



# The Universal House of Justice

"The Universal House of Justice is the international governing council of the Bahá'í Faith. Bahá'u'lláh ordained the creation of this institution in His book of laws, the Kitáb-i-Aqdas.

The Universal House of Justice is a nine-member body, elected every five years by the entire membership of all national Bahá'í assemblies. Bahá'u'lláh conferred divine authority upon the Universal House of Justice to exert a positive influence on the

welfare of humankind,  
promote education,  
peace and global prosperity,  
and safeguard human honour  
and the position of religion.

It is charged with applying the Bahá'í teachings to the requirements of an ever-evolving society and is thus empowered to legislate on matters not explicitly covered in the Faith's Sacred Texts."

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