

Baha'i House dedication in Panama City

WILMETTE, Ill. — Some four thousand Baha'is from around the world are expected to attend the dedication of the newest Baha'i House of Worship in Panama City, Panama. Dedication ceremonies will be held on April 29 and 30. More than 1200 Baha'is from the United States will fly to the dedication. The National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the Republic of Panama will be the host for the dedication.

The edifice is the first completely round building constructed in Panama and will cost over one million dollars. The House of Worship is located seven miles north of Panama City off the Transisthmian Highway in an area known as Ojo de Agua (Eye of Water). The

building sits atop of Cerro Sonsonate (Singing Mountain) at an elevation of 788 feet.

At present there are four Baha'i Houses of Worship. They are located at or near Frankfurt, Germany; Sydney, Australia; Kampala, Uganda; and Wilmette, Illinois (USA). Sites for some sixty future Houses of Worship have been acquired in areas around the world.

The Baha'i Houses of Worship are places for prayer and meditation and are open to all people, regardless of race, religion or class. Services are simple, without ritual, and consist of selected readings, prayers and meditations of the Baha'i Faith and other religions of the world.