

## CHAPTER 7 - THE AMERICAN BAHÁ'Í MAGAZINE

### January 1970:

- 1) NABOHR: Past, Present, and Future. The North American Bahá'í Office for Human Rights was established in January 1986. It is reported here that this office sponsored conferences for action on Human Rights in 20 leading cities and on a Canadian Reserve. There is a Photo here of presenter giving the address at the "American Indian and Human Rights" conference in Gallup, New Mexico. p. 3.
- 2) A program illustration entitled; "A World View" and it includes an Indian image. p. 7.

### February 1970: checked

### March 1970:

- 1) Bahá'í Education Conference Draws Overflow Attendance. More than 500 Bahá'ís from all over the U.S. come to this event. The only non Bahá'í speaker at the conference, Mrs. De Lee has a long record of civil rights activity in South Carolina. Her current project was to help 300 Indian school children in Dorchester County get into the public school. They were considered to be white until they tried to get their children in the public schools there. They were told they couldn't go to the public schools. A Freedom school was set up in an Indian community to teach Indian children and Mrs. Lee is still working towards getting them into the public school. pp. 1, 5.
- 2) News Briefs: The Minorities Teaching Committee of Albuquerque, NM held a unity Feast recently concurrent with the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is significant to the Mexican and American Indian populations of the area. p. 8.
- 3) An ad: A Call to Indian Nations, gathering in Chinle, AZ in June. p. 11.

### April 1970

- 1) News Briefs: The first Intercontinental Council Fire will be held in Oroville, WA in May. This was called the Canawash Council Fire. Mention of another Council Fire being planned on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, near Alamogordo, New Mexico. And an all Bahá'í Indian gathering on June 12-13 on the Navajo Reservation at Chinle, Arizona. And finally mention of the annual Toppenish Council Fire on July 18-19 in Toppenish, WA. p. 6.
- 2) Longhouse Fellowship. This article is encouraging the Bahá'ís to make friends among American Indians, teach them, and bring them home. p. 7.

May 1970: no issue made

June 1970: no issue made

July 1970: no issue made

August 1970: no issue made

September 1970: no issue made

### **October 1970:**

- 1) International Travel Teaching Projects: Belize, El Salvador, Nicaragua. p. 4.
- 2) An article by the Minority Teaching Office entitled; to be "especially sought out and taught". It is encouraging the teaching of Indians by using many of the writings of Shoghi Effendi. p. 5.
- 3) United States Home front Goals of the Nine Year Plan (April 1964-April 1973) It includes two which include American Indians; increase the number of Indian languages into which some portion of the Writings have been translated [1963: 40 NOW: 58] and increase the minority representation in the Faith, particularly among...Indian... p. 5.
- 4) The Second National Bahá'í Youth Conference in June 1970. There is a photo and mention of Phil Lucas providing music. p. 6.

### **November 1970:**

- 1) Periscope: Arizona reports that the Proclamation of Baha'u'lláh has been presented to the Hopi Tribal Council. p. 6.
- 2) Summer Teaching Projects: Mexico, Bolivia, Honduras, Colombia, Belize, Guatemala, Venezuela, and Nicaragua. pp. 8-9.
- 3) Yakima Indian Reservation-Youth Encampment Summer 1970. One youth enrolled and two pioneers stayed. 76 people came, 50 of those were Indian children. p. 12.
- 4) Oklahoma Pow Wow. A pow wow was held near Maize and the Bahá'ís from OK and AK joined in the consultation and fun. p. 13.
- 5) International Travel Teaching Projects in Belize, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, and Guatemala. p. 14.

### **December 1970:**

- 1) There is mention of the film "Indian Circle on the American Indian" won second prize at the American Film Festival in 1970. The makers of that film, Kiva films Inc., also made "It's just the Beginning" a new youth film proclaiming the Faith. p. 1.
- 2) A photo of Ms. Helen Henry, Choctaw Indian believer voting at the Mississippi State Convention. p. 2.
- 3) Victories on Indian Reservations. Two committees, the Northern Plains Indian and the Navajo Reservation C both report increased activity. Two conferences were held in MT, one near the Blackfoot Reservation and the second in the Poplar area. Another one was held on the Fort Totten Reservation and another on the Nez Perce Reservation. Team teaching is on the rise. The Navajo R. Committee reports the first permanent mass teaching institute in America. It opened its doors to teach on November 28. p. 4.
- 4) All-Bahá'í Town in South Dakota. All three residents of the town of Ralph, South Dakota became Bahá'ís. The Bahá'ís had been teaching in Fort Totten, ND and found many receptive souls. [Editors note: The Bahá'ís of North and South Dakota travel extensively. The distance between Fort Totten and Ralph is great. The story doesn't exactly say, but, I can only imagine that the seekers must have been with the Bahá'ís or visiting in Fort Totten.] p. 4.

### **January 1971:**

- 1) Nez Perce Indian Reservation Site of Recent Expansion. The story tells of nine enrollments within 24 hours on the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho. It gives an account of the event; a story of Chief Joseph; and a photo of Jenny and Dwight Williams, who pioneered from Lapwai. pp. 1-3.
- 2) Campus Activity Mounts. The first campus teaching plan reports came from the Fort Lewis College Bahá'í Club. The story mentions that three of the youth are moving 18 miles away to teach on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and will be commuting to Durango for college. p. 11. [Editor's note: Fort Lewis College is one of two colleges in the country which gives free tuition to American Indians yet today. While I don't remember the exact situation, this is due to the colleges being built on Indian land. University of MN-Morris is the other one and that is where I worked.]

### **February 1971:**

- 1) Florida Kaleidoscope. Michael Jamir, Vocational Counsellor with the Seminole Indian Agency, BIA, introduces Hand of the Cause of God, Mr. Olinga. George Storm, was the first Seminole Indian to embrace the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh. p. 10.
- 2) Northern Cheyenne Reservation Opened to Faith. A delightful account of the Bahá'ís of Canada, North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Oklahoma arising to teach on the Cheyenne Reservation in Montana despite increment weather. The article mentions Steve White Man who is Northern Cheyenne and Bernard Pretends Eagle, Standing Rock Sioux from Fort Yates, who chaired the meeting; and Auxiliary Board Member Angus Cowan came along. p. 14.

### **March 1971:**

- 1) North Dakota Youth Advance: The Area Youth Committee carried out a teaching event near Woodworth, North Dakota, which involved over one hundred youth from North & South Dakota, Minnesota, and Canada. It was snowy and cold but the youth were able to teach the Faith to over 300 people. About fourteen people declared their belief in Bahá'u'lláh. They watched the movie; "It's Just the Beginning", among other fun activities. They were featured in the Minot Newspaper. p. 2. [Editor's note: while no names or photos appeared, there was sure to be American Indian people at this event. Hopefully this will be enough to jar someone's memory.]
- 2) The story of Ethel Murray, a homefront pioneer, who left her home in Providence, Rhode Island to teach the Faith among the Cherokee Indian. She had made her home on the Reservation. p. 4.
- 3) Teaching in Montana: Without much experience, some Bahá'ís planned a conference for the Northern Cheyenne people in Lame Deer. Thirteen people accepted the Faith. There is a photo. Plans were made to teach on the Rocky Boy, Fort Belnap, Flathead, Fort Peck, and Crow Reservations. p. 5.
- 4) Mention of a need for volunteers for some Latin American Projects in Mexico, Belize, Venezuela, Guatemala, and Panama. p. 15.

### **April 1971:**

Summer Teaching Project focus on Indian Teaching in upstate New York. The Tuscarora and Tonawanda Reservations were selected. p. 5.

**May 1971:**

- 1) "The whole earth will be illumined" There are two pages of gorgeous photos showing the results of the teaching efforts initiated by the Northern Plains Indian Committee in cooperation with the State Goals committees of Idaho, Montana, and North and South Dakota. pp. 6-7.
- 2) Summer Youth Projects '71. This page includes a project in Phoenix, Arizona which will be oriented to American Indians and a few other minority groups. There are also ads for projects in Missouri, Montana, Wisconsin, New Mexico, and CA. p. 11.

**June 1971:** Hooper Dunbar Brings Special Message from South American Indians. This article tells of Mr. Dunbar a member of the Continental Board of Counsellors for South America visiting man of the reservations throughout the Northern Plains and Southwest (Sioux, Crow, Cheyenne, Assiniboine, Chippewa, Blackfoot, Flathead, Nez Perce, Shoshone, Navajo, and Apache), to carry a message from the Indian Bahá'ís of South America to their brothers and sisters in the United States. p. 9.

**July 1971:**

- 1) Mrs. Violet Starr, the first Ute Bahá'í and her daughter, Jolene Mart along with Bahá'í's gather to teach at Fort Duchesne, Utah. A few wonderful photos featuring Violet Star, Loren McCook, and a Dancer(s). p. 4.
- 2) Mescalero Council Fire: The Council Fire was held June 4-6 serving the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Speakers included Mr. Chester Kahn (Navajo), Philip Cassadore (Apache), and Mrs. Meredith Begay (Apache). She spoke in both English and in Apache. p. 5.
- 3) Bulletin Board. Teacher Employment Opportunities offered for jobs on the Makah Reservation in Washington state. p. 12.

**August 1971:**

For Peck Indians Receive Proclamation. The Tribal Chairman was presented the Proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh by the Poplar Montana Group which attained Assembly status at Ridván 1971. Mrs. Effie Two Bulls was one of the presenters. She is the aunt of the Chairman. p. 3.

**September 1971:**

- 1) Bahá'í Electoral Voting Districts by State/District Conventions. A special note is made that the jurisdiction of the Northern Arizona District Teaching Committee does not include the Navajo Reservation but does include the Hopi Reservation; however, both Reservations are a part of the Northern Arizona electoral voting district. pp. 5-8.
- 2) Fellowship Picnics in ...and Washington. This small article includes a photo of Bahá'ís and their guests from the Toppenish and Yakima Indian Reservations. p. 10.

**October 1971:**

- 1) Periscope...This section includes an article about Jamál, the name of a youth teaching team who took the Message to the Indians on the Southern Ute Reservation in Southwestern Colorado. p. 2.
- 2) Also includes a short article about the continued effort made to teach Indians in southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico. p. 2.
- 3) How I spent my summer vacation. This includes photos and short accounts of how youth spent their summers teaching with several teaching in South America among Indians. pp. 6-8.
- 4) The Ninth Annual Neah Bay Council Fire in WA is reported here with photos. p. 8.
- 5) Photo of friends on the Poorman Reserve in Saskatchewan, Canada. p. 8.

**November 1971:**

Periscope: includes a story of the Bahá'ís of Charlottesville, Albemarle County and other cities in Virginia attending a Bahá'í Observance of American Indian Day and tells of Chief Buffalo Sr., XIV, the hereditary chief of the Cheyenne nation, and his wife recently embracing the Faith. p. 6.

**December 1971:** Periscope: A Bahá'í Camp Meeting was held October 23-24 on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation. More than one hundred and twenty five Bahá'ís and their friends were in attendance, including thirty five members of the San Carlos Apache tribe. Principal speakers were Franklin Kahn, member of the National Spiritual Assembly, and Mr. Phillip Casadore, a member of the San Carlos Apache tribe. Benjamin Patten (San Carlos Apache tribe) declared his believe in Bahá'u'lláh. p. 8.

**January 1972:** Photo of Maggie Hursey making Navajo fry bread for a Unity Feast held in Montezuma. p. 6.

**February 1972:** Call for Nurses in Chinle, Arizona for the Navajo Extended care facility there. p. 9.

**March 1972:** "Wildfire" Conferences Successful in all Regions. These youth conferences had Indian believers present, including a young Mescalero Indian believer singing a song he had written himself. p. 11.

**April 1972:** Announcement of Summer Projects for teaching including in Ecuador and other South and Central American countries. pp. 6-7.

**May 1972:**

- 1) The Panama Temple Dedication-April 29-30. p. 1.
- 2) Pictorial Expressions of 1972 National Convention. Included in the photo are Bernard Standing Crow ( Standing Rock Sioux), Larry Scott, and Littlebrave Beaton (Tsimshian & Makah) as well as a few other Indians. pp. 6-7.

- 3) Summer Projects - home front. The projects advertised are from Northern California, Montana, North and South Dakota, and Minnesota all with focus on reaching the Indians. pp. 11-12.

**June 1972:**

- 1) Dedication of the Temple in Panama with photos of South American Indian believers, along with some from the United States. One photo includes Franklin Kahn, a member of the NSA of the United States. Sixteen tribes were represented. p. 1.
- 2) Photo of James Humphrey from Coffeyville, Kansas, who celebrated his 109<sup>th</sup> birthday and is Creek, Cherokee, and African. p. 11.

**July 1972:**

- 1) Louis G. Gregory Award Presentation. Includes a photo of Franklin Kahn, member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States. p. 1.
- 2) A Photo of the Chicago Tribune of the Deadly flood in Rapid City, South Dakota and Pine Ridge Reservation nearby. The believers were spared. p. 3.
- 3) Periscope: The Southern Colorado District Teaching Committee has reported a number of enrollments on the southern Ute Indian Reservation. The new believers are from Navajo, Southern Ute, and Mountain Ute backgrounds. Some of the believers attended the annual Southern Ute Bear Dance in Ignacio and taught the Faith. p. 8.
- 4) One Thousand Bahá'í Children Gather in Ecuador with photos. p. 9.
- 5) Summer projects/home front: include South Florida with goal to reach the Seminole Indians; Wyoming, which will host the project FRONTIER which will put its effort on the Wind River Indian Reservation (Shoshone and Arapaho); and Nevada, which will teach on the Duck Valley Reservation which is in both Idaho and Nevada. pp. 11-12.

**August 1972:** Race Unity Day Activities across the Nation. This includes news that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the State of Maine, Mr. John Stevens (a new Bahá'í), spoke at the U of Maine in Portland. It also includes a photo of the Many Feathered Indian Dance Group from the American Indian Career Center in San Diego who performed. p. 6.

**September 1972:** Periscope: A short report of the Bahá'ís of southern Arizona marching in the Bisbee parade, including three new Indian believers from the Papago Reservation. La Mesa, CA held a unity festival close to many of the 17 Reservations of San Diego County and it was sponsored by the Southwest Indian Teaching Committee (now known as the Western Region Indian Committee). About 200 attended of which about half were Indian. p. 10.

**October 1972:**

- 1) "Gateway" Conference Opens the Way. This conference was for the northeast. It included an exhibit put together by the National Teaching Committee on the American Indian. pp. 1-2.
- 2) Summer Projects: Includes photos from Ecuador and Mexico. pp. 6-7.

**November 1972:** National Teaching Committee Meets on Navajo Reservation to Consult on Indian Teaching includes photos of Elizabeth Dahe and her grandson beside her former home of her grandmother on the Hopi reservation at Oraibi, oldest, continuously inhabited village on the North American continent. Also a photo of others including Eva and Elizabeth Kahn, Alta Kahn, Ruby and Roberta Nelson is included. The page also has some notes on the Hopi provided by Nancy Phillips. pp. 8-9.

**December 1972:** 1972-73 Campus Teaching Campaign. The report from both the University of North Dakota and the University of Wisconsin at Madison mention efforts to include Indian people. p. 9.

**January 1973:**

- 1) Photo of an Indigenous believer attending the Third International Convention. p. 5.
- 2) Annual Macy camp-out. This is the first Annual Macy Camp-out Conference and was sponsored by the District Teaching Committees of Nebraska and Western Iowa. Bahá'ís from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and North Dakota came to help. (Editors note: Macy, Nebraska was the site of the first all Indian Assembly. And some property was donated a while back.) p. 6.

**January 1973:** (two different Jan 1973): This one mentions the Bahá'ís of Issaquah, WA displayed various crafts of the Northwest Indian Tribes. p. 6.

**February 1973:** checked

**March 1973:**

- 1) Formation of Third Local Assembly on the Yakima Reservation with photo. Some appearing in the photo include: Mrs. Emma Olney, Mr. Kay Ibatuan, Mr. Jose Garcia, and Mr. A. Farinas. p. 10.
- 2) Also appearing on the same page, a dental practice is for sale on the same reservation. p. 10.
- 3) Keep up with the News. Colorado—a very successful teaching effort happened on the Southern Ute Reservation and was sponsored by the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Durango. Mr. Kahn from Chinle, gave a talk as well as others including the Sundance priest for the tribe were in attendance. p. 18.

**April 1973:**

- 1) A photo of Helen Henry, a Choctaw Indian believer casting her vote in at the Mississippi State Convention is here. p. 4.
- 2) First Latin American Temple dedicated. The story reports that there were more than 400 Indian Bahá'ís in attendance and among the represented tribes there were the Guaymi, Cuna, Chocó, and the Guajiro. p. 5.
- 3) Wilkins receives service award, with photo—this is the Louis Gregory Award for Service to Humanity and it was presented to Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP by Franklin Kahn, a member of the National Spiritual Assembly. Also on the same page is a photo of

Peter MacDonald, Director of the Office of Navajo Economic Opportunity who spoke at the National Human Rights Conference sponsored by the Bahá'ís. p. 5.

- 4) A photo of Franklin Kahn, National Spiritual Assembly member awarding Roy Wilkins the Louis G. Gregory Award for Service to Humanity. p. 7.
- 5) A photo of Peter MacDonald, Director of the Office of Navajo Economic Opportunity told people at a conference on human rights; "If only the Bahá'ís had discovered American things would have been different." He described the abhorrent conditions Native Americans live in on reservations. p. 7.
- 6) Panama City, Panama reports that more than 600 believers at the first Latin American Intercontinental Conference and about 239 Indians were there representing the Guaymí, Cunas, Caribs, Guajiros. Hand of the Cause of God Rúhíyyih Khánúm and Jalál Kházeh were in attendance and each addressed the conference. Hand of the Cause of God Rúhíyyih Khánúm said, in part:  
"We make a great mistake in this world when we thin that unity in the concept of Bahá'u'lláh means uniformity...When you analyze it, the people of the world today, whatever political block they belong to, whatever party they adhere to, whatever religion they follow, think the best thing would be if everyone was like themselves; but this is not the Message of Bahá'u'lláh. God created us different. This is our honor, this is our blessing, this is our distinction. It means that each group of the human race has developed its own capacities. It has its own gift to bring to the family of human beings.  
"So I ask particularly the Indian Bahá'ís to remember this and to be immensely proud of their past and immensely proud of being Indians. They remember, as I remember, that it was the white people who did a great deal to destroy their history. They made them feel that the history of the white man was greater than the history of the red man. But this is not the Message of Bahá'u'lláh. The Message of Bahá'u'lláh is that they have a great future and they have a great capacity." p. 8.
- 7) Photos of the 1971 Fiji Islands Intercontinental Conference, and the same in La Paz, Bolivia in 1970 and one with a group of Cuna Indians at the dedication of the Panama Temple. Also on this page there is the Cuna Prophecy which foretells of the coming of a new religion. In 1963, more than 2000 Cunas became Bahá'ís. p. 14.
- 8) Photo of a Navajo Bahá'í woman. p. 16.
- 9) Photo of an Indian Teacher. p. 18.
- 10) Photo of Bolivian children. p. 19.

### **May 1973:**

- 1) News Notes-Indians in Cities must also be taught. This article came from the Western Indian Teaching Committee and it reminded the friends to not overlook the Indians in the cities. p. 8.
- 2) A report from the Wapato, WA community that a youth club has been formed. p. 8.
- 3) Deschutes Assembly Seeks Indian Bahá'ís—to reside on the Warm Springs Reservation. p. 9.
- 4) New Notes--Mi Wuk Tribe Hears Bahá'í Talk in Tuolumne Rancheria, CA. David Villaseñor helped with this presentation. p. 10.

### **June 1973:**



- 1) National Spiritual Assembly Elected...photo includes Franklin Kahn. p. 1.
- 2) Two Distinguished Gentlemen attend the National Convention—Hand of the Cause of God William Sears and Doc Whitesinger, a 92 year old Navajo medicine who is a Bahá'í. p. 3, 16.
- 3) Photo of a Bolivian delegate casting his ballot for the Universal House of Justice at the Third International Convention. p. 9.
- 4) Ecuador Assembly rents radio station. p. 11.
- 5) Musicians needed for Mescalero Council Fire. p. 13.
- 6) Announcement of the Manitoba Bahá'í School which takes place at the International Peace Gardens and which many of the Indian Bahá'ís from North Dakota and Minnesota attend. p. 15.

**July/August 1973:**

- 1) Third National Bahá'í Youth Conference held-reports that Bahá'ís from 19 different Indian tribes were in attendance. p. 1.
- 2) Photo included Mr. Franklin Kahn., member of the National Spiritual Assembly. p. 5.
- 3) Photo of Eva Kahn at the Youth Conference. p. 13.
- 4) Announcement that Hand of the Cause of God Rúhíyyih Khánúm will be visiting Alaska. p. 16.
- 5) Call for Nurses to work on the Navajo Reservation in the town of Chinle, Arizona, p.18.

**September /October 1973:**

- 1) Ad featuring an American Indian believer from San Marcos, California. p. 2.
- 2) 4 Mescalero Council Fire promotes Unity and harmony—story with photos. p. 5.
- 3) Bahá'í Proclamation on Navajo Reservation--the Proclamation was sponsored by both the Northern Arizona Teaching Committee and the Western Regional Teaching Committee. Mr. Geronimo Appa, a Taos Pueblo Indian Bahá'í served as Master of Ceremonies. p. 9.
- 4) Mr. Dan Yazzie, a Navajo Medicine man was host and had asked the Bahá'ís if they could arrange a meeting whereby everyone on the Reservation was told about the Bahá'í Faith. Some of the speakers included: Franklin Kahn, Ben Kahn, Nancy Phillips, Phil Lucas, Doc Whitesinger, and Mr. David Monongye. pp. 8-9.
- 5) The Manybead Family and Sam Manybeads are shown in a photo. p. 9.)
- 6) Photo of David Villaseñor demonstrating the Indian art of sand painting. p. 12.
- 7) Photo and story of a Teaching Team covering the Ute Reservation in Western Colorado for two weeks. p. 13.

**October 1973:** A teaching team when to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in western Colorado to concentrate in and around the town of Ignacio to focus on farmers and ranchers living near the reservation. The Tribal newspaper included an article about this. Normally it did not cover religious organizations. p. 2.

**November 1973:**

- 1) Photo of the National Spiritual Assembly –includes Franklin Kahn. p. 2.
- 2) Art Picture called Hopi Indian Blessing, Arizona. p. 5.
- 3) Art Picture called Deer in the Berry Patch-Zia Indian Pueblo, New Mexico. p. 6.
- 4) Art Picture called Acoma Pueblo Water Bird, New Mexico. p. 9.
- 5) Photo of a Navajo believer at the Convention in Southern California District #2. p. 10.
- 6) Art Picture called Load Carried at Harvest time, Hohokam culture, Arizona. p. 13.
- 7) Navajo Nation—they were represented at the Navajo National Fair. p. 15.
- 8) Conifer Hill: unity through work and study with photos. p. 18.

**December 1973:** checked

**January 1974:** did not view

**February 1974:**

- 2) One home front pioneering: Arizona request for someone to arise to help with the Papago Reservation. p. 2.
- 3) Six New Board Members work in North America—one is Nancy Phillips who had been active teaching American Indians. p. 3.
- 4) Teaching team visits Tigua Indians in Texas, a full page story with photos, p. 4.
- 5) Photo of Human Rights Award Recipient, Mr. Jay Silverheels, who portrayed the character Tonto in the Lone Ranger television series, was honored for his service to American Indians. p. 12.

**March 1974:**

- 1) Teaching conference minorities scheduled and the speakers included Mr. Ernest Sickey, Chairman of the Coshatta Indian Tribal Council. The conference will explore ways of reaching the Tunica-Biloxi Indians. p. 7.
- 2) One home front pioneering-request for people to arise and serve in South Dakota which is the home of many Indians. p. 13.

**April 1974:**

- 1) Summer Projects announced including the following that focused on Indian teaching are Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, Pierre, South Dakota, Fort Yates, North Dakota, and the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, New Mexico. p. 8.
- 2) 2. Two Bahá'í Prayers in the Sioux Language. p. 11.

**May 1974:** checked

**June 1974:** Navajo believer visits Convention—story tells of Dan Yazzie, a Navajo medicine man attended the 65<sup>th</sup> National Bahá'í Convention in Wilmette in 1973. p. 13.

**July 1974:** Mescalero Council Fire Scheduled includes a photo. This is the 5th Annual one held in New Mexico. p. 6.

**August 1974:** First on Indian Reservation-Construction teaching institute planned. This article talks about the Bahá'í Teaching Institute that will soon be established on the Navajo Reservation. pp. 1-2. [Editor's note: This would be the Native American Bahai Institute (NABI).]

**September 1974:** checked

**October 1974:**

- 1) American Indian Teaching Committee named they were Cathy Cook, Jerry Bathke, and Daniel Defender. The article talks about the purpose and the goals of the committee. pp. 1-2.
- 2) Photo of Franklin Kahn and Chester Kahn. p. 8.

**November 1974:**

- 1) Photos and short story on Discussing Indian Teaching work. A conference called the Badasht Indian Council Fire was sponsored by the Farmington Spiritual Assembly, Waldine Yazzie and Benjamin Kahn are among those in the photos. p. 8.
- 2) Party at Ganado held. A Bahá'í unity party was held on the Navajo Reservation. p. 12.

**December 1974:** Teaching among Indian populations discussed. The American Indian Teaching committee and the Navajo-Hopi Indian Teaching committee (Audrie Reynolds, Lorraina Cowboy Kahn, Richard Birkey, and Waldine Yazzie) met with a representative of the National Teaching Committee to discuss the progress of expansion among Indian populations. p. 3.

**January 1975:**

- 1) Photo of Members of the American Indian Teaching Committee which at this time included Pearl Schuyler, Daniel Defender, Cathy Cook, and Jerry Bathke. p. 3.
- 2) Reservation group exhibits...a Bahá'í exhibit was constructed at the Cherokee, North Carolina Fall Festival. p. 8.
- 3) Photo of Sam and Emma Fly from Fort Yates, North Dakota on the Standing Rock Reservation. p. 9.

**February 1975:** Photo of the Dineh Bah A'Lil Children's dance troupe. p. 9.

**March 1975:**

- 1) An effort to recruit pioneers—especially Indian Bahá'ís and Persians was made by the American Indian teaching Committee. The places that the friends are asked to move to are Nebraska-Macy on the Omaha Reservation; Mississippi-Choctaw Reservation; Navajo-Hopi in Arizona and New Mexico, Montana—Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne, and the Blackfeet Reservations; and in Utah—Uintah and Ouray Reservation. There are photos and illustrations. p. 4.
- 2) Summer Projects—Bolivia and knowledge of Spanish, Quechua, or Aymará would be helpful. p. 6.

**April 1975:**

- 1) Indian Teaching subject for special conference with photos that include: Eva Kahn, Violet Star, Ben Kahn, John Cook, and Wayne Steffes. Ways to teach Indians on the Reservation and in the city were discussed. p. 3.
- 2) Indian Proclamation held—at the Stockbridge Munsee Reservation near Bowler, Wisconsin. p. 13.

**May 1975:**

- 1) Photo of Franklin Kahn with the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention. p. 5.
- 2) Many tribes seen at Pow Wow—the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Los Angeles is host to at least 21 tribes and 300 people at their Naw Rúz Pow Wow. p. 9.
- 3) Effective ways of teaching Faith to Indians discussed with photos. This event was held in Los Angeles, CA and members of at least 21 American Indian tribes were among the 300 people attending. In attendance by name in the article were Auxiliary Board member Nancy Phillips, David Villaseñor (Huichol-Otomi), Lorenzo Hall (Yakima), Jerry Boisclair (Cupa) and Wayne Steffes (Oneida). Some of the sediments which came out of the consultation included such things as Indians would find the Bahá'í Faith appealing once they find the deeper spiritual truth latent within it. One way to teach suggested was to offer assistance to Indian community centers in the cities. And to be consistent and regular in however we choose to teach. p. 9.

**June 1975:** Council Fire to be held on Canadian border. This article is about the coming Council Fire to be held at the International Peace Gardens and is being planned by the North Central Indian Teaching Committee, an Auxiliary of the American Indian Teaching Committee. p. 7.

**July 1975:** Senior Institutions for North America meet at behest of Universal House of Justice: Alaska reports the Native Council Approach to teaching Indians. Two of these Councils operate under the National Spiritual Assembly. They have succeeded in attracting new believers and contributions to the Fund. At the recommendation of Hand of the Cause of God Rúhiyyih Khánum, a special translation committee has been working to have the long burial prayer translated into many Eskimo and Indian dialects. pp. 1-2.

**August 1975:**

- 1) Indian Teaching: Progress reported in spreading the Faith to Indians of the West. p. 4.
- 2) Teaching institute success in Oregon with photo. This is the first Oregon Teaching Institute and 14 Indians representing 9 tribes were present. Patricia Phillips and her daughter declared there. The Western Washington DTC Indian Approach Teach, which includes Kathleen Forester, a Chetco Indian talked about her experiences with Indian teaching. Deloria Lane spoke on Teaching among Urban Indians, and Ross Klutke shared information on Oregon Indians. Some of the friends went to the Warm Springs Reservation. pp. 4-5.
- 3) Photos of the Indian Council Fire at Chinle, Arizona. p. 5.

**September 1975:**

- 1) Indians given the Message, A group of Durango residents took the message to a few leaders of the Pueblo tribe in New Mexico. p. 2.
- 2) Great Spirit at the Council Fire—a report on the Council; Fire held at the International Peace Gardens along the North Dakota and Canadian border. p. 2.
- 3) Las Vegas mayor signs proclamation—that supports Bahá'í participation in a special Indian Art show. Gary Wood is wearing the headdress. p. 10.

**October 1975:** checked

**November 1975:** checked

**December 1975:** Umatilla Indian Assembly formed—reports that this Assembly was able to form helping with the goal of having 25 new Assemblies on Indian Reservations by 1979. p. 6.

**January 1976:**

- 1) An Interview with Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum....She talks about teaching in the Amazon. It is a wonderful interview. pp. 5-6.
- 2) Papago member of Pima Co, LSA... Veronica D. Chiago, the first Papago Indian to serve on a Spiritual Assembly was elected. p. 12.

**February 1976:**

- 1) Photo of Rúhíyyih Khánum with the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States on cover. p. 1.
- 2) Rúhíyyih Khánum meets with National Assembly, talks about pioneering. In her talk she discussed the Great Light Expedition and the people with whom she met. She praised the capacity and receptivity of the American Indian people whom she met in the villages of Amazonian. She said they have the attributes of nobility: a dignity of bearing, a presence. She talks about her trip and how she views each individual Bahá'í. p. 2.

**March 1976:**

- 1) Writings recorded in Oneida language. The Bahá'ís of Green Bay, Wisconsin recently had a tape made of Bahá'í Writings in the Oneida Indian language. p. 11.
- 2) Whatcom hosts meet on Indian Teaching. This event took place in Washington and Eugene King was the speaker. A non-Bahá'í youth proclaimed; “The Bahá'í Faith is the only answer for Indian youth.” p. 11.

**April 1976:** checked

**May 1976:**

- 1) Teaching in the Central States includes photos of a young Indian girl along with Marian Kadrie and Littlebrave Beaston (Tsimshian & Makah) . A section on North Dakota tells of a school teacher from Fort Yates, becoming a Bahá'í, at a conference in Minot. It also mentions some projects in Indian areas. In South Dakota, mention of the Wamblee project on the Pine Ridge Reservation and one in Fort Thompson, and at Little Eagle. pp. 5-6.

- 2) North Dakota: Conference in Minot opened with a prayer from Ollie Pretends Eagle. A school teacher (Colleen Kirt) from Fort Yates declared at that event.
- 3) Teaching in the Western States included photos of Ada Bush and other Indians. Arizona reports a gathering in Williams. Colorado reports progress on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Montana reports the intention of restoring the Spiritual Assembly of the Blackfoot Reservation and reforming the Assembly on the northern Cheyenne Reservation. The Navajo-Hopi report a Navajo setting out to walk 30 miles to the Tuba City conference and was picked up by some Bahá'ís. pp. 8-9.
- 4) The Spiritual Assembly of Great Falls, Montana set a goal to help restore the spiritual Assembly of the Blackfoot Reservation. p. 9. -[Editor's note: forgot to put page down when photo copied, but it is in May issue.]

**June 1976:** Rúhíyyih Khánúm introduces film, The Green Light Expedition. p. 4.

**July 1976:**

- 1) Center planned for Reservation—on the Umatilla Reservation where 20 acres are being set aside for this purpose. p. 4.
- 2) Great Council Fire set August 20-22 is the date set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual event held at the International Peace Gardens. p. 4.
- 3) Yakima Council Fire begins July 31 and this will be the Eighth Annual. p. 4.
- 4) Beach Park site of Council Fire in Neah Bay, WA will be held July 31-August 1 on the Makah Reservation. p. 4.
- 5) Southern Ute conference held with Ben Kahn serving as the official translator and speaking on the importance of prayer. Chester Kahn also spoke and prepared two radio interviews to be used on the southern Ute radio station. p. 4.
- 6) Death of a pioneer's daughter links Indians and Faith. Shirrin Marian was not able to see, move, or talk for five years. She was just seven years old when she passed on. Shirrin was living with her mother; Joanne (Micmac and Abenaki) on the Crow Creek Reservation released many forces for the teaching of the Faith. The community came out and supported Joanne and made her feel a part of the community. The tribal chairwoman even helped pick the burial site for the child. The first public talk on the Faith was delivered due to this child's passing. Now the tribe knows of the Bahá'í Faith. p. 5.
- 7) Mr. Villaseñor shows sand painting art. p. 6.
- 8) What Bahá'ís are doing to celebrate the country's Bicentennial with photos including one with Ina McNeal in New York on a program called 'Conversations with Americans'. p. 10.

**August 1976:** National Assembly to present statue of Sequoyah to Cherokees. The statue which is shown was made by David Villaseñor. p. 4.

**September 1976:**

- 1) Focus on teaching, Mr. Gibson urges friends in visit to U.S. Mr. Gibson, a former pioneer to the Navajo Reservation, visited Bahá'í Indian communities in Arizona and in North Carolina. p. 3.
- 2) 8,000 Bahá'í attend first three International Teaching Conferences with photos, including of an Alaskan Native believer. p. 5.

**October 1976:**

- 1) Statue of Indian genius presented to Cherokee people by the National Spiritual Assembly in a special ceremony in Tahlequah, Oklahoma with photos. p.1, 6.
- 2) Artist dreams of uniting Cherokee people. Tells why Mr. Villaseñor was drawn to do the huge sculpture, which he spent nine years working on. He was attracted to the qualities which Sequoyah possessed. He hopes it will bring both the east and the western Cherokee together. p. 7.
- 3) Destiny Indian peoples still unfulfilled, friends told. The National Spiritual Assembly felt that it wanted to reach the Cherokee Nation and; "that the Indian people have a destiny in our Faith which is as yet unfulfilled." p. 7.
- 4) Five Year Plan Goals chart including 7 LSA's Indian Reservations. Nationwide, the goal is 25 Assemblies on Indian Reservations and in November we are still at 13. Special plan goals for California-3 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. For New York-2 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. p. 7.

**November 1976:** Five Year Plan Goals chart including 7 LSA's Indian Reservations-same as in October. Nationwide, the goal is 25 Assemblies on Indian Reservations and in November we are still at 13. Special plan goals for California-3 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. For New York-2 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. p. 4.

**December 1976:**

- 1) Omaha Reservation Reopened with a photo. The Omaha Reservation at Macy, Nebraska was reopened. The first Indian Assembly was formed in Macy in 1948. The last pioneer at Macy in the early 60's was Edna Atkins. Her home was a bustling Bahá'í center. The property was owned by Hand of the Cause of God Amelia Collins and is still held in the Faith. Vivian Ahlman, had declared her Faith when she was 15 years old. She still considered herself a Bahá'í even though she had not seen Bahá'ís for a longtime. p. 5.
- 2) Teaching Briefs: In Colorado they showed the Green Light Expedition on the Southern Ute Reservation and Auxiliary Board member, Margaret Gallagher was interviewed on the Reservation radio station. p. 6.
- 3) Five Year Plan Goals chart including 7 LSA's Indian Reservations. Nationwide, the goal is 25 Assemblies on Indian Reservations and in November we are still at 13. Special plan goals for California-3 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. For New York-2 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. p. 6.

**January 1977:** Five Year Plan Goals chart including 7 LSA's Indian Reservations. Nationwide, the goal is 25 Assemblies on Indian Reservations and in November we are still at 13. Special

plan goals for California-3 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. For New York-2 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. p. 7.

**February 1977:**

- 1) Fourteenth Assembly on Reservation elected at Crow Creek, South Dakota. A special celebration was held with Wayne Steffes, an Oneida and member of the American Indian Teaching Committee speaking. There is a photo of Wayne and Alice Steffes and their daughters Regina and Steffani. pp. 1-2.
- 2) Home front pioneers instrumental in opening Reservations-this story is about the Wahid family (Aziz, Koudsia, Samir, and Linda), a Persian family who settled on the Fort Hall Reservation in Idaho to teach the Faith. p. 2.
- 3) Consultation on Indian Teaching held in Seattle. Forty people were in attendance including people from the Lummi Reservation, Scott Tyler, Eugene and Melba King. The discussion was on how to assist with the teaching work at Lummi. p. 2.
- 4) Friendship with Indian community a goal of urban Spiritual Assembly of New York. This Assembly has formed an American Indian Relations Committee. In late October, the American Indian Community House jointly sponsored a presentation by Indian artist Nadena Agard, Gregory Borst, and Ina McNeil.p. 4.
- 5) Site meeting Cherokee chiefs National Assembly needs new pioneers. The Tahlequah Assembly is the capitol of the western band of the Cherokee nation. A Spiritual Assembly was first formed in 1974. p. 4.

**March 1977:**

- 1) Photo of Hand of the Cause of God Paul Haney anointing some Indian believers with attar of Roses. p. 1.
- 2) Five Year Plan Goals chart including 7 LSA's Indian Reservations. Nationwide, the goal is 25 Assemblies on Indian Reservations and in November we are still at 14. Special plan goals for California-3 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. For New York-2 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. p. 6.
- 3) Bahá'ís perform for Navajo dancers and the event was organized by the Indian Relations committee of Los Angeles and the Regional Teaching Committee. p. 7.

