

From: Steven Kolins (via bahai-us-nc Mailing List)

Subject: Re: [bahai-us-nc] Invitation: History of the Faith in Carolina @ Fri Aug 3 3pm - Sun Aug 5, 2018 3pm (EDT) (Steven Kolins)

Date: July 25, 2018 at 11:09 AM

To: NC Bahai

NB

For those that want to follow in Facebook we have a group for general interest in the history work being done. Right now it is highly focused on the Summer Seminar but it is planned to continue to be of service to the Baha'is interested in its history in the state.

See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/405795963224051/>

On Jul 25, 2018, at 7:19 AM, Steven Kolins

> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Glenn Peirce

Subject: Invitation: History of the Faith in Carolina @ Fri Aug 3 3pm - Sun Aug 5, 2018 3pm (EDT) (Steven Kolins)

Date: July 24, 2018 at 8:16:28 AM EDT

History of the Faith in Carolina

History of the Bahá'í Faith in North Carolina

Summer Seminar

August 3-5, 2018

Seminar Organized by Steven Kolins

Sponsored by Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Orange County

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Understanding history to better inform the present, and the future.

From the earliest days of the presence of the Bahá'í Faith in North Carolina, it has appealed to the diverse peoples in the state, just as it has to people across the country and world. Throughout the Faith's long history in North Carolina, Bahá'ís have crossed the color line repeatedly, as evidenced by family histories and building community from Wilmington to Asheville. Come with us on an adventure of learning the names, the lives, and the places of a growing, statewide community - from the earliest North Carolinian newspaper mention of the religion in the 19th century and the Faith's uninterrupted presence since 1918, to achieving a community of 20 adults during World War II, 100 by the late 1960's, 4500 believers circa 1998, and 5,800 in 2010.

The Seminar will cover the remarkable parallels in the first century of Christian and Bahá'í eras, and then see Bahá'ís come to the state or adopt the religion and form communities. The seminar will explore how Bahá'ís changed the ways they lived their lives, supported each other, and put plans of service and teaching into action across the state in the second half of the 20th century. Through their lives and communities,

there will be examples of how the Bahá'ís have enacted the principles and priorities of the core issue of the religion - the oneness of humanity - in matters of racial and gender equality. Of all the Bahá'ís that have ever lived in the state and served in international leadership of the religion, three were black men and one was a black woman - without quotas or electioneering.

When Fri Aug 3 3pm – Sun Aug 5, 2018 3pm Eastern Time - New York

A program will be emailed out soon.