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

April 29, 2017

To the United States Bahá'í community

Beloved Friends,

In an atmosphere pervaded by an exceptional level of unity and collaborative spirit, delegates to the 109th Bahá'í National Convention in the United States with great dignity discharged their sacred responsibility to elect the National Spiritual Assembly for the Bahá'í administrative year that began at Ridván. We are pleased to report to you that the following members of the U.S. Bahá'í community—listed in descending order according to number of votes received—were elected:

Kenneth E. Bowers
Muin Afnani
Kevin Trotter
Jacqueline Left Hand Bull
David F. Young
Robert C. Henderson
Juana C. Conrad
Fariba Aghdasi
S. Valerie Dana

The Assembly's organizational meeting to elect its officers will be held at a later time.

Throughout its proceedings, the Convention benefited from the experience, insights, and encouragement of the two members of the Continental Board of Counselors for the Americas present—Mrs. Sonlla Heern and Ms. Nwandi Lawson. As the National Spiritual Assembly looks to the year ahead, its resolve is strong to do all in its power to assist the friends to intensify their efforts to fulfill the aims and purposes of the current Five Year Plan, now entering its second year; to achieve the friends' collaboration in these efforts at every level; and to seek at all times to be humble servants of the blessed community on whose behalf its efforts are lovingly made.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Sennet El Bower

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Kenneth E. Bowers

Secretary