

# BICENTENARY BOUNTIES

**“What could be more fitting to offer the Blessed Beauty on the two hundredth anniversary of His Birth than the earnest striving of His loved ones to extend the reach of His Faith?” —Universal House of Justice**

On October 22, Bahá'ís and friends around the globe will joyfully celebrate the 200th anniversary of Bahá'u'lláh's birth. This event is “the single greatest worldwide opportunity there has ever been for connecting hearts to Bahá'u'lláh,” in the words of the Universal House of Justice. It's a wonderful occasion to build unity

within our Bahá'í communities and to strengthen relationships with friends and neighbors.

This unique holy day is also a great time to use your creativity and enthusiasm in service to God and the world. Try the ideas below to add distinction to your event!

### 200 LIGHTS



Create an original display and convey the significance of the 200th anniversary by arranging 200 tea light candles into a nine-pointed star or the number 200.

You can also fill a table with 200 candles along with quotes from Bahá'u'lláh about light, such as “God grant that the light of unity may envelop the whole earth...” and “So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.”

### STARS OF UNITY



Cut out enough white paper stars for the number of guests you expect. Provide a variety of markers and star stickers. Invite guests to decorate stars with hopes and prayers for the future or drawings that show their vision of unity.

Hang a large banner of black or dark blue fabric on a wall to represent the sky, and attach the stars for a brilliant display that has special meaning for your guests.

### LEAVES OF ONE BRANCH



Create a tree trunk and branches out of brown paper and hang it on a wall. On the trunk, write this quote: “Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch.”—Bahá'u'lláh

Give guests scissors, markers, and colorful paper. Ask them to cut a leaf shape and write their name and a message of unity on it. Tape the leaves to the tree. Later, take a photo of the guests standing near the leaf-filled tree.



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