



# BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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To all Local Spiritual Assemblies  
and registered Bahá'í groups

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

Further to the National Spiritual Assembly's message dated March 7, 2017 to Local Spiritual Assemblies and registered Bahá'í groups regarding relations with "Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light" (HWPL), we have learned that this organization also uses other names in its attempts to engage with Bahá'ís and Bahá'í communities (as well as other religions and organizations), and it has affiliated organizations that may reach out to you as well. Some of these names include:

- Unification Church
- Unificationism
- Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity
- Schincheonji Church of Jesus the Temple of the Tabernacle
- Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU)
- Mannam Volunteer Association (MVA)
- Mannam International Youth Coalition
- International Peace Youth Group (IPYG)
- International Women's Peace Group (IWPG)

There is an extensive list of all known affiliate organizations of the Unification Church available online at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Unification\\_Church\\_affiliated\\_organizations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Unification_Church_affiliated_organizations).

The original guidance, dated March 7, applies equally to them all. Please inform your community of these additional organizational names and ask them to decline their invitations and otherwise refrain from joining in the activities of these organizations, but to do so in a tactful manner and on amicable terms. In the future, should you be invited to participate in any activities of groups that are unknown to you or whose names you don't recognize, particularly if they originate in South Korea, please contact the Office of Public Affairs for guidance or check the Internet to see if the organization has any connections to the Unification Church or any of its subsidiary organizations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please write to the Office of Public Affairs at [BahaisUS@usbnc.org](mailto:BahaisUS@usbnc.org).

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Taylor". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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