

# 19th World Religion Day To Be Observed Saturday

"Many Paths-One God" is the theme of the 19th annual observance of World Religion Day, sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Chicago at 8 p.m. Saturday, January 20 in the Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave.

Speakers are Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, Executive Director, Church Federation of Greater Chicago and Mrs. Margaret Buke, a member of the Board of the National Conference of Christian and Jews and Chairman of the Public Meetings Committee of the Baha'i House of Worship.

Purpose of World Religion Day is to spread the knowledge of the oneness of all revealed religions and to gain recognition of religion as the motivating force for world peace.

Dr. David S. Ruhe, national secretary of the Bahais of the United States in commenting

on the observance of World Religion Day said -

"Today there is a need for a world order if man is to survive, he continued. "We need a new and fresh assertion of religion to remove the barriers and prejudices that separate men and to give humanity a base on which to construct a world peace and civilization."

The Baha'i Faith is a world religion which originated in Iran (Persia)' in 1844 and is now established in 311 countries and territories.

Its Founder Baha'u'llah is considered by Baha'is as the Bearer of God's Word for this age. For his teachings, he was exiled, tortured and imprisoned for most of his life.

The later part of his life was spent in the Holy Land as a prisoner of the Turkish Empire. He taught that there is one God, that all religions have a common foundation

and that mankind is one. He called mankind to unite in one common cause to establish peace, justice and unity in the world.