**April 1977:**

- 1) Five Year Plan Goals chart including 7 LSA's Indian Reservations. Nationwide, the goal is 25 Assemblies on Indian Reservations and in November we are still at 14. Special plan goals for California-3 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. For New York-2 Assemblies on Reservations and they are at 0. p. 5.
- 2) Local Assembly elected at Crow Creek Reservation with photo which includes Joanne Marian, Bill Dupois, Grover St. John, Viola Obaga, and Michael Bagoloa. p. 5.
- 3) A Summer Youth Teaching project was held on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation from July 6-29, 1977. One of the goals was to form the Spiritual Assembly. p. 5.

**May 1977:**



- 1) Teaching Ute Indians subject gathering Colorado—decided that the best methods in teaching include a patient, systematic approach to build trust towards the Bahá'ís intermingling with Indians at Indian activities, inviting new friends home, and teaching families. p. 4.
- 2) Prayer translated Indian language. The Montana District Teaching Committee translated the short obligatory prayer into the Assiniboine language. p. 5.

**June 1977:** checked

**July 1977:** checked

**August 1977:** checked

**September 1977:**

- 1) 11 Indian Tribes Gather at Ithaca, N.Y., Pow Wow with a photo. Members of 11 tribes gathered June 24-26 for the Pow Wow Council Fire, sponsored by the Spiritual Assembly of Ithaca and the American Indian Teaching Committee. Tribes represented were Mohawk, Inca, Cherokee, Otomi, Seneca, Navajo, Oneida, Sioux, Kickapoo, St. Francis and Choctaw. Two people became Bahá'ís. They were John Sawyer who is Mohawk from Connecticut and Richard Bey, an Incan from New York City. p. 4.
- 2) In Memoriam: Billy Begay, Supai, Arizona, Date Unknown. p. Memoriam Section.
- 3) In Memoriam: Tony Hand, Fort Yates, North Dakota, May 22, 1977. p. Memoriam Section.

**October 1977:** Teaching Briefs—The Bahá'ís of Oklahoma and American Indian Bahá'ís throughout the country hosted a Unity Council Fire in the land of the Cherokee Nation near Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and also the Bahá'ís of Traverse City and Suttons Bay, Michigan were invited to participate in the Unity of Cultures Pow Wow in Transverse City. p. 4.

**November 1977:**

- 1) South Dakota Host to Youth Project. The 3 youth spent their time teaching the Faith in Cannon Ball, Wakpala, and Fort Yates. p. 2.
- 2) First Youth Conference Held at Navajo-Hopi Reservation. Discussion leaders were Eva and Phil Castillo of Flagstaff, Arizona. Dan Yazzie spoke in the morning. p. 4.
- 3) Classified ad: Couple needed on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona to help restore the all Indian Spiritual Assembly. p. 6.

**December 1977:**

- 1) Indian Assembly Goal Surpassed! To the American Indian Teaching Committee:

“Hail with joyful hearts completion on every anniversary birth beloved Founder our Faith formation 23 Assemblies on Indian Reservations, marking first Five year Plan victory on home-front. Our warmest thanks go to your committee, various pioneers and teachers who have worked tirelessly to make this signal accomplishment possible. Fervently praying news this victory will galvanize spirit of believers throughout United States enabling them to arise with new determination to win every remaining goal Plan.” National Spiritual Assembly, November 11, 1977, p. 1, 11.

- 2) Carib Indian enrolls in the Faith in Dominica and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Barbados and the Windward Islands is reporting. p. 3.
- 3) A Unity Council Fire initiated by the Spiritual Assembly of Hard Rock Chapter on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona resulted in a declaration of the tribal chairman of the Manzanita Reservation. p. 7.
- 4) The Bahá'í group of the Southern Ute Reservation in Ignacio, Colorado had great success in enlisting and publicizing Universal Children's Day. p. 7.

**January 1978:**

- 1) Cherokee: Harvest of Faith, Courage. The Cherokee Indian reservation has formed its first Local Spiritual Assembly. It is the first to be raised on an Indian Reservation east of the Mississippi. The article mentions the first person to teach the Cherokee, Mrs. Ethel Murray, who left her home in Providence, Rhode Island in 1953 at the age of 69. pp. 1, 8.
- 2) Universal Children's Day: Observances varied, successful: The Head Start Program at the Ute Mountain Reservation in Colorado, were treated to a party and given copies of the prayer; "Blessed is the Spot." p. 2.

**February 1978:** 'Unity' Theme at Council Fire. The Southern Wisconsin Indian Teaching Team and the Spiritual Assembly of Milwaukee hosted the Council Fire. Two representatives from the Milwaukee Indian community, Sherman Miller (Mohican) and Barney Bush (Shawnee), spoke to the Bahá'ís. The Milwaukee Indian News publicized the event. p. 7.

**March 1978:** Western North Carolina; Local Assembly at Cherokee Holds Recognition Ceremony. More than 80 people attended the celebration, 35 were not Bahá'ís. A photo includes: Charles Lossiah, Sarah Martin, Minnie Feather, Lloyd Wolfe, Linda Wolfe, Melvin Abercrombie, Ida Abercrombie, Willa Snyder, and Peter Snyder. p. 4.

February-March 1978: checked (2 Special Edition). The specific dates are not on them but one does have 1978 on it. One reads: "Teachers Sweep into El Centro, Imperial Valley: California Launches Victory Drive!" The 2<sup>nd</sup>: "National Spiritual Assembly- Only Recourse...Is Teaching".)

**April 1978:** checked

**May 1978:**

- 1) Photo of an activity of the Bahá'ís from Yakima Reservation. p. 13.
- 2) Indian Team Teaches in Southwestern U.S. This article tells of a 5 member team who taught in Tucson and South Tucson, Arizona. They also visited the Papago Reservation. Members were: Steve Old Coyote (Cree), Jack Garcia, Emma Olney, Arne Eklund, and Skip Pedro. p. between 13-17.
- 3) The District Teaching Committee of South Dakota members Edwin Roberts and Ronnie Dale held an Automotive Institute for Traveling Teachers to help the friends manage the blizzard conditions and desolate roads. Most of the travel teachers were heading to one of the Reservations. (with photo showing Joanne Marion and Karen ) p. 17.
- 4) Filmstrip Readied to Help Deepen Indian Assemblies. p. 19.

**June 1978:** Fort Hall, ID Bahá'ís hold an auction. \$130.00 was raised. p. 10.

**July 1978:**

- 1) Oregon Bahá'ís Host Villaseñor and he addressed several hundred American Indians. p. 8.
- 2) 69<sup>th</sup> National Convention Photos. The number 5 photo shows two young Indian women sitting looking up at the Temple. p. 11.
- 3) Native Americans Pledge Support in Goals Drive. This report came from the 69<sup>th</sup> national Convention and provides some good information. Last November 12, the number of Spiritual Assemblies on Reservations was 26. Members of these Spiritual Assemblies were guest to the Convention. They arrived from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington State. What they had noticed was that while people warmly welcomed them, no one asked them to share information. This led to consultation among the Indian delegation that lasted until 3 am at which time a spokesman was appointed to address the convention. The spokesman was introduced by Charles Nolley, a pioneer to the Fort Peck Reservation. Mr. Nolley prepared the crowd by reminding them of the fact that minorities are needed in the Faith, that the Guardian had wrote a letter in 1938 urging white Bahá'ís to overcome their sense of superiority. He also said that we should be asking the Indian delegation how they won their goals. The spokesman for the Indians was Dwight Williams who got up and said with tears; "This has been a long time coming." The delegation recommended that a teaching center be built in New Mexico on the Navajo Reservation. They recommended a Unity Fund be set up much like the Temple unity fund started by the early believers. They recommended that the cornerstone for this center be laid by Amoz Gibson, member of the Universal House of Justice, when he was in the U.S. this summer. A gift linking the National Spiritual Assemblies of Canada, Alaska, and the United States was given to the American Bahá'í Community by the Indian delegation. Many of the Indians went on teaching trips (CA, IL, and NY) before returning home. [Editor's note: There is a photo with several Indians-some of which I can remember including: Ben, Franklin and other Kahn's, George Gilland (Nakota), Littlebrave Beaston, Dwight and Jenny Williams, and Wayne Steffes.], p. 13. (Photo of Indian children attending on page 20.)
- 4) Ithaca Site of Workshop for Native Americans. This event was sponsored by the American Indian Teaching Committee and many Indians and non-Indians gathered to study the writings of Bahá'u'lláh and to focus on forming Spiritual Assemblies on the two Reservations in New York; the St. Regis Mohawk and the Allegheny Seneca Reservations. There were two Indian Bahá'í students at Cornell and the group went with them to a school function. A Bahá'í performing group also helped out at the Cornell event. p. 16.
- 5) Bahá'ís at Cornell Present Award. This award was presented to a non-Bahá'í, Barbara Abrams (Seneca), coordinator of Native American Affairs for outstanding service to American Indians at Cornell University. The Bahá'í presenter was Charlene Winger-Bearskin. p. 16.

**August 1978:** 200 Attend Fort Peck Recognition Ceremony. This event took place to honor the Spiritual Assembly. The photo shows Mrs. Romaine Fire Moon receiving a gift. p. 6.

**August/ Special Issue 1978:** checked

**September 1978:** checked

**September/Special Teaching Edition 1978:**

- 1) Three States Show More than 100 percent net increase in Assemblies—South Dakota, Wyoming, and Nebraska. p. 5.
- 2) First North American Bahá'í Native Council Scheduled. The Continental Indigenous Council will hold the first North American Bahá'í Native Council. p. 5.

**October 1978:**

- 1) Youth relates Indian Teaching Successes: An account by Debra Lindstrom who tells of her 2 week teaching experience on the Pine Ridge, Lower Brule, Crow Creek, Standing Rock Reservations in North and South Dakota. Joanne Marion was the Project coordinator. Littlebrave Beaton assisted on the North Dakota side. Numerous activities were abound and many questions were asked by the Reservation youth. p. 5.
- 2) A photo of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the Southern Ute Reservation in Colorado: Harold Seibel, John Chad Williams, Harold Silva, Chris Christlake, Kaare Evensen, Sr., Chris Cholas, Linda Cholas, Charlotte Richardson, and Betty Eskuche. p. 12.
- 3) 2. Photo of a Clackamas County, Oregon Children's campout where the children learned about Indian culture while the Warm Springs Pow Wow was going on. p. 12.

**November 10, 1978:** checked

**November 20, 1978:** First Bahá'í Native Council Held. "KINDLY CONVEY GATHERING NATIVE BELIEVERS WHITE SWAN, WASHINGTON, HOPE AND PRAYER THAT GREAT SPIRIT CONFIRM ALL ENDEAVORS GUIDE ALL STEPS INSPIRE ALL HEARTS RAISING ALL NEW LEVELS STRAIGHT PATH BAHÁ'U'LLÁH." From the Universal House of Justice. October 5, 1978.

Additional Message: from Hand of the Cause of God Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum: "To Indian/Eskimo Gathering: Deepest love beloved indigenous friends cherish great hopes future services Cause throughout Western Hemisphere." Rúhíyyih.

On October 6-8, the Continental Indigenous Council will be holding the first North American Bahai Native Council. It took place at White Swan on the Yakima Reservation in Washington with 28 tribes represented from the United States, Canada, and Alaska along with Auxiliary Board and National Spiritual Assembly members from all three countries were in attendance. Hand of the Cause of God Mr. John Robarts and Counsellor Angus Cowan were in attendance. Maynard Eakan of Alaska, the first Eskimo ever to be elected to a National Spiritual Assembly in Alaska attended. The meeting was chaired by Jim Schoppert (Tlingit) who was living in Seattle. The Bahá'í Council is an outgrowth of the National Spiritual Assembly of Alaska. The purpose of them is to provide an instrument for deepening and consolidation of the Native American believers within the Bahá'í community. p. 1. (Photos pp. 4-5.)

**December 10, 1978:** Teamwork Places Bahá'í Float in Annual Navajo Nation Fair. This story includes a photo of the float which also appeared in the Gallup Independent newspaper. p. 6.

**December 20, 1978:** Amoz Gibson Guest at Navajo Unity Conference in Arizona. Indian Bahá'ís from the Navajo, Hopi, Sioux, Cherokee, Oneida, and Nez Perce tribes came in support. The friends had a chance to see the box of change that was collected at the 69<sup>th</sup> National Convention to purchase the land and build an Institute. Prayers were said and the consultation was lively towards making this Institute a reality. p. 4. (Photo. p. 1.)

**January 1979: checked**

**February 1979:** Photo of Bahá'ís in South Dakota, many of whom were always involved in Indian Teaching. p. 16.

**February Special Edition 1979:** checked

**March 1979:**

- 1) Photo of Hand of the Cause of God Zikru'lláh Khádem meeting with Bahá'ís and leaders of the American Indian community last October in new York City. On Mr. Khádem's right are Pottawatomie medicine man Donald Perrote Jr. and his wife Dianne, who later declared their belief in Bahá'u'lláh. p. 1.
- 2) Photo of Franklin and Mary Jane Kahn before attending the 27<sup>th</sup> annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. p. 1.
- 3) Bahá'ís host 'Rainbow' Meeting. The Bahá'ís of varying background met on the St. Regis Reservation in New York and Ontario to share culture and prayers and consult on presenting the Message of Bahá'u'lláh to the Mohawk people. p. 6.
- 4) N. Y. City Efforts Attract Native Americans. This effort began when some of the friends were introduced to one of the national coordinators of "The Longest Walk" which was called by traditional Indian spiritual leaders to draw attention to anti-Indian legislation pending in Congress. It was the second step toward the unity of all tribes initiated by the United Nations conference on discrimination. There was no media coverage of the walk so the Bahá'ís offered to assist with this. Some of the Indians stayed for activities put on Bahá'ís. Hawk Little John attended firesides. Ina McNeil (Lakota) a Bahá'í was the main speaker. Phil Lane spoke as well. Mr. Wallace Black Elk attended and explained the meaning of the Pipe. A fascinating account of the event. p. 10.
- 5) Council Fire at Milwaukee with photo—this is the third one sponsored by the Bahá'í Inter-Community Indian Teaching Committee of Milwaukee and was held at the Unite Indian Center in Milwaukee. p. 13.

**April 1979:**

- 1) Oklahoma Pow Wow Draws 200-Plus Native Americans. Oklahoma City was the place of this huge gathering co-sponsored by the Bahá'ís and the Cheyenne Veterans Association. A

featured speaker was Charlene Winger-Bearskin. Chester Kahn was interviewed on the radio program of Sammy (Tonekei) White. One youth declared his belief in Bahá'u'lláh. p. 6.

- 2) Photo of Auxiliary Board Member Nancy Phillips working with her assistants: Ben Kahn, Helen and Jeff Kiely, Rick Wadleigh, and Elizabeth Dahe. p. 10.

**May 1979:** Iran Troubles Spur Interview on Southern Ute Radio Station. p. 14.

**June 1979:** Franklin Kahn Guest Speaker at Nevada Indian Gathering. The day after the Elders Banquet at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Mr. Kahn, a well-known artist and Bahá'í, visited the Stewart Indian School near Carson City. p. 8.

**July 1979:** 33 Assemblies on Reservations—as of the end of May, the American Indian Teaching Committee reported teaching teams from the Southern Ute Reservation in Colorado helped raise Assemblies on 2 New Mexico Reservations, the Jicarilla Apache and the Ship Rock Navajo. Assemblies were also elected at the East Pine Ridge and Lower Brule Reservations. We lost two Assemblies— Chinle Chapter (Arizona) and the Ramah-Navajo (New Mexico). p. 4.

**August 1979:**

- 1) Photo of members of the National Spiritual Assembly. p. 1.
- 2) South Dakota holds special children's class in Fort Thompson regarding the laying of the Cornerstone. It was an enactment of what happened when he Master broke ground for the House of Worship some 67 years ago. p. 1
- 3) Photo of child members of the Gallup community serving the residents of the Extended Care Home care. p. 7.

**September 1979:**

- 1) Kahn Visit Boosts Oklahoma Teaching—Chester Kahn, Navaho artist from Houck, Arizona showed his paintings and was guest on two radio stations, attended a Pow Wow, visited students at the Concho Indian School in El Reno, and participated in deepening's and firesides. p. 2.
- 2) South Dakota Drive Caps 9-Year Teaching Effort. For 9 years the Bahá'ís in South Dakota had been teaching regularly in Wamblee, at the eastern end of the Pine Ridge Reservation. Assemblies were formed recently in Eastern Pine Ridge and Lower Brule. Members of the Indian Teaching team pictured Edwin Roberts, Karen and Jeff Jentz, and Blair Nichols. p. 4.
- 3) Gallup Bahá'í Delegate at NAACP meet. Jim Stone represented the Gallup Chapter. He got involved at the time he came to Gallup some 25 years before due to some conflicts that arose on the Reservation in the school system when Black teachers were hired. He helped form a local NAACP. p. 13.
- 4) Classified ads—Fort Hall Reservation in Idaho needs home front pioneers. p. 13.

**October 1979:**

- 1) Indian Assemblies Equal Plan's Goal. A cablegram from the Universal House of Justice dated August 6, 1979 reads: "DEEPLY GRATIFIED FORMATION THIRTY-FIVE INDIAN RESERVATION ASSEMBLY THEREBY ACHIEVING SEVEN YEAR PLAN GOAL.

KINDLY REMIND FRIENDS IN THESE NEWLY ESTABLISHED COMMUNITIES ESSENTIAL THEY DEEPEN THEMSELVES AND STRIVE TO MAINTAIN UNINTERRUPTED ASSEMBLY STATUS. FERVENTLY PRAYING BEHALF NEW ASSEMBLY.” p. 1.

- 2) Southern Ute Assembly Sparks Colorado Drive. This Assembly sponsored the successful four corners efforts on the borders of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. p. 4.
- 3) Ithaca, N.Y., Bahá'ís Sponsor Heart to Heart Teaching Forum—teaching Native Americans in New York was the primary focus of Sunday's session. p. 11.

**November 1979:** In Montana, ‘Garden’ Blooms: George and Carolyn Galinkin adopt an Indian child, along with a Mexican, and a Black child. Nice story about adoption. p. 8.

**December 1979:**

- 1) U.S., Canada set Native Council: The National Assemblies of the United States and Canada have planned a Continental Indigenous Council to be held in the summer of 1980 in Wilmette, Illinois. [Editor's note: It was a glorious occasion where some of the discussion and programming were held in Foundation Hall and the evening program was held in the backyard of the house of the Secretariat in huge tents. There was speaking, dinner, praying, drumming and dancing. It was good to reconnect with just about everyone. It was a packed yard.] p. 2.
- 2) Wind River, Wyoming, Firesides Spur Teaching—teaching has accelerated and firesides are being regularly held at the home of Frank and Eva Mead. A photo includes the Mead's along with Mrs. Mead's mother and grandchild. p. 4.
- 3) Indian Art Highlights Program—The Bahá'í Inter-Community Association of San Luis Obispo County, CA observed World Peace Day with a presentation of Indian Sand paintings and the relationship of Indian prophecies to world peace by Bahá'í artist David Villaseñor. p. 14.

**January 1980:** First Assembly Restored on Omaha Reservation. The Macy Assembly was first formed in the mid-1930s, and then later lost. It was now reformed in October 1979. There is a photo. p. 14.

**February 1980:**

- 1) Hand of the Cause of God Muhájir dies in Ecuador. He served in South America, teaching the Indigenous people there. He died in later part of 1979. There is a message of the Universal House of Justice and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States. p. 1.
- 2) 2. Mr. Khádem, Mr. Gibson set for Native Council appearance. The Gathering is sponsored by the Continental Indigenous Council, which includes representatives from the U.S., Alaska, and Canada. The first Native Council for North America was held in 1978 at the Yakima Indian Reservation in White Swan, WA. pp. 1-2.

**March 1980:** checked

**April 1980:** checked

**May 1980:** checked

**June 1980:**

- 1) Land located for Southwest Institute. 1. "The National Spiritual Assembly has located 40 acres of land on the Navajo Indian Reservation in northeast Arizona for the Bahá'í Institute." A Southwest Bahá'í Institute Project Committee was formed to help with these particulars and the members are Richard C. Birkey, Ben Kahn, Jeffrey Kiely, Howard McKinley, and Most Nakai all from Arizona; and Eva Castillo and Roger Coe from New Mexico. p. 4.
- 2) 71<sup>st</sup> Convention: a kaleidoscope of activity, announces the National Spiritual Assembly, which includes Franklin Kahn. (Photos) Also the announcement that a site has been identified for the Bahá'í Institute in Navajo land. pp. 10-11.

**July 1980:** Proclamation: Art Show helps proclaim Faith in Phoenix, AZ. The art work of Chester Kahn, David Villaseñor, and Franklin Kahn are featured. p. 17.

**August 1980:** 45 attend Oklahoma seminar. The goals of the seminar are to: build an awareness of teaching opportunities among urban Native Americans in OK, and the creation of an ongoing task force to work under the direction of the American Indian Teaching committee." The photo includes Cathy Cook, William Wakeham Shahin Sobhani Mina Heydarian, and Cyrus Heydarian. p. 8.

**September 1980:**

- 1) Large Pow Wow reflects Great Spirit at Native American Bahá'í Native Council. The Council was held at the House of Worship. There were about 1,000 American Indian believers and their guests. There were over 50 tribes represented. Among the 380 participants attending were Hand of the Cause of God Zikru'lláh Khádem and Amoz Gibson, member of the Universal House of Justice. Counsellors Angus Cowan, Lloyd Gardner, and Edna True. Council members, Cathy Cook, Phil Lane, and Wayne Steffes; and Eugene King, a member of the National Spiritual Assembly of AK; were also present. The Universal House of Justice sent the following message: "OVERJOYED TREMENDOUS SUCCESS NATIVE BELIEVERS' CONFERENCE HELD PRECINCTS MOTHER TEMPLE WEST. KINDLY CONVEY MEMBERS INDIGENOUS COUNCIL ASSURANCE OUR FERVENT PRAYERS SUPPLICATING BLESSED BESTOW HIS UNERRING GUIDANCE ENABLE NATIVE BELIEVERS ATAIN HEARTS' DESIRE BLAZE TRAIL LIGHT THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICAN." JULY 15, 1980. pp. 1, 12-13.
- 2) Native Council gives birth to 3 'Trail of Light' teaching teams. This is a result of the Native Council. The teams will visit native communities on Indian Reservations in Alaska, Canada, and the United States. pp. 1, 8.
- 3) Teaching Committee: Dedicated few make Indian teaching big success. Pictured are members of the American Indian Teaching Committee, Wayne Steffes (Oneida), Cathy Cook (Choctaw-Seminole), and John Cook. The article sheds light on how the American Indian Teaching Committee does its work. "The committee maintains many file drawers of information on various Indian Reservations. "Each Reservation is treated differently" says Mrs. Cook, because each one has certain needs and exists in a distinct situation." p. 4.



- 4) Villaseñor's are guests at Newport Beach Fireside. (With photo) p. 7.

### **October 1980:**

- 1) 'Trail of light' campaign blazes in North America. Some sixty-two declarations in Canada and the possible formation of an Assembly on the Lummi Reservation in northwest WA are among the preliminary results of this campaign. The team that went into Canada was: Henry Bainbridge (Navajo), Dennis Bainbridge (Navajo), and Ernestine Moore (Paiute - Washoe). The three Americans on the team for Alaska included Tina Salomon (Osage-Cherokee), Regina Steffes (Navajo-Oneida), and Chester Kahn (Navajo). Doris Eckroth (Cherokee) was the only U.S. member of the team that visited reservations in WA, OR, and ID. p. 1.
- 2) The media: Native believer repairs Indian's 'image'. This story with photos is about Phil Lucas (Choctaw), a devoted Bahá'í and excellent film maker of Native or American Indian images and healing from boarding schools and racism. p. 6.
- 3) Race Unity: A photo of the Race Unity event held at the home of Mrs. Helen Legault, a member of the Tribal Council, on the Eastern Pequot Indian Reservations in Ledyard, CT. Pictured at Chief Atwood Williams of the Eastern Pequot Tribe, Mrs. Legault, and Kay Garland. p. 16.

**November 1980:** 3 National Assemblies meet in Alaska. This article includes a photo of representatives of the NSA's of Alaska, Canada, and the United States. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss cooperation endeavors of the 'Trail of Light' Teams. p. 6.

### **December 1980:**

- 1) 150 learn of Indian traditions at Minnesota Native Institute. Willie Big George of Lake of the Woods, Canada is pictured performing a traditional Indian pipe ceremony during the North American Native Institute held on the Ojibway Reservation in Grand Portage, MN. The event was sponsored by the District Teaching Committee of Northern Minnesota. p. 10.
- 2) Jack Kahn, head of family of Bahá'ís, dies at age 71. He is the father of nine Bahá'ís including Franklin, a member of the NSA of the U.S. He has been a Bahá'í for nearly 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Alta, who serves on the SA of Oak Springs Chapter and eight of their children: Chester, Benjamin, Raymond, Alfred, Eva Kahn Castillo, Susie Kahn Benally, and Della Kahn Woody. A tribute was paid to him by Amoz Gibson, a member of the Universal House of Justice. p. 25.
- 3) Karen Woodead: In Memoriam. Karen taught and lived on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming before living in Fargo, North Dakota and being my teaching partner. Later she went on to serve in South America. The Universal House of Justice paid her tribute. October 22, 1980. p. 25.

### **January 1981:**

- 1) IGC Pioneering- In Memoriam: Karen Woodead, pioneer, leaves legacy of service both in the United States and in South America and Trinidad. p. 11.
- 2) Native American page. p. 19. Opinion-A Message from the American Indian Teaching committee. Up till now, the AITC had sent a newsletter called, "The Flaming Arrow". And now

they were going to report everything in the American Bahá'í twice monthly. At his point, the goal of 35 Spiritual Assemblies on Reservations had been achieved. The new goal was now 40 by Riqván 1981.

- 3) 1<sup>st</sup> Center on U.S. Reservation opened at Yakima, WA: The dedication of this Bahá'í Center took place on November 9, 1980 in Wapato. It was purchased by Arnold and Joyce Eklund and remodeled by the Bahá'í community.
- 4) Stage set to complete plans for Southwest Bahá'í Institute: A planning committee for the proposed Southwest Bahá'í Institute was appointed by the National Spiritual Assembly. The committee was charged to a) identify and acquire land for the institute; b) select and appropriate architectural design that would meet the needs of the Institute; and c) consider the actual organization and operation of the Institute itself. The committee had located and prepared to purchase a 40 plot of land in the Pine Springs, AZ area, which was the first large scale site for the entry of Navajo believers into the Faith.
- 5) Reservation meeting draws 12 seekers: This meeting took place at the Chumash (California) Indian Reservation. One of the seekers declared his belief the following day.

**February 1981:** Native American page. p. 19.

- A) Reno-Sparks Colony welcomes traveling teachers. This Nevada Reservation was the site of teaching efforts which include Henry Bainbridge and Chester Kahn lending a hand.
- B) Wapato teaching is enhanced by Tablets Repertory Theatre. The company, which serves as a vehicle for teaching and proclamation, completed its sixth performance of "Ladder of Love" an original play by Joseph Galata.
- C) Navajo-Hopi host to deepening. The group deepened on "Immerse yourselves in the Ocean of My Words" The conference was highly successful with 70 day and around 50 overnight students, and two declarations.
- D) Task Force to aid on Reservations. The AITC has named a task Force to assist in the consolidation work in Fort Peck, Crow, and Northern Cheyenne Reservations.
- E) Counsellor visits Navajo Reservation. Counsellor Laurretta King visited in November.
- F) 5 Native Americans Board Assistants: Littlebrave Beaston (Tsimshian) Assistant to Auxiliary Board member Stephen Birkland; Eva Castillo (Navajo) to Nancy Phillips; Benjamin Kahn (Navajo) to Nancy Phillips, and David Villaseñor (Huichol-Otomi) to Anthony Lease.

**March 1981:** Native American page. p. 23.

- A) E. Montana task force named by Indian Teaching Committee. The AITC appointed the following: Ivan Cottrill, Lillian Beatty and Steve Hamman who will focus on Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne, and the Crow Reservations.
- B) Native Americans first to respond to Montana plea. Connie Hunter, Ernestine Moore, and Tina Salomon all from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony in Nevada, arose to teach in Fort Peck in Montana for a long weekend.

**April 1981:**

- 1) Native American page. p. 19.
  - A) Aneth Chapter hosts Navajo-Hopi winter deepening. The Aneth Chapter spiritual Assembly was the 36<sup>th</sup> on Indian Reservations. A talk on traditional Navajo ways and the importance of living a spiritual life, unity and the Covenant, along with the Bahá'í electoral process were given. All sessions were conducted in English and in Navajo.
  - B) 'Trail of Light' campaign slated. This trail of light was slated for the Navajo Reservation in the areas of Rock Point, Tsaile -Wheatfields, and Houck.
  - C) 30-plus attend New Mexico conference. Two of the AITC members came to get firm commitments to goal areas and to encourage an exchange of Native American travel teachers from nearby Reservations. The restoration of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Zuni Pueblo was a priority and counted among the 40 Assemblies by Ridván.
- 2) Navajo Indian believer Doc Whitesinger dead; was nearly 120 years old. He was a Navajo medicine man. He passed away on December 29, 1980. He was perhaps the country's oldest Bahá'í. He was an active believer whose entire family was Bahá'í. He recalled that his first clothes were made of animal skins. He traveled to the National Convention in Wilmette two times, once in 1973 and in 1978. He liked to see the Bahá'ís together. He also attended the Bahá'í Youth Conference in Oklahoma City. (Photo) p. 27.

**May 1981:** checked

**June 1981:** Painter David Villaseñor profiled in public television documentary (With Photo). p. 14.

**July 1981:**

- 1) 79 declare in Oklahoma project. This happened following a teaching conference in Norman, sponsored by the Western Oklahoma District Teaching Committee and the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Norman. As a result, three new Assemblies can be anticipated. p. 11.
- 2) Native American Page. p. 22.
  - A) 150 gather at annual Council Fire sponsored by Milwaukee Assembly. It was attended by nearly 100 Indian guests and some 50 Bahá'ís. It was held at the United Indian Center in April. George Robare, a Mohawk from Bemidji, MN was a speaker.
  - B) Indian teaching prominent in Plan. The AITC is enthusiastic about the prominence given to Indian teaching in the message from the Universal House of Justice. The committee met to consult on plans for implementing that mandate. The American community now had a goal to raise at least 1,750 LSA's, including 50 on Indian Reservations.
  - C) 40 Assemblies! The AITC reports that its goal has been achieved. This Ridván period began with 37 Spiritual Assemblies, six more were formed, three and were lost.
  - D) North Dakota Bahá'ís present Indian quilt to Norway guests. Karen Jentz and Scott Tyler helped the coordinator of the University of North Dakota's Indian Association to find and present an Indian quilt to a Norwegian official.

**August 1981:** checked

**September 1981:** Photo and story of Counsellors meeting in the Wilmette area includes Counselor Loretta King. p. 1. (Same story in Spanish, p. 14.)

**October 1981:** Profile: Vinson D. Brown who wrote *Warriors of the Rainbow*, a book on Indian prophecy and its relation to the Bahá'í Faith which he co-authored with William Willoya (Eskimo). p. 19.

**November 1981:**

1) Native American page. p. 15.

- A) Council Fire mulls plans for S.W. Bahá'í Institute. 65 people from AZ, CA, CO, and NM attended the southwest Bahá'í Institute Council Fire held in August 1981 near Burnt Water, AZ. Speakers included: Auxiliary Board members Ernest Bruss and Nancy Phillips; AITC members John Cook and Wayne Steffes; Navajo-Hopi District Teaching Committee member, Henry Bainbridge; Franklin Kahn, and David Villaseñor.
- B) AITC names Oklahoma Task Force. The AITC appointed a 3 member task force to stimulate and teaching activities in OK. Bill Wakeham (great grandson of the Comanche Chief Quanah Parker), Dennis Wahkinney, and Laurie Wasson will serve.
- C) 150 Bahá'ís gather in MN for Grand Portage Native Institute. This second Annual Institute was held in August on the Grand Portage Ojibway Reservation in Northern MN and is sponsored by the District Teaching Committee of Northern MN, with the help of the National Youth Committee, and the AITC. The primary objectives are to educate the friends on the spiritual life of the Indian and to create bonds of unity between the United States and Canada. "The friends had their dawn prayers on the shores of Lake Superior and a pipe ceremony near a 350 year old cedar tree that is sacred to the Indians in that area."

**December 1981:**

- 1) Border Campaign sees more than 70 Native Americans embrace the Faith. This event took place on several Reservations in northwestern U.S. by three Bahá'ís from Canada. They included: Rick Belmont (Cree), Earl Healy (Blood), and Fari Jalili-Otsali. They began on the Wind River Reservation in WY. The team was interviewed by the Wind River Journal and both reporters became Bahá'ís. Photos include: James Bog Lake, Joan Willow, And Rhonda Headley. pp. 1, 17.
- 2) A story about David Villaseñor in Spanish. p. 14.
- 3) Classified ads: South Dakota is seeking people to move and help them double the number of Spiritual Assemblies. p. 16.
- 4) Wind River teaching trip with photos. A few Canadian Bahá'ís got together and decided to travel teach on the Wind River and Crow Reservations. they helped an Assembly get restored, kindled love in allures they went to. Travelers were Earl Healy knew the Pow Wow circuit and felt he could reach some people he knew. He enlisted the help of Ed Little Light, Margaret Kill-Other-Bull, Joan Willow and a few others. Several people enrolled including

Douglas Adams, a medicine man and Tribal Council member. His wife, Janette also enrolled. p. 1, 17.

**January 1982:**

- 1) Okmulgee launches Native American teaching plan. The heart of old Muskogee (Creek) in Oklahoma. The Spiritual Assembly launched its American Indian teaching Plan through a series of seminars, using non Bahá'í speakers which address Native culture with the final one given by a Bahá'í. Comes with a photo. p. 10.
- 2) Photo of Bahá'ís teaching the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi. Pictured are Mack Bell, Effie Joe, Mary Joe, Helen Henry, and Mavis Henry. Two people enrolled in the Faith. p. 10.

**February 1982:** 151 declare in West Texas, Southern New Mexico. One of the persons who enrolled was a Yaquí Indian. p. 17.

**March 1982:** checked

**April 1982:**

- 1) Classified ads: Northern Minnesota is looking for help to open some Reservations. p.16.
- 2) In Memoriam: Alvin Myers (non Indian) passed on. He was on one of the early American Indian teaching committees for the Central states. p. 19.

**May 1982:**

- 1) Native American Bahá'ís at Kennedy Center. Kevin Locke (Lakota) and Phil Lucas (Choctaw) were among the group of performers who appeared at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. p. 3.
- 2) Photo of and short story of Dr. Gari Rea-Airth [sic] (Dogrib) a Bahá'í from Canada and who is a pioneer to Paraguay helped give a workshop and deepening on community life, unity, and sacrifice held in Eliot, ME. p. 6.

**June 1982:**

- 1) 'Self-sacrificing promoter Faith' Amoz Gibson, member of House of Justice, dies. Message from the Universal House of Justice and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States. p. 1.
- 2) Third Indigenous Council to be held in Alberta. This announcement shows a beautiful design and also gives the particulars of the event to be held in August on the Blood Reserve in Alberta, Canada. p. 24.

**July 1982:** Council participation by non-natives limited. An announcement that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Continental Indigenous Council to be held on the Blood Reserve in Alberta, Canada, will be limited to primarily Native people due to lack of room. p. 17.

**August 1982:** 'Trail of Light Friendship Team' teaching in Central and South America. Members of the Alaska team were Walter Austin (Tlingit/Eskimo), Rita Blumenstein (Eskimo), and Rebec-

ca McKinnet (Tlingit). The Canadian team included Rick Belcourte (Cree), Louise Profeit (Athabaskan), and Pat Twigge (Blood). The U.S. team included Chester Kahn (Navajo), Rita Markishtum (Makah), and Audrey McCarty (Makah). Team members were divided into two groups with one going to the Yucatan, Belize, Guatemala, and Panama. The other went to Chile, Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador. The project has served to strengthen the administrative collaboration within the Faith, with the Continental Board of Counsellors including Laretta King, Cathy Cook from the American Indian Teaching Committee, and with some 11 National Spiritual Assemblies. Nice photo included. p. 3.

### **September 1982:**

- 1) Delegates elect Chester Kahn National Assembly member. pp. 1, 4.
- 2) 2. Native American page. p. 17.
  - A) Two Bahá'í Sisters win valedictory honors in schools. Shawn Belshaw and Mrs. Sheryl Coe, sisters, were graduated from Window Rock and Navajo Community College respectively, as valedictorians of their class.
  - B) S.W. Institute sees first Bahá'í wedding. Tina Soloman and Alfred Kahn were married June 26.
  - C) Counsellors King and Pavón pay visit to Hopi Indian Reservation.
  - D) Photo of ground-breaking ceremony for the Southwest Bahá'í Institute in Arizona. Planning committee members shown are: Roger Coe, Dick Birkey, Chester Kahn, and Ben Kahn.
  - E) Traditional ceremony unites (Aneth) Utah Believers. Robin Shover and Mitchell Silas were married in a traditional Hogan and they combined their traditional customs with the Bahá'í ceremony.

### **October 1982:**

- 1) Montreal Conference -Photo of Hand of the Cause of God Rúhíyyih Khánúm dancing with Native believers. pp. 1, 20-21.
- 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> Native American Native Council 'soars with knowledge of Spirit'. Some 460 people attended the Native Council on the Blood Reserve in Alberta, Canada. Sixty tribes were represented. And people came from 10 countries. Among those present were Hand of the Cause of God Rúhíyyih Khánúm, Counsellors for the Americas Laretta King and Raul Pavón; and Counsellor Shirin Boman from Indian, members of the National Spiritual Assemblies of AK, including Eugene King, Canada, and the U.S., including Chester Kahn. Hand of the Cause of God Rúhíyyih Khánúm, while attending the council took time out to revisit the Peigan Reserve where she had been some 20 years earlier and where the name "blessed mother" had been conferred on her. She also dined with a group of elders from the Blood Reserve. Another highlight of the Council was the introduction of the members of the 'Trail of Light' team that traveled through Central and South America before going to the International Bahá'í Conference in Quito, Ecuador. pp. 1, 4.

