NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY of the Bahá'ís of the United States

July 18, 2016

Local Spiritual Assemblies in selected regions

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

Each year, members of Local Spiritual Assemblies have the privilege of casting their ballots for the election of their respective Regional Bahá'í Council. The meeting at which this balloting takes place should be scheduled several weeks prior to the Day of the Covenant, November 25, to allow for the announcement of the election results to be made on that auspicious day.

This year, meetings for the purpose of casting ballots for Council membership may be set by Local Spiritual Assemblies for any time from Monday, October 17, through Sunday, October 23; the envelope conveying the ballots to the Chief Teller for your respective region must be postmarked no later than Monday, October 24. Please remember that the election call and ballots must be sent to each individual Assembly member a minimum of 15 days before the election meeting.

Your Regional Bahá'í Council election materials will arrive by early October. You are encouraged now to designate the time when your Spiritual Assembly will meet for this important election. The National Spiritual Assembly asks that every member of your institution commit to participating in this meeting and to casting a ballot.

Be assured of our ardent prayers that your efforts may be confirmed by the Blessed Beauty.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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Kenneth E. Bowers Secretary

cc: Continental Counselors residing in the United States and Canada Selected Regional Bahá'í Councils