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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 Bahá'í perspectives.

"Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in and its exigencies and requirements."

~ Bahá'í Writings

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The Baha'i experience building Indigenous health partnerships in Guyana: How Dr. Aidun made a difference with Dr. Brian Camereon

Live at the Ottawa Baha'i Centre,
211 McArthur Ave., Vanier and on Zoom

In the 1990s the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Guyana collaborated with the Guyanese Ministry of Health and other agencies to create a project designed to help rebuild a hospital and develop village health centres in remote indigenous communities in the Rupununi region. Equally important was the goal of capacity-building among the local population through health education, the training of local health workers, and encouragement of youth to undertake careers in medicine and nursing. Several Canadian physicians participated in the project on a short term basis, but Canadian Baha'i physician Dr. Jamshid Aidun spent over 20 years as a volunteer doctor/surgeon providing leadership and hands-on assistance in an underserved and under-valued community. Tonight's talk will outline the project's successes in the 1990s and a generation later, and the inspiring role played by Mr. Aidun.

Dr. Brian Cameron met Dr. Aidun early on in his own surgical career and was so impressed by his story of personal and community transformation that he decided to write Aidun's newly published biography, *Ripples from the Rupununi: Dr. Aidun's Healing Journey*, described by the Hamilton Spectator as "sparking reflection about service, community, and the impact one life can have on many." Dr. Cameron will speak about how Dr. Aidun's story inspired him to write the book, and how we can each contribute to positive change in our own communities. He is a recently retired McMaster professor, a member of the Bahá'í community, and lives in Dundas, ON with his wife Pat.