

Bahá'í Administration

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Head of the Bahá'í Faith and its supreme institution

Nine members

First elected in 1963

Seat of the Universal House of Justice on Mount Carmel,
Haifa, Israel

Constitution of the Universal House of Justice adopted 26
November 1972

First Universal House of Justice 1963

Charles Wolcott
Amoz Gibson
Hushmand Fatheazam
Hugh Chance
Borrah Kavelin
Ian Semple
Luṭfu'lláh Ḥakím
David Hofman
Alí Nakhjavání



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The Universal House of Justice is elected every five years at the International Baha'i Convention by the members of all National Spiritual Assemblies

It has no officers

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The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men.

(Bahá'u'lláh)

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Unto the Most Holy Book everyone must turn, and all that is not expressly recorded therein must be referred to the Universal House of Justice.

(Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá)

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Powers and Duties of the Universal House of Justice

- to preserve the Sacred Texts
- to defend and protect the Cause of God
- to advance the interests of the Faith of God
- to proclaim, propagate and teach its Message
- to expand and consolidate the institutions of its
Administrative Order

Powers and Duties of the Universal House of Justice

- to usher in the World Order of Baha'u'llah
- to promote the attainment of those spiritual qualities which should characterize Baha'i life individually and collectively
- to enact laws and ordinances not expressly recorded in the Sacred Texts

Powers and Duties of the Universal House of Justice

- to decide on all problems which have caused difference and to adjudicate disputes
- to safeguard the personal rights, freedom and initiative of individuals
- to administer the affairs of the Baha'i community throughout the world

Powers and Duties of the Universal House of Justice

- to be the exponent and guardian of that Divine Justice which can alone ensure the security of, and establish the reign of law and order in, the world.

(selected from the Constitution of the Universal House of Justice, adopted 26 November 1972)

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The members of the Universal House of Justice:

- are not responsible to those whom they represent
- are to follow, in a prayerful attitude, the dictates and promptings of their conscience
- are the recipients of the divine guidance which is at once the life-blood and ultimate safeguard of this Revelation.

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*God will verily inspire them with
whatsoever He willeth.*

(Bahá'u'lláh)

Universal House of Justice elected 2018

Paul Lample
Chuungu Malitonga
Payman Mohajer
Shahriar Razavi
Stephen Hall
Ayman Rouhani
Stephen Birkland
Juan Mora
Praveen Mallik





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