

# BAHÁ'IS OF HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

**"The first sign of faith is love."**

**Ábdu'l-Bahá, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 336**

Dear Friends,

We are excited to bring to you the 8<sup>th</sup> issue of our newsletter! We would like to welcome you this month by sharing an excerpt from the Kitáb-i-Íqán (The Book of Certitude): paragraphs 81- 82.

*"It is evident that the changes brought about in every Dispensation constitute the dark clouds that intervene between the eye of man's understanding and the divine Luminary which shineth forth from the dayspring of the divine Essence. Consider how men for generations have been blindly imitating their fathers, and have been trained according to such ways and manners as have been laid down by the dictates of their Faith. Were these men, therefore, to discover suddenly that a Man, Who hath been living in their midst, Who, with respect to every human limitation, hath been their equal, had risen to abolish every established principle imposed by their Faith--principles by which for centuries they have been disciplined, and every opposer and denier of which they have come to regard as infidel, profligate and wicked,--they would of a certainty be veiled and hindered from acknowledging His truth.*

*Such things are as "clouds" that veil the eyes of those whose inner being hath not tasted the Salsabil of detachment, nor drunk from the Kawthar of the knowledge of God. Such men, when acquainted with these circumstances, become so veiled that without the least question, they pronounce the Manifestation of God an infidel, and sentence Him to death. You must have heard of such things taking place all down the ages, and are now observing them in these days.*

*It behooveth us, therefore, to make the utmost endeavour, that, by God's invisible assistance, these dark veils, these clouds of Heaven-sent trials, may not hinder us from beholding the beauty of His shining Countenance, and that we may recognize Him only by His own Self.*



*And should we ask for a testimony of His truth, we should content ourselves with one, and only one; that thereby we may attain unto Him Who is the Fountain-head of infinite grace, and in Whose presence all the world's abundance fadeth into nothingness, that we may cease to cavil at Him every day and to cleave unto our own idle fancy."*

## *Announcements*

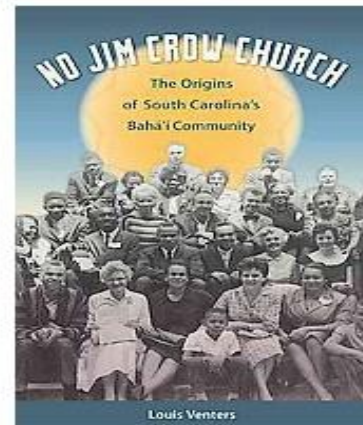
- *Auxiliary Board Members Appointments*
- *Fund Empowerment Workshop in Encino*
- *Lifeblood Deepening in San Diego*

## *Letters/Communications*

- *National Spiritual Assembly*
  - *Feast of Sharaf*
  - *Feast of Mashá'il*
  - *Liability Insurance for 2016-17*
  - *ISGP Graduate Seminar at Louhelen Bahá'í School*

## *Talks/Presentations/Web*

- *No Jim Crow Church – The Origins of South Carolina's Bahá'í Community – Louis Venters*
- *Bahá'u'lláh and the Birth of the New Revelation, Part 3 – Shahrokh Monjazeb*
- *Bahá'u'lláh and the Birth of the New Revelation, Part 4 – Shahrokh Monjazeb*



## *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*
- *Bahá'is of Yucaipa*
- *Highland Children's Classes*

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