

Beloved Family,

Happy, Happy New Year!!! And Welcome to 2016!!!

We have journeyed long and far together and have reached the threshold of a brand New Year, a most auspicious time to say “goodbye” to yesterday’s old endings and to say “hello” to today’s new beginnings. What a glorious time to celebrate life and to be grateful for the extraordinary Blessing of each other.

But before we look forward into the future I would like to pay homage to the past and look back on all that we accomplished as a Family in 2015.

*We began our year as we always do with a **Ganesh Puja**, a Hindu ceremony to remove obstacles and open the roads as we embarked upon the New Year. In March we celebrated the first of four **Seasonal Cleanses** by detoxifying our bodies and bringing balance and wholeness to our minds, bodies, hearts and souls. April not only brought “Spring Showers” but new people to the ETHOH Family who were interested in personal growth and spiritual development and attended our **Spring Meet & Greet and Monthly Meditation Class**.*

*In August we raised over \$2,000 for our Building Fund through **Macy’s Shop For A Cause** and then we **Danced In the Park** like no one was watching!*

*In December, the month of miracles, we **Danced Into the Light**, with our Traditional West African Dance Class that celebrated five (5) of the Holy-Days and Festivals of Light: Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chanukah, Three Kings Day and Diwali breaking all of our own records with 155 people in attendance in our small gym and raising over \$600 to support the mission of ETHOH!*

*The year ended with the Blessings of the Angels as they descended upon our **Midnight Meditation for World Peace**, reminding us that they not only bring messages from God but take messages to God as well. What an incredible gift!*

*We even had our very first Year-End Giving Campaign where many of you supported ETHOH by shopping via **smile.amazon.com** and joined our **TD Bank Membership Account**. Donations from Amazon and TD Bank are on their way so we don’t have final figures to share – yet! But we THANK YOU for supporting ETHOH in so many myriad and varied ways.*

And now that we have stepped into Sweet 2016 we invite you all to join us once again as we journey into a New Year with old favorites and new surprises!

But it is the Love and the Joy that is overflowing from my heart that I must share with each and every one of YOU so that you know just how much you mean to me and just how Grateful I am that we are a Family!

I often say that, “No man (or woman) is an island” and that I don’t journey alone. We journey together. We Love each other. We Support each other. And sometimes we even Carry each other - which is what makes us such a Beautiful Family!

And so my Beautiful Beloved Family, let’s Go! Let’s not waste any time and begin enjoying life today!!! Open your heart. Let Love flow and BE THE LIGHT with every breath and every step that you take! For it is only your LIGHT that will make the darkness bearable.

Happy, Happy New Year My Beloved Family. May it be the Best New Year Yet!!!

I AM Loving You With All That I AM,

~ Reverend Nafisa