**November 1982:** A photo of 2 teachers from South Side Prep School, whose principal is a Bahá'í. Minnie Lopez is pictured along with a co-worker. The school will; "unteach prejudice

and teach children to accept different as good." (Editor's note: Will error to the side of caution here...may be South American Indian.) p. 1.

**December 1982:** checked

**January 1983:** checked

**February 1983:**

- 1) More than 500 consult with National Assembly in Southern California, with photo of Chester Kahn. p. 1.
- 2) Chester Kahn interviewed for radio series. p. 17.
- 3) Bahá'ís from three states attend Choctaw Indian 'unity Feast'. The Bahá'ís in Mississippi and two other states attended a 'unity Feast' at a lodge near the sacred mound of the Choctaws at Nanih Waiyah near Philadelphia, Mississippi. Five Choctaw Bahá'ís attended along with eight non-Bahá'í Indians and thirteen other Bahá'ís. Speakers were J.B. Fuller (Cherokee) and Michael Winger-Bearskin. p. 20.

**March 1983:** More than 90 people participate: Portland hosts cross-cultural unity gathering. They included a Native American blessing, a Lakota speaker, and an Aztec Indian. One of the drummers who was providing music for dancing that continued into the evening, said he was a Bahá'í, a fact that was unknown to the friends who were present. p. 20.

**April 1983:**

- 1) Native American page. p. 17.
  - A) Four-member team teaches in northern Mexico. The team members were Chester Kahn, Frankie Spencer, Elaine Phillips and Brenda Norrell This trip happened last December. A Bahá'í of Yaqui-Apache-Spanish descent, Ernie Lopez, augmented this effort and actively taught everyone whom he translated for.
  - B) Photo and story of Native American Bahá'í a 'cultural ambassador' (Kevin Locke).

**May 1983:**

- 1) Amoz Gibson teaching campaign scheduled. The American Indian Teaching Committee and the South Dakota District Teaching Committee are cosponsoring the 1983 Amoz Gibson Teaching Project from June-August. 'The goal of the project is to strengthen Reservation Assemblies in Fort Thompson and Wamblee, S.D., and Macy, Nebraska.' p. 17.
- 2) 2. Aneth, Utah, slates Summer Celebration. The Bahá'ís of Aneth will sponsor their first Bahá'í summer Celebration over the Fourth of July on the Navajo Reservation. Everyone is invited. p. 20.

**June 1983:** Year in Review; Photo of Chester Kahn. There is also mention of the successful Council at the Blood Reserve. p. 10.

**July 1983:** Progress report: Amoz Gibson summer campaign. Dale gives a report for the first week of the project. The project is staying in place for 3 months and providing children's and youths classes. The reason that the education of children was given focus was because the Bahá'ís asked the Indian people what was the greatest need in their communities. The response was that the children and youth needed classes and activities during the summer. p. 10.

**August 1983:**

- 1) IGC: Pioneering: Native American Bahá'í visits Scandinavia. Photo of Chester Kahn, who took a trip to Norway, Finland, Sweden following the 5<sup>th</sup> Bahá'í International Convention in Haifa, Israel. p. 13.
- 2) Native American page. p. 23.
  - A) Bahá'ís present book to Oneida Indian Nation. At the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Oneida Pow Wow and the Festival of the Performing Arts, the Bahá'ís presented two copies of the Bahá'í Writings in Oneida to the Oneida tribe. Also a sand painting by David Villaseñor was given. Twenty six years earlier, Marian Steffes sought out Oscar Archiquette, an Oneida who was well known as the foremost authority on his tribal language. He agreed to translate the Bahá'í Writings. This book was the culmination of that work. Others present included, Pat Glover and Kevin Locke.
  - B) More than 200 Bahá'ís gather at Aneth, Utah, unity celebration. This celebration was held over the fourth of July and was hosted by the Silas family.
  - C) C. San Francisco Bahá'ís join Native Americans in inter community event. The event took place at the Bahá'í Center with Native Americans from San Pablo and the San Francisco American Indian Center. Robin and Mitchell Silas from Aneth, UT and the Red Hawk Drum group was also present. Art was displayed.

**September 1983:** Amoz Gibson campaign sets Reservations ablaze. More than 60 declarations had been recorded during the initial phase of the campaign in Wamblee, S.D. Three new Assemblies are anticipated. p. 10.

**October 1983:** Three U.S. traveling teachers take part in Mexico campaign. p. 10.

**November 1983:** Native American page. p. 17.

- A) Cortez 'Peace Day' focuses on Anasazi Indians.
- B) South Dakota Scene of large Great Plains Council Fire. This Council Fire took place near Bear Butte, South Dakota. It brought together Bahá'ís from 20 states including the Lakota and Dakota from South Dakota, Navajos from Arizona and Utah, Indians from the Northwest, and a Seminole from FL. AITC members, John and Cathy Cook were in attendance.
- C) Fourth annual North American Native Institute held in Grand Portage, Minnesota. Some fifty Bahá'ís participated in the fourth Annual Grand Portage (MN) North American Native Institute. Billy Blackwell, a medicine man of the Grand Portage branch of the Ojibway tribe. Larry Mitchell, an Ojibway from northern MN was the chairmen.



### **December 1983:**

- 1) In Memoriam: Counsellor Pavón dies in Lima, Peru. p. 1.
- 2) Native American page. p. 13.
  - A) Anchondo Regina. 'Trail of Light' team forges bonds of friendship. Three teams of South American Indian Bahá'ís visited the U.S. Their purpose was to return the visit made to Latin America by the Trail of Light Teams from North America; to share and exchange cultural traditions; and to spread the Message of Bahá'u'lláh among their indigenous brothers and sisters in Central and North America. (Photos)
  - B) Spiritual Assembly of Montezuma County, Colorado, sponsored the United Nations Unity Feast. (Photo by Fritz Mann)
  - C) Bahá'ís in Alaska providing social services to public. In Bethel, a radio program designed for children has been going on for nearly a year. In Kake, the Spiritual Assembly provides spiritual guidance for people who are being treated for alcohol-related problems through an arrangement with a government counselor who sends his clients to the Bahá'ís for help. And in Point Barrow, the Bahá'ís provide the news in the Inupiaq language.

### **January 1984:**

- 1) Native American page. p. 13.
  - A) Anchondo, Regina. Part Two. 'Trail of Light' makes many friends in Arizona. This account is about the arrival of the Trail of Light Team and their arrival and work in Tucson, AZ from the north and south. One of the reasons this meeting was significant was that it was the Trail of Light's first meetings with tribal leaders in the U.S. (Photos)
  - B) Counsellor Lauretta King visits the Seminole and Miccosukee [sic] Indian Reservations in southeast Florida. (Photo)
- 2) Photo of Indigenous Bahá'ís and story in Spanish. p. 25.

### **February 1984:**

- 1) N.E. Georgia (highest percentage), (and) Navajo-Hopi (Most Improved Participation) win 1<sup>st</sup> 'Vie' honors. They contribute to the Fund regularly. p. 5.
- 2) Native American page: Anchondo, Regina. Part Three. 'Trail of Light' travels busy road in New Mexico. This report gives the account of the groups travels in New Mexico. pp. 23-24.

### **March 1984:** Native American page. p. 17.

- A) Anchondo, Regina. Part Four. 'Trail of Light' travels in Navajo-Hopi country. This account is about the visit to Albuquerque, NM and the visits to the Navajo-Hopi in northern AZ. pp. 17, 29.
- B) Amoz Gibson project to (will) continue this summer in Wamblee, S.D.
- C) Bahá'ís take part in historic meeting with Hopi delegation at United Nations. The Hopi delegation was joined by representatives of various Faiths, including the Bahá'í Faith at the UN. Marie Samuel, secretary of the Bahá'í Native American Relations Committee (NARC) of New York City, and Elaine Hopson, public information officer, and Assembly liaison for NACR, were among the 200 observers at the 'invitation only' event. These events gave the Bahá'ís an opportunity to contact other Indian leaders and to introduce the Faith to Aztec medicine man, Kuiz Kalkoatl.

**April 1984:**

- 1) Native American page. Part Five. `Trail of Light's S. Dakota pace rapid, exciting. This is the account of the Trail of Light in South Dakota. p. 15.
- 2) The Media: Intermedia: Radio Series eyes Native Americans. The Office of Public Affairs for Greater Dallas-Fort Worth, reports scheduling a 13 week half hour radio series entitled: "Beyond Bows and Arrows". The series is cosponsored by the American Indian Center of Dallas and the Texas Cherokee Playhouse Organization. p. 19.

**May 1984:**

- 1) Historic first in Arizona for U.S. high schools: All-Indian chess team captures state crown. They were coached by a Bahá'í pioneer, John Nesbit. p. 1.
- 2) Native American page. p. 17.
  - A) Part Six. `Trail of Light's end visit in Idaho, Washington This leg of the trip took them to the communities of Lapwai, ID, Seattle, WA, the Suquamish Reservation, Bellingham and the Lummi Reservation, and Neah Bay, WA.
  - B) Gary Hillaire, a Lummi artist and living in Seattle, WA at the time, presented (in conjunction with the Bahá'í Association) two of his drawings to the U of Washington Hospital as a token of appreciation for his treatment he received there. (Photo)
- 3) Unity Gathering set. The Spiritual Assembly of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada is sponsoring a unity gathering in June at the Peace Garden of Manitoba/ North Dakota. p. 18.

**June 1984:**

- 1) IGC: Pioneering-A Brief Description of some U.S. pioneer goals: Yucatán, Mexico, needs four pioneers. (Photo) p. 6.
- 2) 2. Year in Review: Photo Counselor Laurretta King. p. 24.

**July 1984:** checked

**August 1984:** checked

**September 1984:**

- 1) Amoz Gibson campaign sees 250 enrollments. OVERJOYED UPSURGE TEACHING, SPIRIT MOVING BELIEVERS RESULTING 250 ENROLLMENTS SIOUX RESERVATIONS SOUTH DAKOTA. TESTIMONY GROWTH MATURITY AMOZ GIBSON TEACHING PROJECT. SEVEN YEAR PLAN GOAL 50 ASSEMBLIES INDIAN RESERVATIONS IN SIGHT, PROGRESS ACHIEVED UNIFIED CAMPAIGN ACTIVE INDIAN TEACHERS, YOUTH, ADULTS. HAND CAUSE KHADEM, NSA MEMBER, NTC MEMBER LEAVING TODAY ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT FURTHER PROGRESS. SPIRIT HIGH CONTINUING PROCESS. SUPPLICATE PRAYERS HOLY SHRINES. (The Universal House of Justice) As of the end of July, more than 250 Indians have been welcomed into the Faith. pp. 1, 11.

- 2) In South Dakota: Love, confirmation, victories. 250 new believers and 8 new Assemblies brought the goal of 50 Spiritual Assemblies closer. (Photo) p. 11.
- 3) Photo of Ruby Gubatayao doing a weekly cable television show in San Leandro, CA, with hostess Claudia Mulvany. p. 22.
- 4) Classified Ads: The newly formed Bahá'í American Indian Resource Center in Dallas, Texas, is seeking your American Indian books, periodicals, audio and video tapes. Also one for northern Wisconsin, where a Bahá'í will exchange room and board for labor in his print shop on a temporary basis. p. 24.
- 5) Photo of Mrs. Marguerite Sears and Kevin Locke. p. 27.
- 6) Life on the Amoz Gibson Project-Teaching Native Americans an exciting, rewarding task. This is an account by a youth who assisted in the teaching work at the Amoz Gibson Project. p. 30.

**October 1984:**

- 1) Plan's goal for Reservations won. A telegram from the Universal House of Justice reads: "JOYFULLY REPORT EIGHT NEW ASSEMBLIES SIOUX RESERVATIONS SOUTH DAKOTA BRINGING TOTAL 50 SEVEN YEAR PLAN. PLANS CONTINUE TEACHING WINTER MONTHS. SUPPLICATE PRAYERS". National Spiritual Assembly secretary, Robert Henderson says: " This is the second consecutive Plan in which the Native American believers have been the first to achieve a major goal." p. 1.
- 2) Gordon Tong, secretary of Navajo-Hopi District Teaching Committee, dead at 39. He was a friend of Indians. p. 27.

**November 1984:** Gibson Project turns to consolidation. The project still based in Wamblee, South Dakota, was going into a year round teaching and deepening project. Enrollments continue. pp. 1-2.

**December 1984:**

- 1) 'What ifs' put Amoz Gibson Project in high gear. This is an account of how the Amoz Gibson Project in South Dakota and Nebraska got started. Edwin and Ken Roberts, along with Blair Nichols began to ask themselves 'what if' questions. What if we were to focus our energy on the Indian Reservations in Nebraska and South Dakota? What if Bahá'ís were to come from all parts of the country to support the teaching work among the Native Americans? What if we were to start a teaching campaign of the Reservations? What if? Then they began to take systematic steps. That is how the result of more than 250 people enrolled in the Faith. p. 11.
- 2) Winter Teaching project planned for Arizona's Navajo/Hopi Reservation. It will begin December and go to the end of January of 1985. The goals include saving a jeopardized Assembly and raising another locality to Assembly status. p. 26.

**January 1985:** Classified Ads: North Dakota needs you to move to Bismarck, Fort Yates on the Standing Rock Reservation, Fort Berthold Reservation, and Devil's Lake Reservation. All need home front pioneers and it is pointed out that colleges in the area have low tuition costs. p. 28.

### February 1985:

- 1) Spencer, Elaine Phillips. 'Trail of Light' keeps blazing during 3-week New Mexico visit. Team Members this time included: Maynard Eakan (Eskimo), AK; Mary Lou Eakan (non-native), Canada; Kevin Locke, SD; and Ernestine Moore Bainbridge (Washoe/Paiute), NV. (Photo) pp. 1, 11.
- 2) Native American Page. p. 12.
  - A) Photo of members of the American Indian Teaching Committee: Ferris Paisano, Cathy Cook, John Cook, Jackie Delahunt, Kevin Lock, and Franklin Kahn. Not pictured is Linda Wilson.
  - B) Bahá'í booth at Indian Education Convention. The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual National Indian Education Association was held in Phoenix, AZ in November. A Bahá'í booth was prepared by Dorothy Gemmell (Pit River Indian from CA), a Bahá'í from Grand Ledge, MI. She serves as the coordinator for Indian Education in the MSU department of education. Nearly 100 copies of the pamphlet, "Gods' New Age" were given to visitors. The booth was supported by the presence of Cathy Cook, AITC member.
  - C) Ponca Indian Leader enrolled in Faith. Last October, Alvin Harry Buffalohead of the Ponca Tribe enrolled in the Faith.
  - D) S. Dakota Bahá'ís share message of unity at 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Fire. A letter sharing growth and learning experiences from the Bahá'ís of Little Eagle, South Dakota is presented here. A few significant paragraphs are: "The most important factor of all, we believe, is that the Native Americans are now ready to become responsible in fulfilling their part in the Bahá'í Faith and to stand equally among men in expressing their spiritual insight which is ancient and passed down from generation to generation." "We ask all the friends who have shared with Native peoples not to lead them but rather to allow them to find their leadership roles in the Faith." "We have now approached in South Dakota the largest native enrollment in the history of the Faith, and express the need to have traditional people who have the ancient understanding of the old people to represent the Native Americans among the Bahá'ís of the world."
  - E) Navajo-Hopi teaching project honors memory of Gordon Tong. This project will take place in the Western Navajo Reservation. About 45 people participated.
- 3) Bahá'ís in Lin County, Oregon, provide aid to Native American drug rehab center. This was part of their participation in "Operation Befriend", where they provide a variety of services to the Cascadia Sweathouse Lodge Inc., an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center for Native Americans who are referred. The Bahá'ís have donated materials for their GED program. They have given a large supply of National Geographic magazines. p. 22.

**March 1985:** checked

### April 1985:

- 1) Chicago dinner honors Native Americans. 60 non-Bahá'í were the host of 20 Bahá'ís in honoring Chicago's Native American leaders. Four members of the American Indian Teaching Committee were in attendance, including Jackie Delahunt, Franklin Kahn, Kevin Locke, and

John Cook. The emcee was Pat Miller (Stockbridge Munsee band of the Mohican tribe). A sculpture by Gary Hillaire was given. p. 8.

- 2) Friends are invited to 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Plains Council Fire in June. The Spiritual Assembly of Rapid City, in cooperation with the Native American believers of South Dakota is inviting everyone to attend in June 28-30 in Wamblee. The purpose of the Council Fire is to promote the unity of mankind. p. 9.
- 3) Idaho Bahá'ís give Native Americans dignity through remedial education. The Bahá'ís of Lapwai, Idaho saw a need for education, were willing to help, but were not allowed to use the building of the Tribal Council. They found a building to purchase. It was originally the first Indian-owned bank and is on the National Register of Historic Places. They teach GED classes there. p. 25.

**May 1985:** Costa Rica music conference unleashes vast potential of music for teaching, deepening. p. 2.

**June 1985:**

- 1) S.F. Center hosts day-long 'Alcathon' for Native Americans. In April, 100 Native Americans and their friends met at the San Francisco Bahá'í Center for an 'All-Indian Alcathon' sponsored by Thunderbird Lodge in San Francisco. Residents, staff and family members from five northern California recovery facilities were there to share their experiences and learn from professionals in the field of alcoholism the latest information on all aspects of the disease. At the end of the day, a tribute was made to two Lodge staff members of the Thunderbird Lodge. p. 10.
- 2) Navajo-Hopi Committee continuing campaign in honor of Gordon Tong This teaching campaign will continue and the urgent concerns are the communities of Houck-Burnt Water, Oak Springs-Pine Springs, Tuba City, Red Lake-Crow Springs, Kaibito, Hard Rock-Dinnebito, Sawmill, Fort Defiance, St. Michaels-Window Rock, Polacca, Aneth, Crownpoint-Smith Lake, and Ganado. p. 10.
- 3) Native American page. p. 26.
  - A) Native American Bahá'í Institute adds 'Prayer Hogan'. The building was designed by Chester Kahn, and it joins 4 other buildings erected at the Native American Bahá'í Institute. A request for common tools of all kinds is also made.
  - B) Navajo Bahá'í recounts Northwest teaching trip. This is a personal account by Frankie Spencer from Wheatlands, AZ. He taught the Faith in AZ, NV, CA, OR, WA, and ID.
  - C) Navajo-Hopi District sets summer project. The project will be May to September and will focus on service and be based out of NABI.

**July 1985:** Native American page. p. 18.

- A) Native American Bahá'í Institute's annual report. The official name of Native American Bahá'í Institute has been used this past year and replaces the old name; "Southwest Bahá'í Institute".

B) Bahá'í who aided senior citizens listed among notable Native American women. Cora M. Watters, a Bahá'í from Lynx, Ohio is listed in *Ohoyo*, a compendium of notable Native American Women.

C) Fairbanks to host fourth Continental Indigenous Council. The Council will be held in July at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds in Fairbanks, AK.

D) Spiritual Assemblies on Indian Reservations:

Arizona: Sells District (Papago Reservation), Komatke district (Gila River Reservation), and the Maricopa Colony (Gila River Reservation).

Colorado: Southern Ute Reservation.

Idaho: Fort Hall Reservation & Nez Perce Reservation.

Minnesota: Red Lake Reservation (Ponemah)

Montana: Fort Peck Reservation, Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Crow Reservation, and the Blackfeet Reservation.

Navajo-Hopi District: Aneth Chapter, Fort Defiance Chapter, Ganado Chapter, Hard Rock Chapter, Kaibito Chapter, Oak Springs Chapter, Red Lake Chapter (Arizona), Red Lake Chapter (New Mexico), St. Michaels Chapter, Shipwreck Chapter, Tuba City, White Cone Chapter.

Nebraska: Omaha Reservation (Macy).

New York: St. Regis Reservation (Akwesasne).

North Carolina: Cherokee Reservation.

North Dakota: Fort Yates, Standing Rock Reservation.

New Mexico: Mescalero Apache Reservation, Jemez Pueblo.

Oregon: Umatilla Reservation & Warm Springs Reservation.

South Dakota: Crow Creek Reservation, Lower Brule Reservation, Eagle Nest District (Pine Ridge Reservation), Medicine Root District (Pine Ridge Reservation), Porcupine (Pine Ridge Reservation), White Clay District (Pine Ridge Reservation), Wounded Knee (Pine Ridge Reservation), Pass Creek District (Pine Ridge Reservation), Wakpamni District (Pine Ridge Reservation), Parmelee (Rosebud Reservation), Mission (Rosebud Reservation), and St. Francis (Rosebud Reservation).

Washington: Makah Reservation, Yakima Reservation, Wapato (Yakima Reservation), & Toppenish (Yakima Reservation).

Wisconsin: Lad du Flambeau Reservation.

Wyoming: Wind River Reservation.

Being readied to form: South Dakota: Town of Martin and Lacreek District both on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

**August 1985:** Bahá'í sculptors' statue on Oklahoma campus. Two Persian Bahá'ís brothers ( Farshad and Farnoosh Yazdanpour Lanjani) created a statue depicting a student with Native American features in graduation cap and gown, standing atop a globe. On the globe is an open book with the words; "Universal Education". It was unveiled and permanently displayed in the Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa. p. 18.

**September 1985:**

- 1) News from around the world: Radio Bahá'í-Bolivia agrees to co-sponsor UNICEF 'Revolution in infant Health' program, Chile: "Radio Portales" of Santiago broadcasts a cultural program once a week. Peru: Bahá'í women in Peru now have a publication which interests them. p. 17.
- 2) Native American's letter tells Fund's importance. Sandi LeBeau (Cheyenne River Sioux), of Eagle Butte, South Dakota wrote a letter to her fellow-believers in South Dakota. [Editor's note: I pretty much copied the entire statement.] She points out the special role of Native Americans in the Faith: "It asks us to remain Indian while joining, as Indian people, a worldwide administrative order." In Mrs. LeBeau's outline of our responsibilities as Bahá'ís, she highlights the Fund's importance and its relationship to the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh, writing: The Bahá'í Faith is unique in that only Bahá'ís are allowed to give to the Fund. We are given the job of bringing in the new World Order into being and since this the Bahá'ís gift to the world, only we can fund it. "The principle behind it is universal participation in the Fund. So, it's better for everyone to give a little than for a few to give a lot." "Sometimes people think it's embarrassing to have only a penny to give, so (they think) I should wait until I can give a dollar—but, if we wait, then we're not following the principle of universal participation. So the power comes from all of us giving something every month..." "And the amount you give is between you and God. Only the treasurer who gives you a receipt knows you have given—it's your business only. No one is going to come to you and say, "Hey, you didn't give this month"—because it's your responsibility and my responsibility to do it ourselves." Mrs. LeBeau's letter conveys the vital spirit of the Fund. What "power" will we realize when, aflame with the love of Bahá'u'lláh, we arise as one to usher in His New World Order. p. 22.
- 3) Indian pioneers—Joye LeBeau (Cheyenne River Sioux), while still a junior in high school became a Bahá'í during the Amoz Gibson Project in South Dakota in 1984. She will be the first Native American from the project who will pioneer to another country as she left for Japan in July as part of the International Christian Youth Exchange Program. p. 23.

#### **October 1985:**

- 1) Green Lake Conference—Kevin Locke performed (Photo) pp.1, 4
- 2) IGC: Pioneering: Eight U.S. youth begin "Year of Service" in Cali, Columbia. p. 6.
- 3) Champion Builders: Joy Hill Earl, an early believer who was a mixture of Negro, American Indian, and Scottish-Irish ancestry. She had a remarkable history of serving the Faith and standing up against racism. She was born on November 12, 1912 and passed away on November 27, 1972. pp. 4, 10.

#### **November 1985:**

- 1) Native American page. pp. 24-25.
  - A) Newlyweds spend honeymoon teaching Cause. Nick (Chippewa) and Charlotte Hockings were married at the Amoz Gibson Project in Wamblee, South Dakota and then spent their honeymoon teaching the Faith in the western states. There is a photo of Nick talking with James McLane on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Lame Deer, Montana. Also photo of members of the jealous of Him family in Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

Billy Jo Jealous of Him was one of the first Bahá'í youth that shared the Faith with his family in Wounded Knee.

- B) 'Amoz Gibson Tour' aims to raise up home front pioneers. This second Amoz Gibson project is being raised up by Khádem and Omid Furútan. They had participated in the Amoz Gibson project in South Dakota and decided to have this project to raise up home front pioneers.
  - C) Projecteers show 'special measure of love'. One of the pioneers (Diane Taherzadéh), who came to the Amos Gibson project, was assigned to Allen to teach, and when the project was done, continued to nurture the people she had taught during the summer months by writing them during the winter months. When they went back they found that the people in Allen were more receptive to more intense deepening. Allen also had another pioneer, Louise Watson, now living in nearby Martin.
  - D) House of Worship honors Native Americans. (Photo) In September, the House of Worship program director; both honored and explored the heritage of the Native American. It was a part of a series that is focusing on various races and cultures in an effort to promote the Faith and facilitating mutual appreciation. At least half the participants were not Bahá'ís. The Chicago Drum performed during the Council Fire on the east lawn of the Bahá'í House of Worship.
- 2) Classified ad: Oglala Lakota College in Kyle, SD has immediate openings for a computer science instructor. p. 32.

**December 1985:** Native American page. p. 24.

A) An Open letter to Native American believers in South Dakota

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I greet you today. It is a privilege to be in an area that has so many Indian believers in Bahá'u'lláh.

I would like to share with you some of what is written about Indian believers in the U.S.

After 'Abdu'l-Bahá came to this country in 1912, he wrote, in the Tablets of the Divine Plan, " You must attach great importance to the Indians, the original inhabitants of America...should these Indians be educated and properly guided, there can be no doubt that through the divine teachings they will illumine the whole earth."

You, then, and I, have a special place in this Faith. It asks us to remain Indian while joining, as Indian people, a world-wide administrative order.

The administrative order is simple. When there are nine adult Bahá'ís in an area, they form the LSA (local Spiritual Assembly). All the Bahá'ís attend, once a year, the District Convention to elect a delegate to send to the National Convention.

All the delegates at that Convention elect nine people who form the National Spiritual Assembly. Then, all the National Spiritual Assemblies around the world send delegates to Israel every five years to elect the nine members of the Universal House of Justice.

Our part, yours and mine, in this is as important as that of every other Bahá'í in the world. Since we don't have priests, we all have to do our part.

We will have leaders, but that doesn't mean they are better or more important than we. We are all important because it takes all of us to make this Faith work.



What can we do at the community level? Bahá'u'lláh says to pray every day—there is at least one prayer to say each day—and Bahá'ís all over the world are doing the same thing.

We can try to live the life of a Bahá'í. If we stop, we need to not let that drag us down by feeling guilty—every day we try again, and pray to serve Bahá'u'lláh in a good way.

We can help each other in a kind and loving way. If we show love, it will come back to us some way. Be polite, and try not to talk against someone else. (Remember our parents saying if you couldn't say something good about someone, don't say anything?)

There are two other responsibilities we need to think about. One is becoming active in the administrative process. That means going to the Nineteen Day Feasts and taking part in consultation.

For years we were used to people talking to us—now we have to talk together. Each of us sees things in his, own, unique way, and we are asked to share this in a kind and loving way.

There is a tape with Dan Jordan talking about consultation. He says, “Say there are nine people in a room, and they are consulting on the meaning of something. After each one of the nine talked about what he thought the meaning was, only then would the group be closer to the meaning of it.”

So each of us is important—what we think, what we say.

The other this is giving to the Fund. The Bahá'í Faith is unique in that only Bahá'ís are allowed to give to the Fund. We are given the job of bringing the New World Order into being, and since this is the Bahá'í gift to the world only we can fund it.

The principle to remember is universal participation in the Fund. So, it's better for everyone to give a little than for a few to give a lot.

Sometimes people think it's embarrassing to have only a penny to give, so (they think) I should wait until I can give a dollar—but, if we wait, then we're not following the principle of universal participation.

The power comes from all of us giving something every month—the amount isn't important; the fact that we give is important.

And the amount you give is between you and God. Only the treasurer who gives you a receipt knows you have given—it's your business only.

So we need to say our prayers every day, to help each other in a kind and loving way, to become active in our community life and consultation, and to give something to the Fund each month so there is universal participation.

The Bahá'í Writings say that we, as Indian people, will illumine the world, so we need to learn all we can about the Bahá'í Faith so we can do a good job for Bahá'u'lláh. We are part of those who can give this gift to our people and to the people of the world.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I send love to you, your family, and your community. Sandi LeBeau. p. 24.

- B) About 3,000 attend Fairbanks Pow Wow as part of Continental Indigenous Council (Photo) This Indigenous Council was held last July in Fairbanks, Alaska. One of the purposes was to teach the Faith in Fairbanks. The majority of people were Athabaskan and not Bahá'í. Counsellor Laurretta King gave greetings, Lee Brown spoke on Native American prophecies, and an Auxiliary Board member, Dr. Khalil Khavari, from the U.S. gave a talk. Before the Council, one of the believers from the Amoz Gibson Project spent nearly

three weeks in Alaska teaching the Faith. After the event, several people went teaching. p. 24.

**January 1986 Volume 17, Number 1:**

- 1) Jeopardized Assemblies: As of December 1, 1985, 1,762 local Spiritual Assemblies in the U.S. and another 61 on Indian Reservations. Of these, 149 Spiritual Assemblies have fallen below nine. The list includes Idaho N/Washington: Toppenish, WA (8) and Wapato, WA (8); Minnesota: Mille Lacs (8); and South Dakota–Rosebud (8) & White River (8). p. 11.
- 2) Bahá'ís participate in Dallas seminar for Native Americans. This four day seminar happened in Dallas, Texas and was designed to focus attention on Native American concerns. The seminar director was Frank McLemore, a Native American Bahá'í from Dallas. Kevin Locke also participated. p. 11.
- 3) Native Americans. p. 25.
  - A) Nepalese Bahá'í Surita Birkey, speaks to Navajo audience. A Bahá'í of Buddhist background spoke at NABI, telling the audience that she had felt homesick for her native Nepal until she came to visit the Navajo Reservation. Her talk was translated into Navajo by Chester Kahn.
  - B) Parties set in Allen, Wounded Knee for Ayyamí-Há. The Bahá'ís here had a party for adults, children, and their friends at the CAP building. The Bahá'ís of Wounded Knee celebrated at the home of Edna and Clinton Medicine.
  - C) More than 100 attend Unity Festival on Navajo Reservation in Aneth, Utah. The Unity Festival was hosted by Robin and Mitchell Silas, home front pioneers in their home. Helen Kiely was translated for Carole Hitti of Cortez, an Assistant to Auxiliary Board member Nancy Phillips.
  - D) Photo of participants in the Feast of 'Ilm in Ramah (Pine Hill), New Mexico. Consultation was devoted to the reading and translation of the 'Promise of World Peace'. And guests included Azannie Begody, Penny Boivin, and Steve Pino.

**February 1986 Volume 17, Number 2:** checked

**March 1986 Volume 17, Number 3:**

- 1) List of jeopardized Assemblies in U.S., include: includes Idaho N/Washington: Nez Perce Reservation, ID; Toppenish, WA and Wapato, WA; Minnesota: Mille Lacs; Navajo-Hopi--Gallup, New Mexico; Eastern Oregon: Umatilla Reservation; and South Dakota–Rosebud, Soldier Creek, & White River. p. 10.
- 2) Native Americans. p. 25.
  - A) Native American Institute has busy schedule. Many activities were held at NABI including some 17 events with 220 different people attending, and an overall attendance of 553. And of these there were 87 different Indians attending. Among the activities there were Ruhí Institute workshops, a summer recreation program, youth programs, translation programs, and the Gordon Tong Memorial Council Fire.

- B) Sixty attend two-day 'Friendship Feast' on Lummi Reservation. The Lummi Reservation in WA was the site of a two day 'Friendship Feast'. Felix Whirlwind Jr., his wife, and son came from Seattle to initiate and help with this program.
- C) Three young traveling teachers get a warm reception in Tuba City. Three youth; Kevin Barnes, Jenny Redson, and Taraz Samandari taught the Faith in Tuba City to a waiting group of Bahá'ís and non-Bahá'ís from Kaibito, Red Lake, and Tuba City.
- D) Circumpolar Council to be held in Canada. Tagged, Spirit North, this Council Fire was held in Frobisher Bay, Northwest territories in Canada.
- E) Steadfast Pine Springs Bahá'ís carry on despite winds of change in community. Pine Springs was the site of nearly 1,000 people gathering and some 300 Navajos becoming Bahá'ís. These days, there are about 30 including children. They continue to be steadfast and carry on the Bahá'í life.
- F) Talented Kevin Locke spends week teaching, performing in South Dakota. Maynard Eakin, an Inuit from AK also joined him.

**April 1986 Volume 17, Number 4:**

- 1) Reports show wide diversity of teaching activities among minority groups in U.S. The National Teaching Committee receives the teaching reports about minority teaching. One such report is from Arizona. The Raul Pavón Project focuses on Hispanic and Indian teaching and enrolled 22 believers since last November. One of the Native Americans is believed to be the first in her tribe to enroll in the Faith. The American Indian Teaching Committee reports new teaching activity in a number of states. pp. 10, 18.
- 2) Native American page. p. 12.
  - A) More than 30 gather in Arizona for New Believers' Conference.
  - B) Photo of Navajo believers: Mary Many Beads, Paul and Nancy Yellow Horse Attending the Council Fire held last year at NABI.
  - C) Nebraska Bahá'ís give peace statement to Omaha Indians.
- 3) NABI Expresses Master's Vision, Native Believers' Hopes-Native Institute Prepares for New Phase of Growth. This article reviews the history of NABI. The idea of NABI began at the National Convention in 1978 (Editor's note: It began when Dwight Williams brought it up for consultation and passed around a jar and change was collected to begin it.). I will paraphrase the exact statements/ bullets:
  - There was the selection and purchase of the 40 acres.
  - The holding of many conferences and 'council fires', including the Trail of Light teams traveling between North and South, and the Gordon Tong Council Fire in 1985.
  - The construction of an 8-sided Navajo style "Hogan" to be used primarily for meetings and conferences. It was dedicated in 1982 with the NSA of the U.S. present.
  - The use of the Institute for children's and youth programs and reservation teaching projects.
  - The construction of an Administrators Residence and a Multi-purpose workshop.
  - The appointment of Institute of administrators, starting with Lorraine Kahn in 1983, followed in 1984 by Helen & Jeff Kiely.

- The interment on the proper of well-loved Reservation pioneer Dr. Gordon Tong in August 1984, and whose family continues to be of service to NABI.
- The construction and dedication at Naw-Rúz 1985 of the beautiful simple, shrine-like, round-domed "Prayer Hogan", which reflects the Navajo tradition.
- The holding of deepening's in the Navajo language and the introduction of teaching and consolidation materials from the Ruhí Institute in Columbia.
- The establishment at Ridván of the first Spiritual Assembly of Houck Chapter, in whose communities NABI resides.

The current goals are:

- Supporting and assisting the increasing expansion and consolidation of the Faith on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations.
- Continued translations of the Bahá'í Writings into the Navajo language.
- Helping to develop effective materials and strategies for teaching the Faith and developing Reservation communities.
- Training native teachers of the Faith
- Helping to develop materials and methods for effective Bahá'í education of children, youth, and families
- The construction of more facilities to cover the operations and activities including dormitories, classrooms, and an administrator/media center.

A Gordon Tong Memorial Endowment was set up and the friends will be apprised of how to contribute to it in the American Bahá'í. p. 6.

### **May 1986 Volume 17, Number 5:**

- 1) Angus Cowan dies in Canada. Mr. Cowan passed away March 9 in his home in British Columbia.

HEARTS GRIEF-STRICKEN PASSING OUTSTANDING PROMOTER CAUSE ANGUS COWAN. HIS SERVICES AS PREEMINENT BAHÁ'Í TEACHER OF INDIAN PEOPLES, HIS UNCEASING LABORS THROUGHOUT LONG YEARS' DEVOTION RANGED FROM LOCAL AND NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLIES TO AUXILIARY BOARD AND BOARD COUNSELORS. HIS COMPASSION, COURTESY, HUMILITY, MAGNANIMITY UNFORGETTABLE. BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY CANADA ROBBED OF A DEDICATED, NOBLE WORKER WHO BORE HIS SUFFERINGS TO THE VERY END WITH EXEMPLARY FORTITUDE. CONVEY LOVING CONDOLENCE HIS BELOVED WIFE AND FAMILY AND ASSURANCES ARDENT PRAYERS HIS RADIANT SOUL'S PROGRESS THROUGHOUT WORLDS OF GOD. (The Universal House of Justice.) p. 2.

- 2) News briefs: College youth active on Reservation. Twenty-four Bahá'í college youth from WA and ID spent their spring break at Lapwai, Idaho doing service projects and teaching the Faith. p. 12.
- 3) Race Unity: Bahá'ís consult at Gregory Institute on process of unity. In February, the National Race Unity committee met at the Louis Gregory Institute to consult on the 'process of unity' and the elimination of prejudice. Members of the American Indian Teaching Committee were present and included: Jacqueline Delahunt and Ferris Paisano. The co-directors of NABI, Helen and Jeff Kiely, were also participating. p. 12.

