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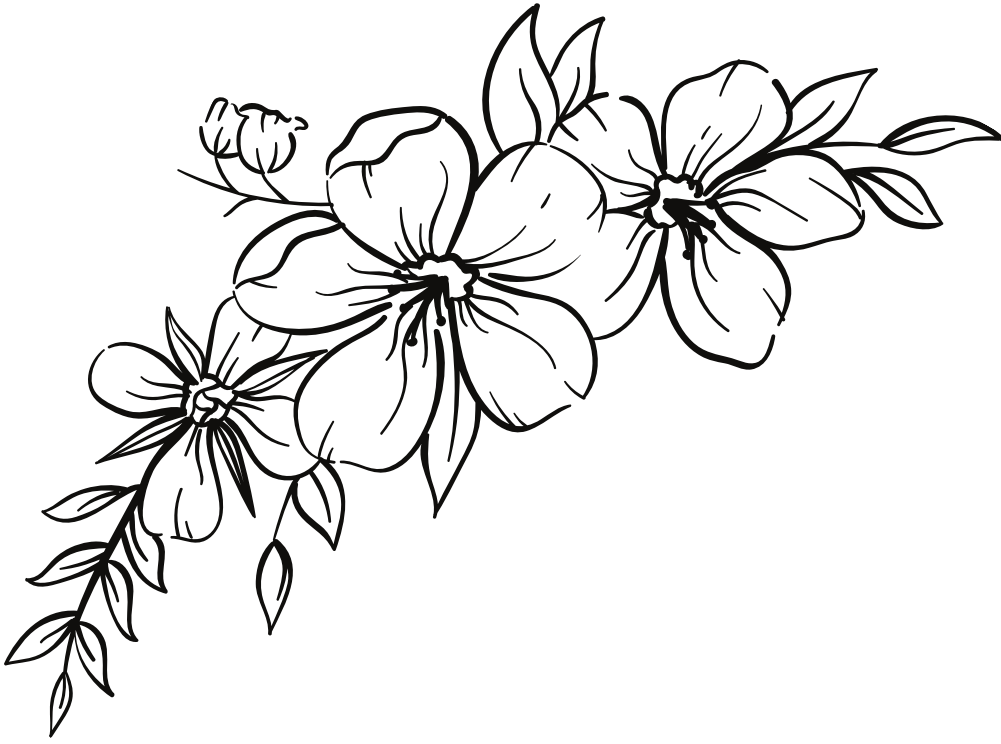
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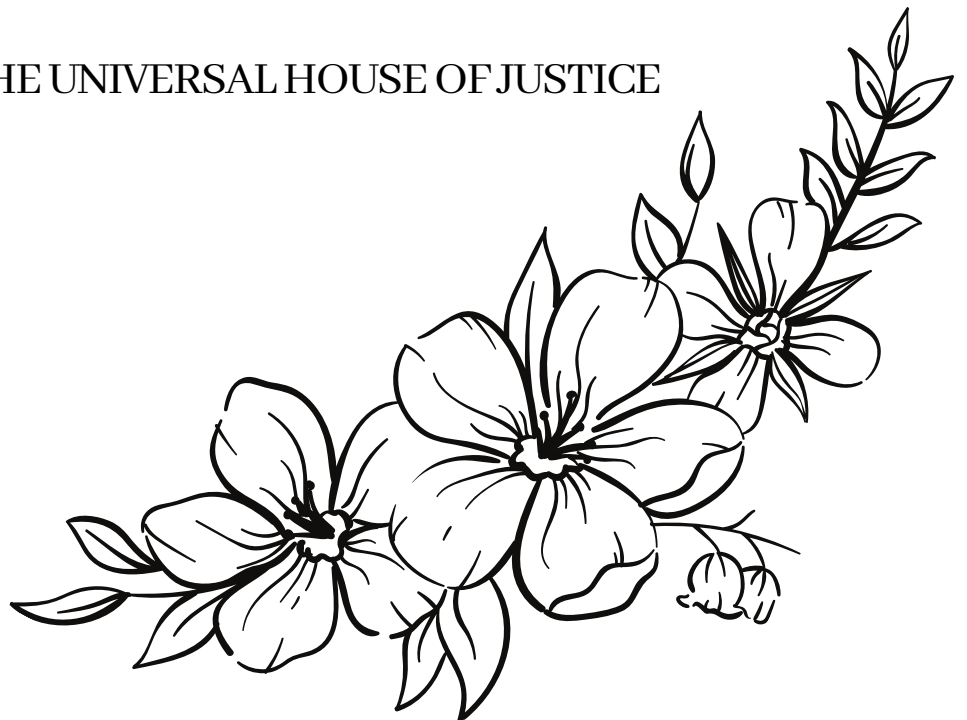
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COMMUNITY BUILDING AROUND THE CYCLE

Either individually or with your nucleus

EXPANSION PHASE

~3 weeks

A period of greater intensity with the intention of finding receptive souls.

For example: reaching out to friends and neighbors, having elevated conversations, and exploring spaces to meet new people.

CONSOLIDATION PHASE

~2 months

A period of building deeper connections with friends of the Faith through meaningful conversations, core activities, home visits, and fire sides (while continuing to be open to finding new receptive souls).

REFLECTION AND PLANNING PHASE

~3 weeks

A period of studying guidance, reflecting on cycle's activity, reading our current reality, and planning for the next cycle.

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PLANNING PAGES

“ Now it is bound for a new horizon. The confirmations of the Almighty are the gusts that fill its sails and propel it towards its destination. And the Covenant is its lodestar, keeping the sacred vessel set on its sure and certain course. May the hosts of heaven send blessings upon all who sail within.

REFLECTION PAGES

Example of items for reflection: what approaches worked, what did not? What are the next steps for each of these friends in the next cycle? What did we learn this cycle? In what areas do we need to strengthen our capacities?

“ During this period, the Bahá’í world will be focused on a single aim: the release of the society-building power of the Faith in ever-greater measures.

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PLANNING PAGES

“ In practice, this means the mobilization of a sizeable number of Bahá’ís who are creatively and intelligently applying the Plan’s framework for action to the reality of their own circumstances wherever in the cluster they live. It entails families and individual believers working together and making a conscious decision to see themselves as belonging to an expanding nucleus.



PLANNING PAGES

Make a plan for the next 3 months for how you will carry out systemic home visits/conversations to help your friends build a vision for community building. This could include having elevated conversations, sharing the themes from Book 1 and 2 *, sharing a prayer, and teaching the Faith.

NAME OF FRIEND TO VISIT/CONVERSE WITH	DATE OF VISIT	TOPIC OF VISIT

*Possible themes from Book 1 and 2: humanity’s need for an Educator, God can only be known through His Manifestations, the oneness of religion, science and religion, the oneness of humanity, justice, the gap between rich and poor, the elimination of prejudice, equality of men and women, universal education, peace, the eternal Covenant, the life of Baha’u’llah, the station of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, building and maintaining a unified community, youth serving the community, the significance of prayer, the life of the soul, the development of spiritual qualities.

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And while they would not pretend to have discovered all the answers, they are clear about what they have learned and what they still need to learn. Their efforts advance to the alternating rhythm of action and reflection; setbacks leave them unfazed. In places where growing numbers are helping to build communities of this character, the power of the Cause to transform people's social existence, as well as their inner lives, is becoming increasingly visible. Earnest pursuit of the Plan's central aim will, we are sure, cause many, many such communities to emerge.

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