

# Ten Year Crusade 1953-1963

## Completion of the Ten Year Crusade

Bahá'í Geography 9  
Teaching the Bahá'í Faith

# Teaching

Smallness of numbers, lack of skilled teachers, and modesty of means should not discourage or deter them. They must remember the glorious history of the Cause, which ... was established by dedicated souls who, for the most part, were neither rich, famous, nor well educated, but whose devotion, zeal and self-sacrifice overcame every obstacle and won miraculous victories for the Faith of God.... Let them dedicate themselves—young and old, men and women alike—and go forth and settle in new districts, travel, and teach in spite of lack of experience, and be assured that Bahá'u'lláh has promised to aid all those who arise in His Name. His strength will sustain them; their own weakness is unimportant.

(From a letter dated 29 June 1941 written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi to the National Spiritual Assembly of India and Burma)

# Knights of Bahá'u'lláh

With heroic efforts and great sacrifice, 257 Bahá'ís arose to go to the goal countries, often with little prior knowledge of the places they were sent to. It was not easy to settle in a foreign land, learn a new language and culture, find a way to support themselves, and search for those to whom they could teach the new Faith. They earned the title **Knights of Bahá'u'lláh**.

# Countries opened 1953-1963

## North Africa

Morocco, International Zone

Spanish Morocco

Rio de Oro (now Spanish Sahara)

French West Africa (parts of Ivory Coast, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Mauritania)

The Gambia

Portuguese Guinea (now Guinea-Bissau)

Italian Somaliland (now part of Somalia)

French Somaliland (now Djibouti)

Hadhramaut (now part of Yemen)

## Southern Africa

British Cameroon (now part of Cameroon)

French Equatorial Africa (now Congo)

French Togoland (now Togo)

French Cameroon (now part of Cameroon)

British Togoland (now part of Ghana)

Ashanti Protectorate (now part of Ghana)

Northwest Territories Protectorate (now part of Ghana)

St Thomas Island (now Democratic Republic of Sao Tomé and Príncipe)

Spanish Guinea (now Equatorial Guinea)

Ruana-Urundi (now Rwanda and Burundi)

Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe)

South West Africa (now Namibia)

Bechuanaland (now Botswana)

Swaziland (now Eswatini)

Basutoland (now Lesotho)

## Indian Ocean

Kuria Muria (Oman)

Socotra Islands

Seychelles

Comoros Islands

Mauritius

Reunion Island

Chagos Islands

Andaman Islands

Nicobar Islands

Cocos Islands

## India and the Himalayas

Diu Island

Daman

Goa

Mahé

Pondicherry

Karikal

Sikkim and Tibet

Bhutan

# Countries opened 1953-1963

## China, Indonesia and Malaysia

Macao  
Hainan Island  
Brunei  
Dutch New Guinea (now  
part of Indonesia)  
Mentawai Islands (part of  
Indonesia)  
Portuguese Timor (now  
East Timor)

## The Pacific Islands

Mariana Islands  
Caroline Islands  
Admiralty Islands  
Solomon Islands  
New Hebrides (now Vanuatu)  
Loyalty Islands  
Marshall Islands  
Gilbert and Ellis Islands (now Kiribati and  
Tuvalu)  
Samoa

Tonga  
Cook Islands  
Society Islands  
Tuamotu Archipelago  
Marquesas Islands  
Galapagos Islands  
Juan Fernandez Islands, Chile:  
Chiloe Island, Chile

# Countries opened 1953-1963

## Alaska

Kodiak Island  
Aleutian Islands  
Baranof Island

## Canada

Yukon  
Keewatin  
Franklin  
Labrador  
Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia  
Gulf Islands, British Columbia  
Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick  
Magdalen Islands, New Brunswick  
Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia  
St Pierre and Miquelon Islands (near Newfoundland), France  
Anticosti Island, Quebec

## The Caribbean, and Central and South America

Key West, Florida  
The Bahamas (including Watlings Island, now San Salvador Island)  
Windward Islands  
Leeward Islands  
Dutch West Indies  
Margarita Island  
British Honduras (now Belize)  
Dutch Guiana (now Surinam)  
British Guiana (now Guyana)  
French Guiana