- 4) Education: “The Bahá’í Schools network, which comprises 46 schools, includes the three national schools—Green Acre, Bosch, and LouHelen—two institutes, Louis Gregory and the Native American Bahá’í Institute, the Wilhelm Institute in New Jersey and the 40 regional schools that operate out of rented facilities.” p. 12.
- 5) Native American page. p. 24.
  - A) Trail of Light warms hearts on California tour. This Trail of Light Team was comprised of Kevin (Lakota), Dorothy (Athabaskan), and Waniya Locke, Felix Charging Whirlwind Jr. (Lakota), Maynard Eakin, and Frankie Spenser (Navajo). They visited the Miwok Indians on the Tuolumne Rancheria. They also visited schools and churches. (Photo)
  - B) Ohio Bahá’í named planner by Shawnees. Cora M. Watters (Tula Nappe), a Bahá’í from Lynx, Ohio was named the first educational planner for the Shawnee Nation, United Remnant Band. She was responsible for the development of the Archaic Shawnee dictionary.
  - C) Friends of Dinnebito, Arizona, observe Feast of Dominion at home of Begays. (Photo of Mary Many Beads and her daughter, Bessie Begay)
  - D) Announcement for the Great Plains Council Fire to be held July 11-13, 1986 in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

#### **June 1986 Volume 17, Number 6:**

- 1) Teaching Projects 1986: This announces all the upcoming summer teaching projects in the county. It includes: **ID**: The Lapwai Service Project & Fort Hall Teaching Project; **Southeast WA**: Pasco Project & Yakima Project; **OR**: Umatilla Reservation Service Project; **CA**: Raul Pavón Project & Trail of Light-north & south of the Border; **AZ**: Hopi Reservation Youth Project; **NM**: New Mexico Teaching Project; **Mt**: Montana Youth Service Project; **WY**: Wind River Service Project; **NE**: Amoz Gibson Project; **SD**: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; **MN**: Project Dawn Breakers; and **WI & MI**: Project NIIJII (Friendship) -Reservations in WI & MI. p. 10.
- 2) Ventura Bahá’ís present peace statement to officials, media, Indians at banquet. Pictured here are some of the elders of the Chumash Indian tribe who received the peace statement; The Promise of World Peace. p. 26.
- 3) Ethel Murray papers reflect involvement with wide cross-section of community. Her papers extensively covered her interest in the American Indian teaching she was heavily involved in. She served the Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina. She had taught Minnie Feather and Nellie Jumper, who became Bahá’ís. p. 28.
- 4) The Annual Report of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the United States. Includes mention of the construction of the Native American Bahá’í Institute; Bahá’ís presenting the Promise of World Peace to countless people including tribal councils and tribal chairmen; the Navajo and Lakota Bahá’ís working on translation of the Peace Statement; Spiritual Assemblies on Indian Reservations increased from 31 to 62; Indian people from the U.S. participated in three international and two U.S. regional "Trail of Light" programs; \$6.6 M was raised for special projects such as NABI. p. 28.
- 5) 'Nayriz Youth Connection' teaches Faith from California to North Carolina. Twenty five youth teach and spend time on the Sacaton Indian Reservation. (Editors note: I believe this is

the Gila River Reservation (Pima) which has the town of Sacaton in it. It is in Arizona, where the team traveled.) p. 29.

**July 1986 Volume 17, Number 7:**

- 1) Champion Builders: Highlights Ethel Murray, who opened up the Cherokee Reservation. pp. 4, 26.
- 2) Teaching Projects 1986: This announces all the upcoming summer teaching projects in the county. It includes: ID: The Lapwai Service Project & Fort Hall Teaching Project; Southeast WA: Pasco Project & Yakima Project; OR: Umatilla Reservation Service Project; CA: Raul Pavón Project & Trail of Light-north & south of the Border; AZ: Hopi Reservation Youth Project; NM: New Mexico Teaching Project; Mt: Montana Youth Service Project; WY: Wind River Service Project; NE: Amoz Gibson Project; SD: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; MN: Project Dawn Breakers; and WI & MI: Project NIIJII (Friendship) -Reservations in WI & MI. p. 10.
- 3) Native American page. p. 22.
  - A) Navajo, Hopi Bahá'ís hold Unity Conference. The primary purpose of the conference was to forge bonds of unity. The Bahá'ís sent a loving message to the Bahá'í Native Council in Frobisher Bay, Canada. The architect of NABI shared a proposal of development of the site. (Photo of Selena and Leaner Kahn)
  - B) Neah Bay to host Native Council on peace in July. The theme will be "Gateway to Peace".
  - C) Varied menu please everyone's appetite at Cedarburg's 'Peace du Jour' conference. Kevin Locke performs.
  - D) South Dakota pledges to raise 19 Assemblies for Iran's Rose. A delegate from South Dakota, Phil Castillo, who is also a member of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Eagle Butte on the Cheyenne reservation, made the following pledge: "The offer for one rose from the Spiritual Assembly of Eagle Butte, co-offered by the American Indian Teaching Committee, is that in exchange for one of the precious roses sent by our brothers in Iran, we will raise up, or help to raise up, 19 local Assemblies during the Six Year Plan."
- 4) Unique peace tapestry unveiled at House of Worship. Vickie Hu Poirier of Las Cruces, New Mexico had created large panels showing the peoples of the world, including an Indian representing the tribal people of the world wearing a Navajo bracelet, Zuni beads, a costume derived from several tribal designs of the Plains, a ceremonial blanket woven by Indians from Guatemala, and carrying a peace pipe. They now drape the walls of Foundation Hall. p. 25.
- 5) Photo of the United Indians of Milwaukee's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow where the 'Promise of Peace' was presented to Native American Task Force and to the chairman of the United Indians of Milwaukee. Charlotte and Nick Hockings helped in the presentation. p. 26.

**August 1986 Volume 17, Number 8:** Teaching Projects 1986 broken down by regions: The ones with projects geared toward reaching American Indians that can be identified are cited: Central States: NE: Amoz Gibson Project; SD: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; MN: Project Dawn Breakers & Project Shakopee Indian Reservation. Western States: ID: The Lapwai Service Project & Aziz Project Fort Hall Reservation; OR: Central Oregon Teaching

Project in Madras; CA: Tuolumne Me-Wuk Indian Project, Raul Pavón Project & Trail of Light-CA; AZ: South Arizona Teaching Project-Tucson to the border, Hopi Reservation Youth Project; Project Raul Pavón, and the Navajo-Hopi Teaching Project, NM: Annual Winter Teaching Project; Mt: Montana Youth Service Project. SE: Angus Cowan Project-Seminole County ongoing. pp. 10, 11.

### **September 1986 Volume 17, Number 9:**

- 1) Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum visits South Dakota Reservation with photo. She visited South Dakota on July 24 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in response to an invitation from the American Indian Teaching Committee to visit new Indian Bahá'ís in that state. The teaching activities led to the formation of 17 new Spiritual Assemblies. The meeting was held at the Pow Wow grounds of the Oglala Lakota College in Kyle and included the address of Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum, a traditional Indian dinner and Indian social dancing. pp. 1, 11.
- 2) Seven regional Teacher Training Conferences set in early 1987. NABI will be one of the sites. p. 8.
- 3) Native American page. p. 23.
  - A) Native American Institute becoming stronger. NABI is leaving its infancy and becoming stronger with more service and activities being offered.
  - B) Many visitors give time, energy to help institute prosper. NABI is the recipient several off reservation volunteers which has been appreciated and well received.
  - C) Taos Bahá'í leader of 3 Pueblo groups. Augustin Mirabel has been a Bahá'í for 25 years and is the leader of three of the most significant pueblo social and governing institutions including the healing society, head of the 'runner's or youth and head of the tribal council.
  - D) Bahá'ís aid Crafts Fair. The Bahá'ís from the Navajo-Hopi District in AZ helped Picuris Pueblo with this second annual Tri-Cultural Arts and Crafts Fair.
  - E) Jacqueline Delahunt leads Pioneer Consultation.
  - F) Photo of a Peace Festival held in Pendleton, OR where a presentation of an eagle feather by Tesaie Williams from the Umatilla Indian Reservations to the Bahá'ís of Pendleton.
  - G) National Assembly names new Council to guide Institute. Elizabeth Dahe, Benjamin Kahn, Helen and Jeff Kiely, Moses Nakai, and Muffy, Yellow Horse were appointed to the NABI Council.
  - H) Taiwan seeking Native Americans. In cooperation with the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Taiwan, the International Goals Committee they are appealing to Native American to consider pioneering or travel teaching to Taiwan to help reach the aborigines living in mountain areas.
- 4) 35 take part in Lapwai service project. This project happened over the Memorial weekend and volunteers cleaned and painted the newly remodeled Bahá'í Center. p. 32.

### **October 1986 Volume 17, Number 10:**

- 1) Six Year Plan to be launched in "Spirit of the Roses". At the first Bahá'í Peace Conference held in San Francisco, California, a gift of 189 roses sent by the imprisoned Iranian believers to their brothers and sisters in the Cause in America. "...our eager hearts are once again imploring you and beseeching you, that you dear ones rise and delight our hearts to compensate for the ser-

vices that we are prevented from rendering because of the conditions prevailing here—wonderful and glorious and spiritual services which should include each and everyone.” Each of the delegates carried home a rose. From that many communities pledged to teach to redeem their rose. The Spiritual Assembly of Eagle Butte, South Dakota, on the Cheyenne River Reservation, pledged to raise 19 new local Assemblies to redeem its rose. The first of these Assemblies was raised in August at Cherry Creek, South Dakota. p. 1, 5.

2) Peace Conference: A Feast for the Eyes with photos of American Indians (Kevin Locke, Austin Two Moons, & Thomas Banyaca) and mention of presenters Phil Lane (Four Worlds Project), Jerry & Alice Bathke attending and performing at some point at this Conference held in San Francisco. Also, a photo of Navajo tribal leader Annie Dodge Wauneka, the first Native American to be awarded the Medal of Freedom, is speaking. Mitchell Silas gives a demonstration on Healing: Sand painting, Navajo traditions, and the Bahá'í Writings. pp. 16, 22, 27.

### **November 1986 Volume 17, Number 11:**

- 1) 27<sup>th</sup> Green Lake (Wisconsin) Conference draws 900-plus to discuss Six Year Plan. There is mention that Ed Roberts, coordinator for the Amoz Gibson Teaching Project in South Dakota gave a talk on; "The Old Way, the New Way, and the Bahá'í Teachings". p. 18.
- 2) Native American Institute's Council holds 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The NABI Council held its second meeting in July and was to consult on the development of the Institute property. p. 18.
- 3) Native American page. p. 23.
  - A) Unity Council Fire draws 1,000 to Native American Institute. This gathering was held in August and the theme was "Native Americans and the Promise of Peace". J.C. Lucas created a lovely "talking stick".
  - B) Photo of the delegation from South Dakota to the National Convention, which a delegate said the state would raise up 19 new local Assemblies on Reservations. After the convention, a teaching team was organized and went to the Flathead Reservation in MT. In the photo we see Ron Therriault, the Tribal chairman of the Confederated Salish - Kootenai Tribe receiving a peace statement. Others include: Sandy Munoz, Brenda Eagle Chasing Hawk, Sandy LeBeau, Albert LeBeau, Randy Johnson, and Joye LeBeau.
  - C) Teepees, adobe bread oven new at Institute. The teepees were brought in to handle the overload of people who came to the event.
  - D) Arizona Bahá'ís use peace statement, ceremony to spread Faith in Globe-Miami. The San Carlos Apache Reservation have been busy teaching and proclaiming the Faith. There is a photo of Philip Cassadore (Apache), the late singer and the first San Carlos Apache to enroll in the Faith.
  - E) Yucatán Bahá'ís visit Institute, share slides, songs with friends. Alfonso and Roberta Escobedo from the Yucatán visit NABI.
  - F) Photo of the chief of the Pottawatomie Tribe in southwestern Michigan receiving the peace statement from Dorothy Gemmel during the annual Kee-Boon-Me-Kaa Festival. Also pictured are Dale Williams and Tom (Dancing Feather) Ebbing. p. 23.
  - G) Alcoholism workshop has 10 participants. Bahá'ís took part in this training that was offered at NABI.



H) Navajo translation (by Chester Kahn) of the 'Promise of World Peace' is not available on an audio cassette.

**December 1986 Volume 17, Number 12:**

- 1) Bahá'ís spur gift drive for Cherokee children. Bahá'ís near the Cherokee Indian Reservation are cooperating with Christians in the 'Ethel Murray Project' to see that Cherokee children and others received Christmas gifts. p. 4.
- 2) Native American Institute now has water. A well driller at NABI found a strong supply of water about 362 feet below the surface. The quality looks good. p. 5.
- 3) A letter to youth from the Amoz Gibson Project. This is Tom Haanen's account of the teaching work. p. 7.
- 4) Ongoing Teaching Projects: Amoz Gibson (South Dakota), Raul Pavón Project (Arizona), Aziz Project (Idaho), Annual winter Teaching Project (Southern New Mexico/West Texas). p. 7.
- 5) Home front pioneers needed in many goal areas. Priority areas are Indian Reservations and state capitals that do not have Assemblies (Pierre, South Dakota and Cheyenne, Wyoming). p. 11.
- 6) Photo of Chester Kahn, a member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States, speaking at a commemoration of the Year of Peace, sponsored by the Spiritual Assembly of Houston, Texas. p. 11.
- 7) Taos, New Mexico, Bahá'ís sponsor third International Peace Day festival NSA member, Chester Kahn speaks and there are Aztec dancers in the photo. p. 11.

**January 1987 Volume 18, Number 1:** A special photo of those who participated in the November conference for the newly appointed Auxiliary Board members at the House of Worship. Pictured are Jacqueline Delahunt, secretary of the National Teaching Committee; Chester Kahn, member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the U.S.; the Hand of the Cause of God William Sears; Auxiliary Board member James Schoppert (Tlingit); and Counselor Laurretta King. p. 30.

**February 1987 Volume 18, Number 2:** Native American page. p. 18.

- A) Follow-up leads to enrollments on two Nebraska Reservations. Influenced by the Amoz Gibson Project in South Dakota, the Bahá'ís in Nebraska continued to teach on the Winnebago and Omaha Reservations, which lead to a few enrollments.
- B) Photo of members of the Walter Austin Project in North Dakota. Four Tribal Council chairmen were presented copies of the Peace statement. The Bahá'ís well received. Pictured are: David Markusen, Elaine Kelm, Maynard Eakan, Walter Austin, Linda Duckwitz, Hazel Hutton, Vernon Longie, and Frank Morris.
- C) Warriors of Light set Splendid Example of Service. The Warriors of Light, a group of 15 Bahá'ís from the northwest do service projects in Indian communities which include: a clean-up project in Lapwai, ID; the cleaning of graveyards and totem poles in Lummi in

- WA; and sponsoring an Indian teaching conference and monthly program for tenants of an alcohol treatment center in the Seattle area.
- D) Four selections from writings added to second Navajo Translation Institute.
  - E) These are; "Blessed Is the Spot", "My home is the home of Peace"; "O God, guide me" and "Protect us from what lieth". Plans are being made for an additional 15 other selections to be translated into Navajo.
  - F) Columbus, Ohio, Bahá'ís present 'Promise of World Peace' to more than 40 political, educational and business leaders. In the photo, Mrs. Selma Walker, director of the Native American Center in Columbus, OH has received the Peace statement.
  - G) American Indian Teaching Committee meets, drafts plan for next two years. The members are: Frank McLemore (Cherokee), Ruby Gubatayao, Helen Kiely, Kevin Locke, Peggy Osceola (Seminole), and Ferris Paisano (Pueblo-Nez Perce).

**March 1987 Volume 18, Number 3:** Native American page. p. 26.

- A) Amos Gibson Project cruises forward in South Dakota. This is a progress and state of the art type of report for the Amos Gibson Project, which is based out of Wamblee, SD. Calvin Pumpkin Seed (Lakota) and Kathy Vicente (Navajo) are youth working full-time on the project. One of their focuses has been to be of service to the youth and recently they were asked by the Alateen and Alcoholics Anonymous groups to help organize a 'sobriety dance' for people on the Reservation.
- B) 'Amatu'l-Bahá's Pine Ridge 'talk' available on tape.
- C) Photo of a dedication party on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in honor of Nancy Cly, a newly enrolled Bahá'í. Also pictured are John Cook, G.H.H. Farhand, his wife, Riḍván, and their daughter Faeceh.
- D) Nez Perce Pow Wow celebrates New Year without use of alcohol. The Women's Alcohol Group asked the Bahá'ís to help them make the non-alcoholic pow wow a success. As a result some 300 people came and it was very successful.
- E) Summer teaching campaign to travel down U.S. 95 from Canada to Mexico. Project 95 was conceived by members of the Gubatayao-Bolima family of Lapwai, ID. It would go from the northern end of Highway 95 at the Canadian border and its southern end at the Mexican border and would reach some 19 Reservations in ID, OR, NV, CA, AZ.
- F) Photo of Karl Marsh, leader of the Midwest Cherokee Alliance, getting a copy of the peace statement at the annual Council Fire during the Bahá'í Summer School at Camp Kikthawenund near Anderson

**April 1987 Volume 18, Number 4:** checked

**May 1987 Volume 18, Number 5:**

- 1) Native American page. p. 28.
  - A) Translation Workshops render Writings into Navajo language. Translations include: "A New Day is Come". 'The New Gardner', "The Promise of World Peace". Lorraine Kahn and Helen Kiely have coordinated the workshop with the help of Jeff Kiely. Others participating in the translations are: Rita Cow Boy, Judy Cow Boy, Ruth White Rock, Victoria

- Yazzie, Jimmie Shaw, Milly Gaddy, the Watson family, Chester Kahn, Ben Kahn, John and Ruby Nelson, Isabelle and Bob Yazzie, Eva Castillo and Rayann Brown and Della Woody.
- B) Photo of some of the members of the Spiritual Assembly of White Mesa, Utah on the day the Assembly elected officers.
  - C) Photo of believers on the Lac du Flambeau Reservation in northern WI along with Pat Stockbridge and a member of the District Teaching Committee, presenting the peace statement to the Mohegan Tribal Council.
  - D) Indian Studies Classes splendid way to learn while making friends. This article promotes the involvement of the friends in college and universities which have Native American Studies program as a great way to learn about Native culture, issues, and to make friends.
  - E) Navajo-Hopi district to mark historic 1962 meeting. A celebration was held in honor of the 1962 meeting in Pine Springs, AZ where 1,000 people gathered at the first conference held there and soon after, some 300 Navajos declared their belief in Bahá'u'lláh.
  - F) Photo of Naw-Rúz celebration at Wamblee, South Dakota headquarters of the Amoz Gibson Project.
- 2) News briefs: Steffes scholarship begun at Haskell College. The Spiritual Assembly of Lawrence, Kansas established the Steffes scholarship at Haskell Indian Junior College in memory of Marian Steffes. The scholarship will be given to a student with a 2.5 or above GPA alternating a male or a female per year. p. 31.
  - 3) News briefs: The Milwaukee Bahá'í Center gave a conference entitled; "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Indian Teaching but Were Afraid to Ask." Presenters will be Jaci Delahunt (Lakota), Nick Hockings (Chippewa), Patricia Miller (Mohegan), and Dalen Corazon (Seminole). p. 31.
  - 4) News briefs: In Austin, Texas, Black Heritage month was celebrated. Doug Sivad Davis, author of Black Seminoles in Texas was among the speakers. p. 31.
  - 5) News briefs: As a follow-up, 'Tribal Prophecies', an hour-long movie about prophecies of American Indian religions, was shown the next evening, was introduced by Frank McLemore (Cherokee). p. 31.

**June 1987 Volume 18, Number 6:**

- 1) House of Worship marks 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's dedication of cornerstone. A photo with Jacqueline Delahunt, secretary of the National Teaching committee assisting Rouhieh McComb, one of the living treasures' who met 'Abdu'l-Bahá. p. 1.
- 2) 2. Native American page. p. 20.
  - A) Lapwai hosts Northwest Regional Conference. Paul Johns (Tlingit) from the Seattle area attended this conference held in March in Lapwai, ID. Nearly 100 people came to discuss the theme: "American Indian Teaching—fulfilling the Prophecy". A Regional Indian Teaching Committee was formed and its members were: Mary Gubatayao, Adele McConnell, Jim Lavadour, Lou Bighorn, Lorinth Warwick, Loris Kermani, Roberta Charles, Zem, Felix Charging Whirlwind, Delores Bellon, Behrad Majidi, and Reggie Baskins.

- Dwight Williams, Silas and Robin Mitchell, were also in attendance along with some 27 Bahá'ís from Portland, OR and Seattle, WA.
- B) Second Health Care Fair held at Alabama Coushatta Reservation. Some 75 Bahá'ís were part of the Fair offering their services.
  - C) 'Project 95' endeavors to spread Faith to Indian Reservations along U.S. route. The Boli-ma family (Mary and Peter with children, Leigh Anne, Alberta-Jane and Katalina) from Lapwai started south to gather information about opportunities to teach the Faith on the 19 Reservations that Highway 95 passes through. They were able to teach on at least 9 of the Reservations and to give preliminary plans. They were received well.
  - D) Pine Springs fete to commemorate Master's U.S. visit. This Reservation Assembly commemorated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's visit to America.

**July 1987 Volume 18, Number 7:**

- 1) Cherry Creek (South Dakota) Bahá'í proposes 'adopt new believers' program. A letter from Juanita Anderson-Rhodd. She as an 'old-timer' Bahá'í, special ed teacher, raising two boys and was wondering how she could help deepen new believers. She found that the most success was had when someone took a special interest in someone and nurtured them along. She is asking the readers to 'adopt' a new believer from Cherry Creek and nurture them by inviting them to Feast, to your home, to Holy Day observances, and to winter schools. p. 2.
- 2) Radio in Panama and Chile help teach the Faith. pp. 5, 25.
- 3) Teaching project increase, move toward goal of 200. More than 130 teaching projects were listed with the National Teaching Committee. The list includes: ID: The Lapwai Project 95 & Aziz Project in Fort Hall Teaching Project; OR: Baker Project; CA: Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project; AZ: Desert Rose Project and the Navajo-Hopi Project; WY: Wind River Service Project; NE: Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); SD: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; MN: Project Dawn Breakers; and WI: Project NIIJII (Friendship). p. 11.
- 4) Photo of a general meeting of Persian women in Los Angeles who made contact with Native Americans in April by visiting the Compton Rehabilitation Center, an Indian Club on the Morongan Reservation and shared the basic tenets of the Bahá'í Faith. p. 18.
- 5) Native American Page. p. 27.
  - A) Hard work pays dividends; Pima Indians elect first Spiritual Assembly in Sacaton, Arizona. The Gila Reservation is the home of the Pima Indians and it elects its first LSA. For two years the Bahá'ís came and visited and taught the Faith here. And through consistent efforts a number of adults were enrolled. There are photos of Jim and Barbara Johnson with their children and children at a class.
  - B) New Zealand master carver visits NABI in May. Wallace Hetaraka, a Maori master wood carver visited NABI.
  - C) Photo of Singer Mike and the traditional Pima Basket dancers in Sacaton, Arizona.
  - D) Bahá'ís from Washington State attend Root Feast at the Wapato Longhouse. Bahá'ís from Thurston County III and Tumwater, WA, along with some of the friends from the Flathead Reservation in MT visit the Wapato community on the Yakama Reservation.

- E) Volunteers needed in South Dakota for 'Spirit of the Roses' campaign. Eagle Butte on the Cheyenne River Reservation in SD was the headquarters for this Teaching project. Suggestions for volunteering for the Tribal administration are given.
- F) Indian teaching topic at Milwaukee meeting. The topic; "Everything you wanted to know about Indian Teaching but were afraid to ask" was planned by Indian Bahá'ís and the main purpose was to plan teaching projects in WI and Chicago. Some of those attending were Jacqueline Delahunt from the national Teaching committee, Nick Hockings, Delan Corazon (Seminole) Charlotte Hockings, Pat Miller (Mohican), and Auxiliary Board Member Morris Taylor.
- G) Two American Indians from U.S. teaching the Faith in Sweden. Vernon Longie and Ruby Gubatayao were invited to teach the Faith in Sweden among the Sami people. They taught all summer there.
- H) Photo of Walter Austin presenting a peace statement to Carl McKay, the Tribal chairman of the Devil's Lake Sioux Tribe in North Dakota. p. 28.

**August 1987 Volume 18, Number 8:**

- 1) In Memoriam: David Villaseñor (Huichoal Otomi), sand painter, sculptor, dies in New Mexico. "RECEIVED SORROWFUL NEWS PASSING DAVID VILLASENOR. LOVINGLY REMEMBER HIS MANIFOLD SERVICES PATH BLESSED BEAUTY AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS GRAPHIC ARTS. KINDLY CONVEY CONDOLENCES COMMUNITY LOS ALAMOS ESPECIALLY HIS DEAR WIFE AND ASSURE THEM OUR FERVENT PRAYERS HOLY SHRINES PROGRESS HIS SOUL AND CONSOLATION THEIR HEARTS. "from The Universal House of Justice." pp. 1, 35.
- 2) Deepening, consolidation stressed in wide variety of teaching events: A list of teaching projects to consider joining includes: AZ: Desert Rose Project and the Navajo-Hopi Project (contact: Jeff Kiely); ID: The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95 (contacts: Linda and Ferris Paisano) & Aziz Project in Fort Hall Teaching Project; CA: Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project; MN: Project Dawn Breakers; NE: Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); Western U.S: Project 95; SD: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; WI: Project Nii-Jii (Friendship). pp. 11, 31.
- 3) Native American page. p. 30-31.
  - A) Honor Future leaders' pow wow held in Michigan. Many Bahá'ís were on hand to teach the Faith here either directly or through their service to the pow wow.
  - B) Anthropologist shows slides on Micronesia at Native Institute.
  - C) Crow Reservation friendship dance draws 100-plus. Many of the attendees, including prominent members of the Crow tribe, were not Bahá'í and they gathered to share friendship, which was sponsored by the Montana District Teaching Committee. A prayer was offered by one of the spiritual elders that the Bahá'ís be assisted in their mission of world peace.
  - D) Photo of Chief Fools Crow (Lakota) who became a Bahá'í a few years ago as a result of the Amoz Gibson Project. He is with Counselor Robert Harris.
  - E) Institute's Classroom Project receives National Assembly OK. NABI begins to build classrooms.

- F) Fifth Great Plains Council Fire brings 150 from 10 states to Bear Butte, S.D. The theme for it was; "American Indian Culture: Past, Present, and Future". This event is hosted by the Spiritual Assembly of Rapid City.
  - G) Native Institute visited by musician/composer.
  - H) Photo of the Bahá'í community of Taos, NM holding its third annual Picuris Pueblo Service Project and featuring Indian, Spanish, and Anglo artists.
  - I) Map of Indian teaching Activities. A rose appears where each of the Teaching projects (16) involving American Indian teaching is throughout the U.S. [Editor's note: Please recall that the rose represents the sacrifice of the Iranian believers. See: October 1986 Volume 17, Number 10 for fuller explanation.]
  - J) Kiely, Jeff. Pine Springs/Navajo-Hopi picnic 'remarkable' occasion with photos. The friends gathered to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the great Pines Springs Bahá'í Conference where 300 Navajos embraced the Faith. Photos by Brenda Norrell Kahn, include the "Klagetoh Swingers"-a traditional Navajo singing group.
- 4) Native Institute hosts Women's Conference. Twenty seven women attended this gathering in June, along with 27 men and children. Chief Lawrence of ShowLow, Arizona, a Choctaw, whose wife, Gwen, was a conference participant, declared his belief in Bahá'u'lláh. p. 35.

#### **September 1987 Volume 18, Number 9:**

- 1) Ongoing and Upcoming Teaching Projects- **AZ**: Desert Rose Project; **ID**: The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95; **CA**: Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project; **NE**: Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); **SD**: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte.[Editor's note: Please recall that the rose (Spirit of the Rose was selected as the name of the project.) represents the sacrifice of the Iranian believers. See: October 1986 Volume 17, Number 10 for fuller explanation.] p. 10.
- 2) Native American page. p. 25.
  - A) Bahá'ís take part in fun, fishing at campout in Globe-Miami area. The Dago'tee Committee of the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Globe-Miami, AZ hosted this 'natural resources' event. The Bahá'ís participated and continue to build bridges between the residents of the Reservation, and the Globe and Miami communities, and the Bahá'í Community.
  - B) Gibson Project sets regular visits to help strengthen 7 communities. Edwin Roberts announces the plan to help 7 communities to Assembly status, despite lack of reliable transportation.
  - C) Photo of children at a quiet area doing art work provided at a pow wow through Bahá'ís in the Nii-Jii Project. The Bahá'ís have been asked to continue the art area at future pow wows.
  - D) Conference sponsored by Tuolumne Bahá'ís. The conference; "Consultation on Women and Self-Esteem" was quite successful.
  - E) Bahá'ís take part in Indian Retreat. The Church of White Eagle Lodge in Montgomery, TX invites the Bahá'ís to participate in an Indian Heritage Retreat. This is a non-denominational Christian church. The church believes that it shares the same spiritual truth with many different groups.

- F) Please make contact before setting out for Gibson Project. If you plan on coming to this project, please make contact with the director before you show up. Then you will be given information that can help you decide to serve here.
- G) A map of Indian Teaching Activity for August, 1987 with 13 roses. [Editor's note: Please recall that the rose represents the sacrifice of the Iranian believers. See: October 1986 Volume 17, Number 10 for fuller explanation.]

**October 1987 Volume 18, Number 10:**

- 1) 'Everyone shares love' in East Texas' Yellow Rose Teaching-deepening effort. Over a 3 week period, lots of service was offered including the clearing of tribal offices and camp grounds. pp. 7, 26.
- 2) Phillips, Jeremy, M. Native Americans make Bosch week special. (With photos) Twenty seven Native American believers came to the school from Arizona to attend classes on "Global Transformation: Necessity for Application of the Covenant." And 'Crossing Cultural Bridges: Appreciating Differences". p. 9.
- 3) Native American page. p. 16.
  - A) 'Trail of Light' teaching team tours Lapp land region. Vernon Longie and Ruby Lawson(Gubatayao) taught in Lapland and this is an account of their teaching among the Sami people.
  - B) Cherokee Bahá'í guest speaker at Houston Council Fire. Frank McLemore, Is the guest speaker and the producer of the Dallas radio program; "Beyond Bows and Arrows".
  - C) Five Bahá'í youth take part in building project on North Dakota's Fort Berthold Reservation. It had not been planned, but the youth who came together in Mandaree represented: the Black, Japanese, American Indian, Persian, and white American cultures. They consulted with the Spiritual Assembly and began work on the building.
  - D) Gibson Project's prayers answered. Three well running vehicles were donated just after all the currently running vehicles no longer worked.
  - E) American Indian Teaching Activity in September 1987 with 12 roses.

**November 1987 Volume 18, Number 11:**

- 1) Letter to the Editor: Credit where it's due. (Photo) The Crow Reservation friendship dance and picnic was initiated by James Door, a Crow Indian Bahá'í from Crow Agency as a means of activating the Bahá'í community at Crow Agency. p. 3.
- 2) Milwaukee thanks those who attended 'Indian Summer 1987'. This is a public thanks to those who attended the Indian summer in 1987 in Milwaukee. p. 5.
- 3) Native American page. p. 26.
  - A) Some Aspects of Bahá'í Burial Law apply in East. The Bahá'í burial laws are laid out here.
  - B) Oregon youth help at Shaker meeting, make many friends on service project. The Bahá'í youth cleaned a road that led to the Shaker church. They then attended a service there,

- which delighted the Shakers. Most of the 150-200 Indians attending were Shakers. They invited the youth to attend the conference to help out there as well.
- C) Young Bahá'ís help in NABI development. The youth task force has been a major part of the development of NABI. The goal is to bring in at least 64 youth over the summer to help rejuvenate the Reservation.
  - D) Children's classes held in Tuba City. The Bahá'ís join forces to teach children's classes in Tuba City. Some also helped to teach them at NABI.
  - E) Katie Fools Crow, 95, Lakota leader, dies. Katie enrolled in the Faith in 1985, while her husband, Chief Fools Crow declared in 1983. When the friends would come to visit she would always receive them graciously. She will be missed.
  - F) Navajo translation. "The Promise of World Peace" is now available in Navajo on an audio cassette through NABI.
  - G) Map of American Indian Teaching Activity for October with 15 roses.

**December 1987 Volume 18, Number 12:**

- 1) Home front pioneer finds true happiness on Pine Ridge Lakota Reservation. This story is about Louise Watson (non Indian) who pioneered to the Pine Ridge Reservation and worked at the Oglala Lakota Community College and worked in natural resources. p. 11.
- 2) Native American page. p. 22.
  - A) Houston Bahá'ís mark `American Indian Heritage Week'. September 20-26 was American Indian Heritage Week in Texas. To celebrate it the Bahá'ís set up events during each evening which related to American Indians, including an art exhibit featuring the work of Chester Kahn. The article also includes a photo from the devotional service.
  - B) Native American Institute's plans address goal of `entry by troops'. Plans are under way to accomplish several objectives of the Six year Plan.
  - C) Work begins on new classroom building at the Native American Bahá'í Institute. The article also includes a photo of Paul Yellow Horse lifting bricks.
  - D) American Indian Teaching Activity in October-November 1987 with 17 roses. [Editor's note: Yes, recall roses stand for the sacrifices of the Iranian believers. Represents a teaching activity that opened an area, teaching or Spiritual Assembly formed in Indian country.]
  - E) Arizona Bahá'ís aid gathering to help stop use of drugs, alcohol. Bahá'ís from AZ gathered at the San Carlos Apache Reservation to help with what tribal officials and members say was the "largest drug free and alcohol free gathering we've ever had." The Bahá'ís even took part in the religious service. The event was structured using the world of Harold Belmont and members of the Alkali Lake Indian Band of British Columbia. Mr. Belmont mentioned that he had recently consulted with the Universal House of Justice and he also prayed for Indian people at the Shrine of the Báb. p. 23.
  - F) Longest-standing Bahá'ís on Reservation honored during 186<sup>th</sup> pow wow in Omaha. The honorees are: Marie Camby and her brother, Calvin Tyndal Sr. They are the children of two members (Frank and Daisy Tyndal) of the original all-Indian Spiritual Assembly formed in 1947 in Macy.



- G) Ben and Lorraine Kahn, spend month performing in Sweden. They were guests of Wanda MacDonald, wife of Tribal Chairman, Peter MacDonald. This wasn't a Bahá'í sponsored event, although they were able to talk about the Faith and made contacts.
- H) Indian School in Oregon given Bahá'í Message. Chemawa Indian School in Salem was the site of an evening Bahá'í presentation to 400 Indian high school students. Mary Gubatayao and Jacob Bighorn (who was not an enrolled Bahá'í), presented the Bahá'í message. The remaining weekends, the Bahá'ís consulted on topics such as developing Indian communities, raising the functioning Assemblies on every Reservation in the northwest, and how Indian and Black Bahá'ís could work together in teaching and in community life. [Editor's note: Chemawa Indian School was where I first met Phil Lucas who was working there. I was there visiting the school.]
- I) Photo of 1986 District Convention at NABI. Included are Inez Miller, Mary Manybeads, and Angela Ashley.
- J) Photo of Amelia Tong and Carmella Kahn playing outside during the 1986 Navajo/Hopi District Convention.
- K) Photo of a hospitality booth sponsored by the Spiritual Assembly of Oklahoma City, OK, providing free ice water for visitors to the National American Indian Exposition in Anadarko where more than 2,000 exhibitors, dancers, and tourists were present.
- 3) East Texas' Yellow Rose' project reaches out to American Indians. p. 24.
- 4) Ongoing and Upcoming Teaching Projects: MN: Dawn Breakers (Bemidji) & Angus Cowan Project (Mille Lac); ND: Mandaree Service Project; NE: Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); SD: Spirit of the Rose & Amoz Gibson Project; ID: Lapwai Project 95; CA: Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project; AZ: Project Raul Pavón, NABI Project; and NM: Picuris Pueblo Project. p. 25.
- 5) In Arizona, traveling teacher lends talent to teaching non-Bahá'í Indian children. p. 28.
- 6) Photo of an art class on the Navajo Reservation with Rosanne Groger a teacher. p. 28.
- 7) Photo of Dan Defender (Dakota) from North Dakota at a conference in Lincolnwood, IL. p. 40.
- 8) Oregon Bahá'ís reach out to Nez Perce tribe. The Bahá'ís had come together to consult on how best to serve the Indian community, emphasizing their leadership and participation. p. 43.
- 9) Memorial service in Reno, Nevada, pays tribute to Indian leader Harry Sampson. He was a musician, a major league baseball player, a labor representative in state affairs, and an authority on medicinal plants. He also worked for rights of Indian people and it was that he was best known for. p. 47.
- 10) In Memoriam: Kate Foolscrew, Martin, south Dakota, September 1987.
- 11) In Memoriam: Charles Little Eagle, White River, South Dakota; October 14, 1987. p. 47.

**January 1988 Volume 19, Number 1:** checked

**February 1988 Volume 19, Number 2:**

- 1) Bahá'ís honored for longtime service to New Mexico NAACP. Jim Stone, (pioneer to Gallup for teaching the Navajo-Hopi) was being honored. p. 1.

- 2) Ongoing Teaching Projects: AZ: Desert Rose Project, NABI Project and the Project Raul Pavón; CO: NM: Picuris Pueblo Project; TX: Yellow Rose Project; CA: Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project; ID: The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95; SD: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; NE: Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); ND: Mandaree Project; MN: Project Dawn Breakers & Angus Cowan Project; WI: Marian Steffes Project. p. 7.
- 3) Jeopardized Assemblies January 1987: South Dakota: Eagle Butte. pp. 10, 26.
- 4) Native American page. p. 26.
  - A) Fifth Indigenous Council to be held in July. This Council Fire will be held on the Standing Rock Reservation. All Indians are encouraged to attend.
  - B) Tucson Council Fire set to commemorate 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'Great Fire' of 1963. The theme was "Circle of Peace". Kevin Locke, Marian Steffes and other Bahá'ís presented.
  - C) Counselors' Indian Teaching Group meets at NABI in Arizona. The Indian Teaching Working Group of the Continental Board of Counselors for the Americas was held at NABI. Presenters were Counselors Laretta King, Arturo Serrano, Isabel de Calderon, Elroy Anello, and Ruth Pringle.
  - D) Navajo-Hopi District Convention in Houck draws 50 participants. Jeff Kiely was elected delegate that year.
  - E) Map of American Indian Teaching for January/February 1988 with 29 roses.

### **March 1988 Volume 19, Number 3:**

- 1) Upcoming and Ongoing Teaching Projects: **AZ:** Desert Rose Project, NABI Project and the Project Raul Pavón; **CO:** **NM:** Picuris Pueblo Project; **TX:** Yellow Rose Project; **CA:** Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project; **ID:** The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95; **SD:** Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; **NE:** Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); **ND:** Mandaree Project; **MN:** Project Dawn Breakers & Angus Cowan Project; **WI:** Marian Steffes Project. p. 10.
- 2) Committee on Women slates conference in Phoenix, AZ. The conference focuses on Native American and Hispanic women. The presenters are Sandy LeBeau, Manuela Villanueva, Alice Bathke, and Roberta Maull. p. 10.
- 3) An artist's rendition of the Native American Bahá'í Institute designed by John Nicol in collaboration with the Institutes' Council. p. 15.
- 4) Native American page. p. 27.
  - A) Indigenous Council to consider role of American Indians. The Council planned for Standing Rock in South Dakota will focus on the Six Year Plan. Indian people are invited to attend these events.
  - B) Institute provides valuable guidance, advice for 'pioneers' to Navajo-Hopi Bahá'í District. This program gave help to pioneers living on or near Navajo and Hopi Reservations.
  - C) National Conference on Growth inspires similar gathering in Navajo-Hopi District. This was a working session of the members of the Navajo-Hopi District Teaching Committee, NABI, and several committees and task forces recently appointed by the Council.
  - D) Announcement of the Four Winds Conference: Unity in Diversity Bahá'í Pow Wow in the Los Angeles area, to be held on July.

