

Annual report (summary)

1 January - 31 December 2021

Introduction

In 2021, when the corona pandemic caused various lockdowns throughout the world, the Foundation was primarily concerned with the production of a film commissioned by the Baha'i World Centre: Glimpses of a Hundred Years of Endeavour. In addition, people and organisations around the world continued to use the film 'Mercy's Blessing' to raise awareness and stimulate meaningful dialogue.

Creating inspiring films

The film provides insight into a hundred years of endeavor and learning since the passing of 'Abdu'l-Bahá in 1921, carried out by a burgeoning Bahá'í community, and outlines the journey that has led to the community's current efforts to contribute to the emergence of a world organized around the principle of the oneness of humanity.

The 66-minute film is available in Arabic, English, French, Persian, Russian, Spanish, and Swahili. The film can also be viewed on <u>YouTube</u>. It was officially launched on 5 January 2022.

Use of the film 'Mercy's Blessing' to inspire social change

The film 'Mercy's Blessing' continued to be used by partner organisations. Of note is the frequent use of the film in primary and secondary schools, such as in France, Belgium, and South Africa. Also, youth groups around the world appreciate watching the film in small settings and reflect upon it together.

Scholarships

The Foundation has supported a number of actors of the film Mercy's Blessing in the form of scholarships to complete their university studies in Malawi.

Board

The Board has remained unchanged. It consists of Dr. Bert Kersten (chairperson), Mrs. Dini Hilbron (treasurer), and Mrs. Yolande van den Hoogen (secretary). The Board has met several times digitally.

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