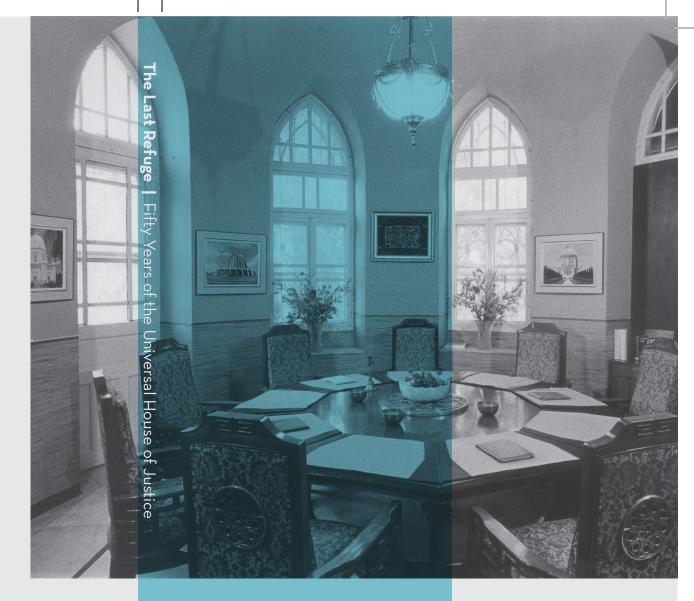
## **A Particular Narrative**

The transitional period of the Bahá'í Faith, the latest of God's revealed religions, is absorbing. The significance of historical events is magnified not just by the hold of new imperatives and new emerging realities but by a landscape increasingly cluttered with discredited alternatives of polity and organization. This short essay draws on facts from 1963 onwards and attempts to organize ideas around a unique theme, the establishment of the Universal House of Justice and its corollary, loyalty to a special leadership which, as an unseen magnet, draws cultures and societies towards a unitary center supported by the universal appeal to order and a loving authority.

Social forces that allow for civilization to advance must crystallize into institutions to be immortalized. With history moving in only one direction, unerring, it is the ultimate responsibility of this supreme institution to assure she flow toward her goal, 'that Ark of human salvation.'

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## The Last Refuge

Fifty Years of the Universal House of Justice

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