- E) E. Map of American Indian Teaching Activity February/March 1988 with 28 roses.
- 5) Third Health Care Fair held on Texas Indian Reservation. During the pow wow on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation north of Houston, there was also a health care fair, which many of the Bahá'ís helped out at. p. 29.
- 6) NPAAC appoints seen more area committees. A pow wow on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation in Houston, TX had the Bahá'ís out dancing. They also helped with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Health Care Fair on the Reservation that was organized by the District Teaching Committee at the same time of the pow wow. p. 29.

#### **April 1988 Volume 19, Number 4:**

- 1) Mr. Sears is speaker at Council Fire, praises destiny of American Indians at the 25<sup>th</sup> Commemoration council Fire, "Circles of Peace" was held in Tucson, AZ. At least 20 tribes from all over the U.S. were represented among the 500 people who gathered together. Hand of the Cause of God, Mr. William Sears was present and addressed the group. There are several photos. pp. 1, 2.
- 2) George Ronald publisher announcement of a book entitled: Radio Bahá'í Ecuador. p. 3.
- 3) Upcoming and Ongoing Teaching Projects: AZ: Desert Rose Project, NABI Project and the Project Raul Pavón; CO: NM: Picuris Pueblo Project; TX: Yellow Rose Project; CA: Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project; ID: The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95; SD: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; NE: Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); ND: Mandaree Project; MN: Project Dawn Breakers & Angus Cowan Project; WI: Marian Steffes Project. p. 10.
- 4) Native American page. p. 30.
  - A) Sand painter's visit 'gladden hearts' in Texas, N. Mexico. This story features Mitchell Silas a sand painter. He gave demonstrations and helped with the presenting of the Peace statement.
  - B) Yuma Bahá'ís celebrate Ayyám-í-Há with special service award ceremony. They honored non Bahá'í people who were of service to their community.
  - C) Indian education coordinator becomes Bahá'í at LouHelen. Les Gemmill, coordinator of American Indian education for the Michigan Dept. of Education, became a Bahá'í here.
  - D) Announcement of the Four Winds Conference: Unity in Diversity Bahá'í Pow Wow in the Los Angeles area to be held in July.
  - E) Announcement of the Continental Indigenous Council in August 1988 to be held at Indian Memorial Park, Mobridge, SD
  - F) Map of American Indian Teaching Activity March/April 1988 with 30 roses.

#### **May 1988 Volume 19, Number 5:**

- 1) Upcoming and Ongoing Teaching Projects: **AZ:** Desert Rose Project, NABI Project and the Project Raul Pavón; **CO:** **NM:** Picuris Pueblo Project; **TX:** Yellow Rose Project; **CA:** Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project; **ID:** The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95; **MT:** Mission MTS Project; **SD:** Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; **NE:** Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); **ND:** Mandaree Project; **MN:** Project Dawn Breakers & Angus Cowan Project; **WI:** Marian Steffes Project; and **MO:** Albert Walkup Project. p. 10.

- 2) Bahá'í gather on U.S.-Canada border to map plans for teaching campaigns. Some of the Bahá'ís of the U.S. and Canada got together to share teaching plans and to find out how they can help each other. Francis Cree (Ojibway), an Indian from Dunseith, ND offered his round-house where the friends met. About 170 people attended. p. 10.
- 3) Native American page. p. 31.
  - A) Teaching Committee notes reason for limiting Indigenous Council to Indians and their families. The Indigenous Council will take place in Mobridge, SD. There was need to explain to the Bahá'í community why only Indians and their families are encouraged to attend the Council Fire, since one of the principles is the unity of mankind. The NTC likens it to an orchestra, where each section of the orchestra must practice by itself to prepare for performances, before it practices with the entire orchestra.
  - B) Four Navajo adults, youth embrace Cause in Houck Chapter.
  - C) Bahá'í Institute forms Addictions Task Force. NABI recently formed an Addictions Task Force. NABI is planning to host a major Navajo Conference on alcohol treatment where about 500 Navajo counselors have been invited.
  - D) Map of American Indian Teaching Activity April/May 1988 with 33 roses.

**June 1988 Volume 19, Number 6:**

- 1) Photo of the National Spiritual Assembly including, Chester Kahn. p. 1.
- 2) Photo of Alice Bathke conducting a workshop on "The Role of Culture in the Bahá'í Faith" held in Phoenix, AZ. p. 1.
- 3) Committee on Women holds second conference on equality. (with photos) 100 people attended the conference in Phoenix, AZ. Several Indian tribes were represented. Committee members, speakers and workshop leaders included; Jacqueline Delahunt, secretary of the National Teaching Committee, Hispanic Teaching Committee, Ruby (Gubatayao) Lawson, Sandi LeBeau, Alice Bathke, Elizabeth Dahe, Dr. Eileen Lourie, Joe Monteau, Manuela Villanueva, Roberta Maull, and Dr. Farshad Agahi . p. 2.
- 4) Upcoming and Ongoing Teaching Projects: AZ: Desert Rose Project, NABI Project and the Project Raul Pavón; CO: NM: Picuris Pueblo Project; TX: Yellow Rose Project; CA: Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project; ID: The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95; MT: Mission MTS Project; SD: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; NE: Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); ND: Mandaree Project; MN: Project Dawn Breakers & Angus Cowan Project; WI: Marian Steffes Project; and MO: Albert Walkup Project; WY: Wind River Charlotte Orlick Project. p. 10.
- 5) Blacks, other minorities must be given Message. p. 11.
- 6) B.E. 144: From nearly every standpoint, a banner year. (The Year in brief) May: ON May 23, Bahá'ís from OH, IL, MI, and WI got together for a conference to serve Indian projects in WI and the Chicago area. June/July: Photo of Counselor Laretta King. August: Frank McLemore, secretary of the American Indian Teaching Committee is guest at the Council Fire in Houston, TX. September: Chester Kahn presents an exhibit of his art work for American Indian Heritage Week. October: The Universal House of Justice reports that over 120 people become Bahá'í in the Fort Vermillion area, Alberta, Canada. February: The 25<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Council Fire, "Circles of Peace" was held near Tucson, AZ and was blessed

with the presence of Hand of the Cause of God, William Sears. At least 20 tribes were represented among the 500 attendees. A pow wow was held on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation. March: The Canadians and U.S. Bahá'ís got together in Dunseith, ND to share teaching plans and discuss ways in which to help one another with Indian teaching. pp. 20, 36.

- 7) Native American page. p. 33.
  - A) Sitting Bull's legacy of unity lends impetus to summer's Continental Indigenous Council. This is a primer for the upcoming Indigenous Council to be held in Mobridge, SD.
  - B) Oregon welcomes visit from well-known Lakota Bahá'í performer Kevin Locke. Kevin visits the public elementary schools and one pow wow.
  - C) American Indian Teaching Activity for May/June 1988 with 33 roses.
- 8) 10 Years Ago-highlights The Spiritual Assembly of the Fort Hall Reservation sponsors an "American Auction" on March 26, raising \$130.00 given to the National Bahá'í Fund. p. 39.

### **July 1988 Volume 19, Number 7:**

- 1) Upcoming and Ongoing Teaching Projects: **AZ:** Desert Rose Project, NABI Project and the Project Raul Pavón; **CO:** **NM:** Picuris Pueblo Project; **TX:** Yellow Rose Project; **CA:** Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project & Tule River Project; **ID:** The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95; **MT:** Mission MTS Project; **SD:** Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; **NE:** Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); **ND:** Mandaree Project; **MN:** Project Dawn Breakers & Angus Cowan Project; **WI:** Marian Steffes Project; and **MO:** Albert Walkup Project; **WY:** Wind River Charlotte Orlick Project. p. 10.
- 2) 79<sup>th</sup> Bahá'í National Convention. Photo of Kevin Locke. p. 17.
- 3) Native American page. p. 26.
  - A) Native American Institute hosts 'Healing Gathering'. It was dedicated to the healing of addictions and the elimination of alcohol abuse.
  - B) 'Steffes Project' honors American Indians. There was a Native American Bahá'í Task Force and one of its goals is to recruit new members. This year they have nine members and they held their first public event. They held "Honor American Indian Day" held in May.
  - C) Announcement of Continental Indigenous Council to be held in Mobridge, SD. E. American Indian Teaching Activity June/July, 1988 with 31 roses.
- 4) Sixth Bahá'í International Convention (Photos of some Indigenous people by Paul Slaughter.) pp. 28-29.

### **August 1988 Volume 19, Number 8:**

- 1) Three American Indians share Message in Lappland. They are Leigh Anne Gubatayao (Tsimshian), Ruby Lawson (Gubatayao) (Tsimshian), and Shawn McConnell (Umatilla). This was a Trail of Light trip sponsored by the Sami Teaching Committee and agency of the National Spiritual Assemblies of Finland, Norway, and Sweden. p. 6.
- 2) Upcoming and Ongoing Teaching Projects: **AZ:** Desert Rose Project, NABI Project and the Project Raul Pavón; **CO:** **NM:** Picuris Pueblo Project; **TX:** Yellow Rose Project; **CA:** Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project & Tule River Project; **ID:** The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95; **MT:**

Mission MTS Project; SD: Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; NE: Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); ND: Mandaree Project; MN: Project Dawn Breakers & Angus Cowan Project; WI: Marian Steffes Project; MO: Albert Walkup Project; and WY: Wind River Charlotte Orlick Project. p.10

- 3) 'Day of Sharing' with Native American held at Yale University in New Haven, CT. The conference was sponsored by the CT Native American Teaching Committee, a task force of the DTC. Workshops were held on a few topics like: native American Healing Practices, Native American Identity, The Way of the Pipe, Native American Religion Today. p. 32.
- 4) Indian Reservations well-represented at N.D. Winter School. All but two of the 5 Reservations were represented among some 70 people attending the winter school. p. 32.
- 5) Photo of Auxiliary Board Member performing the hoop dance. p. 32.
- 6) Photo of Alfred Kahn and Roger Coe at a recent workshop for Bahá'í Men at NABI. (Photo by Michael Frank.) p. 32.
- 7) Navajo-Hopi women hold conference at Institute in AZ. Ruby Lawson, from Lapwai, ID and who is a member of the National Committee on Women. Fifteen women attended. p. 32.
- 8) American Indian Teaching Activity July/August with 33 roses. p. 32.

### **September 1988 Volume 19, Number 9:**

- 1) Delahunt, Jacqueline and Hildreth, Laura. Fifth Continental Indigenous council is held. This event was held in the Indian Memorial Park, on the Standing Rock Reservation, in South Dakota. Of the 400 people attending, about 300 were American Indians, from nearly 60 tribes. In traditional style, there were no keynote speakers; instead there was a format in which participation by all those attending was encouraged. An address was made by a member of the Universal House of Justice, Hooper Dunbar. Includes a photo. pp. 1, 28-29.
- 2) Photo of a Race Unity event held at the University of Colorado, where Professor Glenn Morris (Shawnee) is the director of the Fourth World Center there. p. 2.
- 3) Photo of the first International Bahá'ís in Recovery Conference held in Haines, AK. Black, white, and Indian Bahá'ís from the U.S., AK, and Canada were in attendance. Counselor Angus Cowan also attended. p. 2.
- 4) 'Legend of Snow Owl' expresses spirit of teaching. This is the story reprinted from the August 1988 issue of Bahá'í Canada expressing the spirit of teaching in an Indian way. p. 6.

#### **A Vision of Snow Owl**

A Great council was held where all the tribes came together, and from the circle of unity came nine eagle feathers. Nine people were chosen by the chiefs to be the bearers of the feathers, to go to all peoples and bring them the message. These brave people went out into the world of men to deliver the message.

Some found that when they gave the feather, it was immediately consumed by the fire and went to ashes and fell to the ground. Others found that their feather, when given, turned to ice and broke into pieces and fell to the earth. Still others found that their feather turned into air and was carried away on the wind. Very few found that their feather was accepted and held close to the heart to become a part of the people.

Those whose feathers had turned to fire, ice or air, returned to their Chiefs with tears of sadness. They told of the events with shame and said that now they had no feather to return to the sacred circle.

The old men of the tribe said, "YOU ARE THE EAGLES...YOU ARE THE EAGLES...YOU ARE THE EAGLES." When your feather turns to fire, you must pluck one from yourself and continue. When your feather crumbles with the ice, you must take one from your own heart and continue. When your feather turns to air, you must pull one from your spirit and continue.

The feathers you were given in the Great Circle were only a symbol; they are not the only ones you have. For when you give the feathers of your own selves, this great sacrifice will do these things." The feathers which turn to fire are those people so caught in the trap of self that they burn everything in their fire of heedlessness. When you pluck a feather from your own self to give to them, this kindness will turn their hearts to someone other than themselves.

The feathers, which turn to ice, are those people whose hearts have been so burdened by hurt that they have frozen in the ice of caution. In pulling a feather from your own heart, this sacrifice will warm them and free their hearts from the cold of doubt.

The feathers which turn to air and blow with the wind are those people whose spirit is wavering and whose loyalty rests in no meadow. When you pull a feather from your own spirit, your sacrifice will calm their souls and they can again walk with you on the Spirit Path.

It is not only the great and wise who know of this secret of sacrifice, of giving of one's own being in the service of the Great Spirit. Every feather bearer learns this truth.

You must not be sad or shameful, for even if you give away all the feathers of yourself and return to the Great Circle naked, with only the love of those who accepted your feathers to clothe you, you will find great honor, and all the sons and daughters of humankind will remember your name and praise your deeds in the sight of the Great Spirit.

"Let us scatter to the uttermost corners of the earth; sacrifice our personal interests, comforts, tastes and pleasures..." (Shoghi Effendi, Bahá'í Administration, p. 69.)

5) Upcoming and Ongoing Teaching Projects: **AZ:** Desert Rose Project, NABI Project and the Project Raul Pavón; **CO:** **NM:** Picuris Pueblo Project; **TX:** Yellow Rose Project; **CA:** Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Project & Tule River Project; **ID:** The Lapwai/Nez Perce Project 95; **MT:** Mission MTS Project & Fort Peck Project; **SD:** Amoz Gibson-on going & the Spirit of the Rose-Eagle Butte; **NE:** Amoz Gibson Project (Macy); **ND:** Mandaree Project; **MN:** Project Dawn Breakers & Angus Cowan Project; **WI:** Marian Steffes Project; and **MO:** Albert Walkup Project; **WY:** Wind River Charlotte Orlick Project. p. 10.

**October 1988 Volume 19, Number 10:** checked

**November 1988 Volume 19, Number 11:** Archives seek tapes, photos of conferences, Indian Council Fires. The National Bahá'í Archives is seeking tape recordings and photographs of the first American Indiana teaching Conference, Camp Verde, AZ, November 1955 and the first 4 Indian Council Fires held in 1963-66 held at Neah Bay, WA. p. 9.

Fresno Bahá'í co-sponsor conference designed to unity city's ethnic groups. More than 200 people attended this even from five cultures: Native American, Asian American, Hispanic American, Middle Eastern American, and Black American. p. 9.

**December 1988 Volume 19, Number 12:** NSA Mid-year Assessment: NABI. NABI hosted conferences that were sponsored and conducted by other organizations, both Bahá'í and non Bahá'í. Lorraine Kahn (Navajo) was appointed the new administrator. p. 4.

**January 1989 Volume 20, Number 1:**

- 1) Craig. John. Progress report from Brazil's Amazon region. This is a very short report which focuses on the Bahá'í Agricultural school. p. 6.
- 2) Photo of an international Pioneering Institute held at NABI in August 1988. p. 10.
- 3) Native American Institute's Council Fire: 100+ attend this event. Jenny Golden (Navajo) declared her belief there. Her husband declared a few weeks earlier. Ben, Chester, and Lorraine Kahn served as emcees. Joseph Nelson of White Cone, a medicine man had been working on audio tapes for the Institute on Navajo teachings. John Cook provided some music. p. 10.
- 4) 'Vision to Victory' conferences on both coasts, inspired the friends. NSA member Chester Kahn attended along with Judge James Nelson. (Editor's note: We know that Indians attended these conferences in some locations.) p. 11.
- 5) Red Grammer visits Arizona, performs for Navajos, Hopis. He performed 7 times in the Navajo and Hopi communities in the area around NABI. p. 11.

**February 1989 Volume 20, Number 2:** Milwaukee dinner honors American Indians. In December of 1988, the Marian Steffes Project and the Bahá'í Council for the Equality of Women and Men, a group sponsored by the Spiritual Assembly of Glendale, WI, co-sponsored a dinner that honors American Indians in Milwaukee. At least 11 tribes were represented among the 60 Indians that attended, including Oneida, Cherokee, Minnesota, and Creek. There were only 20 Bahá'ís at the event. Ruby Lawson was the speaker. p. 12.

**March 1989 Volume 20, Number 3:** Indian Teaching Committee named. The American Indian Teaching Committee for 1989-90 is: Ferris Paisano (ID), Oscar Arrambide (NM), and Sandy Frazier (SD). p. 6.

**April 1989 Volume 20, Number 4:** Bahá'í-sponsored public meeting in Minneapolis draws nearly 800 to city's American Indian Center. In January, more than 700 people gathered in the Minneapolis Indian Center to hear of the Faith. Auxiliary Board member Kevin Locke (now an NSA member) was invited to take part in the meeting. He performed the hoop dance. Almost 200 peace statements were taken. The program also included a local drum group, a flute solo by Brian Crawford, presentation by Chief Eagle, a Bahá'í from SD in traditional dress and with live birds. p. 11.

**May 1989 Volume 20, Number 5:** did not view

**June 1989 Volume 20, Number 6:** Year in Review: B.E: 'The stage is set' for glorious triumphs....June: The Universal House of Justice appoints 11 new members of the Continental Boards of Counselors; Jacqueline Delahunt is one of them. July: 'The Stage is set' Conference at



Indiana University and among the speakers is Counselor Delahunt. August: Indians from all parts of the Americas gather at Indian memorial park near the Standing Rock Reservation in SD for the fifth Continental Indigenous Council which the NSA sponsored. More than 400 people attend, including a member of the universal House of Justice, Hooper Dunbar. An International Teaching member, Laretta King, also attends. A photo of Jacqueline Delahunt is on the page. December: 60 or so American Indians attend an honors dinner in Milwaukee, WI. Marc: Kevin Locke is elected to the NSA in a by-election. He resigns his position as an Auxiliary Board member to serve on the NSA. He replaces Chester Kahn. pp. 8-9.

**July 1989 Volume 20, Number 7:** Story on Nur University in Bolivia- Nur University promotes Bahá'í ideals through education. p. 5.

**August 1989 Volume 20, Number 8:** NABI hosts retreats to strengthen youth in tenants of Faith. It was held in June. p. 10.

**September 1989 Volume 20, Number 9:**

- 1) Navajo Bahá'ís present '(Eternal) Peace Flame' to Apache tribe. The Navajo Bahá'ís presented to the White Mountain Apache tribe the peace flame in July. During the ceremony, copies of the peace statement were also given. Earlier it was also presented to the Hopi people. Ben Kahn carried the flame on horseback from one tribe to the other. Four Apache medicine men together accepted the flame. One Hopi traditional leader, Radford Quamahongnewa, received it. p. 5.
- 2) National Center seeks qualifies applicants for several positions. There is an advertisement for a Teaching coordinator/Indian desk-Chicago Project, National Teaching Committee. (The ad is copied here.) "Stimulates and develops all efforts related to teaching; corresponds with District Teaching Committees, local Spiritual Assemblies; Auxiliary Board members, Groups and individuals from an assigned geographical area; responds to inquiries and phone calls regarding teaching; gathers information to implement effective teaching strategies; helps local Assemblies to create breakthroughs in teaching; works with established major projects/conference sites, and performs other tasks relating to teaching. (The applicant) should be familiar with and sensitive to the needs of the American Indian population. Qualifications: ability to consult and work well in groups, strong and effective communication skills (oral and written), ability to plan and organize one's own work, ability to set priorities and manage time, typing and other general office skills, ability and willingness to learn word processing, ability to interact effectively with those of diverse cultural backgrounds, strong personal desire to teach and be a part of `entry by troops'." p. 6.
- 3) Photo of Kevin Locke who spoke on Indian Prophecies where about 70 people attended in Boulder, CO. p. 15.
- 4) Excellence in All things: Scott Elliot Tyler, a Makah, graduated from the University of Washington medical school last June. He was the first American Indian from Western WA to be accepted into the medical school. p. 15.

**October 1989 Volume 20, Number 10:** Stories by and about American Indians highlighted latest issue of Brilliant Star. The November/December issue was on the American Bahá'í. The stories include: Counselor Jacqueline Delahunt, 'Left Hand Bull's Name'; "T'iisIi'ahi": The Pine Springs Singers" by Lorraine Kahn; something on sand painting by David Villaseñor; "Where the Native Americans Live"; "The Shining Emblem"-as told by Evelyn Watts to Roger White' Fanny by Mary Jane Litchard; and "The Anasazi: the Riddle in the Runs" by Connie Vines. p. 11.

**November 1989 Volume 20, Number 11:** checked

**December 1989 Volume 20, Number 12:**

- 1) Photos of presentations of the Eternal Peace Flame made by the spiritual Assembly of Oaks Springs and NABI. Chief Thomas Pela at Second Mesa also receives a copy of the peace statement. p. 14.
- 2) Photo of a Navajo Translation Workshop held at NABI. p. 15.

**January 1990 Volume 21, Number 1:**

- 1) Long-time member of National Assembly: Accidental fall kills Alaska's Donald Anderson. Mr. Anderson, served on the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Alaska for almost 30 years. He had been adopted into the Tlingit tribe. p. 1.
- 2) Excellence in All Things: Scott Elliot Tyler (Makah) graduated from the University Of Washington School Of Medicine. He was the first Makah to complete this program. p. 14.

**February 1990 Volume 21, Number 2:**

- 1) National Teaching Committee Staff: The guidance for the teaching work in the United States flows from the National Teaching Committee. To be effective and timely, coordinators were selected. Coordinators encourage and assist the teaching efforts. The Coordinator for American Indian Teaching and Region III (IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, SD, WI, and WV) is Sherrie Smith. p. 3.
- 2) A message on the teaching from Counselor Delahunt. The topic of the letter is teaching institutes and the institute process. p. 6.
- 3) Frank Fools Crow, Sioux leader, medicine man who became Bahá'í at age 95, dies in South Dakota. The story includes a photo taken in 1987. Mr. Fools Crow was 100 years old when he passed away in December 1989. p. 23.

**March 1990 Volume 21, Number 3:** checked

**April 1990 Volume 21, Number 4:**

- 1) Teaching Indians Cause can help 'illumine whole earth'. This story talks about an effort in teaching urban Indians in Minneapolis, MN. Much of the effort took place in the Phillips community. For the past two years, one Saturday each month, teams would go door to door to discuss the Faith. There were also those who prayed for the success of the effort. A large meeting was also held with Kevin Locke being the cultural scholar making mention of the Faith. This effort resulted in a few new believers. p. 23.

- 2) Announcement of: An American Indian Pioneering Institute is being planned for August 4-6. p. 23.

**May 1990 Volume 21, Number 5:**

- 1) Bahá'í National Review (#129)-Bahá'í Schools, agencies, committees: annual reports-there is mention of the effort in Atlanta, Georgia where they arranged for 19 American Indian representatives from more than eight tribes marching in the Martin Luther King Jr. parade. p. 12.
- 2) Annual reports continued... Native American Bahá'í Institute-some of the activities reported include that the Bahá'ís began using the Navajo Sweat Hogan, donated by a newly declared Navajo medicine man; drafted a document giving the Navajo Reservation a 'third world' status so the influx of pioneers to the reservation will be better coordinated through the Office of Pioneering; appointed an education task force; conducted bi-weekly children's classes and weekly deepening's for staff and visitors; continued the translation of the Sacred Writings into the Navajo teachings and sacred chants that correspond to the Bahá'í teachings; supported and assisted the Spiritual Assembly of Oak-Pine Springs in its teaching efforts to reach local people and other American Indian tribes. p. 16.

**June 1990 Volume 21, Number 6:**

- 1) Albuquerque gathering notes humanitarian work of Hispanic, American Indian women. About seventy five people gathered at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico to honor contributions of Hispanic and American Indian women to the betterment of humanity. p. 2.
- 2) Photo of new National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States for 1990-91. p. 6.

**July 1990 Volume 21, Number 7:** checked

**August 1990 Volume 21, Number 8:**

- 1) Walter Jones who pioneered to Gallup, New Mexico, dies in Arizona at the age of 101. In 1986, he and his son used a divining rod to locate the source of NABI's abundant water supply. p. 19.
- 2) In Memoriam: James Little Bird, Lame Deer, Montana. p. 19.

**September 1990 Volume 21, Number 9:**

- 1) Training Institute focuses on home front pioneering. The focus of this institute was pioneering on or near Indian Reservations with photo. p. 2.
- 2) Photo of Louis Jessepe (Roe Cloud), and American Indian artist being honored at his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He was one of five Indian Bahá'ís living on the Kickapoo Reservation. p. 12.

**October 1990 Volume 21, Number 10:**

- 1) Fifth Hispanic Bahá'í Conference held in Los Angeles. Its focal point was the fact that Hispanic Americans do trace their ancestral roots to the oldest civilizations of the American continent. They then share the destiny 'Abu'l-Bahá' in the *Tablets of the Divine Plan*. p. 2.

2) Photo of Kevin Locke receiving the National Heritage Fellowship Award. p. 9.

**November 1990 Volume 21, Number 11:**

- 1) A photo of a reception held at the Bahá'í International Community's offices in honor of Thomas Banyacya (Hopi). p. 11.
- 2) Service held for Gary Hillaire, Lummi Indian artist, carver. About 700 people attended his funeral and memorial in Bellingham, WA. p. 15.

**December 1990: Volume 21, Number 12:** Announcement of the Continental Boards of Counselors appointments (November 26, 1990): includes: Mrs. Jacqueline Delahunt. p. 1.

**January 1991 Volume 22, Number 1:**

- 1) Photo from the Native American gathering in San Jose, CA, which was sponsored by the Bahá'í Community of San Jose. p. 1.
- 2) Bahá'í Distribution offering Inspirational and Educational Materials for children, youth, and adults: Morning Stars, A Profile of Kevin Lock, video. p. 5.

**February 1991 Volume 22, Number 2:** American Indians recognize at 3r Honors Dinner sponsored by Milwaukee's Marian Steffes Council. Each year the Bahá'í committee asks the American Indian organizations in the greater Milwaukee area to select someone they wish to honor and someone to introduce the honoree. This year, Phil Lucas was the Master of Ceremony and Nick Hockings led an honor dance. p. 3.

**March 1991 Volume 22, Number 3:** checked

**April 1991 Volume 22, Number 4:** American Indian Bahá'í speaker at Unitarian church in Davis, CA. John Pappan spoke at this church. He was attending college in Davis, CA at the time. p. 22.

**May 1991 Volume 22, Number 5:** checked

**June 1991 Volume 22, Number 6:** checked

**July 1991 Volume 22, Number 7:** 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Green Lake Bahá'í Conference announcement flyer, which, includes among the speakers, the American Indian program. p. 27.

**August 1991 Volume 22, Number 8:** In Honduras, a long, bumpy ride in a small, crowded plane. This is the story of year of service youth who went to Project Bayán to film a story. p. 25.

**September 1991 Volume 22, Number 9:**

- 1) South Dakota Bahá'í named to receive 1991 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. Patricia Locke has been one of 31 to receive the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Fellowships for her efforts in promoting the preservation of American Indian tribal languages and culture. p. 2.

- 2) Bahá'ís in WA state take part in Seattle's Indian Heritage School's pow wow with a photo. p. 10.
- 3) Bahá'ís mark Race Unity Day with wide variety of activities-includes the Bahá'ís of Bemidji and Beltrami, MN sponsored a walk at the spot commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wounded Knee Massacre. The Ojibwa News printed a story of the walk. p. 15.

**October 1991 Volume 22, Number 10:**

- 1) Young Ideas at Standing Rock-Youth teach in month long effort to reach Indian people. This effort initiated by Kimi Locke, who was 16 at the time. She was an isolated youth and wanted to teach other people her age and hopefully have some who would embrace the Faith. The best opportunities came at pow wow's (with photos.) pp. 1-3.
- 2) 2. "Oneness of Mankind" proclamation is held for Seminole Indians in OK. p. 14.

**November 1991 Volume 22, Number 11:**

- 1) To teach American Indians, we must first teach ourselves. This article was written by the National Teaching Committee and is an expansion of their article in the August/September issue of The Direct Line under the same headline. In summary, it states that we should teach ourselves the Bahá'í Writings, become firm in the Covenant, sources of all goodness unto men, and examples of uprightness, conviction, understanding, and vigor. We should also become familiar with the manners, traditions, thoughts, and customs of the peoples we want to teach. It suggests ways to meet Indian people—pow wows, Indian community centers, and regular visits to Reservations. p. 2.
- 2) In North and South Dakota, Mississippi-Home front pioneers needed on or near Indian Reservations. This article features Pierre, S.D.; Bismarck, N.D.; and the Choctaw Reservation, Mississippi. p. 2.
- 3) Well-known anthropologist, author John Adair, long a friend of Faith, declares belief in Bahá'u'lláh. John whose life's work centers on American Indians and in particular, the Navajo, is shown in a photo with Ben and Lorraine Kahn. p. 5.
- 4) Cultural traditions showcased at Harmony Music Festival also featured American Indian performers. p. 12.
- 5) National Assembly reserves right to contact American Indian tribal chiefs. This was a reminder to the friends that the NSA reserves the right to contact national figures, including Tribal Chiefs. One had complained to the NSA after receiving multiple copies of the peace statement. It reminds the friends that if any individual or institution of the Faith, wish to contact such people, we are to contact the external affairs secretariat of the NSA. p. 18.

**November 1991 Volume 22, Number 11a:** World Congress Prep issue-checked December 1991

**Volume 22, Number 12:** checked

**January 1992 148/Volume 23, Number 1:** checked

**February 7, 1992 Volume 23, Number 2:** checked

**March 2, 1992 Volume 23, Number 3:**

- 1) Marian Steffes Council holds fourth Honor Dinner in Milwaukee, WI. This event was held last November and Nick Hockings was the host. p. 2.
- 2) Photo (by Joe Ferguson) of Patricia Locke with Dr. Robert Henderson, a member of the NSA and David Hofman at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change. p. 4.
- 3) Photo of Kevin Lock, a member of the National Spiritual Assembly playing the flute during a reception hosted by the NSA honoring Kevin's having received the 1990 National Heritage Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for the Arts. p. 10.
- 4) Mention in the Annual Report of Mrs. Carol Miller, a well-respected Bahá'í volunteer, chaired the MLK Jr. World Day of Prayer and Multicultural Program, the King Center's American Indian Forum on Unity and Justice, and the Interfaith Exchange Program for King Week, also attending the 'Spiritual Gathering of the Tribes', held in Canada in 1990. p. 10.

**March 21, 1992 Volume 23, Number 4:**

- 1) Kevin Locke performs in Chicago. He is an Auxiliary Board and an internationally acclaimed Lakota Indian hoop dancer. Counselor Jacqueline Delahunt, Mark Wedge, an Auxiliary Board member from Yukon, Canada; and Cheryl Fennell (an Auxiliary Board member from Northwest Territory, Canada) all Indians, were also in attendance. p. 2.
- 2) A photo of an honoring of American Indians in San Jose, CA. p. 5.
- 3) NSA annual report. In 1989, the National Committee on Women hosted three teaching events in central New York state that focused on views of gender equality held by the Iroquois Indians; researched and disseminated materials about ancient religious teachings of the Iroquois to the women's movement; and sponsored events relating to women's issues. It also held an honoring for selected Lakota and Chippewa Indian women in collaboration with the Minneapolis Spiritual Assembly, which was attended by 300 people, of which two-thirds were not Bahá'í. p. 9.
- 4) 4. NSA annual report. Brief report on NABI-centering its efforts on the educational needs of the local American Indian population. p. 10.

**April 9, 1992 Volume 23, Number 5:** National Teaching Committee lists Assemblies in danger of losing their status at Riqvân: lists Fort Yates, North Dakota which is on the Standing Rock Reservation. p. 2.

**April 28, 1992 Volume 23, Number 6:** checked

**May 17, 1992 Volume 23, Number 7:** checked

**June 5, 1992 Volume 23, Number 8:** checked

**June 24, 1992 Volume 23, Number 9:** checked

**July 13, 1992 Volume 23, Number 10:** Race Unity events going on across the nation, including on or near Reservations like in Minnesota, Arizona, New Mexico, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Oregon, and North Carolina. p. 5.

**August 1, 1992 Volume 23, Number 11:** Encampment held near Cameron, OK, to develop a united vision of Indian teaching for Bahá'ís in America. There were no featured speakers for the

aim was to develop a united vision of Indian teachings using consultation, teaching institutes, and the cost to attend was held at a minimum. Some of the topics which came up for consultation included: consolidation in the vast Navajo Nation; working in the Indian communities in the cities; Oklahoma and its unique Indian character; supporting those who work in areas where the Indians are unknown to the general society. They agreed to continue to meet and to publish a newsletter to help advance the goals of the gathering. Commitments to work on Indian teaching either through the Institute process and/or by visiting isolated believers were made. The method of doing all this came out less tangibly yet powerfully: to listen to the seeker, to rely on the Writings for guidance, to develop a true sense of unity within the various groups in our own Bahá'í community, and to overcome the hesitancy of teaching. p. 2.

**August 20, 1992 Volume 23, Number 12:** checked

**September 8, 1992 Volume 23, Number 13:** 1991 Survey of the American Bahá'í Community...last year the NSA conducted a mail survey which was sent out 3,000 randomly selected youth and adults. 1,200 surveys were identified as coming from the NSA and the remaining were sent anonymously. p. 12. (Editor's note: Indians were not mentioned in the data, however I wanted to point out this survey since there may have been some Indians randomly selected.)

**September 8, 1992/ 'Izzat B.E. Special Edition on the Huqúqu'lláh**

**September 27, 1992 Volume 23, Number 14:** More than 200 gather in Columbus, Ohio, to hear Kevin Locke speak. p. 11.

**October 16, 1992 Volume 23, Number 15:** checked

**November 4, 1992 Volume 23, Number 16:** checked

**November 23, 1992 Volume 23, Number 17:** Race Unity-Activities in FL, OK underscore continuing pace. Two American Indians declare their belief in Bahá'u'lláh in OK at a picnic in Seminole County. A picnic in Shawnee was attended by mostly American Indians where the special guests were Scott Baird (Shawnee) and Jack Thorpe son of Jim Thorpe, and a nationally known leader in the American Indian community. p. 1.

**December 12, 1992 Volume 23, Number 18:** checked

**December 31, 1992 Volume 23, Number 19:**

- 1) Photo of Indian believers at the Second World Congress. p. 2.
- 2) Photo of Indian believers (Including Ruby Gubatayao) at the Second World Congress. p. 20.
- 3) Numerous photos of Indian believers (Including Katelyn Anderson) at the Second World Congress. p. 23.

**January 19, 1993 Volume 24, Number 1:** checked

**February 7, 1993 Volume 24, Number 2:** checked

**March 2, 1993 Volume 24, Number 3:** checked

**March 21, 1993 Volume 24, Number 4:** checked

**April 9, 1993 Volume 24, Number 5:** checked

**April 28, 1993 Volume 24, Number 6:**

- 1) New Bahá'í Youth Service Corps posts announced. In the United States, Sioux City, Iowa needs individuals to work closely with the LSA to develop and implement a teaching program to reach Native Americans. p. 4.
- 2) 48 children attend 'mini-World Congress' in Princeton, N.J. Includes a photo of Kevin Locke performing for the children. p. 9.

**May 17, 1993 Volume 24, Number 7:** NSA Annual Report on NABI-held a school-overnight "Nobility Class" for children and youth. Held monthly retreats for youth and children, a Four Corner Youth Conference, a Winter Youth Academy, 2 nine-day children's institutes focused on the Holy Year and the life and mission of Bahá'u'lláh. They hosted a variety of deepening programs, a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the establishment of the Institute, and monthly work weekends. A new shower house was built and septic systems and camper parking were installed. Conducted Core curriculum training, and provided facilities for the SA of Houck Chapter, to host various events. Continued translating prayers into the Navajo language. p. 23.

**June 5, 1993 Volume 24, Number 8:** checked

**June 24, 1993 Volume 24, Number 9:**

- 1) 3 Year Plan Goals-Home front Pioneering Goals: Indian Reservations. A map showing all the Reservations in the United States. p. 3.
- 2) Teaching American Indians. A reminder that the Hand of the Cause of God, 'Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánúm wrote to the American Indian and Eskimo and that the Universal House of Justice has called for a massive expansion of the Bahá'í community far beyond past accomplishments. Encourages fully functioning all-Indian Assemblies. p. 3.
- 3) Goals of Three Year Plan include placing 500 home front pioneers on Reservations, in cities of 50,000. p. 11.

**July 13, 1993 Volume 24, Number 10:**

- 1) Teaching-Localities to raise to Assembly status during the Three year Plan. The locations are listed with the number of adults in the parenthesis. **Arizona:** Blackwater District (7), Sacaton District (10), and Salt River Reservation (7). **Idaho-N./Washington-Eastern:** Toppenish, WA (10). **Idaho Southern:** Fort Hall Reservation (7). **Minnesota:** Mil Lacs Reservation (7) and Ponemah (10). **Montana:** Browning (7), Crow Agency (20), and Fort Peck (12) Reservations. **Navajo-Hopi:** Crownpoint Chapter (11), Kaibito Chapter (13), Navajo Mountain Chapter (9), Ramah Chapter (8), Tohatchi Chapter (9), and White Cone Chapter (9). **New Mexico:** Jemez Pueblo (7) and Jicarilla (9) Reservations. **New York:** St. Regis Reservation (7). **North Dakota:** Fort Totten Reservation (9), Fort Yates on the Standing Rock Reservation (10), and Fort



- Berthold Reservation (11). **Oregon:** Warm Springs Reservation (7). South Dakota: Cherry Creek Reservation (7), Soldier Creek District (7), and White River Reservation (7). **Washington-Northwest:** Lummi Reservation (27). **Wyoming:** Wind River Reservation (7). pp. 10-12.
- 2) A photo of a race unity gathering held on the Navajo Reservation in Mexican Springs, New Mexico. p. 24.

