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## BIG IDEAS: THE BAHA'I FAITH AND THE ISSUES OF OUR TIME

Please join us for a series of talks addressing some of humanity's shared challenges and opportunities as we work to advance an emerging global civilization. This series brings together current research, experience, contemporary discourses and Baha'i perspectives. Please publicize widely.

"Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in and its exigences and requirements." ~ Baha'i Writings

Friday, March 5, 2021, 7:30pm EST

## Making Good Things Happen: Environmental Action at the Grass Roots With Bill Kelly

Bill's presentation will inspire others to be active contributors towards justice and the progress of humanity. It will draw on his unique perspective and substantial experience in working, sometimes successfully, towards making good things happen. Bill is working with the Ottawa Cluster Environment Group for this presentation. He will show how the group is working to encourage sustainable practices and participation in bringing about the change necessary to begin healing our planet. How do we go about the greatest project of learning we have ever undertaken?

About Bill: Bill grew up in a military family and was himself a U.S. Marine during the Vietnam Era. First in his family to attend college, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a focus in psychology. Bill's early experiences and insights into different socioeconomic and educational environments led him to dedicate himself to working towards a more egalitarian society. When he was introduced to the Baha'i Faith as a young father in Texas, the principles of unity and justice immediately clarified, substantiated, and vastly expanded a vision of the world towards which he had been working.

Bill became involved in information technology in the early 1980's when personal computers were showing the promise of empowering individuals without regard to their status in society. He worked to bring computer access and literacy to low income, disabled and racially disadvantaged communities. Later, Bill gravitated towards entrepreneurial activities and established multiple green businesses including a solar energy company and an ecommerce business that encourages repair and reuse of electronic devices. Resources generated by these businesses empower Bill and his family to work actively towards addressing social issues with an emphasis on the environmental challenges of the day.