30% or ~1,500 are fully active (the remainder is either semi-active, in assisted living facilities or inactive). We are in the midst of completing the 2009 census, so these figures may change slightly for 2010 purposes.</p> <p>Regional membership breakdown (%):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California: 30% (cities include San Francisco, Palo Alto, LA, San Diego) • East Coast: 25% (major cities include Boston, NYC, Washington D.C, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and cities in New England, S. Carolina, Florida) • Pacific Northwest: 14% (cities include Bellingham, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, and Anchorage, Alaska) • Rocky Mountains: 10% (four states of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico) • Midwest: 9% (cities include Chicago, Michigan, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Twin Cities, and Columbus, Ohio) • South: 6% (cities include Dallas, Austin, Houston, San Antonio) • Pacific Islands: 2% (cities include: Honolulu, Hilo) • Unknown, transitioning/moving, students, or in facilities: 4% • We include Subud Jamaica, Subud Trinidad, and Subud Puerto Rico members as part of our Subud East Coast regional members. Many members across the nation are regional members, not associated with any particular center. <p>Latihan Facilities: There are 13 homes owned by regions or centers in the USA, with the majority located in California.</p> |
| GENERAL CHANGES in the last four years | <p>Membership remains steady. A larger commitment has been made to provide group latihan through different means other than traditional to the growing number of regional members (those who live far from local centers or cities): group latihan by phone and small regional gatherings. However, certain centers are consistent in attracting and opening new members.</p> <p>Membership communication has broadened beyond our standard print newsletter (which is published at least quarterly and up to six times/year), the Subud USA website, and the standard regional/national listservers. We now have a Subud USA Facebook, as well as SYA and SICA Facebooks. In addition, a couple of new listservers have been created, including the prayer network listserver.</p> |
| IMPORTANT EVENTS in your country since 2005 | <p>Enterprises and members have been hard hit by the recession and state of the economy. This has affected our revenue and source of pledges, as donations from enterprises and individuals are our major source of income to support the budget and adhoc activities (such as IH travel to the US).</p> <p>National USA Gathering was held in July 2009 at a University campus in Colorado. The Gathering featured a festival hosted by Subud Youth, with outdoor tents, music, cultural events, late night dancing, and fun! The Gathering also hosted a series of workshops on: Looking at our Organization and Subud Culture (an open member forum on the WSA initiative facilitated by Suzannah Rosenthal and Rosetta Narvaez); Subud and self-visioning (a youth visioning was also held) facilitated by Leonard Horothy, Wisdom—the</p> |

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| | <p>Secret of Living Well in a Turbulent World (Reynold Feldman), a writer's workshop hosted by Emmanuel Williams, and the Caring Initiative (Malama MacNeil). The gathering was unique from others in that young and old blended together to sing, eat, dance, work, participate in activities, and enjoy one and another's company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wing Events: Cultural and Arts (SICA) retreat held in Portland, Oregon. Workshops included testing and sharing of ideas. <p>National Spirit Day - a board sponsored annual October event that was kicked off in 2009. The purpose of the day is to share a common fundraiser, latihan, or event across the nation and stay in tune with members across the nation. Two major conference call latihan were scheduled and were well received by regional as well as urban members alike.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC, LA, Portland, Boston – Susila Dharma fundraisers held regularly by these city centers. Subud NY has an annual matching fund for the SD USA fundraiser, which in 2009 raised \$16,000. • Regional Gatherings – Annually held by all regions. Pacific Northwest sponsors an annual spiritual retreat (Menucha) and an annual family art camp. Washington D.C has been working on developing and building a Subud center - with a purpose beyond the center latihan house. <p>Past events from 2005-2007 include: SES workshops (2) held on the West and East Coast and facilitated by professionals. These workshops were very popular, since testing and in-reach were provided to participants.</p> |
| <p>WORK OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE in the last four years</p> | <p>Three National Committees have served since Innsbruck - reflective of the stipulated two year election term of the National Chair and other Committee members at the National Congress.</p> <p>The direction of the current Committee, led by Reynold Bean, Chair of the Board of Directors, has been focused on professionalism, transparency, and continuity.</p> <p>Subud USA Board and Committee 2008-2009 initiatives:</p> <p>Almoner's Fund – transitioned from SD to Subud USA. A few center groups also administer their own almoner funds for emergency use by members.</p> <p>Endowment Fund – formalized with three trustees (Delianah Fuddy, Issac Goff, Hamilton Helmer). A marketing committee is assisting the National Committee in meeting its fundraising goals for this Fund.</p> <p>Financial and reporting transparency - budget, financials, regional books and legal filings.</p> <p>Caring Initiative - activities include a prayer network, National Spirit Day, and re-thinking member support.</p> <p>By-laws clean up. A new by-law document was proposed by the By-laws committee in place of another iteration of revisions, and will be brought to the next National Congress for vote and adoption.</p> <p>Continuity of Subud USA (documentation of procedures, setting up processes that are ongoing,etc.)</p> <p>Legal protection of Subud USA from costly litigation.</p> |
| <p>HIGHLIGHTS of MEMBERS' PROJECTS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many different kinds of membership projects in the US focused on: for-profit, SD, or charity, community, youth and SICA activities. Examples are numerous and can be found on the Subud USA web site: www.subudusa.org. In addition, SYA and SICA have facebook links which provide ongoing and updated member activities or organization activities such as the Subud Bus sponsored by Subud Youth and the SICA USA art Calendar on sale. <p>An online gift shop, maintained by Subud USA, can be found on</p> |

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| | www.subudusa.org which sells members' wares to the public. |
| IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES and HOPES for the future | <p>Several objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure harmony within the National Committee and collaborate with the national helpers, and regional committees; 2. Complete the work of the 2008 National Congress resolutions and National Council activities; 3. Further the concept of the Council that includes the participation of non-voting members of the Subud USA board of directors in discussion on matters of national importance or involving members. Non-voting members include wing chairs, national helpers, several committee members, and the national office manager. 4. Protect the good name of Subud USA from a current litigation that has named Subud USA as a co- defendant. 5. Foster innovative means to undertake the work required by local and regional committees in the face of lack of volunteers or reluctance by volunteers to take on traditional committee roles. |
| NATIONAL FINANCES | <p>Subud USA is tightening its belt to face the national recession affecting our membership and contributions; our working budget is flat year over year, yet 2010 commitments to the Zone 7 and WSA budget will remain steady.</p> <p>Other innovations: The Subud USA Treasurer has set up a network amongst regional treasurers to communicate on issues or ideas. In addition, a fund has been set aside to audit the USA books, which may end up as an audit review by a small panel of USA members with CPAs and non-profit financial backgrounds.</p> |
| ANY OTHER THINGS to report | <p>Subud USA will be holding its National Congress in July, 2010. We invite international participants and representatives from the Zone 7, WSC and ISC/Exec to attend.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Rosetta Narvaez, Committee Councilor on behalf of Subud USA</p> |