



## THE VISION

At this momentous time in the Plan, with only a few short months before the bicentennial anniversary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah, we find the world stricken as "the symptoms of an ever-deepening malaise of the soul multiply and worsen." The Supreme Body called upon us in its Ridvan 2016 Message to the Baha'is of the world to **redouble our efforts** in the face of world encompassing trials.

As we know, this summer is critical to take advantage of the short time remaining to prepare our **gift of "ardent love"** to Baha'u'llah, for "in each cycle are vested **fleeting opportunities** for a stride forward, precious possibilities that will not return." We are calling upon all believers to dedicate this summer to serving their communities to their fullest potential. Several opportunities are available for all to participate to advance the process of entry by troops in their clusters.

### Summer of Service Structure:

- Training in outreach to youth
- Full time outreach to youth
- Youth gathering
- Institute Campaigns

### PHASE 1:

Training: JUNE 12 – 18: LOS ANGELES  
Full Time Service: June 12- July 9

### PHASE 2:

Training: JULY 12-18: LOS ANGELES  
Full Time Service: July 12 – Aug 9

## THE GOAL

**Every cluster** in California has the goal of reaching an Intensive Program of Growth with **50 to 100 Junior Youth** in the program for their spiritual empowerment before Ridvan 2021. We hope that during this summer, friends can labor to invite more and more youth in their communities to participate in the institute process and achieve our goal!



## JOIN US!



## THE TRAINING

Join us in a **training campaign** for friends who wish to contribute to the work with youth, who the House of Justice refer to as "a most responsive element of every receptive population."

During the campaign, we will:

- Carry out the entire process of engaging youth in a conversation about walking a path of service to their communities, and invite them into the Institute process
- Benefit from the experience of friends who have successfully accompanied youth into the field of service in the past
- Study insights from state, national, and global learning.



Two training opportunities will be available this summer:

**Phase 1: JUNE 12 – 18: LOS ANGELES**

**Phase 2: JULY 12-18: LOS ANGELES**

## SUMMER FULL TIME SERVICE

This summer commit and devote your heart, mind, and being **to reaching out to young people**, inviting them to take part in this mighty spiritual enterprise, and helping channel their vast powers towards the releasing the potential of others, especially junior youth.

**Phase 1: JUNE 12- JULY 9**

**Phase 2: JULY 12- AUG 9**

**Entire Summer: JUNE 12- AUG 9**

Friends can devote themselves to serving full time during **one** or **both** of the summer phases. After you register, one of the coordinators will contact you to discuss the best placement for your service.



## REGISTRATION

**WHO** can register? Youth AND Adults - Anyone 15 and older!

\* Parents, if you would like to register as a family, you can also register to serve with your younger children.

\* If you would like to find other ways to serve this summer or support the summer activities, including through providing logistical or financial support, designing a teaching project to fit your personal availability or the needs of your community, or in other ways, please reach out to your ABM to consult.

**WHERE:** SOUTH WEST CALIFORNIA

**WHEN:** June 12 – August 9

**WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?** Fill out the form below, invite your friends to register too, and we will be in touch!

**REGISTER HERE:** <http://bit.ly/SWSummer2017>

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## A GLIMPSE INTO FULL TIME SERVICE

### A DAY IN THE LIFE

#### Sample Schedule:

8:00: Breakfast  
8:30: Devotionals  
9:00: Book 6: Qualities and Attitudes of a Teacher (what is the quality of our "being" while conversing with youth?)  
10:30: Break  
11:00: Spiritual Heritage of CA (how does this work fit into the spiritual heritage of CA and move us forward?)  
12:30: Lunch  
1:30: Study Considering the Conversation with Youth (what do we say to youth?)  
2:30: Arena of Service (let's go practice!)  
6:30: Dinner  
7:30: Reflection (what did we learn today and how can we improve tomorrow?)  
8:30: Devotions, Stories from the Faith  
9:00: End

### TESTIMONIALS

*"My experience with service overall was amazing. Before, I was struggling to balance service, education, work, family, and school. Serving not only helped me balance all of these by striving for coherence, but also allowed me to develop qualities that I didn't even think I was capable of having. For example, I learned how to have deeper conversations with people about the institute process, I experienced and gained a deeper understanding of confirmation and*

*prayer, I saw the transformation within the community, and learned how to work together with others."*

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*"After a summer of school and work, offering a period of service over the summer drew me closer to my community and allowed me to develop more meaningful friendships with those I served with. I had helpful conversations with people I met about our responsibility to give back as youth, how our individual efforts have a profound impact in your community, and how both spiritual and material progress are important in all our lives. I feel more motivated to continue serving my community after my summer experience."*



### FAMILY NARRATIVE

A family of four decided that instead of vacationing over their summer break that they would dedicate their time to serving the Cause full time. They first joined a Summer Service training and then pioneered to work with some Milestone 1 clusters in Northern California. There, a dedicated team of local adult believers had already identified an apartment complex, made a few friendships, and started a children's class. The team had a lot of trepidation in approaching people and engaging them in a conversation. The family studied guidance, practiced how to have conversations, and accompanied the team members to have conversations with parents, junior youth and youth to participate in the core activities. Eventually, the confidence of the local team members was raised and together they formed a new junior youth group and small youth book 1. Since the family departed, the team began regular dawn prayers over the phone and has begun to engage parents in Anna's Conversation and Ruhi Book 1.

