



## Thompson-Nicola Bahá'í School

Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 6 PM to Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM, 2019

Dutch Lake Community Centre - 209 Dutch Lake Road, Clearwater, BC

### 2019 Theme: "Following in the Footsteps of the Dawn-breakers"



#### Stories for the Bi-Centenary: Making it Relevant

##### Workshop Presenter: Mead Simon

What is the purpose of the Baha'i revelation? Why are the stories from Babi history important? What can we learn from them? Why do we share them? And how can we act on them?

MEAD SIMON, known for his depth of Baha'i scholarship and ability to "unpack" complex concepts and present topics in understandable and practical ways, has served in many capacities: at the United States Baha'i National Center in Chicago, for many years as a delegate at the National Conference of the Baha'is of Canada, as a member of the Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario Baha'i Councils, as a member of Local Spiritual Assemblies in communities where he has lived, and as a Regional Coordinator for the prairie provinces. He has also served in the Multi-faith Chaplaincy Office at the University of Victoria. His insights and stories provide great interest for the friends who have had opportunities to study together with him, and many also enjoy his longtime blog on a number of topics related to the Baha'i Faith [www.onebahai.blogspot.ca](http://www.onebahai.blogspot.ca). Mead enjoys life and service together with his wife and son in their community of Colwood, B.C. When Mead is not immersed in writing, deepening or strolling by the ocean for inspiration, he can be found making his unique style of jewelry and creations as a fashion designer, a career he has enjoyed for over 30 years.



#### Resolve Commitment and Focus

##### Workshop Presenter: Doris Bruno

DORIS BRUNO is an active Baha'i recently retired from an extensive clinical social work career in rural BC and NWT. She is currently living with her husband in the north of Thompson Nicola region and enjoying her grandchildren.

## **Badasht around the world: where were we in 1848?**



### **Workshop Presenter: Kim Naqvi**

The workshop will explore events at the time of the Conference of Badasht and their significance in the Baha'i context, their correlation to world events and the implications for social change and spiritual awakening.

KIM NAQVI has a BSc in Biology and MA and PhD in Geography. She teaches a human geography at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC, specialising in social and economic development and cultural change.

## **Weaving the Road to Reconciliation**



### **Workshop Presenter: Tara Nault**

This presentation will centre on an understanding of the Indigenous community of Canada and the spiritual principles that are required to come to a deeper awareness and understanding. Tara will combine her Baha'i knowledge with reconciliation and encourage the Baha'i friends to explore more about how we are addressing reconciliation in our lives, families and communities.

The Baha'i community in order to be fully engaged needs to ensure that we are educated, and working towards Indigenous Cultural Competency and Cultural Humility. The level of awareness varies greatly in the Baha'i community and the need is great to develop a systematic approach. This presentation will provide an overview of the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada using the Reconciliation Framework from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The spiritual ideology of the Indigenous community will be woven into the presentation along with the spiritual principles of the Faith.

The second part of the workshop will build on the presentation and assist the participants in Advancing the Conversation as described by the Office of Public Affairs and the NSA of Canada.

TARA NAULT is Métis with cultural roots in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. She is the Director, Office of Indigenous Health with the BC Ministry of Health and currently is working with the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council. Tara has worked with Indigenous communities for over 30 years and is a graduate from the Indigenous Governance Program from the University of Victoria. Tara is a second generation Baha'i having served in many capacities in the Faith and is currently a Co-Chair of the Indigenous Studies Working Group with the Association for Baha'i Studies.

## **The Law of the Right of God**



### **Workshop Presenter: Mr. Michael Snedden, Huququ'llah Representative**

*"And when He desired to manifest grace and beneficence to men, and to set the world in order, He revealed observances and created laws"\* Exploring the Law of the Right of God (Huqúqu'lláh).*

\*from a Bahá'í Prayer