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

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To all Local Spiritual Assemblies

Dearest Bahá'í Friends,

We are most pleased to share with you another edition—released in February—of the newsletter *Reflections on Growth*, published periodically for the Continental Boards of Counselors under the auspices of the International Teaching Center.

This latest edition—Number 37 in the series—focuses attention on several diverse Bahá'í communities across the world, illuminating how the friends are preparing for the forthcoming bicentennial celebrations of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh and the Birth of the Bab and are consulting on how to imbue them with "a sense of what it means for humanity that these two Luminaries rose successively above the horizon of the world."

We ask you to keep in mind guidance from the Universal House of Justice that "*Reflections on Growth* is suited for circulation amongst those involved in promoting the process of growth at various levels of the community," but "should not generally be distributed on the Internet." Beyond its sharing with individuals participating in the process of growth, extracts from the newsletter may be published in local newsletters and other communications you consider appropriate.

Regional Bahá'í Councils will also be receiving this edition of *Reflections on Growth* and are being asked to share it with the regional training institute and other cluster agencies in their respective regions.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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Secretary

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