Flag Worship Breakout Session

## What is a flag?

flag flæg -noun
a piece of cloth, varying in size, shape, color, and design, usually attached at one edge to a staff or cord, and used as the symbol of a nation, state, or organization, as a means of signaling, etc.
ensign; standard; banner; pennant.

## Flags and banners in scripture

- The Bible refers to the word flag as "standard" or "banner." The Hebrew word degel is translated as, a flag or banner or standard. Degel comes from the Hebrew root word dagal, meaning to flaunt, i.e. raise a flag; to be conspicuous, setting up with banners.
- Banner is defined as a flag or cloth standard.
- Standard is defined as a banner used as an emblem, marker or rallying point; an ensign; military or personal flag.


## Organized the Hebrews

- In the Old Testament, Yahweh commands Moses to instruct the children of Israel to camp by their own "standard" to signify their tribe. (NNum. 2:2)
- There were 12 different flags or banners for the 12 tribes. (Num. 1:52, 2:2-3, 10, 18, 25; 10:14, 18, 22, 25)
- Numbers 1:52 And the sons of Israel shall camp, each man by fis own camp, and each man by fis own standard(6anner), according to their armies.


## Scripture

- Yahwer $\mathcal{N}$ issi Exodus 17:15 And Moses built an altar, and named it The Lord is My Banner.
- Song 6:4 You are as 6eautiful as Tirzah, my darling, as Covely as Jerusalem, as awesome as an army with banners.
- Psalm 20:5 We will sing for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.


## Scripture

- Psalm 60:4 Thou hast given a banner to those who fear Thee, That it may be displayed because of the truth.
- Isaiah 11:10 Then it will come about in that day that the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, who will stand as a signal(banner) for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious.
- Isaiah 62:10 Go through, go through the gates; clear the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; remove the stones, lift up a standard(flag) over the peoples.


## Flags communicate messages through

- Symbols
- Color
- Shape
- Size
- Motion
- Music



## Flags are symbols...

## What are you thinking now?



## Islamic and Jihad Flags....



## Color

White: The Bride, purity, surrender, holiness, angels, saints, peace, triumph, victory

## Color

## Black:

## darkness, evir,

sin, famine,
fumility

## Color



## Color

## Amber:

the glory of Yahweh, fiery passion,
flaming throne of Yahweh,

> the temple of Yahweh, wisdom

## Color

## Green: eternal life, vigor,

 prosperity, mercy, restoration, healing, new beginning
## Color



## Color



## Color

## Silver:

the Ward of Yahweh, redemption, divinity, righteousness,
strengthened faith

Color


Eternal Deity, Yahweh, glory,
purification, majesty, righteousness, Divine Light, kingliness, trial by fire

## Shapes....

The familiar rectangle


Flags can be

any
shape
you
want


## Banners and streamers can often be very long and flowing...



## Size

- Any size flag can be used, however here are some considerations that may limit your size:
- The room available to move in and around
- What size you can physically fandle, flags can be very heary when they get bigger
- Expense, the more material, the greater the cost for fabric, poles and more elaborate the way of attaching the flag to the pole or handle


## Motion

- How you move conveys a message:
■ Fast vs. slow, smooth vs. jerky, large sweeping motions vs. small


## Music

- The tempo, beat, โyrics, and message of the song have to be considered when you are designing a dance or flag dance to create unity in the presentation.
- A fast moving dance to a slow song causes disharmony


## Lets get specific.....

- Care of flags
- How to make flags
- Costumes and dress
- Modesty
- Attitude
- Neighbors
- Ideas....


## Care of flags

## - Flags are a prop, a simple tool

## - Stewards

- Respect


## Fabric types

- Silk Essence
- Nylon rip stop
- Lame
- Tribeca
- Poly-silks
- Polyester lining
- Any fabric that flows


## How to make flags

- Square ar rectangle flag:

Take a single layer or
double layer of cloth

- Hem the edges or put a anti-fray product down each unfinished edge.
- Put a channel down one side so that a wooden dowel or PVC pipe will fit. Sew the top of the channel closed.
- Gaffer's tape or painter's tape

Na seue flags

- Use anti-fray products to seal the edge or buy a fabric that won't fray.
- Use tape to hold the top and 6ottom of the flag to your pole.


## Other methods of attaching fabric...

- Velcro strip and tabs:



## More complicated....



## My favorite flags

- Swing flag
- Hand flag


## Costume and dress

## - Unity <br> - Color

■ Dress. . . . pants or skirts?

- Skirts


## Modesty

- Check a mirror
- Make sure your skirt or pants go all the way down and all the way up. No belly dancers
- Ladies, bend over in front of a mirror.



## Neighbors

- Respectful
- Space
- Watch out
- Poles
- You are responsible
- Follow your leader


## Worship dance vs. Presentation dance

## To me worship dance is like a watercolor painting.

Presentation dance is like an
acrylic painting.

## Worship Dance




## Ideas.... Where do they come from?

- Music
- Internet
- Other people

■ Yahweh

- Pictures
- Fabric
- An emotion

