

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

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

Some of you may be aware of the organization Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) from its persistent attempts to contact various Bahá'í institutions to extend invitations to participate in events it hosts in several countries around the world.

In this matter, we share with you the following guidance from the Universal House of Justice, dated May 22, 2015, regarding the relations of Bahá'ís with that organization:

Whilst a Bahá'í community should, of course, generally foster friendly relations with other organizations, all organizations have their own particular aims and characteristics, and the community should not feel obliged to collaborate with every one of them if invited to do so. In this particular case, the House of Justices suggests that collaboration with HWPL—whether sending representatives to or hosting its events, participating in promotional videos or in the preparation of other materials at its request, or in other ways—is not advisable. It further suggests that in the event that you or individuals in your community are currently collaborating with this organization, such collaboration should, in a tactful manner and on amicable terms, be brought to an end as soon as possible.

We bring this guidance to your attention at this time as we believe that HWPL activities may pick up this spring, which might lead to it, as in the past, contacting some Local Spiritual Assemblies to solicit their participation in its events.

Please be assured of our loving best wishes during this resplendent season of the Fast.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



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