

# *California Regional Training Institute*

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To the Friends Residing in California

Dearly Loved Friends,

With the first year of this Five Year Plan behind us, it is with great joy that we announce the release of the third and final unit of Book 10, titled “Building Vibrant Communities.” Some individuals have had the opportunity to study the first and perhaps the second unit of Book 10, and will now have the opportunity to complete the book with the third unit. Those individuals that have not yet begun their study of Book 10 will now have the opportunity to study the book in its entirety.

As the Universal House of Justice reminds us, “The sequence of courses is organized to set the individual, whether Bahá’í or not, on a path being defined by accumulating experience of the community in its endeavor to open before humanity the vision of Bahá’u’lláh’s World Order.”<sup>(1)</sup> Thus, Books 1 through 7 of the training institute guide us in developing many skills, help strengthen our qualities and attitudes, and facilitate our capacities of walking together on a path of service to our community. Books 8, 9, and now 10 have been released and build on the content of the first seven books, and are the first of a series of books concerned with institutional aspects of service to the Cause.

The first unit of Book 10 focuses on accompanying one another on a path of service and learning together in action. The second unit examines the vital role consultation plays in virtually every aspect of Bahá’í life. In this third and final unit titled, “Dynamics of Service on an Area Teaching Committee,” our attention is directed to the work of consultative bodies of the Administrative Order from the perspective of an individual serving on an Area Teaching Committee at the level of a cluster.

Plans are currently in motion for rolling out study of Ruhi 10.3 throughout the region. An initial cadre of tutors will be trained in the coming months that will then offer this unit for study in local trainings for the friends. Since study of this unit builds on that of the first two units, we request that the friends make every effort to study the three units in the order intended, just as the other books in the Ruhi sequence are approached. If you have any questions regarding the availability of trainings for the units of Book 10, please contact your cluster study circle coordinator or regional coordinator.

With Love,  
Regional Training Institute of California

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(1) 12 December 2011 message from the Universal House of Justice to all National Spiritual Assemblies