

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ḤUQÚQU'LLÁH IN THE UNITED STATES

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To the American Bahá'í community

Dearly loved Friends,

The Board of Trustees of Ḥuqúqu'lláh in the United States sends you its warmest regards. We are pleased to inform you of a new development that has, for some time, been requested by the friends, one that will allow payments to Ḥuqúqu'lláh to be made online. Before sharing the details of this new development, however, we would like to offer some historical context and selections from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá regarding the high station of the Right of God.

As you know, the worldwide application of the sacred law of Ḥuqúqu'lláh was instituted by the Universal House of Justice at Ridván 1992, “the beginning of the Holy Year marking the hundredth anniversary of the Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh.”ⁱ Since that time, the friends throughout the world have experienced the many blessings that flow copiously from its observance. Its importance cannot be overestimated and is well understood through reflection on the following Holy Text:

*Say: O people, the first duty is to recognize the one true God—magnified be His glory—the second is to show forth constancy in His Cause and, after these, one's duty is to purify one's riches and earthly possessions according to that which is prescribed by God.*ⁱⁱ

*Ḥuqúqu'lláh is indeed a great law. It is incumbent upon all to make this offering, because it is the source of grace, abundance, and of all good. It is a bounty which shall remain with every soul in every world of the worlds of God, the All-Possessing, the All-Bountiful.*ⁱⁱⁱ

'Abdu'l-Bahá, for His part, further confirms the high station of Ḥuqúqu'lláh and unequivocally relates its observance to firmness in the Covenant and “*Divine increase*”:

This fixed money offering, however, causeth the people to become firm and steadfast and draweth Divine increase upon them.^{iv}

Further selections from the Holy Text, easily found in the compilation *Ḥuqúqu'lláh—the Right of God*, attest to the “*blessings*,” “*prosperity*,” “*protection*,” and “*happiness*”—to name but some of its benefits and wisdoms—that stream from obedience to this sacred and mighty law of God. Even a cursory review of the above texts quickly reveals the fundamental qualities that obedience to the Right of God infuses into the life of the believer and, as an evident corollary, into the deliberations of the institutions of the Faith and the ability of the community to achieve, if not

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surpass, the goals of the Five Year Plan we are currently pursuing. This sacred law, then, spans the breadth of the heart of the individual and “*the betterment and well-being of the world*” and has quietly, unfailingly, and significantly been instrumental in the victories, growth, and successes of the Faith from the time of Bahá’u’lláh to the present day. Its name, “The Right of God,” indicates its essentiality and testifies to its high station.

In light of the above quotations, considerations, and requests of the friends, and with hearts filled with gratitude to Bahá’u’lláh, we are pleased to announce that online payments to the Right of God will be possible as of February 1. This new convenience can be accessed at ushuquq.org.^{vi} (Payments by check will continue to be received by the U.S. Office of Ҳуқуқу’ллаг, P.O. Box 697, Wilmette, IL 60091.)

We remain humbled to be able to serve the community of the Most Great Name in this capacity and wish that His endless blessings, bounties, and grace may flow upon us as we, one and all, arise to play our part for the triumph of His Cause, the glorification of His Name, and the spiritualization of an as yet unawakened humanity.

With loving Bahá’í greetings,

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ⁱ *A Codification of the Law of Ҳуқуқу’ллаг*, p. 4

ⁱⁱ *Ҳуқуқу’ллаг—The Right of God*, no. 2

ⁱⁱⁱ *Ҳуқуқу’ллаг—The Right of God*, no. 13

^{iv} *Ҳуқуқу’ллаг—The Right of God*, no. 22

^v *The Summons of the Lord of Hosts*, p. 108

^{vi} Payment can also be made by accessing american.bahai.us, signing in, clicking on “Resources,” then clicking on “Directories,” then clicking on “The Board of Trustees of Ҳуқуқу’ллаг in the United States,” then clicking on “Contact and Voluntary Payment.”