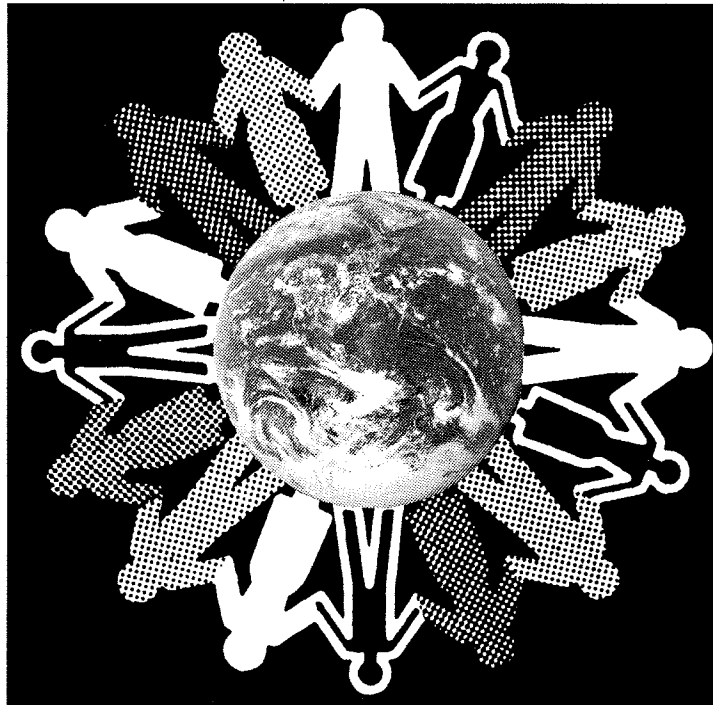


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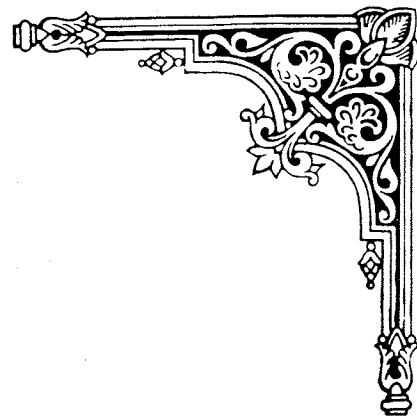
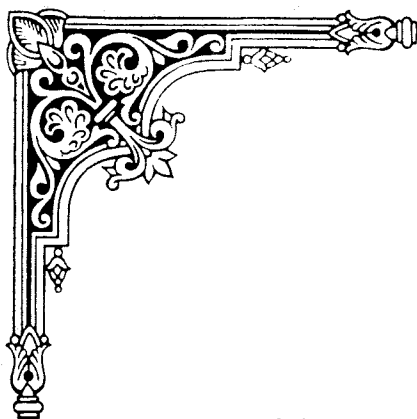


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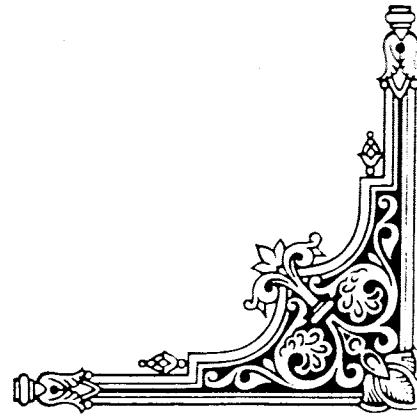
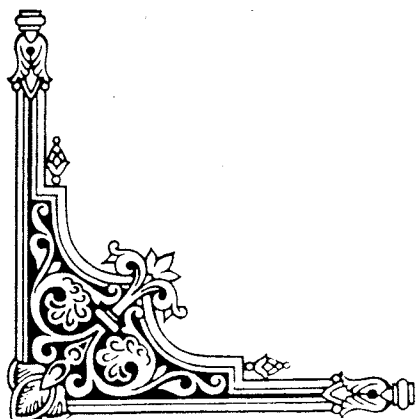


O humankind! Verily, ye are all the leaves and fruits of one tree: ye are all one. Therefore, associate in friendship: love one another: abandon prejudices of race: dispel forever this gloomy darkness of human ignorance, for the century of light, the Sun of Reality hath appeared. Now is the time for affiliation, and now is the period of unity and concord. For thousands of years ye have been contending in warfare and strife. It is enough. Now is the time for unity. Lay aside all self-purposes, and know for a certainty that all men are the servants of one God Who will bind them together in love and agreement.

