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MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS: A REGIONAL PRESENCE

Baha'i

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Founded in 1863 in Persia, now Iran, the Baha'i came to Cleveland in 1894 under the leadership of Alice Davidson, and in 1903 the first group was organized. Spiritual leader Abdul-Baha visited Cleveland in 1912 and outlined the tenets of the Baha'i faith: need for spiritual civilization, renewal and unity of religion, advocacy of interracial marriage, establishment of social equality and rights and international peace.