

Welcome to the Beaverton Bahá'í Center. If this is your first visit, you'll notice there is no minister or priest leading our devotions. One of Bahá'u'lláh's central teachings is that mankind has arrived at a degree of maturity that requires individual responsibility for spiritual search, so the Bahá'í Faith has no priesthood or clergy. Also, the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh is supported "exclusively by contributions of His avowed adherents," there will be no "offering" or collection plate.

No matter what your religious path, you will always be welcome in a Bahá'í House of Worship. Please feel free to ask any questions, and visit the book-store for more information about the Faith. We welcome you and hope to have you back again and again!

### **Bahá'ís believe in...**

#### **The Oneness of God, His Prophets and the Oneness of All Religions...**

...the essence of all the Prophets of God is one and the same. Their unity is absolute. God, the Creator saith: There is no distinction whatsoever among the Bearers of My Message.

#### **The Oneness of All Mankind**

The gift of God to this enlightened age is the knowledge of the oneness of mankind...

#### **The Prohibition of Prejudice**

Let us strive to blot from our lives every last trace of prejudice...

#### **The Equality of Women & Men**

Among the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh is the equality of women and men. The world of humanity has two wings—one is women and the other men. Not until both wings are equally developed can the bird fly.

#### **Science and Religion Must Agree**

...science is reason and reality, religion is essential reality and pure reason; ...the two must correspond.

#### **Independent Investigation of Truth**

...search for truth in all religions...if his seeking be in earnest, he will assuredly succeed.

#### **Work and Artistic Expression is Worship**

In this great dispensation, art (or a profession) is identical with an act of worship.

#### **Universal Peace**

Warfare and strife will be uprooted, disagreement and dissension pass away and universal peace will unite the nations and peoples of the world.

**For more information about the Bahá'í Faith, please visit our lending library, or our Website [www.beavertonbahai.org](http://www.beavertonbahai.org), or email [bahaibeaverton@yahoo.com](mailto:bahaibeaverton@yahoo.com), or call 503-601-9999**

#### **Other Bahá'í Internet Sites**

[www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org) [www.us.bahai.org](http://www.us.bahai.org) [www.bahai.com/thebahais](http://www.bahai.com/thebahais)

## **Interfaith Devotions**



## **Nearness to God**