# Countries opened 1953-1963

## Europe

Spitsbergen  
Lofoten Islands  
Faroe Islands  
Orkney Islands  
Shetland Islands  
The Hebrides  
Frisian Islands  
Channel Islands  
Liechtenstein  
San Marino  
Monaco  
Andorra

Balearic Islands  
Sardinia  
Sicily  
Malta  
Greece  
Rhodes  
Crete  
Cyprus

## The Atlantic Ocean

Azores  
Madeira  
Canary Islands  
Cape Verde Islands  
St Helena  
Falkland Islands

## After the Ten Year Crusade, 1968-1990

Romania  
Moldova  
White Russia (now Belarus)  
Mongolia  
Sakhalin Island

# Achievements of the Ten Year Crusade

1963

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THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

1844-1963

INFORMATION

STATISTICAL & COMPARATIVE

INCLUDING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE

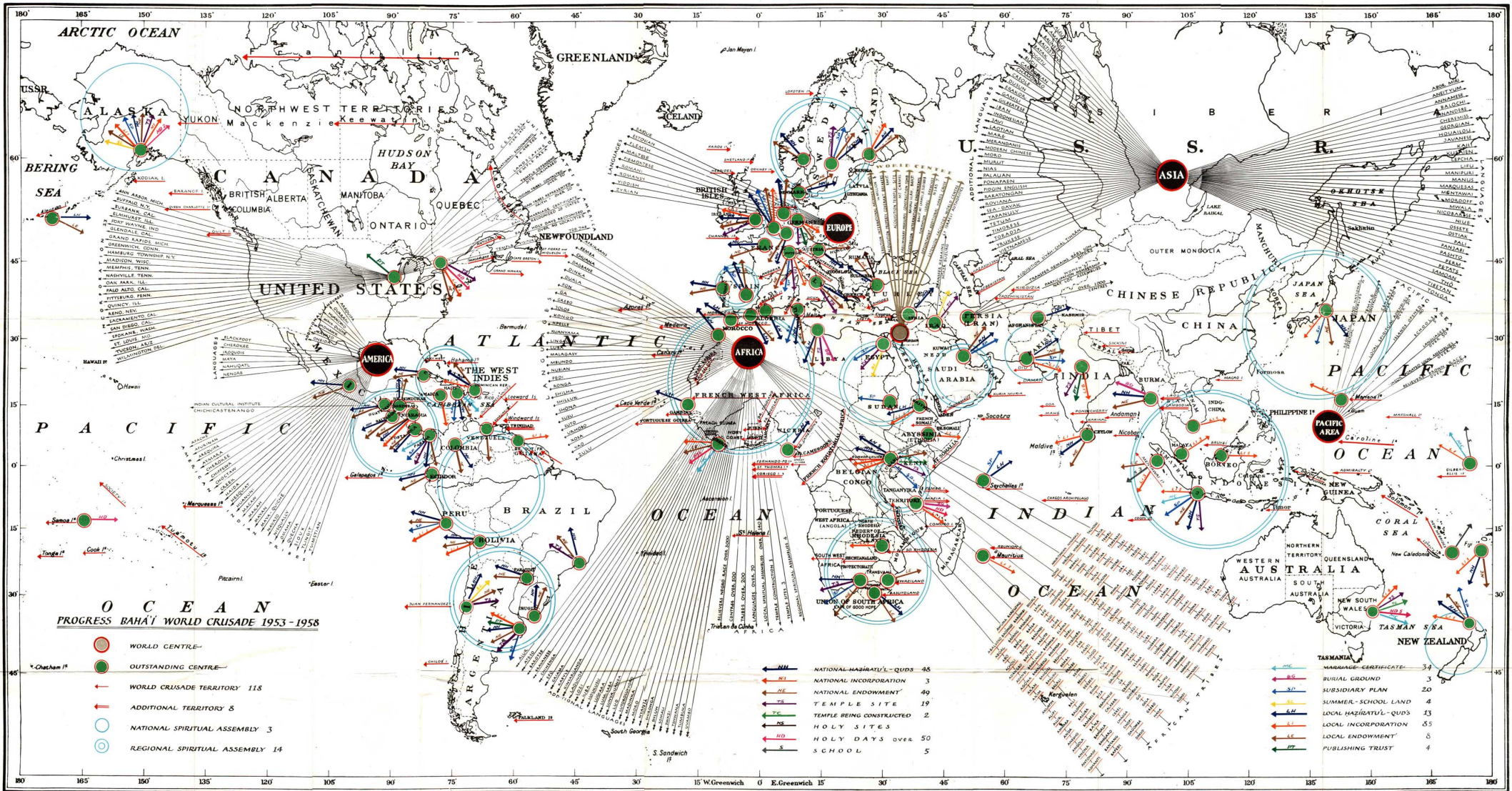
TEN YEAR INTERNATIONAL BAHÁ'Í  
TEACHING & CONSOLIDATION PLAN

1953-1963

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RESIDING IN THE HOLY LAND

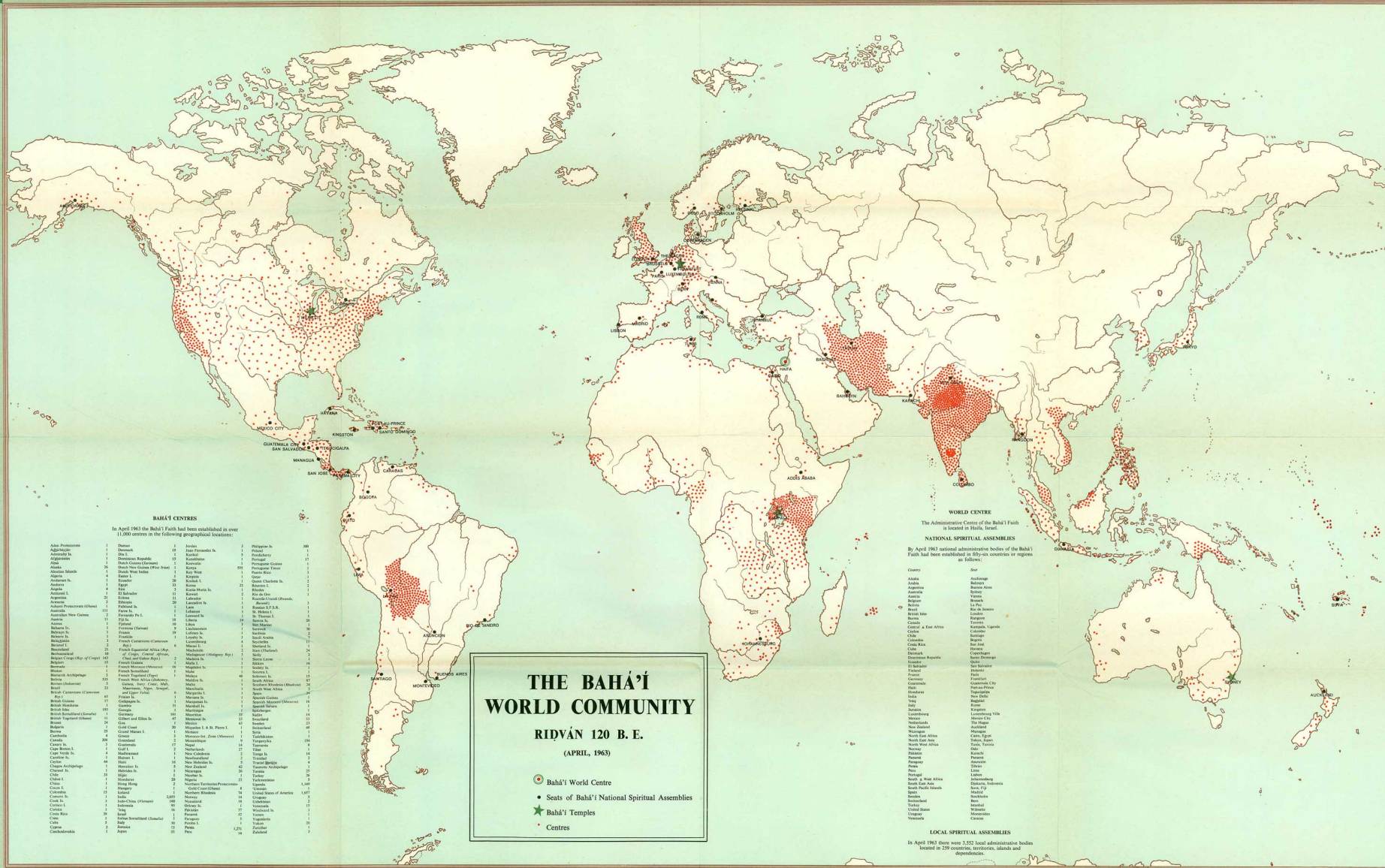




World Crusade Victories 1958 (map by Shoghi Effendi)

