

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

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To the American Bahá'í community

Dearly loved Friends,

Following on our message for the Feast of Bahá, we wish to share with you the wonderful news, received on Naw-Rúz, of the establishment of several additional programs of growth in this country, for a current total of exactly 600. As you know, the goal of the current Five Year Plan was to establish programs of growth in at least 600 clusters. Efforts to establish programs of growth are well underway in a number of additional clusters, so the total may rise still further in the weeks before the launching of the new Plan at Ridván. The current number marks a signal victory, laying a strong foundation for the "herculean" tasks of the coming five years.

We also wish to offer a correction to that same Feast message, wherein we inadvertently left out the fact that among the diverse gathering present at the national institutional meeting in Pensacola were several American Indian believers. We sincerely apologize for this; indeed, there are promising developments taking place in this highly significant population in several clusters, which we hope to report on more fully in due course.

We are deeply grateful for the confirmations bestowed on this community by the Blessed Beauty and for the services of thousands of souls whose determination, enterprise, and often sacrificial efforts have brought us to this stage. Surely this achievement counts among the most notable ever seen on the American home front and augurs well for unprecedented victories still to come.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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