Bahá'u'lláh, The Promulgation of Universal Peace

When the racial elements of the American Nation unite in actual fellowship and accord, the lights of the oneness of humanity will shine, the day of eternal glory and bliss will dawn, the spirit of God encompass, and the divine favors descend. Under the leadership and training of God, the real Shepherd, all will be protected and preserved. He will lead them in green pastures of happiness and sustenance, and they will attain to the real goal of existence. This is the blessing and benefit of unity: this is the outcome of love. This is the sign of the Most Great Peace: this is the star of the oneness of the human world.

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Program

Friday, November 9, 1990, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Professional Interest Seminars

GWCC Auditorium 9:00 am - 10:00 am	Plenary Session for all Seminars/Institutes Chair: Glen Eyford
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Break: Refreshments served at GWCC Auditorium Foyer
10:30 am - 5:00 pm	Ten Simultaneous Seminar/Institute Meetings
Brampton A Omni	Bahá'í Institute for the Arts Convenor: Anne Gordon Atkinson
GWCC 262	Bahá'í Seminar on Business and Economics Convenor: Shahruz Mohtadi
Greenwood Omni	Bahá'í Seminar on Consultation and Conflict Resolution Convenor: John Woodall
Brampton C Omni	Bahá'í Seminar on Education Convenors: Jeff and Sarah Streiff
GWCC Auditorium	Bahá'í International Health Agency Convenors: Denise Belisle and Alexander Haskell
Elizafield Omni	Bahá'í Seminar on Intercultural Issues Convenor: Richard Thomas
Glenmar A Omni	Bahá'í Seminar on Marriage and Family Convenors: Richard Dabell and Hoda Mahmoudi
Brampton B Omni	Bahá'í Seminar on the Study of Religion Convenor: Robert Stockman
Bellevue Omni	Bahá'í Seminar on Science and Technology Convenor: Roger Blaine
Glenmar B Omni	Bahá'í Seminar on Women's Studies Convenor: United States Bahá'í National Committee on Women

Friday, November 9, 1990, 7:30 pm - 10:00pm

GWCC Auditorium

Annual Conference Opening Session

Chair: Glen Eyford

Devotions

Greetings from a representative from the office of the
Honorable Maynard Jackson, Mayor of Atlanta

"Vision of Racial Unity"
Kevin Locke

Keynote Address: Robert C. Henderson

Intermission

Jazz Concert

- Roger Hogan, tenor saxophone and flute
- Doc Holladay, baritone saxophone and bass clarinet
- Warren Kime, trumpet and flugelhorn
- Mike Longo, piano
- Ray McMurtry, bass guitar
- Milt Norman, guitar
- Eric Vaughn, bass guitar

Saturday, November 10, 1990, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

GWCC 309

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Documentary on Racism in Springfield, Massachusetts
A one-hour video by Nathan Rutstein

GWCC Auditorium

Plenary Session

9:00 am - 10:45 am

Chair: William Roberts

Devotions

"The African Diaspora and the Meaning of Universal Civilization"
Ruth Simms Hamilton

"Unity Paradigm"
Hossain Danesh

10:45 am - 11:00 am

Break and Move to Simultaneous Workshops
Refreshments served in GWCC Auditorium foyer