# Bahá'í World Community

1963



**BAHÁ'Í CENTRES**  
In April 1963 the Bahá'í Faith had been established in over 11,000 centres in the following geographical locations:

1	Algeria	1	France	1	Philippines	30
1	Argentina	1	Germany	1	Poland	1
1	Australia	1	Ghana	1	Portugal	1
1	Austria	1	Guatemala	1	Spain	1
1	Belgium	1	Haiti	1	Sweden	1
1	Bolivia	1	Honduras	1	Switzerland	1
1	Brazil	1	India	1	Taiwan	1
1	Canada	1	Indonesia	1	Thailand	1
1	Chile	1	Iran	1	Turkey	1
1	Colombia	1	Italy	1	U.S.A.	1
1	Costa Rica	1	Jamaica	1	U.S.S.R.	1
1	Cuba	1	Japan	1	Yugoslavia	1
1	Czechoslovakia	1	Kenya	1		
1	Denmark	1	Korea	1		
1	Egypt	1	Laos	1		
1	Finland	1	Lebanon	1		
1	France	1	Madagascar	1		
1	Germany	1	Mali	1		
1	Ghana	1	Mexico	1		
1	Guatemala	1	Nicaragua	1		
1	Haiti	1	Peru	1		
1	Honduras	1	Romania	1		
1	India	1	Saudi Arabia	1		
1	Indonesia	1	Senegal	1		
1	Iran	1	Sierra Leone	1		
1	Italy	1	Singapore	1		
1	Jamaica	1	Sri Lanka	1		
1	Japan	1	Tanzania	1		
1	Kenya	1	Thailand	1		
1	Korea	1	Turkey	1		
1	Laos	1	U.S.A.	1		
1	Lebanon	1	U.S.S.R.	1		
1	Madagascar	1	Yugoslavia	1		
1	Mali	1				
1	Mexico	1				
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1	Singapore	1				
1	Sri Lanka	1				
1	Tanzania	1				
1	Thailand	1				
1	Turkey	1				
1	U.S.A.	1				
1	U.S.S.R.	1				
1	Yugoslavia	1				

