

SUBUD IN THE WORLD

Subud groups and centers exist in over 70 countries. The World Subud Association is registered in Washington, D.C. as a non-profit foundation.

There are two aspects to the Subud Association:

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES: Committee members are chosen by the group to look after the worldly needs of Subud such as arranging premises where groups can meet, facilitating communication between groups, keeping membership records, producing newsletters, conducting business meetings, keeping archives, and handling the finances.

HELPER ACTIVITIES: Helpers are more experienced members who volunteer to answer questions from prospective members, assist new members with initial receiving (called the *opening*), and support members as required.

Committees chosen by the members work together with helpers on local, regional, national, and international levels. On all these levels meetings and congresses are held regularly.

Many Subud members have been led to understand how their receiving, which comes as a result of their submission to the will of God, is meant to be put into practice in their daily lives. As a result, Subud members have established branches or "wings" that serve to coordinate worldwide activities in the fields of: education and welfare projects (SD), culture and arts (SICA), Subud youth activities (SYA), and Subud members involved in business and development (SES). Participation in these affiliated organizations is open to all.

JOINING SUBUD

Subud is a non-proselytizing, non-political organization. It is open to people of all religions and all nationalities. An individual over the age of 17 may join Subud. No prior beliefs or convictions are required. There is no fee for joining. The cost of maintaining the Subud Association (group premises, communication, records) is derived from voluntary donations from its members.

There is usually a three-month waiting period when individuals interested in joining meet with the group so they can get to know the members. During this time prospective members also meet regularly with the helpers to gain a clearer understanding of what they may expect in Subud. The waiting period provides time for prospective members to be certain of their wish to participate in Subud.

Readers interested in learning more about Subud can try looking under Subud in the local telephone directory. Some groups have listings while others do not. Listed below are addresses for Subud offices in the United States and Canada. You may write to either address for information. These addresses were viable at the time of publication, but addresses do change. If you receive no reply, try again. Most centers have directories of groups in other parts of the world.

Subud U.S.A.
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An Introduction to SUBUD