

May Events

Youth Night- Study & Fun every Friday @ 6:30pm

Children's Classes - ages 5-10 every Saturday @ 2:30pm

Community Worship - Pray for our community & our youth Tuesdays @ 7:00am

Groove & Stretch - Worship and movement, Tuesdays @ 8:45am

Gardening Lessons - Mon-Wed-Sat @ 9am; Garden Coaching Coordinator, Dell @ 704-563-2323

Overcoming Racism Discussion
Sunday, May 18 2-6pm
Charlotte Bahá'í Center

Holy Day Celebrations
May 23: Declaration of the Báb @ the Bahá'í Center;
May 29 @ 3am Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh devotional commemorations across the city.

For more info:
Everett: 612-986-8619
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UNITY CONFERENCE UPDATE

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Unity Conference Reveals a Vibrant and Growing Community - 60 Friends of the Faith

The Unity Conference, held April 26–27 at Queens University, was a milestone in the life of the Charlotte cluster, revealing an inspiring truth: our community is growing in strength, diversity, and capacity. **With over 140 people attending**, the event showcased our ability to host large, joyful, and spiritually meaningful gatherings open to all.

This gathering demonstrated the power of obedience, collaboration, and faith. It also issued a loving challenge: who else can we bring with us next time? If you've been unsure whether to extend that invitation—this is your sign. The community is ready. Your friends are too.

Our Conference, Our Community: Many Ways to Serve

The Unity Conference wasn't something that "just happened"—it was built by us, for us. Every detail, from registration to meals to children's classes, was the result of someone in our community stepping forward to serve.



You can help with future gatherings (Sept-Oct 2025): organizing logistics, offering rides, designing invitations, greeting newcomers, supporting with children or youth, or simply helping someone feel at home. Everyone has something to offer.

Another way to support is by contributing to the **Atlantic Regional Bahá'í Fund (via OCS)**, which helps offset expenses like venue rental, meals, materials, and more. These aren't just costs—they're investments in community growth. Giving to the Fund is another act of service that makes our collective efforts possible.

So ask yourself: how can I help next time? However big or small, your contribution matters. Together, we're building something beautiful—and there's a place for you in it.

60 Friends of the Faith attended, half of whom were children and youth, many already engaged in core activities across four vibrant nuclei. This reflects something extraordinary: friends are not only being invited, they are responding. Where past efforts hesitated, this conference showed us that our neighbors will come—if we invite them.

Throughout the weekend, we studied themes drawn from the guidance of the Universal House of Justice: how to foster vibrant communities, contribute to social transformation, and accompany one another on a shared path of spiritual and social progress. These conversations deepened our understanding and helped align our actions with our highest purpose.

The beauty of the campus, the spirit of service, and the joyful participation of youth brought a unique energy to the weekend. Despite early reluctance and uncertainty, the experience left many eager to invite others next time.

The conference also reminded us that content—not just logistics—must be at the heart of our efforts. Everyone involved, from greeters to presenters, plays a role in communicating the conference's purpose and spirit.

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RACE UNITY DAY
Sunday, June 8
Charlotte Bahá'í Center

YOUTH CONFERENCE
JUNE 27-29 Join youth (ages 15-30) in an exploration of building vibrant communities and making friends through service, moral education and finding ways to make the world a better place.

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YOUTH MUST SOAR

Youth at the Heart: Energy, Joy, and the Spirit of Service

One of the most inspiring aspects of the Unity Conference was the incredible energy and presence of the youth. From the moment they arrived, they brought joy, vitality, and a spirit of service that lifted the entire gathering. Whether helping with children's activities, engaging in workshops, or simply connecting with others across generations, the youth created a sense of momentum and community that was felt by all.



Even more remarkable—so many of the youth who attended were friends of the Faith. Many are already participating in core activities and came because they were invited by someone who believed in them. Their presence affirmed a powerful truth: youth are not only interested—they're eager to be part of something meaningful.

Several expressed how being on a college campus inspired new dreams for the future. Their laughter, questions, and enthusiasm reminded us that when youth are welcomed and engaged, the whole community is energized.

And there's room for even more.

We're building on this momentum by making space for youth voices, leadership, and participation in everything we do. If you know a young person with a bright spirit—invite them in. "All must surge, but the youth must soar!"



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