

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

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To all Local Spiritual Assemblies
and registered Bahá'í groups

Dearest Bahá'í Friends,

We received yesterday afternoon a letter from the National Spiritual Assembly of Chile addressed to its sister Assemblies across the world.

While expressing its joy as next week's dedication of the Mother Temple of South America continues its fast approach, the letter also brought to our attention a few important matters that, if they are properly respected by the friends traveling to Santiago, will ensure a memorable, trouble-free experience for everyone.

In its letter, the Chilean National Assembly strongly advises all those traveling to Santiago for the dedication events to:

- Study thoroughly the booklet the Temple Dedication Committee provided in its communications with all confirmed participants.

In making this recommendation, the Assembly notes that it is receiving numerous requests for information already presented in the booklet—which offers “a wide range of information about the event and . . . travel and accommodation[s].”

- Purchase travel health insurance.

Here the Chilean Assembly notes that health care beyond simple first aid will not be provided at the conference venue or at the Temple site.

Anyone suffering an accident or experiencing a medical emergency will be moved to a professional health care facility. Thanks to certain realities of the Chilean health care system, the Assembly warns that the friends who are uninsured “could be exposed to paying high medical bills.”

We trust the friends attending these historic events will take both these counsels to heart. We wish each one a safe and pleasurable journey and a richly rewarding experience officially opening to visitors this last of the great continental Bahá'í Houses of Worship.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



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Secretary