**August 1, 1993 Volume 24, Number 11:** checked

**August 20, 1993 Volume 24, Number 12:** checked

**September 8, 1993 Volume 24, Number 13:** checked

**September 27, 1993 Volume 24, Number 14:**

- 1) Bahá'í radio representatives confer in Quito, Ecuador. This year an active role was taken by the Quechua, Mapuche, Aymará, and Guaymi Bahá'ís. p. 2.
- 2) 9-year old teaches on Reservation. A cute story of the experiences of a 9 year old from Pennsylvania teaching with her mother in Nevada and New Mexico. p. 11.
- 3) Photos of 11 young people being honored at the Marian Steffes Council. p. 19.
- 4) Spiritual Assembly of Houck Chapter, Arizona, to sponsor Pioneering Institute in September. p. 27.

**October 16, 1993 Volume 24, Number 15:** World Parliament of the World's Religions-Continental Counselor Jacqueline Delahunt participated in the Assembly of Religious and Spiritual Leaders; led a workshop on "God's Messengers to the Native Peoples of the Western Hemisphere"; and gave an invocation at the closing session. Patricia Locke led the same workshop. p. 12.

**November 4, 1993 Volume 24, Number 16:**

- 1) Patricia Locke elected to National Assembly. On September 27, she was elected in a by-election, replacing Todd Ewing, who resigned to accept an appointment from the Board of Counselors. p. 1.
- 2) Indian teaching conference. Held in Fountain, Michigan and sponsored by the American Indian Teaching Committee, Central States East. p. 2.
- 3) News of activities at Native American Bahá'í Institute. p. 19.

**November 23, 1993 Volume 24, Number 17:** Photo of the Bahá'ís in Bismarck, North Dakota teaching at the United Indians International Pow Wow. p. 14.

**December 12, 1993 Volume 24, Number 18:** checked

**December 31, 1993 Volume 24, Number 19:** Classified ad looking for people to live near or on the Navajo/Hopi Reservations. p. 12.

**January 19, 1994 Volume 25, Number 1:** checked

**February 7, 1994 Volume 25, Number 2:** Bahá'ís in Okaloosa County, Florida, charm children with booth at annual County Fair with photo. p. 10.

**March 2, 1994 Volume 25, Number 3:** checked

**March 21, 1994 Volume 25, Number 4:** checked

**April 9, 1994 Volume 25, Number 5:** Excellence in All Things: Celena Kahn a sophomore at Thoreau H.S. represented her school as a Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation ambassador. p. 14.

**April 28, 1994 Volume 25, Number 6:** Bahá'í youth: teaching around the world, includes a photo taken for the teaching project in Huichihuayan, San Luis Potosí, Mexico. Also mention of the Army of Light which usually had American Indian traveling teachers. p. 4.

**May 17, 1994 Volume 25, Number 7:**

- 1) NSA Annual Report: NABI-continued Nobility classes, held Mobile Teaching Institute and Family Unity Weekends to reach out to Native believers in the district and deepening sessions. Established an audio/video editing suite and trained youth in its operation. p. 20.
- 2) 14 students from University of Rochester spend week at Native American Institute. The teachers for the youth were Chester Kahn, Lorraine C. Kahn, Barbara Tong, and Albert Yazzie. p. 32.

**June 5, 1994 Volume 25, Number 8:**

- 1) MISSION 19. (5 months to go!) Shows a map of teaching projects throughout the U.S. and could include several near Indian communities: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, California, Seminole County, OK, and Minneapolis, MN. A list of the Army of Light Regional Coordinators is also given. p. 3.
- 2) Bahá'ís on Cape Cod mark World Religion Day with panel discussion. An American Indian was included on the panel. p. 15.
- 3) Vision in Action messenger spurs two Arizona Bahá'ís to present Statement on Bahá'u'lláh to Hopi elders. p. 15.
- 4) 3. Bahá'í represented in new book on minorities. Patricia Locke, a member of the National Spiritual Assembly, is among members of minority groups offering poignant testimony about their mistreatments at the hands of dominant groups and their vision of a new world community arising from the blood-shed and ashes in *Endangered Peoples: Cries of Hope from Lands of Torture*, edited by Art Wolfe and John Isaac (Sierra Club). p. 19.

**June 24, 1994 Volume 25, Number 9:** MISSION 19. (5 months to go!) Shows a map of teaching projects throughout the U.S. and could include several near Indian communities: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, California, Seminole County, OK, and Minneapolis, MN. A list of the Army of Light Regional Coordinators is also given. p. 3.

**July 13, 1994 Volume 25, Number 10:** checked

**August 1, 1994 Volume 25, Number 11:** Photo of INKA (Intertribal Native-American Kit of Artists), a mostly Bahá'í performing music and dance. Pictured are Roman and Joel Orona. p. 19.

**August 20, 1994 Volume 25, Number 12:** checked

**September 8, 1994 Volume 25, Number 13:** checked

**September 27, 1994 Volume 25, Number 14:**

- 1) L.A. Youth Workshop visits Native American Institute. p. 23.
- 2) 40 Ojibway Indian children join Bahá'ís at week-long Day Camp at state park near Onamia, MN. The children are from the Mille Lacs Reservation. p. 23.

**October 16, 1994 Volume 25, Number 15:**

- 1) Steffes Council holds 6<sup>th</sup> annual Awards Luncheon. The Bahá'ís honored individuals in 15 Milwaukee area American Indian organizations, schools, and churches. One individual had 15 of his relatives in attendance as he accepted his award. p. 27.
- 2) 2. A photo of Lesy Johana Martinez, a Bahá'í from Comayagua, Honduras, is the first Garifuna to attend the Maxwell International Bahá'í School. p. 27.

**November 4, 1994 Volume 25, Number 16:** A Spirit Native to all lands. El Viento Canta brings Latin American music to American Indian Pow Wows, with photos. They arrived in and visited throughout Indian areas in North and South, Dakota. p. 13.

**November 23, 1994 Volume 25, Number 17:** checked

**December 12, 1994 Volume 25, Number 18:**

- 1) Three Year Plan; New Levels of Activity -- Includes: Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota; Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota; Holbrook and the Jicarilla Reservation in Arizona; NABI in Arizona; Four Corners Bahá'í School. p. 3.
- 2) 2. 511 new Bahá'í enrolled in Bolivia campaign. p. 9.

**December 31, 1994 Volume 25, Number 19:** Bahá'í Schools-NABI, a description and schedule for the next few months. p. 13.

**January 1995:** no issue made

**February 7, 1995 Volume 26, Number 1:** checked

**March 2, 1995 Volume 26, Number 2:** checked

**April 9, 1995 Volume 26, Number 3:** NABI Welcomes New Administrators! Esther and Joel Orona to serve with Brad Rishel, as administrators of the Institute. p. 31.

**May 17, 1995 Volume 26, Number 4:**

- 1) NSA Annual Report: NABI—hosted various deepenings and conferences in including Women and Men’ conferences; a Mending Wings conference; a home front pioneering institute; a family fellowship weekend; uniting the hearts in Navajo-Hopi Land meeting; Bahá’í youth workshop training; a winter cultural institute for children and youth; a summer children’s institute; and Core Curriculum training; continued Nobility classes; helped foster the creation of a Bahá’í Youth workshop; submitted for review to the department of modern languages at Northern Arizona University prayers translated into the Navajo language; sponsored a booth at the Navajo Nation Fair; and sent two staff to the Louis Gregory Bahá’í Institute to strengthen ties between the two sister institutes. p. 25.
- 2) NSA Annual Report: Committee and Task Force Membership List 1994-95  
Regional American Indian Teaching Committees: Central States-East: Pay Nadimi, Kathy Racki, Geraldine Rivera, Janise Rosado, and Susan Senchuk. Central States-West: Tim Crawford, Brad Defender, Sharon Hick, Cletus Lawrence, Vernon Longie, Willard Malebear, Blair Nichols, Edwin Roberts, and Phyllis Sheridan. Northeast States: Francis Dodge, Tom Garland, Ferida Khanjani, Ina McNeil, and Valerie Douglas Phillips. Northwestern States: Kizzenkea Davis, Roberta Charles, Ferris Paisano, Stefany Tyler, Lorintha Warwick, and Dwight Williams. Southern States: Julius Fuller, Loretta Garcia, Michael Hughey, Robert Morrow, and Peggy Ocoola. Southern States-West; Fuad Akhtar-Khavari, Mike Bigler, Valerie Dana, Sara Gustavus, Andrenea King, and Dennis Wahkinney. p. 28.
- 3) NSA Annual Report: Committee and Task Force Membership List 1994-95  
Native American Bahá’í Institute: Alice Bathke, Jeannette Coffey, Rita Cowboy, Jeff Kiely, Vali Manavi, Linda Wilson, and Monte Yellowhorse. p. 28.

**June 24, 1995 Volume 26, Number 5:**

- 1) Volunteers: NABI. Features caretakers Pat and Gene McMackin and cook Barbara Tong. p. 13.
- 2) New Administrators welcomed at Native American Bahá’í Institute. Joel and Esther Orona and their son Roman will be the new administrative family at NABI. The Kahn family and Helen and Jeff Kiely were honored for their work at NABI. p. 22.
- 3) Papers on Native American Topics: NABI issues call for scholarly papers. Requests for papers on the following topics: education, social and economic development, and health and wellness. p. 23.

**July 1995:** no issue made

**August 1, 1995 Volume 26, Number 6:** Four young Idaho Bahá’ís lend support during Pow Wow on Nez Perce Indian Reservation. This project was in connection with the Mat’alayma Pow Wow. p. 31.

**September 8, 1995 Volume 26, Number 7:**

- 1) Indians have much to share - a letter to the editor from Mike Harris (Choctaw) from Seattle, WA. p. 25.

- 2) 2. L.G.B.I. National Academy Service at NABI Impacts All Involved. This successful effort has created a tight bond between the two institutions. A few photos are included. p. 26.

**October 16, 1995 Volume 26, Number 8:**

- 1) Social and Economic Development focus of NABI Summer Programs-Parenting Skills program and the Pow Wow club, ongoing Circles of Wellness program are ongoing development programs. p. 22.
- 2) Education and Schools: Over 200 Gather to Celebrate American Indian Unity at Native American Bahá'í Institute. The article includes several photos, with Navajo, Hopi, and Apache Bahá'ís. p. 23.

November 23, 1995 Volume 26, Number 9: NABI Programs: Focus on SED. The programs include Parenting Skills, the children's Pow Wow club, Circles of Wellness-Adult growth and development, and work/study for youth. p. 26.

**December 31, 1995 Volume 26, Number 10:** Pioneering: Part 3 in a series of articles: Local Assemblies role in international pioneer work of the Cause. Some of the prospective pioneers are going to home front pioneer on an Indian Reservation. p. 4.

**January 1996:** no issue made

**February 7, 1996 Volume 27, Number 1:**

- 1) Photo of Auxiliary Board member Kevin Locke performing a hoop dance. p. 1.
- 2) Louis Gregory Institute, NABI performers combine strengths with photo. p. 14.
- 3) National Youth Conference held in Dallas, Texas in December. A photo of Kimi Locke. p. 16.
- 4) National Youth Conference held in Dallas, Texas in December. A photo of Patricia Locke. p. 17.

**March 2, 1996 Volume 27, Number 2:** checked

**April 9, 1996 Volume 27, Number 3:**

- 1) Springtime Program at the Permanent Schools and Institutes: NABI programming includes Traditional Song and Dance social gathering, Young women's Conference, and a three credit university course offered through Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois. The students study the social and economic development work in relation to the Navajo and Hopi peoples. p. 25.
- 2) 2. Education/Schools: NABI Continues community outreach Activities. p. 29.

**May 17, 1996 Volume 27, Number 4:** The 87<sup>th</sup> Bahá'í National Convention. NSA elected with photo by Tom Mennillo. pp. 1, 14-15.

**June 24, 1996 Volume 27, Number 5:** checked

**July 1996:** no issue made

**August 1, 1996 Volume 27, Number 6:**

- 1) Continued national task forces for teaching and continued guiding the efforts of the regional American Indian Teaching Committees. p. 37.
- 2) NSA Annual Report: NABI. Some of the highlights include: hosting a welcoming picnic for the new administrators, the beginning of eight new programs0Artist in Residence, Work/Study Program, SED Research Program, Circle of Wellness, Outreach Program, Parenting Skills, Pow Wow Club, and Unity Gathering. In addition there was a report on the collaboration of an exchange program between the Louis Gregory Bahá'í Institute and NABI. p. 39.
- 3) NSA Annual Report: Committee and Task Force Membership List 1995-96 Regional American Indian Teaching Committees: Central States-East: Ilya Brecque, Ernest D. Hockings, Michael Orona, Kathy Racki, Janise Rosado, and Julia Brown Wolf. Central States-West: Tim Crawford, Brad Defender, Denise Gilbert, Vernon Longie, Leslie Randall, Louis-Camille Watson. Mid-Central States: Linda Covey, Mahin O. Etzenhouser -Stanley, Marda Rodriguez, Shahrokh Roohi, Charles Schiefelbein, and Phyllis Sheridan. Northeast States: Francis (Gal Frey) Dodge, Ina McNeil, John D. Smith, and Luis Torres. Northwestern States: Kizzenkea Davis, Ferris Paisano, Samuel W. Smith, Lorintha Warwick, and Dwight Williams. Southern States-East: Julius Fuller, Michael Hughey, Bruce Jones, Peggy Oceola, and Carlos Mario Velazquez. Southern States-West; Fuad Akhtar-Khavari, Mike Bigler, Sara Gustavus, and Allison Vaccaro. Southwestern States Layla Garrigues, Kimimila Locke, Carolina North, Robert E. Turner, and Stefany Tyler. p. 42.
- 4) NSA Report: Committee and Task Force Membership List 1995-96 Native American Bahá'í Institute: Alice Bathke, Jacqueline Bohner, Robert Bohner, Fereshte Foroughi Faustini, Jeff Kiely, Hannah Rishel, Linda Wilson, John Yazzie. Jr., and Monte Yellowhorse. p. 42.

**September 8, 1996 Volume 27, Number 7:**

- 1) Growth: TAB across America. A map showing NABI and other areas along the path where Bahá'í were asked about growth in the Faith. p. 18.
- 2) 2. Four Year Plan-Centers of learning envisioned and NABI is one of the centers featured (photo by Kim Mennillo). p. 19.

**October 16, 1996 Volume 27, Number 8:** Pow wow spotlights indigenous culture. The Pow wow was held at NABI. (Photo by Tom Mennillo) pp. 1, 12.

**November 23, 1996 Volume 27, Number 9:** checked

**December 31, 1996 Volume 27, Number 10:**

- 1) Bahá'í from D.C. undertake 2,250 mile trip to teach Faith. It includes a photo of Stanley and Martha Yazzie and family during a visit to Canyon DeChelly, Arizona. p. 2.
- 2) Association of Bahá'í Studies holds 20<sup>th</sup> conference in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada included Marge Friedel, spokesperson for the National Métis Women of Canada, and Dr. Eleanor Sioui, an author, poet, clan mother, and medicine woman. p. 2.

- 3) A photo of children at NABI enjoying face-painting and pizza. p. 18.

**January 1997:** no issue made

**February 7, 1997 Volume 28, Number 1:** checked

**March 2, 1997 Volume 28, Number 2:**

- 1) Mennillo, Tom: Race Unity: Wenatchee, WA, Bahá'ís step in to spearhead King Week event. At the celebration, 10 groups presented displays, including American Indians. p. 2.
- 2) Mennillo, Tom: National Teaching Plan-Decentralization gives National Assembly Network of Teaching Facilitators across U.S.—a diagram showing the Regional Indian Teaching Committees under the American Indian Teaching Committee, which is a National Task force under the National Teaching Committee. The National American Indian Teaching Committee has established institutes, the first in Oklahoma, and conducts other workshops and conferences to train Bahá'ís who want to teach the Faith to American Indians. p. 18.
- 3) National Teaching Plan. Reaching minorities: The National American Indian Teaching Committee has been established. Indians living in urban areas will be served as well as those on Reservations. p. 20.

**April 9, 1997 Volume 28, Number 3:**

- 1) Native American Bahá'í Institute spring/summer schedule of events. p. 26.
- 2) NABI takes part in Martin Luther King Day celebration. p. 27.
- 3) NABI youth take part in on-campus program to develop attributes. p. 27.

**May 17, 1997 Volume 28, Number 4:**

- 1) A photo (by Tom Mennillo) of members of the National Spiritual Assembly and the National American Indian Teaching Committee pose with a beautiful gift of northwest art from the committee to the Assembly. p. 16.
- 2) Indians discuss entry by troops at NE workshop. In Lyons, Nebraska an all day workshop was held to facilitate the entry by troops among American Indians. Honored guests were Lucy dick (Omaha), Roe Cloud Jessepe (Kickapoo), Counselor Jacqueline Left Hand Bull, Edwin Roberts (veteran of the Amoz Gibson teaching project), three members of the National American Indian Teaching Committee (Sara Gustavus, Ina McNeil, and Christian Norleen), member of the Heart of America committee, Linda Covey, and Marilyn Ray, a representative of the Regional Committee for Central States. p. 23.
- 3) A photo of an Ayyám-í-Há- celebration on the Alamo Navajo Reservation. p. 26.
- 4) NABI hosts 35 non-Bahá'í students in outreach program. A photo includes Paul Yellowhorse and young people from the NABI and the University of Montana, Rice University, and the University of Arizona. p. 27.

**June 24, 1997 Volume 28, Number 5:**

- 1) NSA Annual Report: Reaching receptive populations-minority teaching committees like the National American Indian Teaching committee are responsible for establishing teaching projects, for developing specialized teaching and deepening materials, and for fostering and supporting local initiatives. p. 23.
- 2) NABI initiates community outreach. p. 39.
- 3) Houck, AZ, on Navajo Reservation, gathers at NABI to elect first Spiritual Assembly in five years. At Riqván, the Bahá'í community of Houck elected its first local Spiritual Assembly. p. 39.

**July 1997:** no issue made

**August 1, 1997 Volume 28, Number 6:**

- 1) Indian ceremonial grounds, burial site dedicated in Seminole County, OK. The photo of the dedication of the Punkin Center Indian ceremonial and burial grounds includes: Jack Thorpe (Sac and Fox), Peggy Bowman (Cherokee), Vernon Longie (Ojibway), and John Klonut (Caddo). p. 20.
- 2) 2. Returning pioneers help residents on South Dakota's Cheyenne River Reservation with garden planting. A photo shows Sandy Frazier and others as they work the garden. p. 20.

**September 8, 1997 Volume 28, Number 7:**

- 1) Mennillo, Tom: Native American Bahá'í Institute sets scene for transformation. pp. 1, 28.
- 2) News from Overseas: Brazil celebrates establishment of new National Center. p. 27.
- 3) 1997 Bahá'í Conference on Social and Economic Development for the Americas. p. 26.

**October 16, 1997 Volume 28, Number 8:**

- 1) NABI Pow Wow proves to be source of energy. Photo provided by NABI. p. 17.
- 2) Community News: Council Fire in Northwest connects Native Americans, Siberians. Native Siberians and American Indians celebrate together at the Neah Bay Council Fire in August.
- 3) 1997 Bahá'í Conference on Social and Economic Development for the Americas. p. 24.

**November 23, 1997 Volume 28, Number 9:**

- 1) NABI ready to intensify its role in service. p. 25.
- 2) 2. In Memoriam: Kahn was instrumental in founding of NABI. Benjamin Kahn passed away in October. He lived on the Navajo Reservation and helped get NABI started. He will be missed by many. p. 35.

**December 31, 1997 Volume 28, Number 10:** Regional Bahá'í Councils: Gathering at the heart of the Community Heart with Patricia Locke (Photos by Ken Duszynski and Vladimir Shilov). p. 24.

**January 1998:** no issue made

**February 7, 1998 Volume 29, Number 1:**



- 1) Excellence in All Things-Anna Zotigh (Kiowa), 11 years old, was accepted as a traditional dancer for all Pow wows during a special ceremony in September in Wichita, Kansas. p. 2.
- 2) Photo of Catie Harle of Florida displays her dance shawl at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Pow wow at Eglin Air Force Base. The Spiritual Assembly of Okaloosa County is the only religious organization invited to attend each year. p. 25.

March 2, 1998 Volume 29, Number 2: Photo (by David Cronin) of Kevin Locke in Royal Palm Beach, Florida. p. 7.

**April 9, 1998 Volume 29, Number 3:**

- 1) Spreading the Teachings: Navajo community treasures Gibson family visit: Amoz Gibson had helped establish Bahá'í Faith on reservation. Wonderful account of the Gibson family and additional stories shared by Charlotte Kahn and Jeff Kiely. p. 6.
- 2) Photo of Bahá'ís in Yakima using public radio. To teach the Faith. p. 14.
- 3) Marriage/family training attracts Counselors. Counselors Jacqueline Left Hand Bull and Alejandra Miller participated in the Core Curriculum Marriage and Family training Program. They wanted to show support for the National Spiritual Assemblies training Center. p. 15.

**May 17, 1998 Volume 29, Number 4:** checked

**June 24, 1998 Volume 29, Number 5:**

- 1) Photos of the National Spiritual Assembly at a Convention. p. 1.
- 2) National Convention: A special connection -American Believers who are Indian or who are pioneering on or near Reservations came together to consult. p. 21.
- 3) Roman Orona organized ceremonial and social dances for Naw Rúz in Portland, Oregon. Photo courtesy of the Portland Oregon community. p. 29.

**July 1998:** no issue made

**August 1, 1998 Volume 29, Number 6:**

- 1) A letter from Rúhíyyih Khánúm asking us to arise to fulfill our heritage as American believers. pp. 1, 45.
- 2) Annual Report-Teaching: National American Indian Teaching Committee: Goals: (Directly copied)To encourage and support the efforts of individual and communities to advance the process of entry by troops among American Indians in cities, rural areas, and reservations; to assist and support the work of regional American Indian teaching committees to promote these goals; to initiate and support the development of programs to foster the spiritual education of indigenous and non-indigenous believers; and to foster the recognition that teaching American Indians is of great and urgent importance. Activities: (Directly copied)
  - A) Completed guidelines for teaching American Indians in the U.S. which were reviewed by a number of American Indian Bahá'ís and were shared with the friends at the Rabbani Trust conference for social and economic development in December. The Committee also conducted a workshop on teaching American Indians at the Conference.

- B) Continued advising the regional American Indians Teaching committees in different regions and reappointed the committees for the current year.
  - C) Worked on developing the Tree of Life Institute, a training program for Indian believers and for those interested in teaching this population. p. 27.
- 3) Annual Report-Louis G. Gregory Bahá'í Institute and WLG Radio. A few highlights were that they offered monthly children's classes that integrated Navajo culture with the principles of the Bahá'í Faith; served over 500 people through NABI outreach programs at local schools, universities, and agencies on the reservation; and assisted with finding spiritual solutions to community and family issues as well as Feasts, Unity Feasts, and Holy Day observances. p. 32.

September 8, 1998 Volume 29, Number 7: Training, unific activity gains momentum in Navajo land. The Native American Bahá'í Institute has a new mandate and new board of directors. NABI supported a two week 'Dawnbreakers Camp' which was sponsored by the Tsaile-Wheatfields Chapter Spiritual Assembly and held on the lands of the Annie Kahn family. Among the children participating were fourth generation Navajo Bahá'í, the grandchildren of Annie Kahn and Chester Kahn and descendants of the late Jack and Alta Kahn of Pine Springs. NABI also participated in the Four Corners Bahá'í Summer School which included daily "Native Learning Circles". Photo by Jeff Kiely of James Foguth, 4<sup>th</sup> generation Navajo Bahá'í. p. 7.

**October 16, 1998 Volume 29, Number 8:** Announcement flyer of the 1998 Conference on Social & Economic Development for the Americas. p. 31.

**November 23, 1998 Volume 29, Number 9:** Announcement flyer of the 1998 Conference on Social & Economic Development for the Americas. p. 35.

**December 31, 1998 Volume 29, Number 10:** Promoting the Principles. Mennillo, Tom. Education group draws students into unity. EMPIRE in Yakima area claims list of successes. EMPIRE stands for Exemplary Multicultural Practices in Rural Education. p. 5.

**January 1999:** no issue made

**February 7, 1999 Volume 30, Number 1:**

- 1) Consolidating the Victories---Unity Challenge Rings at Grand Canyon. Photos of Phil Lucas and others. p. 14.
- 2) Spreading the Teachings: Indigenous destine for special bounty. The National American Indian Teaching Committee planned to publish articles regularly in the American Bahá'í. This is the first one and it was submitted by Carlos M. Velazquez, Otomi Nation, Region 8 Indian Task Force (North Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Tennessee.)

Why the Indian? (Copied here in its entirety)

Attach great importance to the indigenous population..." the beloved Master told America, because when they follow the way of God these peoples "will become so illumined as to enlighten the whole world."

But the spiritual tradition of the Indian is old beyond history. Isn't the Bahá'í Faith the Faith for today? Why this glorious destiny for the Indian?

Some light is shed by a special letter to the Indian and Eskimo Bahá'ís of the American Continent from the Hand of the Cause of God, Rúhiyyih Khánum: The red men have been singled out for a special promise by `Abdu'l-Bahá, a promise that is in many ways unique, a deep promise the words of which you can never ponder upon sufficiently and which I believe you should commit to memory. You are, many of you I know, faced by heavy problems, injustice, poverty, lack of education. If you could see with the eye of the spirit you would see that this promise of `Abdu'l-Bahá is like a rope put in the hand of a man who has fallen in deep water and cannot swim. If you hold to this promise it will pull you, perhaps not you yourself at once, but slowly and surely your children and grandchildren out of the water to safety and is this not better than just saving yourself alone?

In these few words the Faith reveals the promises and the rewards to a people who are trying not only to salvage lands for their children but to regain a sincere spirituality that has been hidden for many years.

With the Four Year Plan to guide us, we must first educate ourselves in the ways of Indigenous in order to integrate the ways of Bahá'u'lláh into their lives. When we reach this goal, we will witness the brightest beacon ever seen, guiding us to an incomprehensible Peace.

Study, pray and walk in balance. p. 25.

3) Spreading the Teachings-International Bahá'í Youth Service Corps Opportunities—Americas-Alaska and Belize for both the indigenous and English speaking peoples. p. 26.

**March 2, 1999 Volume 30, Number 2:** checked

**April 9, 1999 Volume 30, Number 3:** In Memoriam: Jake White Plume was respect elder. Jacob White Plume was a respect elder of the Arapaho Tribe and passed away in February. He was a life long resident of the Wind River Reservation and was known for his dancing throughout Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, and Oklahoma. Everyone would light up when he came into the room. No one knew him to complain of anything even though he grew up in a time when stores prominently displayed signs that would say; "No Dogs or Indians Allowed." p. 32.

**May 17, 1999 Volume 30, Number 4:**

- 1) National Convention. Mike Defender, from Dunseith, North Dakota drums in front of the House of Worship. p. 1, 19.
- 2) Photos of the new NSA with Patricia Locke being elected to it once again. Counselor Jacqueline Left Hand Bull attended this convention. p. 20.
- 3) Convention Reflections: Charlotte Kahn from Lukachakai, Arizona, the first Navajo. and Hopi Reservations. p. 21.

**June 24, 1999 Volume 30, Number 5:**

- 1) National Convention 1999 –reported the attendance of 21 representatives of 21 American Indian Nations and a prayer was offered in Navajo for the success of the deliberations. p. 19.

- 2) 2. National Convention 1999-Annual Reports: NABI celebrates its twenty year existence. New Board members Alice and Jerry Bathke were appointed. The Institute took on challenges of adding depth to its training curriculum, expanding the teaching work, form and developing Local Spiritual Assemblies, and further helping individuals to develop their spiritual and intellectual capacity. p. 36.

**July 1999:** no issue made

**August 1, 1999 Volume 30, Number 6:**

- 1) Kahn, Charlotte. The Light of God Shines Brightly across Navajo Country. The Photo (courtesy of NABI) is of Alice Bathke, Martha Yazdani, and Mary Clah at the Aneth Council Fire. Huge story. Mentions the first Spiritual Assembly of Lukachukai Chapter where three of its members became Bahá'ís nearly fifty years after the teaching work of Mary and Amos Gibson. Nineteen members gathered to pray including Counselor Jacqueline Left Hand Bull and Auxiliary Board member Quill Head. John Foguth (Navajo), Sadie Vicenti both on the Spiritual Assembly. Kevin Locke came calling. Rose Morris (Navajo) donated her home to become the Aneth Bahá'í Center. After putting her sheep away safely Mary Navajo a member of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Houck walked to NABI three miles away, to bring a donation. p. 4.
- 2) Mennillo, Tom. Bahá'í Communities in the Northwest: Vast distances may separate the friends, but their efforts add up amazingly. This story is about Tom's travels into WA, OR, ID, MT, WY, ND, and SD. While the trip was not to visit Indian Bahá'í areas, he does connect with a few. During the Spokane, WA and Idaho portion of his trip, he mentions that community service is high and two Spiritual Assemblies on the Nez Perce Reservation are getting Bahá'ís involved in program to preserve the wetlands and traditional native crafts. In Billings he finds that the matter of maintaining ties with the American Indian friends is on the minds of the Bahá'ís and due to several factors is a challenge in Montana. In Bismarck, ND he meets up with Auxiliary Board member, Karen Pulkrabek (Ojibway) and experiences some wonderful local hospitality. They report that Dunseith, which is near the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation had formed an Assembly last year and have begun its own consolidation. Tom travels to South Dakota, which is the home state of Counselor Jacqueline Left Hand Bull, National Spiritual Assembly member, Patricia Locke, and Auxiliary Board member Kevin Locke. The friends there discuss the difficulties of discrimination and separation of the races there and how they reach out to communities on the Reservations there through the many gatherings. pp. 6-8.
- 3) Bahá'í Distribution Service. For the first time, they offer the Protocols for American Indian Teaching prepared by the National American Indian Teaching Committee. p. 9.

**September 8, 1999 Volume 30, Number 7:** Bahá'í Distribution Service. They offer the Protocols for American Indian Teaching prepared by the National American Indian Teaching Committee. p. 8.

**October 16, 1999 Volume 30, Number 8:**

- 1) Green Acre Bahá'í School Scheduling. Offers the Session: "The Basic Building Block of Society" by Charlene and Michael Winger-Bearskin. p. 19.
- 2) 2. State of the Profession: Mennillo, Tom. (Compiled by) Faith's Perspective on Service Helps Bahá'í Civil Servants Counter American Distrust of Authority. Leslie Randall, American Indian, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, is an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control. The question asked her along with other participants was: How did your Bahá'í identity influence your choice of field, and how has your Bahá'í identity influenced steps you have taken? Her response was (Copied directly): "I became a Bahá'í when I was 15. My decision to become a civil servant came from wanting to work with my own people. I got my master's in public health, specializing in maternal child health, because I was seeing so many of our babies dying from so many different causes, causes that babies of other races weren't dying from in this country." p.20.

**November 23, 1999 Volume 30, Number 9:**

- 1) Missouri Gathering hears call of unity in Indian culture. The information comes from Adib Tashakkor. The fourth annual Heart of America Spiritual Gathering was held in September at the Temerity Woods near Rolla, Missouri. A photo (by Hugh Semple) includes Brenda Harrison, Vernon Longie, Lynn Howard-Sinnard, Alfred Kahn, and Tina Rainwater. p. 15.
- 2) Council Fire at Neah Bay draws in 600 for learning, inspiration, (and) teaching. The information comes from Roxanna Jenson and Leo Baldwin. Nearly 600 people attended. A precious welcome by Champ McCarty and his family and by Klara and Bill Tyler set the tone for the weekend. p. 15.
- 3) Spirit Run to carry message of unity. The Spirit Run is sponsored by the National American Indian Teaching Committee and is intended to raise the call for race unity and carry a special message to the indigenous peoples of this continent. The Run will start on May 28, 2000 at the Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center in Seattle. The proposed route will take the 9 youth about 3 months and through 14 northern-tier states, ending at the community of the six Nations in New York state. They are seeking 9 ethnically diverse youths to be the runner for the event as well as volunteers for media relations, community coordination, writing/photography, medical help, and other tasks. pp. 3, 15.
- 4) International News: Indigenous people arising world-wide. This includes Bolivia: Quechuan and Aymará from Bolivia and Peru, Mapuche and Wichí from Chile and Argentina, Guaymi from Panama and Costa Rica, Kariri Xococ and Fulni-o from Brazil, and Maya from Mexico were among the participants at the second Encounter of the Native Peoples of the Americas. p. 31.
- 5) Photo from the Bahá'í International News Service, showing a mother and daughter returning home after tutor training by their motor boat. p. 31.

**December 31, 1999 Volume 30, Number 10:**

- 1) A photo (by Ken Duszynski) of members of the National Spiritual Assembly and Regional Bahá'í Councils during the inaugural orientation of the four Councils. p. 13.
- 2) 2. Four Year Plan: Ethnic Committees: American Indian Teaching Committee: It is the hope that the Message will be delivered to Indians, for they are receptive have a long tradition of

spirituality and potential to spiritualize the entire world. There is a reminder that we will find Indians in cities and towns as well as on the Reservations. The release of the Protocols for American Indian Teaching has brought excitement. Another project is the Tree of Life Curriculum, a training program for Indian believers and those interested in teaching American Indians. It nears publication. Conferences have been conducted on Indian teaching. The important task of deepening the believers so that they can reach their potential is close to the hearts of the members. Significant events were the gathering of the indigenous believer's in Florida and the 1998 celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the first all Indian Local Spiritual Assembly on the Omaha Reservation. p. 19.

**January 2000:** no issue made

- 1) **February 7, 2000 Volume 31, Number 1:** Counselors carry encouragement to Navajo believers. International Counselor Kiser Barnes, Continental Counselor Jacqueline Left Hand Bull, and Auxiliary Board members Brent Poirier and Kevin Locke converged on the Native American Bahá'í Institute to meet with people there. Lauretta King (a member of the International Teaching Centre), who resides in the Holy Land sent her greetings. The American Indian Teaching Committee was also in attendance. p. 14.
- 2) "Glance at the Camera: Market in Otavalo" from an exhibition in Washington, D.C. p. 15.
- 3) Development Conference: Report of the conference for promoting the Arts in the Community includes a photo of Patricia Locke addressing the conference. p. 22.

**March 21, 2000 Volume 31, Number 2:**

- 1) Community Action—Across the West: A Trail of Light team of 14 believers en-route from the Native American Bahá'í Institute to the Neah Bay Council Fire taught the Faith and stopped to be of service to several communities. They assisted in Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and Washington with photo. p. 6.
- 2) In Memoriam: Champ McCarty was Makah elder- Champ served on the Makah Reservation in various capacities including Tribal Council, municipal director, fire chief, and judge. He also taught sports and encouraged the mastery of canoeing. He helped with the Council Fires since their beginning. There is a fire station named after him. p. 26.

**April 28, 2000 Volume 31, Number 3:** Pioneering/Home front Classified—Western States: The Regional Council for the Western States has placed emphasis on the following areas: Idaho -Fort Hall Reservation; Utah-in Uintah-Ouray; Montana-Blackfeet Reservation, Crow Agency, and Northern Cheyenne Reservation; Colorado-Southern Ute Reservation; Colorado-Southern Ute Reservation; and New Mexico-Jicarilla Apache Reservation, Mescalero Apache Reservation, Ship Rock Chapter. p. 35.

**May 2000 Volume 31:** no issue made

**June 5, 2000 Volume 31, Number 4:**

- 1) National Convention report - photo which includes Phil Lucas of the American Indian Teaching Committee. p. 19.
- 2) National Convention Report/ Reflections Arthur Fernandez-Scarberry. Arthur organized the Spirit Run which began in Seattle, Washington, on May 28, 2000. The purpose of Spirit run was to proclaim the Cause to American Indian communities across the northern portion of the United States from Seattle to New York. p. 20.
- 3) National Convention Report: Photo of emotion filled ceremony; Counselor Jacqueline Left Hand Bull presents Arthur Fernandez-Scarberry with a cloth-wrapped eagle feather to be carried across the country during the Spirit Run. p. 20.
- 4) Photo at Convention with Alice Bathke, co-administrator of the Native American Bahá'í Institute. (NABI)
- 5) National Convention Report: Photo of the National Spiritual Assembly including Patricia Locke. p. 21.
- 6) Pioneering/Home front Classified—Western States: The Regional Council for the Western States has placed emphasis on the following areas: Arizona -Bapchule District and Houck Chapter; Idaho -Fort Hall Reservation; Montana-Blackfeet Reservation and the Crow Agency; New Mexico-Jicarilla Apache Reservation, Mescalero Apache Reservation, Ship Rock Chapter; Utah-in Uintah-Ouray; and Colorado-Southern Ute Reservation. p. 29.

**July 13, 2000 Volume 31, Number 5:**

- 1) Spirit Runners begin their cross-country trek. (With photos) This account is provided in part by Wesley A. Dyring (Montauk Tribe) who lives in Lynnwood, WA and who helped with organization and the article includes an artistic map of the route of the two and a half month run which began in Seattle, WA on May 28. Runners are Arthur Fernandez-Scarberry (Initiator of the Spirit Run), Billy Harris, Alfred Kahn Jr., Charles Nelson, Micah Reed, Sahar Sattarzadeh, Samaan Sattarzadeh, Chris Shattuck, Nancy Torres, and Michael Pennington. Phil Lucas contributed traditional elements. Present at the starting line were several American Indian Bahá'ís including Ramona King, John Gubatayao, and Littlebrave Beaston. pp. 5-6.
- 2) Riḍván 2000 Annual Report of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States: in the introduction there appears a special notation for the outstanding programs at the Native American Bahá'í Institute. p. 17.
- 3) Riḍván 2000 Annual Report of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States: National American Indian Teaching Committee. The Committee was appointed in October 1996 and its mandate was to encourage and support the efforts of individual believers and communities to advance the process of entry by troops among American Indians residing in cities, rural areas and reservations. Some of the accomplishments of the American Indian Teaching Committee include: the creation of 15 American Indian Teaching Task Forces, each named after prominent indigenous Bahá'ís. The job of these Task Forces was to systematically evaluate the opportunities in their respective regions and to devise and implement plans to teach the Faith in their areas. The Committee developed and produced important new media products in support of Indian teaching and consolidation; including: the 'Tree of Life' Institute curriculum; the video entitled All My Relations, designed to serve as an introduction to

the Bahá'í Faith for native people; the translation and publication of two Bahá'í prayers in the Chinook language; the recording of two Bahá'í songs in the Northern Plains Indian music style; the recovery and republication of some of the Bahá'í Writings in the Navajo languages for use in the 'Navajo Learning Circles'; many other programs offered at NABI; and finally worked to encourage leadership roles by American Indian believers. (Editor's Note: This is the only American Indian Teaching Committee Report that I know of that was printed in the American Bahá'í.) pp. 30-31.

