669 River Drive, Ste 301 | Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 | www.afsv.org | 212 – 682 4278

Alliance for Shared Values

Remembering Fethullah Gülen: A Legacy of Education, Dialogue, and Service

October 20, 2026 — On the second anniversary of the passing of Fethullah Gülen, we honor the life and legacy of a Muslim scholar and spiritual leader who dedicated his life to serving humanity through education and dialogue, and whose ideas continue to inspire millions around the world.

For more than six decades, Mr. Gülen, or Hocaefendi as he is known affectionately by his students, championed education, intercultural understanding, service to humanity, nonviolence, and respect for human rights. He brought people of diverse faiths and backgrounds together around shared values of compassion, mutual respect, and peaceful coexistence.

The values to which he dedicated his life continue to live on through his extensive writings on faith, spirituality, education, and social responsibility, as well as through the ongoing projects and initiatives of the Hizmet movement.

At a time when dialogue, reconciliation, peace, and love are needed more than ever, we pray that the values Mr. Gülen embodied throughout his life will continue to inspire people to pursue knowledge, embrace diversity, uphold human dignity, and serve humanity without expectation of personal gain.

We offer prayers for God's mercy upon Fethullah Gülen Hocaefendi and reaffirm our commitment to the shared values of humanity that he upheld throughout his life.

New Documentary: GULEN: Devoted to Education & Dialogue

On this meaningful day of remembrance, we invite you to explore his life and legacy through the newly released documentary, GULEN: Devoted to Education & Dialogue, which premiered worldwide on October 17, 2026.

This 90-minute documentary features 35 voices from 14 countries, offering an exploration of his life, ideas, and global influence. Through personal reflections and expert perspectives, the film examines education, science and faith, interfaith and intercultural dialogue, peace, and the development of the Hizmet movement.

We invite you to watch the documentary and share it with friends, colleagues, and communities interested in his vision of education, dialogue, and service to humanity.

Watch the documentary: GULEN: Devoted to Education & Dialogue

Learn more: gulendocumentary.com

About Alliance for Shared Values

The Alliance for Shared Values (AFSV) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves as a voice for cultural organizations affiliated with Hizmet, a civil society movement inspired by prominent preacher and peace advocate Fethullah Gülen. The Alliance strives to promote peace and social harmony by helping reduce misinformation and false stereotypes about any or all ethnic, cultural and religious communities. To learn more about the Alliance, please visit www.afsv.org.

Media contact
media@afsv.org
212-682-4278