



Self-Realization Fellowship

Founded in 1920 by Paramahansa Yogananda

November, 2011

Dear Friend,

In September of 1936, Paramahansa Yogananda arrived in England for his second visit within 16 months. Lecturing and giving classes to thousands, he found an inspiring receptivity to the timeless teachings of Yoga.

In his *Autobiography of a Yogi*, our Guru wrote, “English tenacity has an admirable expression in a spiritual relationship. The London yoga students loyally organized themselves, after my departure, into a Self-Realization Fellowship center, holding their meditation meetings weekly....”

Thus were the auspicious beginnings in England of a spiritual renaissance that has uplifted thousands over the years and, to this day, we find an ever growing interest in the teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda.

Growth has been such that today, throughout England, Scotland, and Wales there are 18 Self-Realization Fellowship meditation groups. To support and further the expansion of our Guru’s work, Self-Realization Fellowship legally incorporated in Great Britain in 2005 and is known as SRF-UK. In addition, in late 2005 the London Centre purchased a beautiful property which it donated to SRF-UK.

SRF London Centre

As mentioned, in late 2005, the London Centre members acquired a permanent home in central London, at 82a Chiltern Street. An ideal property for our growing London membership, the building includes a large chapel, a social hall, rear courtyard, kitchen and office areas, and an upper storey residence for visiting monastics.

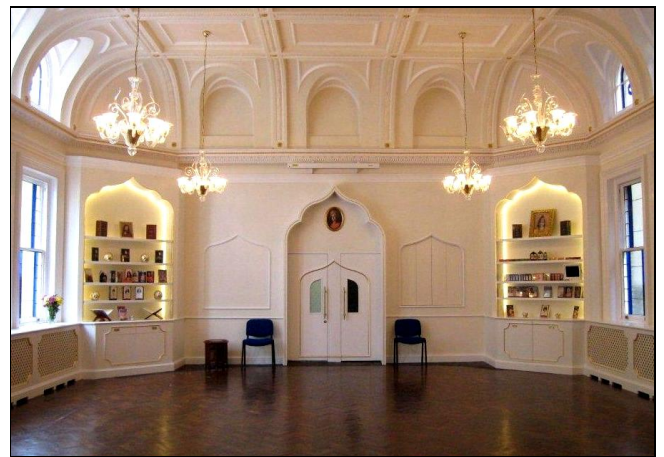
Being an older building, there has been an increasing need for major repairs, some of which have now been completed. In addition, renovations are planned to beautify and enhance the existing facilities, bringing them more into harmony with the ideals of an SRF Centre. Specifically, the London Centre will need to repair portions of the building’s roof; update some of the plumbing and electrical components; provide upgrades to the front entrance, entrance corridor, restrooms, foyer rear patio area and chapel, plus add facilities for disabled persons.

Renovation work began in February 2010 and, subject to financial resources, is expected to continue till the summer of 2012. Existing repairs and renovations have been completed through generous donations and use of centre funds. Remaining costs for this important project are estimated at approximately £555,000. To date, the London Centre has £130,000 available, so a further £425,000 is still required.

The pictures following show new renovations to the social hall, and the proposed chapel design.



Social hall before renovation



Social hall as existing (carpet to follow)



Existing chapel



Proposed chapel

The proposed chapel depicts a remodeled altar, windows, lighting, ceiling, sculpted pillars and redecoration. For additional details of the planned renovations, please visit the London Centre's website at www.srf-london.org.uk (select "Where We Meet").

Your generous assistance to this sacred cause—in the form of prayer, monetary donations, and service—would be deeply appreciated. Whether or not you can lend your financial support now, we ask for your prayers and positive thoughts—which are a powerful force in helping our Guru's message to continue to illumine the hearts and minds of God-seeking souls around the world.

If you would like to donate towards the renovations of the London Centre, please refer to the enclosed donation documents, or you may contact Mother Center, Center Department (e-mail: CenterDepartment@Yogananda-srf.org, or phone: 001 323 225 2471) for more information.

All donations to SRF-UK may be eligible for Gift Aid. Any excess donations will go towards routine maintenance of the Chiltern St. property, or any future renovations/upgrades.

Self-Realization Fellowship Church-UK (SRF-UK)

Established in 2005, SRF-UK is a registered charity within England, Scotland and Wales. SRF-UK was formed with the goal of supporting the growth of our Guru's work and to spread his teachings throughout the region. As is to be expected, there are considerable administrative costs involved with maintaining it – accounting, legal, insurance, and so forth.

You have our heartfelt appreciation for any form of assistance you may be able to provide in support of the ongoing activities and expenses of our SRF-UK Charity. If you would like to contribute towards the general costs of sustaining SRF-UK, please utilize the enclosed donation form or contact Mother Center.

In witnessing the continued expansion of Gurudeva's work, we are ever thankful for your positive thoughts, prayers and financial aid. Your assistance helps us to make these sacred teachings available to other seekers who, like yourself, yearn to know and love the Divine.

To give and work unselfishly for God's cause draws His response and sets into motion divine laws that will aid the one who thinks of others. Guruji has written: "There is an unwritten law that he who helps others to abundance and happiness always will be helped in return, and he will become more and more prosperous and happy. This is a law of happiness which cannot be broken."

Thank you, each one; and may God and Guru ever bless your lives in the highest way.

In divine friendship,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mother Center". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the 'M' and 'C' being particularly prominent.

Self-Realization Fellowship

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Registered Charity number: 1097070 Company number: 4591453

Instructions for Deposit of Donations

Account to which donations to be deposited:

Account name: **Self-Realization Fellowship Church-UK**
Account number: **61831135**
Sort code: **40 – 45 – 27**

PROCEDURE FOR MAKING A DONATION BY CHEQUE

1. Please complete the “Gift Aid Declaration” form.
2. Please make the donation cheque payable to Self-Realization Fellowship Church-UK.
3. Please send the donation cheque and the completed “Gift Aid Declaration” form to Mrs Raju Kanabar, accountant of SRF-UK at:

Address: 2 Old Gannon Close, Moor Park, Northwood, Middx, HA6 2LU
Telephone: 020 8421 5017 E-mail: raju@financehouse.org.uk

PROCEDURES FOR SETTING UP A STANDING ORDER MANDATE

1. Please complete the “Standing Order Mandate” form.
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Gift Aid Declaration

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Please treat: (Please tick the appropriate box)

The enclosed gift of £ _____ as a Gift Aid donation: **OR**

The standing order of £ _____ which will start on ____/____/____

All gifts of money that I make today and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations. (A tick is not required here if this request was made on a previous occasion.)

SRF-UK will be able to reclaim on your gifts in the tax year when you have paid an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gain Tax that is equal to or greater than the amount of the reclaimed gifts.

I am a UK taxpayer.

Not applicable as I am not a UK taxpayer.

Designation of Donation: (Please tick the appropriate box)

Renovation of 82A Chiltern Street

General Operation of SRF-UK

Donor's details:

First Name _____ Surname _____

Home address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please notify the charity if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Want to change your name or home address
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Tax claimed by the charity

- The charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you gave on or after 6 April 2008.
- The Government will pay to the charity an additional 3p on every £1 you gave between 6 April 2008 and 5 April 2011. This transitional relief for the charity or CASC does not affect your personal tax position.

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include your entire Gift Aid donation on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