- 4) Riḍván 2000 Annual Report of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States: Native American Bahá'í Institute Report. pp. 37-38.
- 5) Riḍván 2000 Annual Report of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States: Regional Council of the Central States. The Council had met with Counselors Stephen Birkland and Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. They have also met with the American Indian Teaching Committee as well as other committees to help get guidance in their work. pp. 43-44.
- 6) Riḍván 2000 Annual Report of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States: Regional Council of the Western States. The Council was particularly heart warmed by those who focused their pioneering and travel teaching services in the states of Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Nevada, and on Native American lands throughout the region. pp. 46-48.
- 7) Directory of National Committees and Task Forces: National American Indian Teaching Committee members: Sara Big Heart, Helen Kiely, Phil Lucas, Ina McNeil, and Christian Norleen. p. 48.
- 8) In Memoriam: Kolstoe, John; Crolley, Laurie; and Siverly, Charlotte: Tribute to Eugene King, a Northern Light: This article includes a message from the Universal House of Justice to the National Spiritual Assembly of Alaska: "The Universal House of Justice was saddened to learn of the passing of a former member of your (Alaskan) National Spiritual Assembly, Mr. Eugene King. It will supplicate at the Sacred Threshold that his soul may be blessed with the outpourings of divine grace throughout all the worlds of God. It will also pray for the solace of his family during this difficult time." Eugene passed away in his sleep at the age of 82 on September 20, 1999. He had a regal bearing and quiet dignity and natural grace and a self-assured manner which inspired many people. p. 56.

#### **August 20, 2000 Volume 31, Number 6:**

- 1) National Teaching Office: We are being Heard-'Every step is a Prayer'-Spirit Runners put the teachings in motion: extensive report with photos. p. 1, 18, 19, 26.
- 2) A photo of Joel and Michael Orona and Chic Day providing meditative music for the dedication of land for a future Bahá'í Center in Rio Rancho, New Mexico on April 29. p. 20.

#### **September 27, 2000 Volume 31, Number 7:**

- 1) Spirit Run reaches the Atlantic-The lasting effect? It's up to all of us. Extensive coverage with photos. pp. 7, 24, and 25.
- 2) Goals and Opportunities—Western States: The Regional Council for the Western States has placed emphasis on the following areas: Arizona -Bapchule District and Houck Chapter; Ida-



ho -Fort Hall Reservation; Montana-Blackfeet Reservation, Crow Agency, and Northern Cheyenne Reservation; New Mexico-Jicarilla Apache Reservation, Mescalero Apache Reservation, Ship Rock Chapter; Utah-in Uintah-Ouray; and Wyoming-Wind River Reservation. p. 14.

3) Classifieds: NABI needs Administrative Assistant and Cook. p. 22.

**October 2000 Volume 31:** no issue made

**November 4, 2000 Volume 31, Number 8:**

- 1) Classified-Need at NABI for Administrative Assistant. p. 26.
- 2) Development: Canada-Representatives of nine Indian Nations attended the Aboriginal Gathering 2000 in July at Wyevale, Ontario. A Bahá'í drum group named Sonhela Wiji, which means "Nine Together" in Cherokee-Abenaki is dedicated to sharing the healing Message by placing Bahá'u'lláh at the Center of all that is sacred in traditional native culture, were a main influence at the gathering. p. 39.

**December 2000 Volume 31, Number 9:**

- 1) Spiritual Distinction: Rúhiyyih Khánúm's letter: Spreading a gift of love for the indigenous. This article announces a new format for this important letter. It can be purchased from NABI. p. 16.
- 2) ABS Conference Report with photos: Storytelling session illuminates indigenous links with Bahá'í teachings- Mark Wedge (Tagish in the Yukon), member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Canada, gave this session. pp. 18, 19, 23.
- 3) Goals and Opportunities—Western States: The Regional Council for the Western States has placed emphasis on the following areas: Arizona -Bapchule District and Houck Chapter; Idaho -Fort Hall Reservation; Montana-Blackfeet Reservation, Crow Agency, and Northern Cheyenne Reservation; New Mexico-Jicarilla Apache Reservation, Mescalero Apache Reservation, Ship Rock Chapter; Utah-in Uintah-Ouray; and Wyoming-Wind River Reservation. p. 21.
- 4) Classifieds-NABI needs a cook. p. 28.
- 5) In Memoriam: Agnes White Mouse, Rosebud, South Dakota, March 19,2000. p. 29.

**January 19, 2001 Volume 32, Number 1:** Excellence in All Things-Kevin Locke is given the Native American Music Award for the year's best traditional recording, for his disc The First Flute. He serves as Auxiliary Board member for Propagation in the Dakotas and Wyoming. p. 2.

**February 26, 2001 Volume 32, Number 2:**

- 1) Goals and Opportunities—Western States: The Regional Council for the Western States has placed emphasis on the following areas: Arizona -Bapchule District and Houck Chapter and Kaibito Chapter; Idaho -Fort Hall Reservation; Montana-Blackfeet Reservation, Crow Agency, and Northern Cheyenne Reservation; New Mexico-Jicarilla Apache Reservation and Ship Rock Chapter; Utah-in Uintah-Ouray; and Wyoming-Wind River Reservation. For in-

formation on American Indian Reservations, contact American Indian regional traveling teaching-home front pioneering coordinator, Helen Kiely. p. 14.

- 2) Development Conference-Conference for the Americas: Photo (by Tom Mennillo) of presenter Danielle Locke of Northern Plains Healthy Start, a Bahá'í influenced initiative in the heartland to reduce the nation's highest infant mortality rate among American Indians. p. 16.
- 3) Photo (by Bahá'í World News Service) of Celebration in Peru-celebrating the first election of their first Regional Bahá'í Council. p. 30.

**March 2, 2001 Volume 32, Number 3:** checked

**April 28, 2001 Volume 32, Number 4:** Spiritual Distinction: Fast Facts includes the Makah Nation Children's activities as one of the schools in the state of WA and Idaho. p. 22.

**May 2001 Volume 32:** no issue made

**June 5, 2001 Volume 32, Number 5:**

- 1) National Convention 2001 Report with photos -including one of musician, Kevin Locke and NSA Member, Patricia Locke. pp. 22-23.
- 2) Convention Reflections and photo of Ferris Paisano the Delegate of Lapwai, Idaho. p. 25.
- 3) Classified: NABI needs a Children and Youth Program Coordinator and Maintenance Supervisor. p. 32.

**July 13, 2001 Volume 32, Number 6:** Excellence in all Things - Patricia Locke, from Moorbridge, South Dakota became the recipient of the Herb Lingren Strengthening Families Award, sponsored by the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences of the University of Nebraska. She is also a MacArthur Fellow and long time educator who helped develop educational programs on more than 2 dozen Indian Reservations. p. 2.

**August 20, 2001 Volume 32, Number 7:**

- 1) Building the Kingdom Conference Report with photos, includes some attendees attempting the hoop dance after being taught by Kevin Locke. pp. 12-13.
- 2) Classified: NABI needs a Children and Youth Program Coordinator. p. 32.

**September 27, 2001 Volume 32, Number 8:** Vineyard of the Lord-the Formal Opening of the Terraces of the Shrine of the Báb with photo including Alice Bathke. p. 4.

**October 2001 Volume 32:** no issue made

**November 2001 Volume 32, Number 9:** checked

**December 12, 2001 Volume 32, Number 10:**

- 1) Message from the Universal House of and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States on the passing of Patricia Locke on November 17, 2001. p. 1.

- 2) Patricia Locke: A life well lived for the woman whose name means Compassionate—a story of Patricia’s life. Includes photos with Patricia and her son, Kevin Locke. pp. 3, 15.
- 3) Council Fires draws 400 to Makah Reservation held in August of 2001. p. 15.

**January 2002 Volume 33, Number 1:** did not view

**February 26, 2002 Volume 33, Number 2:**

- 1) Bahá’í Distribution Service: Books and Music Created by Kevin Locke, World Renowned Lakota Hoop Dance and Flute Player. p. 10.
- 2) 2. Goals and Opportunities—Western States: The Regional Council for the Western States has placed emphasis on the following areas: **Arizona** -Bapchule District and Houck Chapter and Kaibito Chapter; **Idaho** - Fort Hall Reservation; Montana-Blackfeet Reservation, Crow Agency, and Northern Cheyenne Reservation; **New Mexico** - Jicarilla Apache Reservation, Ship Rock Chapter, and Tohatchi Chapter; **Utah**-in Uintah-Ouray; **Wyoming** - Wind River Reservation; **Colorado** -16 goal communities, including 2 on Indian Reservations; **Oregon** - 21 goal communities, including 2 on Indian Reservations; and **Washington** - 39 goal communities, including 8 on Indian Reservations. p. 24.

**March 21, 2002 Volume 33, Number 3:**

- 1) National Plan: Arising to Travel for the Faith: Plan in works for Pow Wow Effort--The Advent of Divine Justice Initiative is preparing for Bahá’í representation at the Gathering of Nations, April 26-27 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is encouraging Native believers from all parts of the country to join in the effort. The ADJ group also coordinated and carried out other projects including information booth and a hands-on service project at Picuris Pueblo near Taos; Coordination of an information booth at the New Mexico State Fair; American Indian travel teaching; other study and service activities in Seattle, WA. p. 20.
- 2) 2. Goals and Opportunities—Western States: The Regional Council for the Western States has placed emphasis on the following areas: **Arizona** -51 goal communities, including 14 on Indian Reservations, 8 Assemblies, 1 virgin county; **Idaho** - Fort Hall Reservation; Montana-Blackfeet Reservation, Crow Agency, Fort Peck Reservation, and Northern Cheyenne Reservation; **New Mexico** - 32 goal communities, including 5 on Indian Reservations, 7 Assemblies, 5 virgin counties; **Utah** - in Uintah-Ouray Reservation; **Wyoming** - Wind River Reservation; **Colorado** - 35 goal communities, including 2 on Indian Reservations, 10 Assemblies, 16 virgin counties; **Oregon** - 34 goal communities, including 2 on Indian Reservations, 12 Assemblies, 2 virgin counties; and **Washington** - 56 goal communities, including 8 on Indian Reservations, 23 Assemblies, 2 virgin counties. p. 20.

**April 28, 2002 Volume 33, Number 4:**

- 1) NABI pays tribute to pioneers (“In Praise of Pioneers” program) (photo) p. 1.
- 2) Goals and Opportunities—Western States: The Regional Council for the Western States has placed emphasis on the following areas: **Arizona** – Bapchule District, Houck chapter, and Kaibito Chapter; **Idaho** -Fort Hall Reservation; **Montana** - Blackfeet Reservation, Crow Agency, Fort Peck Reservation, and Northern Cheyenne Reservation; New Mexico-Jicarilla

Apache Reservation, Ship Rock Reservation, and Tohatchi Chapter; **Utah** -in Uintah-Ouray Reservation; **Wyoming** -Wind River Reservation; **Colorado** -16 goal communities, including 2 on Indian Reservations,; **Oregon** -21 goal communities, including 2 on Indian Reservations, 12 Assemblies, 2 virgin counties; and **Washington** -39 goal communities, including 8 on Indian Reservations. p. 26.

**May 2002 Volume 33:** no issue made

**June 5, 2002 Volume 33, Number 5:**

- 1) 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention reports and photos, including of the National Spiritual Assembly with Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. p.16.
- 2) Convention reflections with Marian Kadrie who tells that the Regional Council for the Central States recently appointed a Dakota American Indian Committee. She also gave a Convention report on the Turtle Mountain Reservation. p. 17.
- 3) More National Convention and photo of Charlotte Kahn, a delegate from Arizona singing a favorite song of Patricia Locke. p. 18.

**July 13, 2002 Volume 33, Number 6:**

- 1) In Memoriam: Vernon Longie with photo-traveled extensively for the Faith. Vernon was a member of the Chippewa nation and passed way January 26, 2002 in Bismarck, North Dakota, at the age of 68. p. 29.
- 2) In Memoriam: Louis L .Charge, Parmelee, South Dakota, 2002. p. 29.
- 3) In Memoriam: William Hernandez, Kyle, South Dakota, 2002. p. 29.

**August 20, 2002 Volume 33, Number 7:** Bahá'í booth is magnet at Gathering of Nations-Hundreds reached at premier American Indian event. The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Gathering of Nations, April 26-27 at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque rekindled the spirit of a dramatic proclamation of the Faith 10 years earlier in the pow wow's Grand Entry. Indian Bahá'ís from at least 5 states helped proclaim the message of Bahá'u'lláh. Hui Bau provided photo. And Yakov Phillips provided information. Both were teachers among American Indians. p. 11.

**September 27, 2002 Volume 33, Number 8:** Goals and Opportunities—Western States: The Regional Council for the Western States. The friends are directed to the website ([www.usbnc.org](http://www.usbnc.org)) to find out the goals including for communities on Indian Reservations. p. 12.

**October 2002 Volume 33:** no issue made

**November 4, 2002 Volume 33, Number 9:** National Plan: 9/11 plus 1 year by regions. In Nashville, Tennessee the victims were remembered with a program that included JJ Kent, from the Lakota tradition, playing the flute. p. 10.

**December 12, 2002 Volume 33, Number 10:**

- 1) Youth: Listen to the call from Navajo land—experiences shared from time spent at NABI and with the Navajo. p. 29.
- 2) In Memoriam for Kenneth Morphet-Brown touched lives on Navajo reservation, in Yakima area. Ken passed away at the age of 53 on August, 24, 2002 after a long battle with multiple myeloma. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, found the faith there in 1972, and in 1975 moved to the Navajo Reservation, and stayed there for 12 years. The family then moved in 1990 to Yakima Reservation in Washington. p. 34.
- 3) Omaha Nation members get special welcome. The Omaha Nation was where the first all Indian Assembly was formed. Members came to the National Bahá'í Center on their way home from a weekend of study at LouHelen Bahá'í School. Visitors were Frank and Vivian McCauley Morris, and John Pappan. Bahá'í National Center staffer, Paula Mare O'Flanagan helped with the logistics of the visit. p. 35.

**January 19, 2003 Volume 34, Number 1:** International News: Quechua villagers rally to develop school—story of school in Puka Puka, Bolivia. p. 23.

**February 26, 2003 Volume 34, Number 2:**

- 1) Youths travel far for NABI academy. Some of the students were Tia Garcia, Nazbah Toddy (friend of the Faith), Meredith Bitsoui (friend of the Faith), and Dominique Morris. p. 11.
- 2) Media mentions/Media usage: Navajo Reservation: The Navajo Times carried a story about Charlotte Kahn and her son, James Foguth who spent 28 days in China. p.39.

**March 21, 2003 Volume 34, Number 3:** checked

**April 28, 2003 Volume 34, Number 4:** checked

**May 2003 Volume 34:** no issue made

**June 5, 2003 Volume 34, Number 5:** Major teacher training program begins in Bolivia—story about Nur University and its aim of improving children's reading and writing. p. 21.

**July 13, 2003 Volume 34, Number 6:** The Universal House of Justice announced the selection of a design and architect for the Bahá'í House of Worship to be built in Chile, with photo. p. 1.

**August 20, 2003 Volume 34, Number 7:**

- 1) Influencing Society-Social Action-Springfield, Oregon/Persistence in sharing involvement, with photo. The Bahá'ís of Springfield, Oregon carried out an annual Race Unity Day Celebration, with the mayor and members of the local chapter of the NAACP in attendance. Don Addison, opened the event with a ceremonial blessing. p. 16.

2) The Youth page-a Month in Belize, with photos. This is a report of their experiences. p. 22.

**September 27, 2003 Volume 34, Number 8:** checked

**October 2003 Volume 34:** no issue made

**November 4, 2003 Volume 34, Number 9:** In Memoriam: Ruth Pringle:

Continental Counselor, pioneer, teacher. A message from the Universal House of Justice –Ruth loved to teach among the indigenous people of the Americas. pp. 1, 24.

**December 12, 2003 Volume 34, Number 10:** checked

**January 19, 2004 Volume 35, Number 1:** New look for ‘reflection’ at NABI-a report about a youth gathering held on October 12 and organized by youth volunteers with Crystal Bitsoui and Seowah Kahn serving as the DJ’s. p. 4.

**February 26, 2004 Volume 35, Number 2:** checked

**March 21, 2004 Volume 35, Number 3:** Calendar of Events: LouHelen Bahá’í School offers: “Spiritual Empowerment for Indian Believers” with Danielle Locke, April 9-11, 2004. [Editor’s note: Littlebrave Beaston, Nathan (Navajo) and Jody (Cherokee) Palmer, along with Linda Covey, were among those who attended.] p. 30.

**April 28, 2004 Volume 35, Number 4:** Arising to travel for the Faith: Humanitarian Trip helps fulfill Plan Goal-trip to Guatemala with photo. Tells of a Water for People organization worker, who is a Bahá’í and who had to go to Guatemala for her work, and the Office of Pioneering assures her that her trip counts as fulfilling an international travel teaching goal. p. 15.

**May 2004 Volume 35:** no issue made

**June 5, 2004 Volume 35, Number 5:**

- 1) A Report from the 95<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the National Spiritual Assembly which include Jacqueline Left hand Bull. p. 7.
- 2) Report from the 95<sup>th</sup> National Convention: Reflections by John Lawson (Tsimshian), delegate, Seattle, WA. p. 18.

**July 13, 2004 Volume 35, Number 6:**

- 1) Musicians tour to embrace the World with photos. They played at the Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center in Seattle among other places. p. 5, 10.
- 2) Jacqueline Left Hand Bull: Process Takes Root Among Indigenous-Intensive summer institute sessions lay groundwork for multiplication of tutors and trained believers. This article talks about the institute process among American Indians, Alaskan Indians, and First Nations believers in the United States, Alaska, and Canada. p. 9.

- 3) Serving the Faith internationally-Travelers get a warm reception in Arctic— the story is about the Nunavut Project with a photo of the team including: Jim Cribb, Jeanne Barzydlo, Dan Engle, John Pappan (Omaha), Carlos Velazquez (Otomi), Al Daniels (American Indian and African American), Happy Waters Catron, Behzad Suroosh, Linda Covey (Cherokee/Métis), and Jim Johnston. p. 17.
- 4) In Memoriam: Marda Rast loved teaching among Indians—passed away on January 15, 2004 in Columbia, Missouri at 57. She served on the Regional Indian Teaching Committee for the Central States and she often volunteered and cultivated friendships with people from the Mesquakie Settlement in Tama, Iowa and served on the University of Iowa Pow Wow committee for several years. The NSA sent a moving message. p. 28.

**August 20, 2004 Volume 35, Number 7:** U.S. Women’s Hall of Fame to induct Patricia Locke— she was one of 10 women named on July 14 to be inducted this year into the National Women’s Hall of Fame. In 1993, she was the first American Indian to be elected to the National Spiritual Assembly. p. 31.

**September 2004 Volume 35:** no issue made

**October 16, 2004 Volume 35, Number 8:**

- 1) Cluster advancement-Location of the West’s new ‘A’ clusters: AI 03: Fort Defiance Agency, Arizona and New Mexico, encompassing 16 chapters within the Navajo Nation; WA 24: Yakima Valley encompassing Yakima and Kittitas Counties, including Yakama Indian Reservation; and WA 19: and Tacoma Metro. Personal perspectives are given. p. 5.
- 2) In Memoriam: Bill Tyler -served Makah community in health field and home front pioneer posts. Bill passed away on July 3, 2004. He was a World War II Navy veteran. He became a Bahá’í in 1963 in Seattle, WA. He lived in both Lapwai, Idaho and in Neah Bay, WA where he served on the Spiritual Assembly for 34 years until his health failed. Bill served his Makah tribe as a health administrator at the local Indian Health Service Clinic, was a Tribal Council member for a term, and the Executive Director of the Tribal Government and as Community Action Program Director. pp. 27-28.
- 3) In Memoriam: Reuben Running Horse, Parmelee, South Dakota, June 1999. p. 28.
- 4) In Memoriam: Shirley A. Running Horse, Parmelee, South Dakota, February 16, 2004. p. 28.

**November 23, 2004 Volume 35, Number 9:** Trip gives med student chance to share remedy, learn to love -with photo. Story is about the teaching experiences of Amelia Villagomez from the Dominican Republic. p. 17.

**December 31, 2004 Volume 35, Number 10:**

- 1) Kingdom Project: Unprecedented degree of national support: The Spiritual Assembly of Houck Chapter on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona was among the Assemblies and Groups that pledged to support the Kingdom Project. p. 7.

- 2) Calendar of Events: LouHelen Bahá'í School: April 15-17: Spiritual Empowerment for Indian Believers with Danielle Locke & Louise Profit-Le Blanc. p. 30.

**January 2005:** no issue made

**February 7, 2005 Volume 36 Number 1:** checked

**March 21, 2005 Volume 36 Number 2:** Washington

- 1) Training into Service-`Just getting stuff done': Youth grows in NABI service. Reports experiences at NABI. p. 10.
- 2) Core Activities: Tutor campaign energized indigenous believers. A report of the campaign to train American Indian believers as study circle tutors at the Brighton Creek Bahá'í Conference Center near Yelm. Members of the Toby Joseph family sang an honor song. Chief Toby Joseph was welcomed into the Faith. Indians from The Apache, Choctaw, Tsimshean, Chippewa, Mandan, Mohawk, Cowichan, and S'Klallam peoples were represented. Photos provided by Don Addison. p. 11.
- 3) Letter from the International Teaching Center with photo of Latin American Bahá'ís. p. 5, 18-19.

**April 28, 2005 Volume 36 Number 3:** checked

**May 2005 Volume 36 Number:** Did not view-don't think there was one

**June 5, 2005 Volume 36 Number 4:** Tribute: June Ironhawk-Lew helped spread hope. A memorial tribute to June who has Indigenous roots and who lived and taught the Faith among her Indian neighbors in South Dakota. p. 32.

**July 13, 2005 Volume 36 Number 5:** Calendar of Events: Elsewhere in the United States: August 19-21: Unity of Tribes Gathering Councilfire, Hobuck Beach, Neah Bay, WA. The theme is "The Life of the Spirit". it is sponsored by the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the Makah Reservation. p. 30.

**August 20, 2005 Volume 36 Number 6:**

- 1) Sacred Promises Kept-Celebration of NABI renovation draws people from far and wide for consultation, training. The Hogan was dedicated. This was a 10 day celebration in which the National Spiritual Assembly of the United States, along with 25 Tribes was among the 250 attendees. The primary reason for the celebration was that there were upgrades to the kitchen and meeting facilities and improvement in the landscaping of the 40 acre campus. The event began with a Council Fire and consultation which indigenous tutors exchanged ideas. Some 65 people took part in the Ruhí Training to support the A-stage Fort Defiance Agency cluster's growth program. Recognition was paid to the elders, in particular to Elizabeth Dahe, one of the earliest Hopi Bahá'ís. NABI administrators are Alice and Jerry Bathke. Some of the photos by Kaveh Shahidi who lived among American Indians nearby. pp. 1,18.
- 2) In Memoriam: McCarty staunch among Makahs—Council Fire co-founder's teaching activities ranged into Latin America. This article is a celebration of the life and service of Audrey



McCarty, who was still a Spiritual Assembly member at her passing on April 25, 2005. She was on the first Spiritual Assembly there. She was instrumental in making the Neah Bay Council Fire a long term success. The Council Fire began in 1963 and continues today. A letter of condolence to her family from the National Spiritual Assembly called her “a pillar of spiritual strength among the Bahá’ís of the Makah Nation” (Photo courtesy of the Spiritual Assembly of the Makah Nation.) p. 22.

**September 2005 Volume 36 Number:** Did not view-don’t think there was one

**October 16, 2005 Volume 36 Number 7:** checked

**November 23, 2005 Volume 36 Number 8:** checked

**December 1, 2005 Volume 36 Number 9:** Assembly Development: New chapter for Arizona Assembly: September 11, 2005 marked an important moment for the Spiritual Assembly of Houck Chapter, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation in that all members were present at a meeting. This was the first time in nine years. p. 8.

**January 2006: Volume 37:** no issue made

**February 7, 2006 Volume 37 Number 1:**

- 1) Obituaries: George A. Sun Jr, 70 Winnebago, NE. “George was an audacious, steadfast teacher who pioneered to open the Winnebago reservation to the Faith....He passed away November 8, 2005. George, an engineer studied the Faith intensely for four years and he became a Bahá’í in 1980. A month later he pioneered to open the Winnebago reservation by taking a job for the tribal council. p. 27.
- 2) Calendar of Events: LouHelen Bahá’í School: April 21-23: Spiritual Empowerment for Indian Believers” with Danielle Locke. p. 34.

**March 21, 2006 Volume 37 Number 2:**

- 1) Service Opportunities: Positions Open: Urgent Needs: Native American Bahá’í Institute, Houck, AZ: Facilities Manager. p. 33.
- 2) Calendar of Events: LouHelen Bahá’í School: April 21-23: Spiritual Empowerment for Indian Believers” with Danielle Locke. p. 34.

**April 28, 2006 Volume 37 Number 3:** Calendar of Events. Other National Schools. Elsewhere in the United States: July 14-17: Marian Steffes Bahá’í School, Oshkosh, WI. p. 38.

**June 5, 2006 Volume 37 Number 4:**

- 1) Photo of the newly elected National Spiritual Assembly including Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. p. 37.
- 2) Summer Schools await souls of all ages. Central States. Marion Steffes School (Wisconsin) July 14-17, 2006. p. 23.
- 3) Service Opportunities: Positions Open: Urgent Needs: Native American Bahá’í Institute, Houck, AZ: Facilities Manager. p. 37.

4) July 14-17: Marion Steffes Bahá'í School, Oshkosh, WI. p. 38.

**July 13, 2006 Volume 37 Number 5:**

- 1) Unifying Activities: Photo of Zuni butterfly dancers from a July 2005 ceremony at the Native American Bahá'í Institute. (photo by Sam Conrad) p. 17.
- 2) In Memoriam: Rosita Whitehorse of the Sells District, AZ (03/15/2001). p. 24.

**August 20, 2006 Volume 37 Number 6:**

- 1) Special gift uplifts NABI gathering: "A loving gift in honor of the late Elizabeth Dahe played a special role in a recent Council Fire at the Native American Bahá'í Institute near Houck, Arizona." Photo included. The gift was a lace packet of roses sewn by the late Hand of the Cause of God Rúhiyyih Khánúm and a photograph taken during her visit to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. p. 3.
- 2) Nunavut Project builds relationships. The information for the article came from Linda Covey and Jim Johnson. The teaching team has been teaching since 2004 and went to places including Baker Lake, Rankin Inlet, Cape Dorset, Pond Inlet and Iqaluit. The teachers included Linda Covey, Jim Johnson, Carlos Velazquez, John Pappan, Al Daniels, and Jeanne Barzydlo. A photo of John Pappan of Omaha, Nebraska showing him meeting with Inuit children at Baker Lake in 2005. p. 11.
- 3) Calendar of Events: Green Acre Bahá'í School: November 17-19: Spiritual Empowerment for Indian Believers with Danielle Ewenin. p. 34.
- 4) Calendar of Events: Other National Schools: November 3-5: Royal Falcon Bahá'í School, Pensacola, FL; with Kevin Locke. p. 34.

**Sept or Oct 2006 Volume 37 Number 7:** Did not view-don't think there was one

**November 23, 2006 Volume 37 Number 8:**

- 1) Fall, Winter Schools Serve All Ages: February (tentative) Wisconsin Winter Bahá'í School. p. 25.
- 2) Feet don't fail youths in Canada. Bahá'í world News Service: Story from Kincome Inlet, Canada. Predominantly First Nations ( Musgamagw ) soccer team invited some Bahá'í youth to join their team in 2002. Team say prayers before games. p. 28.

**December 31, 2006 Volume 37 Number 9:**

- 1) Huqúqu'lláh representatives named. p. 3.
- 2) Auxiliary Board members serve all regions: Northwestern States: Propagation: Ferris Paisano: ID.,MT.,& WY. Southwestern States: Protection: Alice Bathke: NM, Navajo-Hopi lands. p. 4.
- 3) Native American Bahá'í Institute project focuses on youth capacity by Justine Finn. Photo includes: Crystal Betsoi, Allen Rishell, Dez Kahn-Foguth, and James Kahn-Foguth. Tells how the youth were involved and led the way in creating a video centering around Annie Tsosie Kahn, an author and practitioner of Traditional Navajo medicine. p. 9.

- 4) Tributes in Brief: Nathan H. Allison, 71, Sapulpa, OK. Was a Bahá'í since 1975 and passed away 08/31/2006. Nathan participated in numerous teaching and consolidation efforts especially among American Indian populations in Oklahoma and Arkansas. p. 24.
- 5) In Memoriam: Orville Kadrie (Ojibwa) 11/26/2006 lived in Fargo, ND. p. 24.
- 6) Calendar of Events: LouHelen Bahá'í School. April 6-8: Spiritual Empowerment for American Indian Believers and Friends with Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. p. 30.

**January 2007: Volume 38:** no issue made

**February 7, 2007 Volume 38 Number 1:** News of growth process in U.S.

Northwestern States: innovation opens the way: "In other areas of Washington and Oregon, American Indians have been joining Bahá'í communities, partly through the patient attention and thoughtful work of the Native American Institute Teaching program, a committee sponsored by the Regional Council." p. 2.

**March 21, 2007 Volume 38 Number 2:**

- 1) Phil Lucas' camera focused on high aims: A half page Tribute to Phil Lucas and his work. Phil contributed 4 songs to the 1969 album called 'Fire and Snow' including the song entitled "World Citizens". Phil was also a film maker and created a document in 1984 entitled; "The Honour of All". p. 27.
- 2) Calendar of Events: LouHelen Bahá'í School: April 6-8: "Spiritual Empowerment for American Indian Believers and Friends" with Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. p. 34.

**April 28 2007 Volume 38 Number 3:** Summer at the Permanent Schools. Green Acre Bahá'í School Spiritual Empowerment for American Indian Peoples, June 13 with Danielle Ewenin. For American Indians and their friends to study the role of the Indian people in illuminating the world spiritually, consider Bahá'í solutions to challenges, and explore ways to promote unity, love, and justice. p. 17.

**June 5, 2007 Volume 38 Number 4:** checked

**July 13, 2007 Volume 38 Number 5:**

- 1) Jamir worked among indigenous. A tribute to Michael Jamir who served as a pioneer on the Winnebago Indian Reservation in Nebraska. p. 23.
- 2) Calendar of Events: Elsewhere in the United States: August 18-20: United Spiritual Gathering Councilfire, Neah Bay, WA, sponsored by the Spiritual Assembly of the Makah Reservation. Contact: Roxanna Jensen. p. 30.

**September 8, 2007 Volume 38 Number 6:** checked

**October 16, 2007 Volume 38 Number 7:** Nakhjavánís' encourage, admonish-Special highlights from the Nakhjavánís' visit. Specific articles reported by Jacqueline Left Hand Bull, Hermione Pickens, Rick and Barbara Johnson, Jerry Bathke, Diane Geiger & James Humphrey give insight

as to the activities with the Nakhjavánís' in Wakpala, S.D; Billings, MT; and Native Bahá'í Institute. Includes photos of Nakhjavánís' and local drummers and dancers, including Alice Bathke at the Native Bahá'í Institute in Houck, AZ ( photos courtesy of Artis Mebane); and with those gathered in Wakpala, S.D. (photo courtesy of Max Defender) pp. 1, 18-19.

**November 23, 2007 Volume 38 Number 8:** checked

**December 2007 Volume:** no issue made

**January/February 2008 Volume 39 Number 1:** Ad for Youth Volunteers and Native American Bahá'í Institute (and Green Acre Bahá'í School) p. 18.

**March/April 2008 Volume 39, Number 2:** This is the last issue that comes in newspaper form. The format changed to magazine format.

- 1) Yakima nimbly - but systematically-follows up on newspaper publicity. Mentions that a retreat evening program attracted a number of guests, including a Yakima family of eight. One Yakima Indian became a Bahá'í. p. 19.
- 2) Archives: National Bahá'í Archives is seeking photographs of Native American Bahá'ís, and activities and information on gatherings on reservations and communities. p. 29.
- 3) BOSCH Bahá'í School: May 2-4: "Effectively Teaching Native Americans" with Alice Bathke. p. 30.

**May/June 2008 Volume 39, Number 3:** The format of the American Bahá'í changed to magazine format beginning with this issue.

- 1) Election of the Universal House of Justice -photo of the International delegates, including some that may be indigenous from South America. p. 3.
- 2) 2. Culture of Learning/ Cluster Advancement-Reaching receptive souls: talks about the IPG cycle being dedicated to an Iranian youth who served at the Native Bahá'í Institute for several months. p. 9.
- 3) 3. Culture of Learning/Core Activities-An Invitation from the heart to youth yearning to serve: An article where Kevin does his characteristic and unique hoop dance and storytelling but also invites youth to come to the Standing Rock Reservation to organize and teach children's classes and act as junior youth animators and tutors. p. 20.
- 4) Classified: More Positions Open: Native American Bahá'í Institute: Youth Program Coordinator & Administrative Assistant. p. 54.
- 5) Archives: National Bahá'í Archives is seeking photographs of Native American Bahá'ís, and activities and information on gatherings on reservations and communities. p. 54.
- 6) Summer Schools by Date: July 17-20: Marian Steffes Bahá'í Summer School. p. 57.

**July/August 2008 Volume 39, Number 4:**

- 1) 100th National Bahá'í Convention: election of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States-photo of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States, including Jacqueline Left Hand Bull(Chair). p. 32.

- 2) Classified: More Positions Open: Native American Bahá'í Institute: Youth Program Coordinator & Administrative Assistant. p. 54.
- 3) Summer Schools by Date: July 16-20: Four Corners Bahá'í School in New Mexico featuring Auxiliary Board member Alice Bathke among others. p. 58. AND July 17-20: Marian Steffes Bahá'í Summer School, p. 58.
- 4) Public Recognition: High School creates award in memory of Bahá'í alumnus, Morrey Brown (Quapaw and Spokane/Colville Nations). He made an impression at Kentridge High School in Kent, WA that they created Morrey Brown Athlete of Great Character Award in his memory when he passed away. p. 60.

#### **September/ October 2008 Volume 39, Number 5:**

- 1) Culture of Learning/Programs of Growth-Transforming a `village': Feast consultation in Mesa focuses on spreading blessings. A one page report on the process and ideas of transformation. p. 17.
- 2) Navajo artist Kahn a `living treasure' (with photo): Chester Kahn is given the 2008 Inter-tribal Indian Ceremonial Living Treasure Award. p. 60.

#### **November/ December 2008 Volume 39, Number 6:**

- 1) On the Web: School volunteers in the clusters where they serve: "Peter Deer, who marvels at the receptivity of young people on the Navajo Reservation near the Native American Bahá'í Institute." (At the time you could log into [tab.usbnc.org](http://tab.usbnc.org) then click on the "Living the Life" button to hear stories/experiences from the youth volunteers.) p. 42.
- 2) Tributes in Brief: Nancy C. Phillips: September 4, 2008, Ontario, Oregon. Nancy was a prime mover in bringing the Faith to American Indians. She served on the American Indian Teaching Committee. p. 57.

#### **January/February 2009 Volume 40, Number 1:**

- 1) Culture of Learning/Core Activities-Spiritual spring on horizon for class on Pine Ridge Reservation: This half page report talks about the renewal of children's classes (began in 2008) on the Pine Ridge Reservation once beloved teachers Cindy Catches and Jurene Chief Eagle are back from a winter hiatus. Of the 11 students, only 3 came from Bahá'í families. p. 7.
- 2) International News: On the Web: A research paper on Dorothy Maquabeak Francis, a Bahá'í of Saulteaux (Ojibwa) who formed friendship centers for urban Native communities, was presented at a conference in Eugene, Oregon by friend of the Faith, Chelsea Horton a doctoral student at the University of British Columbia. p. 25.
- 3) Chicago, Illinois Regional Conference: "Early Sunday, three men from the Standing Rock Reservation in North and South Dakota, who had only recently embraced the Bahá'í Faith, presented a finely crafted "Morning Star" quilt as a gift to the National Spiritual Assembly members present..." An American Indian drum song was included in the evening artistic program. p. 31.

- 4) Portland, Oregon Regional Conference: "The Portland conference began with a Native American honor song..." Includes a photo of Alaskan Native singers and dancers. Includes comments from Maniksaq Baumgartner from Anchorage, Alaska; " What came out of the conference is the determination of Bahá'ís to re-examine their life circumstances and to rise to a higher level of consecration. And I think being here helped us to see that need and inspired us to reach for that." p. 32.
- 5) Dallas, Texas Regional Conference: "The conference's first day culminated in an artistic presentation that was offered in recognition that all art is the gift of the Holy Spirit." American Indian traditions were included. p. 33.
- 6) Los Angeles, California Regional Conference: "An American Indian devotional song called thousands of people to prayer and reflection at conference's opening....Members of the Navajo Nation sang and drummed in tribal dress..." p. 34.
- 7) The Americas: Report from Quito, Ecuador, November 22-23: A woman set the tone of the conference by opening with a prayer in the Quechua language. p. 40.
- 8) The Americas: Report from Antofagasta, Chile, November 29-30: Reports on how a disputed region became a symbol of unity as participants shared what they've learned and accomplished in conducting study circles, children's classes, devotional gatherings and junior youth groups. p. 40.
- 9) Tributes in Brief: Jacob Bighorn Jr, passed away on 10/04/2008 and was known for his teaching work and his work as an educator at the Maxwell International Bahá'í School and his service on the American Indian Teaching Committee. p. 57.