**THE BAHÁ'Í  
WORLD COMMUNITY**

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**(APRIL, 1963)**

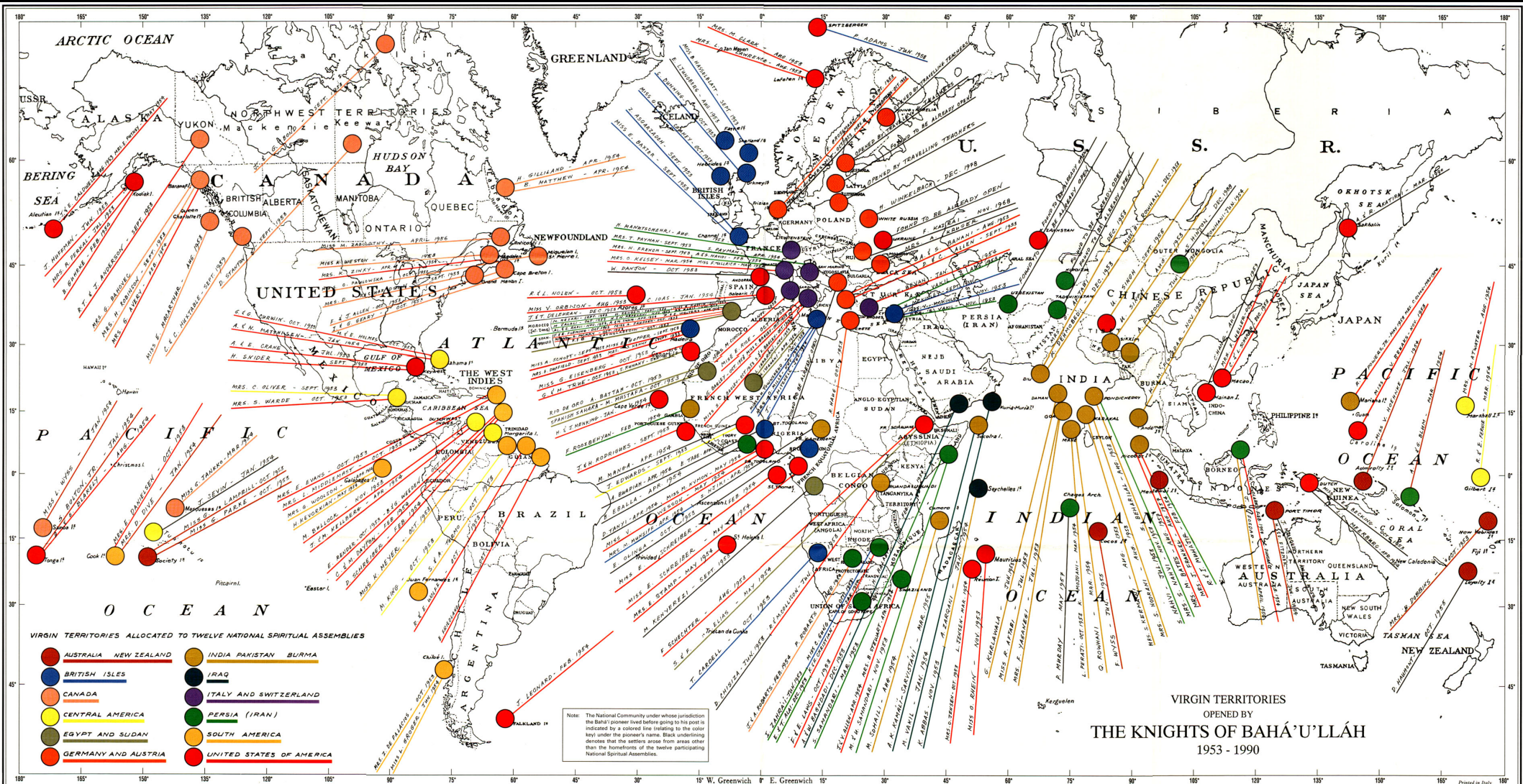
- Bahá'í World Centre
- ★ Seats of Bahá'í National Spiritual Assemblies
- ★ Bahá'í Temples
- Centres

**WORLD CENTRE**  
The Administrative Centre of the Bahá'í Faith is located in Haifa, Israel.

**NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLIES**  
By April 1963 national administrative bodies of the Bahá'í Faith had been established in 110 countries or regions as follows:

Country	Seat
Algeria	Algiers
Argentina	Buenos Aires
Australia	Sydney
Austria	Vienna
Belgium	Brussels
Bolivia	La Paz
Brazil	Rio de Janeiro
British Isles	London
Canada	Ottawa
Central & East Africa	Karlsruhe, Germany
Chile	Santiago
Colombia	Bogotá
Costa Rica	San José
Cuba	Havana
Czechoslovakia	Prague
Denmark	Copenhagen
Egypt	Cairo
Finland	Helsinki
France	Paris
Germany	Frankfurt
Ghana	Accra
Guatemala	Guatemala City
Haiti	Port-au-Prince
Honduras	Tegucigalpa
India	New Delhi
Indonesia	Batavia
Iran	Tehran
Italy	Rome
Japan	Yokohama
Kenya	Nairobi
Laos	Vientiane
Lebanon	Beirut
Madagascar	Tananarive
Mali	Bamako
Mexico	Mexico City
Nicaragua	Managua
Peru	Lima
Romania	Bucharest
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh
Senegal	Dakar
Sierra Leone	Freetown
Singapore	Singapore
Sri Lanka	Ceylon
Tanzania	Dar es Salaam
Thailand	Bangkok
Turkey	Ankara
U.S.A.	Washington
U.S.S.R.	Moscow
Yugoslavia	Belgrade

