

BAHÁ'IS OF HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

"Every dignity shall vanish away save the glory under the shadow of the Word of God."

'Abdu'l-Bahá, Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá v1, p. 128

Dear Friends,

We are excited to bring to you the 4th issue of our newsletter! We would like to welcome you this month by sharing an excerpt from "The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh" by Shoghi Effendi.

"The unity of the human race, as envisaged by Bahá'u'lláh, implies the establishment of a world commonwealth in which all nations, races, creeds and classes are closely and permanently united, and in which the autonomy of its state members and the personal freedom and initiative of the individuals that compose them are definitely and completely safeguarded. This commonwealth must, as far as we can visualize it, consist of a world legislature, whose members will, as the trustees of the whole of mankind, ultimately control the entire resources of all the component nations, and will enact such laws as "shall be required to regulate the life, satisfy the needs and adjust the relationships of all races and peoples. A world executive, backed by an international Force, will carry out the decisions arrived at, and apply the laws enacted by, this world legislature, and will safeguard the organic unity of the whole commonwealth. A world tribunal will adjudicate and deliver its compulsory and final verdict in all and any disputes that may arise between the various elements constituting this universal system. A mechanism of world inter-communication will be devised, embracing the whole planet, freed from national hindrances and restrictions, and functioning with marvellous swiftness and perfect regularity. A world metropolis will act as the nerve center of a world civilization, the focus towards which the unifying forces of life will converge and from which its energizing influences will radiate.



A world language will either be invented or chosen from among the existing languages and will be taught in the schools of all the federated nations as an auxiliary to their mother tongue. A world script, a world literature, a uniform and universal system of currency, of weights and measures, will simplify and facilitate intercourse and understanding among the nations and races of mankind. In such a world society, science and religion, the two most potent forces in human life, will be reconciled, will cooperate, and will harmoniously develop. The press will, under such a system, while giving full scope to the expression of the diversified views and convictions of mankind, cease to be mischievously manipulated by vested interests, whether private or public, and will be liberated from the influence of contending governments and peoples. The economic resources of the world will be organized, its sources of raw materials will be tapped and fully utilized, its markets will be coordinated and developed, and the distribution of its products will be equitably regulated. (Shoghi Effendi, The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh, p. 203)"

Announcements

- [Regional Training Institute on Book 10](#)
- [Southern California Bahá'í Summer School, Sep. 2-5](#)
- [Highland Children's Classes Start the Season with Service Project](#)

Letters/Communications

- **National Spiritual Assembly**
 - [Feast of Asmá'](#)
 - [Feast of Kamál](#)
 - [Iranian Requests for Credentials](#)
- **Cluster**
 - [CRM Meeting 8-21-16 – Goal Consolidation](#)

Talks/Presentations/Webinars

- [108th National Convention Highlights – presented by Mrs. Soheila Azizi on August 11th in Highland](#)
- [20 Years of Growth in the American Bahá'í Community](#)
- [The Bahá'í World View](#)

Victorious conclusion of one more phase in the unfolding of the Master's Divine Plan for the spiritual conquest of the planet:

Gaining new strengths & increased capacities to advance the process of entry by troops in the last 5-yr Plan
In 2011 began with 250 IPGs to over 624 in 2016 (5000 worldwide)

Launching of a new 5-yr Plan with UHJ giving shape to The Guardian's vision, a beacon of hope to a darkening world:

1. 361 programs of growth with 1st Milestone of Institute Courses and initiating core activities for a rich & vibrant community life
2. 249 clusters with 2nd Milestone with 10s serving 100s in a systematic & coordinated complexity and intensity in quarterly cycles & assisted by ATC (area teaching committees), RTI (regional training institute), RBC, ABM, CIC (cluster institute coordinator)
3. 12 or more clusters with 3rd Milestone of 100-170 core activities serving 1000s!

"Ridvan 2016 Annual Report"

Links

- [Bahá'is of Banning](#)
- [Bahá'is of Claremont](#)
- [Bahá'is of Fontana](#)
- [Bahá'is of Rancho Cucamonga](#)
- [Bahá'is of Redlands](#)
- [Bahá'is of Riverside](#)
- [Bahá'is of San Bernardino](#)
- [Bahá'is of San Bernardino southwest](#)
- [Bahá'is of Upland](#)
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