



The Bahá'í Faith is the youngest of the world's independent monotheistic religions. Founded in 1844, the Bahá'í Faith has spread around the globe. Members of the Bahá'í Faith live in more than 100,000 localities and come from nearly every nation, ethnic group, culture, profession, and social-economic background. Its founder, Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892), is regarded by Bahá'ís as the most recent in the line of Messengers of God that stretches back beyond recorded time and that includes Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Krishna, Zoroaster, Christ, and Muhammad.

The central theme of Bahá'u'lláh's message is that humanity is one single race and that the day has come for humanity's unification into one global society.

Bahá'ís believe in:

- The oneness of humanity
- The common origin and unity of purpose of all world religions
- The harmony of science and religion
- Equality of women and men
- The elimination of all forms of prejudice
- A spiritual solution to economic problems
- The establishment of a world commonwealth of nations

For more information about the Bahá'í Faith: www.bahai.org

Official website of the Bahá'ís of the United States: www.bahai.us

Abdu'l Bahá centenary official website: centenary.bahai.us

Worcester and the Bahá'í Faith: worcesterbahais.org

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IT HAPPENED HERE

100 years ago

Centennial Celebration of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's Visit to Worcester, MA May 23, 2012



***Jonas Clark Hall, Clark University
May 23, 2012 , 7-9 PM***

Master of ceremonies: Dan Tennant

Introduction

Opening prayer

Welcome/Greetings (Clark University)

Introduction to the Baha'i Faith and the importance of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's visit to Worcester (Samandar Dowlatshahi)

Memories of Prof. Blakeslee (Professor Paul Ropp)

Musical interlude (Ariana Watson)

History of the main events that lead to 'Abdu'l-Bahá's visit (Eugenio Marcano)

Reading of the talk given by 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Presentation of gifts to Clark University (Eugenio Marcano)

Closing prayer

Refreshments and social

Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention of God hath been made and His praise glorified.

~Bahá'u'lláh

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O Thou kind Lord!

*This gathering is turning to Thee.
These hearts are radiant with Thy love.
These minds and spirits are exhilarated
by the message of Thy glad-tidings.
O God! Let this American democracy
become glorious in spiritual degrees
even as it has aspired to material degrees,
and render this just government victorious.*

*Confirm this revered nation to upraise
the standard of the oneness of humanity,
to promulgate the Most Great Peace,
to become thereby most glorious and praise-
worthy among all the nations of the world.*

*O God! This American nation is worthy
of Thy favors and is deserving of Thy mercy.*

*Make it precious and near to Thee
through Thy bounty and bestowal.*

~ 'Abdu'l-Bahá
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