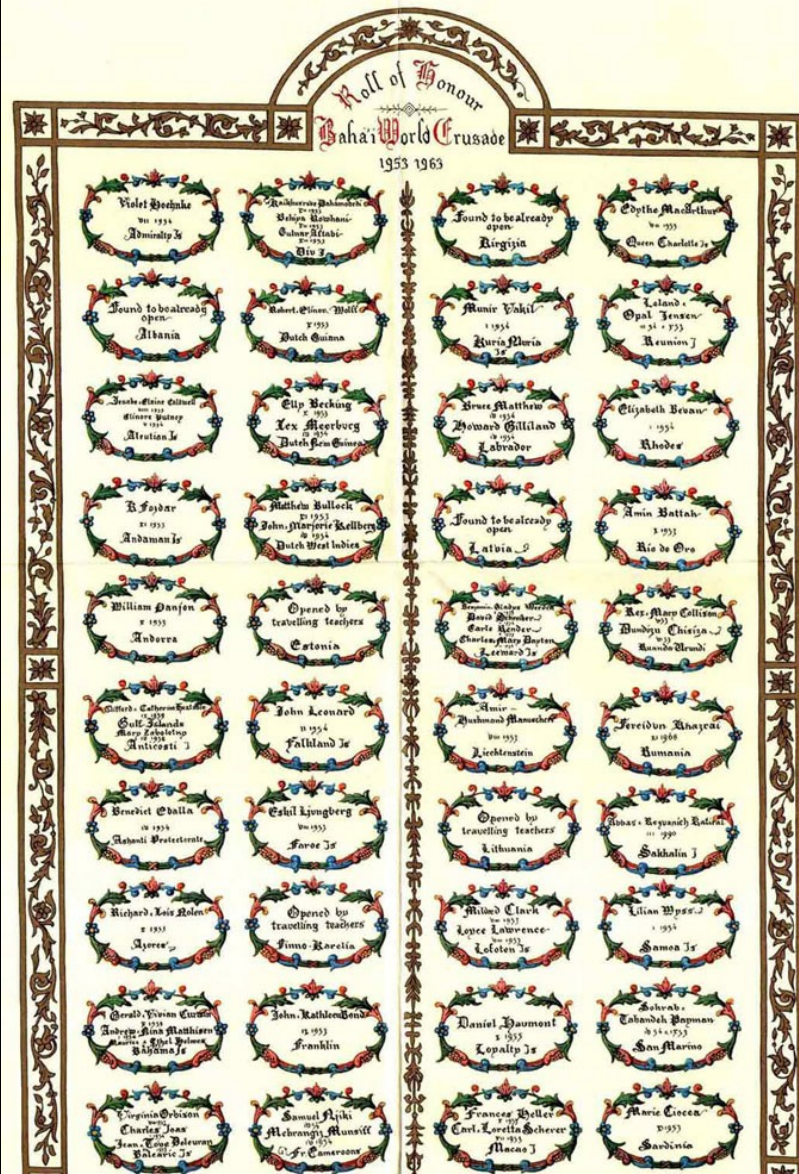
**LOCAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLIES**  
In April 1963 there were 3,552 local administrative bodies located in 239 countries, territories, islands and dependencies.



Virgin Territories opened by Knights of Bahá'u'lláh 1953-1990



Roll of Honour  
of the  
Knights of Bahá'u'lláh  
placed under the threshold  
of the Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh

