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To Canada's Bahá'ís and those at their sides in the field of service

Dear Friends,

With joy, we received news this morning of the public release of the film *Dawn of the Light* at <https://bicentenary.bahai.org/the-bab/>, a work commemorating the moment two hundred years ago when one of two Luminous Beings came into the world to bring a new message from God to humanity. The film “follows the personal search for truth and meaning undertaken by eight people from different parts of the world. Each one describes the journey to discovering that God has sent two Divine Manifestations for today, the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh, Who are revolutionizing human thought and behaviour.”¹

Five weeks remain until the two hundredth anniversary of the Birth of the Báb and the celebration of the Twin Holy Days on 29 and 30 October. Between now and then, how might each group of friends — those involved in study circles, children's classes, junior youth groups, devotional gatherings, firesides, regular deepenings — gather with others and celebrate this unique, powerful and swiftly-passing period in human history? How might the newly released film be used to introduce to others the conversations you have been having about your communities, and extend to your families, friends and acquaintances the bonds of common purpose you are forging? How might each team, each family, each community celebrate the Holy Days themselves in settings small and large, as part of the worldwide wave that will encircle the planet? How then might the numbers of those working with you increase tenfold, indeed a hundredfold, accelerating the spiritual revolution that is building communities who are combatting the ills afflicting the planet? In the period following the celebration of the Holy Days, how will you ensure that each new and precious bond of friendship, each desire to serve, is nurtured, for the betterment of the world?

To inspire your conversations about what you will do, we have compiled some excerpts from messages of the Universal House of Justice that speak to the significance of this time. As you reflect on the Lights that have illumined the world in this day and think of ways to embrace others in the warmth and meaning They have brought, you are in our prayers.

With our most loving greetings,
NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF CANADA



Karen McKye, Secretary

Attachment

¹ <https://news.bahai.org/story/1354/>