**Nineteen Simultaneous Workshops
11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

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| GWCC 201 | 1. "Race-Healing Institutes as Models of Racial Unity"
Nathan Rutstein |
| GWCC 204 | 2. "The Formation and Transformation of Racial Attitudes"
Bonnie Taylor and Elizabeth Woods Davis |
| Knollwood B Omni | 3. "The Creation of an Interracial Social Order: An Examination of a Process"
Dé Bryant |
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Andy Tamas |
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Performers: Hermione C. Pickens, Carolyn Wistrand, Emily Rose Merrell, Diana Lynn Maggard |
| Brampton A Omni | 6. "Exploring Ways to Resolve Conflicts and Promote Unity and Cooperation between African-Americans and Korean Immigrants in Urban Areas"
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| GWCC 312 | 7. A progress report on the forthcoming book, <i>Black Bahá'ís in North America</i>
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 •Shamin Ahmadzadegan
 •Ricardo Huerta
 •Mace Rosen
 •Aminata Turay
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| GWCC 202 | <p>16. VISIONS OF MULTICULTURAL COLLABORATION IN GEORGIA
 Moderator: A. Jack Guillebeaux
 Panelists:
 •Bernard Jones, "Spiritual Nonviolence"
 •Eulalia Bobo Taylor, "Building God's Multicultural Kingdom on Earth"
 •Ginger Carter, "A World of Difference: A National Multicultural Prejudice Reduction Program"
 •Russell Irvine, "Conference of Multiculturalism: A Wholistic Approach"
 •Giraj Ra'o, "Multicultural Collaboration in Cultural Organizations"</p> |
| | <p>Papers</p> |
| GWCC 262 | <p>17. "Models of Racial Unity: The Healing Circle to Eradicate Racism"
 Amazonas Olivella</p> <p>"An Economic Analysis of Racial Inequality"
 Shahruz Mohtadi</p> |
| Brampton C Omni | <p>18. "Superb in Love and Logic: The Role of Black Colleges in Establishing Race Unity"
 Carrie B. Smith-Dahl</p> <p>"From Classroom Disunity to Campus Unity and Beyond"
 Fereshteh Bethel</p> |
| GWCC 206 | <p>19. Presentations by Essay Contest Winners
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Saturday, November 10, 1990, 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

GWCC Auditorium

**Plenary Session
2:00 pm - 3:45 pm**
Chair: Fereshteh Bethel

Devotions

"The United Nations and Racial Equality"
B.G. Ramcharan

"Unity in the Urban Community: The Struggle in Detroit"
June Manning Thomas

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm

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Multicultural Collaboration"
•Fleta Jackson, "Multiculturalism and Education"
•Suzanne Swann, "Building a Multicultural Community
from Scratch: Griffin, Georgia"
•Lynda Godwin, "Soviet and American Collaboration"
•Letha See, "Issues of Afro-American and Indo-Chinese Collaboration"
•Clarence Dubois, "Multicultural Community Building" |
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Proofs of the Oneness of Mankind"
W. Abdullah Brooks

"Academic Writing for a New Age"
Diana Malouf |
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- Brampton C Omni 19. "The Oneness of Humanity: Prerequisite
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Ann Schoonmaker
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- GWCC 308 "Open Discussion with the Race Unity Committee"
6:30 pm- 7:30 pm Race Unity Committee members Joy Cross, Sylvester
Scott, Bonnie Taylor, Roger Guinee, and Leonard Bell

Saturday, November 10, 1990, 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

- GWCC Auditorium **Hasan Balyuzi Memorial Lecture
Awards and Festival**
Chair: Pierre-Yves Mocquais
- Devotions
- Introduction by Wilma Ellis
- 1990 Hasan Balyuzi Memorial Lecture
"Protest and Progress"
H. Elsie Austin
- Essay Contest Awards
•Arash Abizadeh, "Liberal Democracy and the Bahá'í
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- Celebration of Diversity in the Arts

Sunday, November 11, 1990, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

GWCC Auditorium

Plenary Session

Chair: Richard Thomas

Devotions

VISIONS OF MULTICULTURAL COLLABORATION

Moderators: Francis Edwards and Carole Miller

Panelists:

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| Regional: | Everette Lee, "Contributions to Multicultural Collaboration in the Black Belt" |
| State: | Joy Berry, "How State Government Can Encourage Multicultural Collaboration" |
| National: | Lloyd Davis, "Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Vision of Multicultural Collaboration" |
| International: | Jacqueline Delahunt, "The Native American Perspective on Multicultural Collaboration" |

Break

Refreshments Served in GWCC Auditorium Foyer

Summation

Richard Thomas

Sunday, November 11, 1990, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

International Ballroom

Omni Hotel

Luncheon and Annual Members' Meeting

Chair: Glen Eyford

Address by Counsellor David Smith

Open Consultation with Members

Sunday, November 11, 1990, 7:30 pm

GWCC Auditorium

Celebration of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

"In the presence of the Blessed Beauty"

Stories and Music by the Tennessee Bahá'í Choir

List of Participants

H. Elsie Austin
Lecturer with distinguished career in law and public service
First black woman to serve as assistant Attorney General
of the State of Ohio
Silver Spring, MD

Joy Berry
Executive Director, Governor's Human Relations Commission
Atlanta, Georgia

Fereshteh Bethel
Professor of Psychology and Human Development
California State University at Long Beach
Huntington Beach, California

Hossain Danesh, MD
Psychiatrist in private practice
Member, National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Canada
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Lloyd Davis
Executive Director
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission
Atlanta, Georgia

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