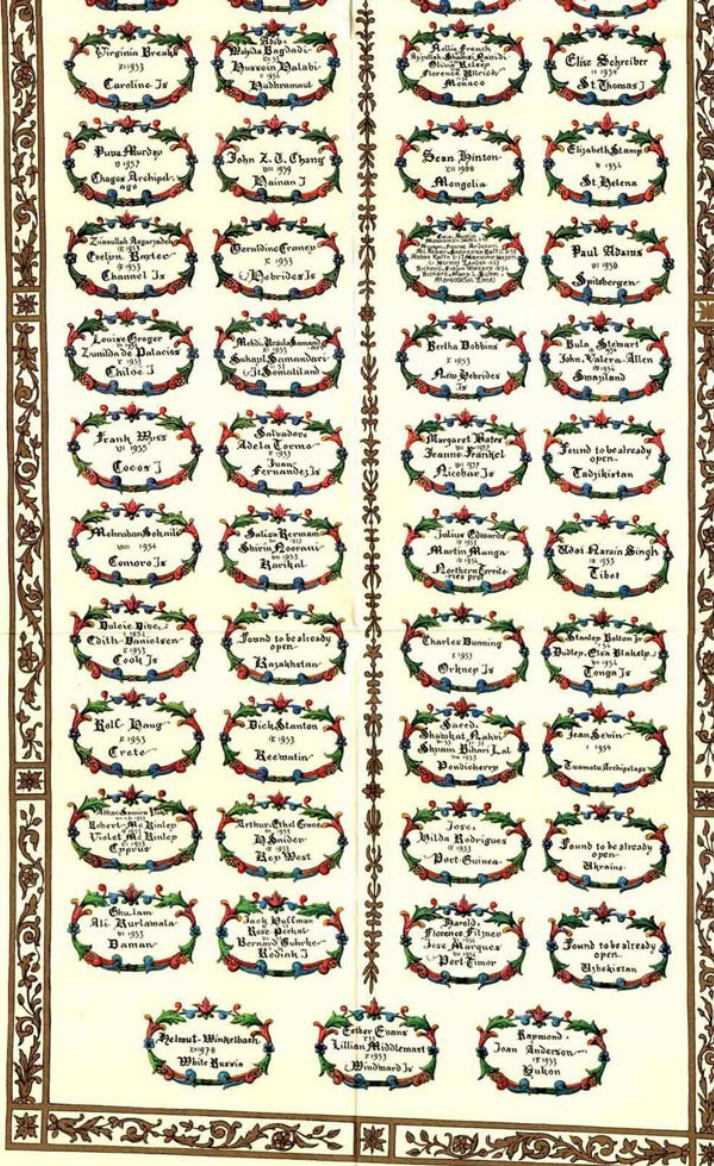


# Roll of Honour of the Knights of Bahá'u'lláh

placed under the  
threshold  
of the Shrine of  
Bahá'u'lláh



Paul Avey 1893 Cape Colony	Alas Kennerly 1893 Cape Colony	Paul Abbas 1893 Cape Colony	Abdul Rahman 1893 Cape Colony
Frederick Elizabeth Lamer 1893 Basutoland	Richard Friedman 1893 Fr. Guinea	Kathleen Weston 1893 Magdalen Is	Bryette Bassett 1893 Shetland Is
John Adney Roberts 1893 Botswana	Fred Schechter 1893 Fr. Guinea	Edw. Deraji 1893 Malta	Emma Rice 1893 Cape Colony
Stephen Latham 1893 Bhutan	Paul Tappin 1893 Fr. Guinea	Una Tomlinson 1893 Malta	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
Enoch Clinga 1893 B. Cameroon	Latub Etahant 1893 Fr. West Africa	Ruth Meyer 1893 Margaria	Orto Tappin 1893 Society Is
Malcolm King 1893 Fr. Guinea	Edw. Deraji 1893 Malta	Robert Downes 1893 Margaria	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
Caro Oliver 1893 Dr. Dordure	Edw. Deraji 1893 Malta	Gretta Jankko 1893 Margaria	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
Edmond Lake 1893 Fr. Guinea	Edw. Deraji 1893 Malta	Marcia Hunter 1893 Margaria	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
John Foydar 1893 Fr. Guinea	Edw. Deraji 1893 Malta	Ottile Rhein 1893 Margaria	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
George Mangan 1893 Cape Colony	Edw. Deraji 1893 Malta	Rahmat 1893 Margaria	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
Frederick Jean 1893 Cape Colony	Edw. Deraji 1893 Malta	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
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Pura Hardy 1893 Cape Colony	John L. O. Chang 1893 Bahrain	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
Zandah Bagdad 1893 Cape Colony	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
Louise Greger 1893 Cape Colony	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
Frank Woz 1893 Cape Colony	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim	Edw. Harcourt 1893 Sikkim
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Knights of Bahá'u'lláh

in the Holy Land

1992



# Teaching

O ye believers of God! Be not concerned with the smallness of your numbers, neither be oppressed by the multitude of an unbelieving world. Five grains of wheat will be endued with heavenly blessing, whereas a thousand tons of tares will yield no results or effect. One fruitful tree will be conducive to the life of society, whereas a thousand forests of wild trees offer no fruits. The plain is covered with pebbles, but precious stones are rare. One pearl is better than a thousand wildernesses of sand, especially this pearl of great price, which is endowed with divine blessing. Ere long thousands of other pearls will be born from it. When that pearl associates and becomes the intimate of the pebbles, they also all change into pearls.