

## Support and Resources for Centenary activities

### Films from the Universal House of Justice

- The Universal House of Justice has announced that two films will be released later in the year.
- “The first of these,” the House of Justice tell us, “which will become available in time for the centennial commemoration, will be a portrait of the Person of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá. Besides being a tribute to His life and work, it will explore how, by championing the oneness of humanity through His words and deeds, He offered a challenge to the stale assumptions and prejudices of the age, and gave stimulus to a process of unification which continues to this day.”<sup>ii</sup>
- The second film which will follow soon after, “will reflect on the expiration of the first hundred years of the Formative Age from the vantage point of the heights to which the Bahá’í community has climbed, and from where it can now gaze upon new horizons.”<sup>iii</sup> We can be giving thought now as to how to invite large numbers to screenings of these films in our homes, in cinemas, in schools and other venues.

### Teaching Conferences:

In each region, teaching conferences will be organised by Regional Councils throughout the period.

### Institute courses:

- Book 2: *Arising to Serve* or Book 3: *Teaching Children’s Classes* provide a rich resource for conversations about the Faith and stories of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.
- Book 8: *The Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh* and Book 9: *Gaining an Historical Perspective* which provide the occasion to contemplate deeply on life and station of 'Abdu'l-Bahá and on the significance and importance of the Covenant and the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

### Literature

- *Bahá’í Books UK* - which will soon be launching a new web-site and contains link to other publishers of interest – have a range of literature for all ages on many aspects of the Covenant and the life and station of the Master.
- The National Assembly will be arranging the distribution to each household of a republished edition – now in one volume – of the two booklets that recount the visit of 'Abdu'l-Bahá to these shores. It hopes that this will encourage the believers together with their friends to visit some of the historic places in the UK associated with the Master.
- “*Dayspring*” children’s magazine is to publish a special edition for the centenary. Local Spiritual Assemblies where the Master visited have been encouraged to give special thought to how to commemorate the Ascension and honour the Day of the Covenant.

### NEWS updates

- A dedicated NEWS update will be published every two weeks, containing a story, quotations, and examples of activities.

### **Devotional materials**

- *Elevate*, an online resource for devotionals, will produce content on 'Abdu'l-Bahá for devotionals based on His life, His Words, His qualities, His example, as well as the Covenant.

### **Video clips**

- Short 1½ minute inspirational video clips are being commissioned of stories about 'Abdu'l-Bahá told by a variety of children, in a variety of settings, from Bahá'í and other families. Children's classes and junior youth groups are encouraged to produce locally based materials.

### **Opening of the apartment in Bristol / Open day at Rutland Gate**

- Conditions permitting, the restoration of the apartment visited by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Bristol will be completed and open to visitor
- and a special open day to view some of the precious archival materials associated with 'Abdu'l-Bahá will be arranged at the National Ḥazíratu'l-Quds in London.

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<sup>i</sup> Universal House of Justice, 25 November 2020 to the Bahá'ís of the World

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid