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Ampleforth Summer School “The Century of Light and Beyond”

Sunday 11 – Saturday 17 August 2002

Ampleforth College (20 miles north of York)

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WHEN THE Benedictine community of Ampleforth was chosen for the Northern Summer School, it was not known here that the Bahá'í community was about to take the lead in urging the world's religious leaders to take to their hearts the reality of the oneness of God and humankind. No one knew that Bahá'u'lláh's summons to the rulers of the world was to be published in full and would release a fresh measure of revelation to the English speaking world. It was clear that the School could be both a practical application of Bahá'u'lláh's pivotal principle and an opportunity to develop that vision. Blessed is the spot where for 200 years His name has been praised and glorified.

The objective of the school will be that all participants, whether child, youth or adult, leave the school with more awareness of the reality of oneness. How this principle applies to the unity of religion, the equality of women and men, and racial harmony will be studied and practised in the contexts of the full range of activities that make up both summer schools and Bahá'í community life. The spiritual impetus of devotional meetings will be greatly enhanced by the addition of these new Writings now reaching the people of the west.

The Youth Task Force had already consulted on their aims and direction for the school, and as the adult programme emerged, it was clear that they were completely in harmony. The youth, always the spearhead of Bahá'í activity, will have their role to play as the school demonstrates to the surrounding Christian community that the Bahá'í Faith is indeed a model for study, “a single social organism”. This is a challenge to every Bahá'í community around the world as it comes under closer scrutiny as a result of this new call to the other faiths. The school aims to provide the friends and their guests with the vision, direction and tools that interfaith dialogue based on the oneness of humankind will require of all humanity. This is another step towards the unity of the nations.

Echoing through nearly 60 years come the wishes of the Guardian, sent on his behalf to the Bahá'ís of India, following their convention:

“He was very pleased to hear ... that the believers (were) enthusiastic and united. One of the most paramount needs of the Cause ... is that the friends should unite, should become really keenly conscious of the fact that they are one spiritual family ... If the friends will forget all personal differences and open their hearts to a great love for each other for the sake of Bahá'u'lláh, they will find that their powers are vastly increased; they will attract the heart of the public and will witness a rapid growth of the Holy Faith ...”

October 26, 1943

Dawn of a New Day p. 106

Sidcot Summer School

“The Ark is Ready”

Saturday 3 – Saturday 10 August 2002
Sidcot School, North Somerset
(15 miles south west of Bristol on A38)
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of the Bahá'í Faith and Islam,
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lives of five prominent Bahá'ís,
The origin of the Bahá'í Faith in
the Netherlands.

Speakers: Dr Vahid Ra'fati,
Dr Vahid Behmardi, Mrs Traneh
Ra'fati, Mr Merdad Fazli,
Mr Morten Bergsmo, Mr & Mrs
Ghaznavi, Mrs Joanna Tahzib-
Thomas, Mr. Jelle de Vries,
Mrs. Nancy Carfrae, & others.
Also there are expert teachers to
conduct the children & junior
youth classes.

Mr & Mrs Ghaznavi will, as last
year, take care of the youth
programme for the whole week
in English. Mr & Mrs Ghaznavi
will also give a special
programme (in English) on the

workshop (in English) on the subject of marriage and education. This workshop will take six afternoons and is meant for ten couples (regardless of age), who have registered ahead of time and who commit themselves to attend all the workshops. Besides this there will be a relaxing evening programme every day for all the participants at the school.

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