

2000 Youths Expected For Evanston Baha'i Conference

Evanston — American Baha'i youth will converge on Evanston June 19 through 22 for the largest National Baha'i Youth Conference ever held. Over 2,000 youth from all parts of the United States, and some foreign countries are expected to attend. The program will include guest speakers, an international "tradedair," and a musical festival open to the public, on Sunday evening from 8 to 10 p.m. in adjacent Wilmette.

Amatu'l-Baha Ruhiyyih Khanum, world traveler and distinguished teacher of the Baha'i Faith will be the keynote speaker. She is the wife of the late great-grandson of Baha'u'llah, Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith. She has just returned from an extensive trip through Africa where she visited the capital cities of: Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, and Ethiopia.

While in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, she had an audience with Emperor Haile Selassie. Her travels have taken her to South

America, Australia, India, and the Far East. In October 1967 she laid the dedication stone for the fifth Baha'i House of Worship, presently under construction on a hill overlooking Panama City, in the Republic of Panama.

The purpose of the Youth Conference is to outline and implement the next phase of the Five Year Plan of expansion of Baha'i youth activities. This plan was drawn up in 1968 at the request of the Baha'i youth at the first National Youth Conference. The number of youth enrolled in the Baha'i Faith has increased 160% since that time.

Baha'i youth around the world are engaged in bringing "the healing message of Baha'u'llah," to the world Baha'is

believe Baha'u'llah to be the Bearer of God's message for this age. The Baha'i Faith is an independent religion established in over 312 countries and territories. In the United States there are Baha'is in over 2,780 cities and towns and also 519 Baha'i Assemblies.

Its teachings revolve around three basic principles: the oneness of God, the oneness of religion and the oneness of mankind. The Baha'i Faith began in 1844 in Persia (now Iran). Its U. S. headquarters are adjacent to the world famous Baha'i House of Worship in Wilmette, on the shore of Lake Michigan, 20 miles north of Chicago. International headquarters for the Faith is located on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land.