**March/April 2009 Volume 40, Number 2:**

- 1) Culture of Learning/Teaching the Faith: Individual Inspiration-Friends across the U.S. arise to teach-Forward from the Culture of Learning/ Teaching the Faith: Regional Conferences aftermath: report from Fort Defiance, Arizona that a believer continues to go door to door to invite people to gatherings and children's classes in this A-stage Navajo Nation cluster. p. 10.
- 2) Culture of Learning/Teaching the Faith: A photo appears on that page showing Jaime & Noelani Dennis and they may be of Indigenous ancestry. p. 10.
- 3) Culture of Learning/Core Activities: Regional Conference aftermath: John Pappan from Omaha, Nebraska reunited with three of his Pilgrimage buddies and continues to travel teach and co-tutor study circles. p. 19.
- 4) Living the Life in the Five Year Plan Report: photo of Seowah Kahn as she shares her experience at the Chicago Regional Conference. She had pioneered to the Standing Rock Reservation. pp. 32-33.
- 5) International News: The Americas: Regional Conferences: One held in Brazil. One held in Mexico. One held in Toronto, Canada included eastern Canada including Nunavut representatives. Prayers were said in several languages including Northern Aboriginal. One held in Vancouver with participants coming from western Canada including Yukon and Northwest territories. p. 40.
- 6) In Memoriam: Frances E. Cree (June 14, 2007) and Rose M. Cree (January 13, 2004) both of Dunseith, North Dakota. p. 56.

**May/June 2009 Volume 40, Number 3:**

- 1) In Memoriam: Collen Tallman, October 25, 2004, Pass Creek District, South Dakota. p. 55.
- 2) Calendar: Bahá'í summer schools 2009: Summer schools by Date: July 15-19: Four Corners Bahá'í Summer School (New Mexico) features Auxiliary Board member Alice Bathke among others. p. 56 and July 16-19: Marian Steffes Bahá'í School in Wisconsin. p. 57.

**July/August 2009 Volume 40, Number 4:**

- 1) 101st Bahá'í National Convention: Jacqueline Left Hand Bull (Chair) includes photo and her admonishment; "Keep our eyes on the prize" of spiritually transforming the world. pp. 31-32.
- 2) Native American Flute Player at National Bahá'í Convention in photo but not identified. Photo by Eric van Zanten. p. 33.
- 3) Calendar: Bahá'í summer schools 2009: Summer schools by Date: July 15-19: Four Corners Bahá'í Summer School (New Mexico) features Auxiliary Board member Alice Bathke among others. p. 58. AND July 16-19: Marian Steffes Bahá'í School in Wisconsin. p. 58.

**September/October 2009 Volume 40, Number 5:** checked

**November/December 2009 Volume 40, Number 6:**

- 1) Culture of Learning/Bahá'í Education - 'A glimpse of the Most Great Peace' at summer school: Western Washington Bahá'í Summer School report including the thirteen member Joseph family (Apache, Ute, & Cowichan). Tobey Sr. felt of the summer school that he had seen a glimpse of the 'Most Great Peace'. And the younger Tobey Jr said regarding his first experience at the summer school; "It was the atmosphere and the indescribable feeling that I belonged....In the words of Mary Poppins, it was super-cali-fragile-istic-expi-ali-docious, but now I say, "Yá-Bahá'u'l-Abhá!" A photo of Tobey Jr. by Julie Zhao. Junior youth from the Nez Perz Reservation in Lapwai, Idaho were also present. p. 20.
- 2) Thoughts from other Bahá'ís engaged in the arts: On the motive of combining Navajo sand painting and prophecies with the Bahá'í writings. The friends in Colorado Springs, Colorado were thinking of ways to bring people together and wanted to know more about indigenous traditions, in particular Navajo healing ceremonies. p. 41.
- 3) On the Web: Kevin Locke wins Record of the year in the 2009 Native American Music Awards (with photo). p. 60.

**January/February 2010 Volume 41, Number 1:** In Memoriam: Sandra F. High Pipe, December 24, 2008, Mission, South Dakota, p. 57.

**March/April 2010 Volume 41, Number 2:**

- 1) Animation fills a need on Navajo land: Volunteers work to build sustainable junior youth groups-Office of Education and Schools: The article focuses on the involvement of youth in the animation program. One such youth, James Foguth (provided photo) postponed college for a year as he saw the potential to help his fellow youth acquire hope in his homeland by

using the animation program at the Native Bahá'í Institute. The includes Rai Curley, Wiley Yazzie, Corey Joe, Ty Bitsilly, Alyssha Billy. p. 31.

- 2) Tributes in Brief: Elinore S. Putney, December 1, 2009, Bemidji, MN. She was a Knight of Bahá'u'lláh for settling in the Aleutian Islands in 1954 and pioneered in Alaska for more than 50 years. p. 56.
- 3) In Memoriam: Eugene King, September 20, 2009, Issaquah, Washington. p. 57.
- 4) Calendar: July 8-11: Marian Steffes Bahá'í School in Wisconsin. p. 58.

### **May/June 2010 Volume 41, Number 3:**

- 1) Culture of Learning/Bahá'í Education: Long spiritual journey home-Wisconsin summer school helps confirm a seeking family-Office of Education: A heart-warming story about a woman who taught school on the Navajo Reservation and would frequently pass the sign to the Native American Bahá'í Institute and wondered what it was. When she moved away she found Bahá'í once again and contacted nearby Bahá'ís who made it possible for her and her family to attend the Marian Steffes Bahá'í Summer School Then the entire family became Bahá'ís from that experience. And now, the parents, Mary and Carlos Garcia are members of the Marian Steffes Bahá'í Summer School Committee. Includes photo. p. 19.
- 2) Bahá'í Distribution Service: Music: Earth Gift by Kevin Locke. p. 22.
- 3) Emerging clusters: The Dalles-Hood River-Wasco County, OR/WA: Warmth and service propel progress and attract souls: mentions that the cluster's third class came about through connections with an American Indian village. pp. 27-28.
- 4) Calendar: Bahá'í summer schools 2010: Summer Schools by Date: July 8-11: Marian Steffes Bahá'í School in Wisconsin. p. 56.
- 5) 5. Tributes in Brief: Franklin Kahn, April 6, 2010, Flagstaff, Arizona. He was a member of the National Spiritual Assembly for 13 years. p. 55.

### **July/August 2010 Volume 41, Number 4:**

- 1) Bahá'í Distribution Service: Music: Earth Gift by Kevin Locke. p. 22.
- 2) 102nd National Bahá'í Convention with photo includes Jacqueline Left Hand Bull (Chair). p. 26.
- 3) Calendar: Seasonal Schools July 8-11: Marian Steffes Bahá'í School, Wisconsin. p. 58.

### **September/October 2010 Volume 41, Number 5:**

- 1) Culture of Learning/Teaching the Faith: Long-nurtured relationships provide teaching opportunities: Shares experiences Dell and Sharon Babbitt had with a Religion and philosophy group. Sharon invited a Navajo Bahá'í friend to present the first program for a women's 'brunch bunch'. The Babbitt's had helped in establishing several Bahá'í communities including the Lower Sioux agency, near Morton, Minnesota. p. 7.
- 2) Bahá'í Distribution Service: Music: Earth Gift by Kevin Locke. p. 20.
- 3) Tapping the energy and interest of parents: IN Northeast, family involvement flows two ways: Newark: Letting the children carry enthusiasm to their families: they had a summer intensive children's program where they learned each other's prayers, including American Indian ones. p. 30.



**November/December 2010 Volume 41, Number 6:** Bahá'í Distribution Service: Music: Earth Gift by Kevin Locke. p. 24.

**January/February 2011 Volume 42, Number 1:**

- 1) Culture of Learning/Teaching the Faith-Fostering Receptivity: Professor uses displays to raise interest: Donald Addison (Choctaw) Professor of anthropology, linguistics, ethnomusicology, and American Indian studies at Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon uses displays of Bahá'í books in many languages and topics (that are inspired by questions from students, faculty, and staff) throughout the campus. A photo of a display is included. p. 8.
- 2) Culture of Learning/Social Action/Public Discourse - Service opportunities at the Native American Bahá'í Institute. Need for Facilities Coordinator and Youth Program Coordinator. p. 57.
- 3) In Memoriam: Benjamin L. Swift Bird, October 6, 2010, Rapid City, South Dakota. p. 57.

**March/April 2011 Volume 42, Number 2:**

- 1) Culture of Learning/Teaching the Faith-Coffeehouse serves up spiritual fare-Healing teachings shared with many at Arizona locale: Chester and Franklin Kahn along with John Cook (former American Indian Teaching Committee member) present a Fireside at Macy's European Coffee House in March 2010. At the conclusion of the event, Franklin asked; "Who wants to become a Bahá'í?" p. 18.
- 2) Being the Change: Tales of junior youth groups and the discovery of true identities-In Navajo Land: Striving to keep up momentum for young people: a report by James Foguth a Navajo and Bahá'í since childhood talking about the events and activities of the animators and includes a photo. p. 37.
- 3) In Memoriam: Chris Lehi Sr., February 2, 2010, Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado. p. 64.

**May/June 2011 Volume 42, Number 3:**

- 1) Bahá'í Distribution Service: Available through bookstores everywhere: Compassionate Woman-The Life and Legacy of Patricia Locke by John Kolstoe. (This is advertised on the back cover as well.) p. 11.
- 2) In Memoriam: Ronald Markishtum (Makah), April 15, 2010, Neah Bay, Washington, p. 62.
- 3) Calendar: Bahá'í summer schools 2011: Summer schools by Date: July 28-31: Marian Steffes Bahá'í School in Wisconsin. p. 65.

**July/August 2011 Volume 42, Number 4:**

- 1) Bahá'í Distribution Service: Available through bookstores everywhere: Compassionate Woman-The Life and Legacy of Patricia Locke by John Kolstoe. (This is advertised on the back cover as well.) p. 9.
- 2) 103rd Bahá'í National Convention: Jacqueline Left Hand Bull (Chair) with photo. p. 32. (Also in photos pp. 1, 36.)

**September/October 2011 Volume 42, Number 5:**

- 1) Bahá'í Distribution Service: Top Sellers: Compassionate Woman-The Life and Legacy of Patricia Locke by John Kolstoe. p. 25.
- 2) Bozeman, MT: Photo by Adib Roy has an unidentified Native American female in it. p. 39.
- 3) In Memoriam: William M. McCarty (Makah), January 23, 2011, Neah Bay, Washington, p. 56.

**November/December 2011 Volume 42, Number 6:**

- 1) Public Discourse: Stories come alive at Media Boot Camp: Learning session reinforces ABS conference theme: Toby Joseph in the photo of the August 11-14 event in San Francisco, CA. p. 19.
- 2) Bahá'í Distribution Service: Top Sellers: Compassionate Woman-The Life and Legacy of Patricia Locke by John Kolstoe. p. 25.

**January/February 2012 Volume 43, Number 1:**

- 1) Auxiliary Boards appointed to serve five-year terms: Northwestern states: Protection: Ferris Paisano. The Board of Counsellors extends grateful acknowledgement for sacrificial services of former Auxiliary Board members including Alice Bathke.
- 2) Bahá'í Distribution Service: Top Sellers: Compassionate Woman-The Life and Legacy of Patricia Locke by John Kolstoe. p. 25.

**March/April 2012 Volume 43, Number 2:**

- 1) Photo of a summer camp led by neighborhood children's classes at the Native American Bahá'í Institute. pp. 26-27.
- 2) Accompanying story about focusing on community needs and highlighting home visits in the NABI community.p.30-31.Hearts, Minds, and Structures-Facing the exigencies of the age. Stories written and compiled by Tom Mennillo. pp. 26-27 & 30-31.
- 3) May/June 2012 Volume 43, Number 3: 1. In Memoriam: Cora M. Watters, October 20, 2011, green Township, Ohio. She was principal chief of the Shawnee Nation-Ohio Blue Creek Band. p. 55.
- 4) Calendar: Summer Schools by Date: July 12-15: Marian Steffes Bahá'í School in Wisconsin. p. 57.

**July/August 2012 Volume 43, Number 4:**

- 1) Photo of Jacqueline Left Hand Bull of the National Spiritual Assembly, and story of her welcome to the delegation. Commemorating 'Abdu'l-Bahá in America 1912-2012 Calling America to its Spiritual Destiny. Awakening American to the power of unity, April 28, Chicago Theatre, Chicago, Ill. p. 7.
- 2) Fresh views of our work-Transformation is central business of the 104th Bahá'í National Convention. - Photo of Jacqueline Left Hand bull and the newly elected National Spiritual As-

sembly at the 104th National Convention. She was also voted the Vice Chair of that Institution. p. 36.

- 3) Same article: Photo (by Nancy Wong) and story of Arizona Delegate Nanabah Bulman who enriched the atmosphere of the Convention by playing the flute. p. 40.
- 4) Calendar: Summer Schools by Date: July 12-15: Marian Steffes Bahá'í School in Wisconsin. p. 66.

**September/October 2012 Volume 43, Number 5:** Offer hope-The spiritual skills at the center of community building. Written and compiled (photos courtesy of NABI) by Tom Mennillo-NABI's neighbors apply consultation skills to trash problems. Jerry Bathke tells of a need for a paved road from Interstate 40 to the Navajo lands around Houck, Arizona was identified in consultation as was the need for water for people and livestock. All came to fruition due to this consultation. p. 30.

**November/December 2012 Volume 43, Number 6:**

- 1) Culture of learning/Institutions/Resources: Launch of 10 Councils signals 'new chapter' shows photo of more than 100 people gathered for the orientation of the New Regional Councils on August 18, including Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. (3rd row on the right you will find her in 2nd position, wearing green) p. 22.
- 2) In Memoriam: Qudsiyyih Momtazi Wahid, July 10, 2012, Bothell, Washington. She served the faith in Russia, and on Indian Reservations in Idaho, Arizona, and Washington. p. 57.

**January/February 2013 Volume 44, Number 1:**

- 1) Story and Photo of American Indian Bahá'ís during the weekend of Sept 29-30: Devotional and Artistic Power in Glenwood Springs, Colorado as part of the report around the country. 'Abdu'l-Bahá in America 1912-2012 Calling America to its Spiritual Destiny. pp. 6-7.
- 2) In Memoriam: Wayne H. Steffes, October 14, 2012 in Hesperia, CA. p. 57.

**March/April 2013 Volume 44, Number 2:** Calendar-Seasonal Bahá'í Schools: Marian Steffes Bahá'í School (Wisconsin) July 25-28. p. 58.

**May/June 2013 Volume 44, Number 3:**

- 1) Huge photo of the 11th International Bahá'í Convention. Sure to be an American Believer in that crowd. Let me know if you know. p. 6.
- 2) Culture of Learning/Core Activities: Spiritual education tidbits from around the country. Tidbit about 23 people on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota stepping forward to be trained as animators of junior youth groups. The enthusiasm was fueled by the children's classes held at Cindy and Pete Catches home in Oglala. p. 16.
- 3) On the Web; Seacoast Bahá'ís learn from others while pursuing green goals. Photo of Kevin Locke after a performance at the First Congregation Church of Key West, Florida. p. 36.
- 4) In Memoriam: Pauline Begay, February 14, 2013 from Houck, Arizona. p. 63.

- 5) Seasonal schools- Bahá'í summer schools 2013: Four Corners Bahá'í School (new site): Native American Bahá'í Institute, Houck, Arizona. p. 66 and the Marian Steffes Bahá'í School (Wisconsin) July 25-28. p. 67.

**July/August 2013 Volume 44, Number 4:**

- 1) Election of the National Spiritual Assembly -Delegates to the 105th Bahá'í Convention on May 25, 2013-shows a photo of the Newly elected National Spiritual Assembly, which includes Jacqueline Left Hand Bull and she was elected the Vice Chair. Photo by Nancy Wong. p. 31.
- 2) Nanabah Bulman a Delegate from Arizona. Photo by David Smith. p. 32.
- 3) Marian Steffes Bahá'í School (Wisconsin) July 25-28. p. 58.
- 4) In Memoriam: G. Lee Rhine, September 6, 2012 in American Falls, Idaho. (Lee was very active teaching American Indians throughout the Dakotas.) p. 57.

**September/October 2013 Volume 44, Number 5:** Youth Conferences: Reports -Seattle/Tacoma-July 26-28, 2013 - Youth from the Nez Perce area initiated a traditional dance for everyone to join in. p. 30.

**November/December 2013 Volume 44, Number 6:**

- 1) Youth Conferences: Reports -Minneapolis-August 16-18, 2013- Two young men offered a sacred song in Lakota. (Photo by Nancy Wong.) p. 35.
- 2) In Memoriam: Pius Crooked Arm, November 23,2010, Crow Agency, Montana. p. 56.  
In Memoriam Audrie Reynolds, August 3, 2012 last from Douglas, Alaska. (Editor's note: Audrie taught the Faith to many on the Standing Rock Reservation in both North and South Dakota.) p. 57.

**January/February 2014 Volume 45, Number 1:**

- 1) Elections of the Regional Bahá'í Councils: Northern Plains States Northern Plains States members elected include Max Defender Jr. (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) and Karen Pulkrabek (White Earth Chippewa) p. 7.
- 2) Classified: More positions open: Native American Bahá'í Institute, Houck, Arizona: Community Program Coordinator. p. 55.

**March/April 2014 Volume 45, Number 2:**

- 1) Classified: More positions open: Native American Bahá'í Institute, Houck, Arizona: Community Program Coordinator. p. 56.
- 2) Home front pioneering-3 opportunities appear: SD2 (McLaughlin, South Dakota), SD6 (Rapid City, South Dakota), and ND9 (Fargo, North Dakota) all include the opportunity to serve Native populations. p. 56.

**May/June 2014 Volume 45, Number 3:** Calendar: Bahá'í summer schools 2014-Four Corners Bahá'í School (Arizona), Native American Bahá'í Institute, Houck, Arizona: "Unearth the Jewels: Generations in Action" with Alfred Kahn Jr. among facilitators. p. 64.

**July/August 2014 Volume 45, Number 4:**

- 1) Election of the National Spiritual Assembly-elections results includes Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. She was elected Vice Chair. p. 33.
- 2) Convention consultation Highlights: From an Arizona delegate-on the Navajo reservation some of the East Valley members helped youth network. p. 38.
- 3) Four Corners Bahá'í School (Arizona), Native American Bahá'í Institute, Houck, Arizona: "Unearth the Jewels: Generations in Action". p. 66.
- 4) In Memoriam: Bobby Begay, April 12, 2014, Nazlini, Arizona. p. 64.

**September/October 2014 Volume 45, Number 5:**

- 1) Opportunities seized in Quincy, Washington: Roxanna Jensen and Mary Lucas facilitating children's classes. Photo by Brooke Record. p. 30.
- 2) Northern Plains youths train to initiate activities. Youth from Standing Rock and Turtle Mountain reservations were among those taking on the training. While their names are not mentioned, here they are: They are front left to right: Bonnie Cote (White Earth Chippewa), Cheyenne Defender (Turtle Mountain Chippewa), Nikoletta Tsanganelias (White Earth Chippewa), Emily Defender (Turtle Mountain Chippewa), Alexandria Tsanganelias (White Earth Chippewa), Mystic White Mountain ((Lakota) and Angelic White Mountain (Lakota). Back from left to right: Jeremy Sherman, Leah long Feather (Lakota), Stefan Faradani , Andrew White Mountain, and Wyatt Morgano. Photo by Jennifer Doney. p. 59.

**November/December 2014 Volume 45, Number 6:**

- 1) Association for Bahá'í Studies: Re-telling Reconciliation, a talk given by Roshan Danesh, attorney and legal educator, Vancouver, British Columbia. In summary his talk is saying that it takes all of the world's people's system of knowledge, lived experiences, traditions, insights, and ways of reading the Revelation to move forward. (an aside: Canada is a progressive country leading the way in improving conditions for First Nations people and Bahá'ís are involved in the conversation.) Photo by Tom Mennillo. p. 36.
- 2) In Memoriam: Clara E. Never Miss a Shot, February 15, 2014, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. p. 56.

**January/ February 2015 Volume 46, Number 1.**

- 1) Elections of the Regional Bahá'í Councils: Northern Plains States members elected include Max Defender Jr. (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) is the Chair and Karen Pulkrabek (White Earth Chippewa) p. 5.
- 2) Elder Bahá'ís stay invigorated through service: Prescott Valley, Arizona: Creating an environment of wonder. Short story about Nancy Coker who spent 12 years serving the Navajo Nation where she worked as a director of exceptional education has now moved to a senior living complex and is still actively teaching. p. 34.

**March/ April 2015 Volume 46, Number 2.** In Memoriam: Kathleen Yellow Horse, November 23, 2014, Sanders, Arizona. p. 57 and Charlene L. Young Bear Charging, July 3, 2014, Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota. p. 57.

**May/June 2015 Volume 46, Number 3:**

- 1) International News-Societal dialogues see Bahá'í contributions: Canada: reframing the dialogue on the common good. Speakers included Marie Wilson, a commissioner with Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission & Doug White, director of the Centre for Pre-Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation at the University of Vancouver Island. (an aside: Canada is a progressive country leading the way in improving conditions for First Nations people. This article shows that Bahá'ís were involved in the dialogue.) p. 38.
- 2) Calendar-Bahá'í summer schools 2015-Four Corners Bahá'í School (Arizona), Native American Bahá'í Institute, Houck, Arizona: "Mashriqu'l-Adhkár (Place of Worship): Putting it into play all day 24/7". p. 56.
- 3) Photos of American Indian Believers appear with names and without the name of the person who took the photo. p. 57.

**July/August 2015 Volume 46, Number 4:**

- 1) Contents: Alvin Bitsilly at Welcome Center Dedication (Photo by Jasmin Kemp). p. 1.
  - 2) National Spiritual Assembly members for 2015-16; Jacqueline Left Hand Bull, the Vice Chair. (Photo by Nancy Wong) p. 33.
  - 3) On the web: Blessing Ceremony helps attune Welcome Center for its service: On April 19, a sage cleansing and Blessing ceremony held at the House of Worship Welcome Center. Conducting were Evelyn Williams (Inupiaq), Alice Bathe (Dine), Louise Profeit-LeBlanc of the Northern Tutchone, and Jacqueline Left Hand Bull (Lakota). (Photo by Lauren Hermann) p. 36.
  - 4) In Memoriam: Charles E. Chipps. p. 64.
  - 5) Calendar: Seasonal School Four Corners Bahá'í School, July 9-12. p. 66.
- Wilmette Institute: Upcoming courses: "Two Peacemakers: Bahá'u'lláh and Deganawida" a course led by Paula Bidwell. p. 67.

**September/October 2015 Volume 46, Number 5:**

- 1) Classified: Archives: National Bahá'í Archives seeking photographs of Native American Bahá'ís, Bahá'í communities on Indian reservations and Native American teaching activities and gatherings. p. 56.
- 2) In Memoriam: Klara S. Tyler (Makah) Lapwai, ID, May 23, 2013. p. 57.
- 3) Calendar; Wilmette Institute: Upcoming courses: "Two Peacemakers: Bahá'u'lláh and Deganawida" a course led by Paula Bidwell. p. 58.

**November/December 2015 Volume 46, Number 6:** Calendar: December 25-27: Grand Canyon Bahá'í Conference, performances by Kevin Locke. p. 58.

**January/ February 2016 Volume 47, Number 1:**

- 1) Messages: Elections of the Regional Bahá'í Councils. Northern Plains includes Max Defender Jr (Turtle Mountain Ojibwa) and Karen Pulkrabek (White Earth Ojibwa) as members. p. 4.
- 2) Culture of Learning/Building Community: Program of growth develops in area of first all-indigenous Assembly. Wonderful article about the first all-indigenous Local Spiritual Assembly of Bahá'ís of Macy, Nebraska and the Winnebago-Omaha Reservation being recognized for having achieved a level of community building. Photo courtesy of Susan Bishop. p. 8.
- 3) Calendar: February, Florence Mayberry Bahá'í School held and Linda Covey one of the presenters. p. 58.

**March/April 2016 Volume 47, Number 2:** Article: Placing Home Front Pioneers and Traveling Teachers where there's the Greatest Potential-Dakotas activities 'snowball' from service of mobile tutor. Some of the locals from the Northern Plains State activities were joined by some traveling teachers and the combination was very successful and inspiring. Audra Annette Homegun and her mother, Debbie, along with Karen Pulkrabek (White Earth Ojibwa) from the Northern Plains Regional B Council, Cheyenne Defender (Turtle Mountain Ojibwa) and Animator, Kevin Locke, Stoney Three-Legs, Naomi One Feather, Tanika Norquay, Shawnee Poitra, and Bobbie Lee Short all were instrumental in teaching and deepening souls across, Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota, and even the Native Bahá'í Institute in Houck, Arizona. Photo by Magdalene Rose. p. 29.

**May/June 2016 Volume 47, Number 3:**

- 1) Photo of Counselors and the National Spiritual Assembly including Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. Photo courtesy of office of the Secretary. p. 8.
- 2) 2. Calendar: Summer School at the Native Bahá'í Institute in Houck, Arizona on July 14-7. p. 56.

**July/August 2016 Volume 47, Number 4:**

- 1) Bahá'í Music Store: Gift Items/Other: DVD First Native Bahá'í Council Fire in Pine Springs Arizona. p. 23.
- 2) National Convention Consultation: Arizona: a reminder that native people live in cities as well as on reservations and keeping this in mind for expansion and consolidation work. p. 43.
- 3) Calendar: Mention of Native American Bahá'í School, Summer School July 14-17, its info including being on Face Book. p. 66.
- 4) Western Washington Bahá'í School featuring Jacqueline Left Hand Bull giving a class on Prayer and Devotion. p. 66.

**September/October 2016 Volume 47, Number 5:**

- 1) Two clusters typify jump in Northern Plains activity: Rosebud: 'We gave it a try anyways' This story is about a junior youth group in the Rosebud area which includes Rapid City and the Pine Ridge reservation. There were people there from the Standing Rock reservation. They decided at the spur of the moment put together a schedule to to study the Ruhi Books.

They were able to get participants and they were very excited that everything worked out. There is a very nice photo. Paul Catches from Pine Ridge is mentioned. p. 37, 38.

- 2) Missoula: “A stronger nucleus of friends” : Describes the efforts of a couple who committed a year of service in the Missoula County-flathead Reservation cluster in Montana. Talks about the strong bonds that were built by working together with the Institute process. p. 38.
- 3) Calendar: Wilmette Institute-Upcoming courses: Starts October 1: “Native American Religion and Spirituality” with Paula Bidwell, Kamao Cappel, Richard Hainsworth. p. 59.

#### **November/December 2016 Volume 47, Number 6:**

- 1) DVD: First Native Bahá’í Council Fire available for purchase. A Council Fire was planned to share the news with relatives that the Bahá’í Faith was the fulfillment of Native prophecies that the Navajo Twin Prophets had returned. p. 25.
- 2) Classified: Wanted -donations for the Native American Institute (NABI) announced the establishment of the NABI Library. p. 56.
- 3) In Memoriam: Paula Bidwell. Pocatello, Idaho. September 17, 2016. p. 57.

#### **January/February 2017 Volume 48, Number 1:**

- 1) Auxiliary Board: Members serving the U.S. Bahá’í Community: Northern Plains States: Protection: Max Defender (Turtle Mountain Ojibway). p. 3.
- 2) 2016 election of nine Regional Bahá’í Councils: Northern Plains States: Karen Pulkrabek elected. p. 4.
- 3) Chilean Temple Inauguration: photos of Natives of South America. p. 6.
- 4) Bringing the experience home: Some recollections from U.S. Bahá’ís who had the privilege of attending festivities surrounding the dedication of the Temple in Santiago: Jacqueline Left Hand Bull of Oregon, one of the two representatives of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the United States. p. 7.

#### **March/April 2017 Volume 48, Number 2:**

1. Bahá’í Distribution Service: new Releases: Journal of Bahá’í Studies Vol.26.3 Fall 2016-contains talks given by Joyce Baldwin (First Tsimshian Believer), Patricia Verge, Linda S. Covey ( Cherokee/Southern Cheyenne), Chelsea Horton, and Alfred Kahn (Navajo). p. 28
2. The insights of children’s class parents enrich Montana gathering: Six Bahai’s from southwestern Montana covering thirteen counties and an Indian reservation get together and reflect on children classes which is bound to bring about wonderful results and enrich the communities in which they serve. pp. 35-36
3. Appleton Bahá’ís, kids stretch wings together. The community carried out classes trained from Ruhi 3. They also visited a re-created Ojibwa Indian village in northern Wisconsin. The owner, Charlotte Hockings is a deepened Bahá’í and whose Bahá’í husband is Indian (now deceased) knows lots about the subject. This was one of the last events as she retired. This article includes a photo. p. 38
4. Calendar: Native American Bahá’í Institute advertised. p. 66

#### **May/ June 2017 Volume 48, Number 3:**



1. Culture of Learning/ Bahá'í Education- Beauty, blessings, family: NABI Program honors cultural ways of being and doing. Story about the Hope and the Family Program that benefits the community building effort at the Native Bahá'í Institute in Houck, Arizona. They are using a combination of the Bahá'í Writings along with a beautiful Navajo prayer as the basis of the program. They are getting good responses from participants. The article also includes Photo of young participants. p. 14
2. At National gathering, councils reflect on progress and responsibilities. A nice size article on the twelve Regional Councils meeting in San Diego, CA. The article includes a photo of most of the Council members. And there are several members who are American Indian, but no names given with the photo. p. 29
3. Calendar: Native American Bahá'í Institute advertised. p. 66.

#### **July/August 2017 Volume 48, Number 4:**

1. Photo of United States Bahá'í National Convention which includes Jacqueline Left hand Bull and perhaps other American Indians I can't see directly. p. behind cover
2. Vignettes from the first year of this Five Year Plan: Fort Defiance Agency, Navajo Nation. The youth in the Fort Defiance cluster are learning native traditions from the elders. They are learning about growing and planting things. They are learning about native wisdom as well as science. p. 9
3. 3. Photo of the new U.S. National Spiritual Assembly which includes Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. p. 30
4. All aspects of Seattle community life brought into focus as bicentenary nears. Story about the Seattle Spiritual Assembly and Its creative way of addressing prepping for the upcoming Bicentenary celebrations. Photo includes Sean Anderson (Tlingit) and a current member of that Spiritual Assembly. p. 40
5. Calendar: Native American Bahá'í Institute advertised. p. 58

#### **September/October 2017 Volume 48, Number 5:**

1. Community Building/ Centers of Learning/ A link between sports and service/ NABI collaborates with coaches on offering opportunities for youth. This article is about NABI partnering with high school sports coaches and teams to provide arenas of community service. This involves the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Pueblo, and Apache Indians in the Four Corners region. p. 10.
2. Bicentenary preparation at the national level/Relationships, conversations foster a variety of Chicago-area events: This article explains the importance it is to build relationships. And that end the Bahá'ís in the Chicago area are reaching out and collaborating with various community organizations. One such is collaboration is with events for Indigenous Day with the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston, Illinois, and will make the Bicentenary very special. This will include a full day of family activities at the museum with crafts and music; an afternoon discussion at the House of Worship with Native American panelists on issues including social justice and environment, and an artistic/cultural evening with Kevin Locke. The Evanston Bahá'í community is helping with logistics. pp. 31-32.
3. Classified: Paid Service Positions: NABI in Houck, Az: Food Service/Hospitality Coordinator. p. 56.

4. In Memoriam: Judy White Bull: McLaughlin, S.D. June 15, 2017. p. 57.
5. Tributes in Brief: Moses M. Nakai: rimrock, AZ. May 12, 2017. He was involved in founding and developing NABI as well as teaching Bahá'u'lláh's healing message in Navajo and Hopi country. p. 57.
6. Calendar: Native American Bahá'í Institute. Advertisement. p. 58.

#### **November/December 2017 Volume 48, Number 6:**

1. Bicentenary of Bahá'u'lláh's Birth Shows photo of Kevin Locke on Content page as well as on p. 5. Kevin, who gave a performance on October 9 at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois as part of the Bicentenary Celebration.
2. Bahá'í Bookstore features the book titled: Compassionate Woman-The Life and Legacy of Patricia Locke by John Kolstoe. p. 21.
3. Four perspectives on restoring trust among the race-features Nanabah Bulman of the Native American Bahá'í Institute, Arizona. (with photo) p. 29.
4. Calendar-Native American Bahá'í Institute has schedule posted and includes a Community Gathering Social Discourse and Devotional; Intergenerational Women's Group; Blessings and Beauty Family Program Faith and Community; K'é Open Day Musical Festival featuring local Navajo bands and Bahá'í-inspired artists from the Four Corners region; and the Dine Café Social Discourse/Fireside. p. 58.

#### **January/February 2018 Volume 49, Number 1:**

1. Native American Bahá'í Institute in Houck, Arizona with a photo of women from the Makah Nation in Washington state who came down to help celebrate the Bicentenary of Bahá'u'lláh's Birth. About 250 people were in attendance. Presenters also came from New Mexico and Arizona. p. 29.
2. Photo of a Native American Dancer contributing traditional dance in Edmond, Oklahoma. p. 36.
3. Photo of Bahá'í on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota in a tree planting ceremony which was part of the Bicentenary Celebrations. p. 41.
3. Photo of a presenter on the Flathead Reservation in Montana where a small group of Bahá'í senior citizens put together that celebration held at the Salish Kootenai College. One person who had studied the Faith for ten years became a Bahá'í. p. 41

#### **March/April 2018 Volume 49, Number 2**

1. Bahá'í Bookstore: American Indians and the Bahá'í Faith: A Compilation of Sacred and Inspirational Writings with News Clips and Stories. By Littlebrave Beaston. Designed as a tool for those wanting to research American Indians and their activity in the Faith. p. 20.
2. Photo of Dan McCoy hosting a Drumming group in the Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri area. The event which brought the spirit of the Black Men's Gathering into the Devotions and fireside, also covered racism and was attended by a mix of people. p. 28.
3. In MEMORIAM: Pauline Houston from the Hopi Reservation, November 29, 2017. p. 40.
4. In MEMORIAM: Michael Smith from the Wind River Reservation, WY, September 19, 2017. p. 41.

5. Calendar: Native Bahá'í Institute with note about program updates, address and Facebook page. p. 43.

### **May/June 2018 Volume 49, Number 3**

1. Bahá'í Publishing—Coming Soon Announcement about the book 'Arise' an autobiography of Kevin Locke. p.13.
2. Houck/Sanders, Arizona: Warm spaces for reflection and solutions. Article talks about a school lockdown in Sanders, AZ which brought an opportunity to have great conventions among children, youth, parents, and official about safety and well being. Among topics that were discussed were gun control and how to find beauty in times of ugliness. Service projects were planned. p. 38.
3. Photo of Nanabah Bulman with some of the children. p. 38.
4. Classifieds: Need Program Director, Learning Coordinator, and Food Service/ Hospitality Coordinator at the Native American Bahá'í Institute. p. 53.
5. TRIBUTES IN BRIEF: Donald F. Addison, Choctaw beloved elder, musician, professor writer, and Bahá'í teacher passed away February 18, 2018 in Eugene, Oregon. p. 55.
6. Calendar: Native American Bahá'í Institute notice. p. 58.

### **July/August 2018 Volume 49, Number 4**

1. Bahá'í Bookstore: Coming Soon Announcement about the book 'Arise' an autobiography of Kevin Locke. p. 2
2. Bahá'í Bookstore-New Arrivals: Return to Tyendinaga. The Story of Jim and Melba Loft going to teach in Jim's Mohawk Reserve in Canada. p. 24.
3. Photo of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States including Jacqueline Left Hand Bull. p. 29 & 45.
4. Classifieds: Native American Bahá'í Institute needs a Food Service/Hospitality Coordinator and Operations Manager. p. 56.
5. Also at the Native American Bahá'í Institute, full youth internships are available. p. 56.
6. In Memoriam: Sorry not recognizing anyone, but may be one. p. 57
7. Calendar: Native American Bahá'í Institute ad. p. 58

### **September/October 2018 Volume 49, Number 5**

1. Dedication of the Bahá'í House of Worship in Norte del Cauca, Columbia. Two pages on this joyous occasion., with photos. pp. 4-5.
2. Bahá'í Bookstore: Available book called 'Arise' an autobiography of Kevin Locke. p. 25.
3. Classifieds: Native American Bahá'í Institute needs a Food Service/ Hospitality Coordinator and Learning Coordinator. p. 44.
4. Also at the Native American Bahá'í Institute, full youth internships are available.p. 44.
5. In MEMORIAM: Julia A. King, St. Regis Indian Reservation, New York May 28, 2018. p. 46.
6. In MEMORIAM: Tuli Rhode, Berkeley, California, April 11, 2018. p. 46.
7. Calendar: Native American Bahá'í Institute notice. p. 46.

8. Long Overdue Tribute to Pocahontas Pope who was both African American and American Indian in Washington, D.C. was honored with a beautiful grave marker. As she has been without one for 112 years. p. 48.

### **November/December Volume 49, Number 6**

1. Building A New Order: Delegate Demographics for the 110th U.S. Bahá'í National Convention (2018) show that Zero (0) number of American Indian or Native American were among the Delegates. There were 3 delegates who identified as Hispanic or Latin American. (They may well be Native Americans but it is hard to tell with little information to go on.) Race/Ethnicity was self-identified data obtained from the delegate registration form. p. 20.
2. Letter on behalf of the Universal House of Justice, emailed August 6, 2018: On eradicating racial prejudice and the work of the Five Year Plan. p. 1-2 of Special insert between pages 22 and 23.
3. Compilation-Extracts from letters written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice to individual believers in the United States: Achieving Race Unity and Advancing the Process of Entry by Troops. p. 2-6 of Special insert between pages 22 and 23.
4. Letter On the 'double crusade' written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice to an individual in the United States, emailed August 10, 2018 (redacted to remove personal identifiers). p. 7-8 of Special insert between pages 22 and 23.
5. Supplement: An extract from a letter written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice dated August 6, 2018. p. 8 of Special insert between pages 22 and 23.
6. Bahá'í Bookstore: Littlebrave Beaston. American Indians and the Bahá'í Faith: Personal Stories now available. p. 23.
7. Classifieds: Native American Bahá'í Institute needs Food Service/Hospitality Coordinator. p. 40.
8. In Memoriam: may be one, I am going by the last name here and location. p. 42.
9. Calendar: Native American Bahá'í Institute is mentioned here including the fact that they are on FaceBook. Look at FB for updates. p. 42.
10. In the Life of Society: Peace sculpture advances vision for Michigan Bahá'í Property. A Ceremony was held on the property owned by Bahá'ís and Kevin Locke was invited to give a blessing in Lakota and do a hoop dance which delighted the audience. p. 44.

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