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

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To all Arabic-speaking
Bahá'ís in the United States

Dear Bahá'í Friends.

We fully share the eager anticipation many of you are feeling contemplating the prospects of the upcoming Arab American Conference, scheduled to take place in the Chicago area during the extended weekend of August 17-20. In February, you received a letter with details about the conference, including information about registration, and, as a convenience to you, we have attached that letter here. We are pleased now to provide you with additional details about the event.

The theme of this year's conference is coexistence and the future of humanity, and its program will be conducted in Arabic by prominent academics and professionals from both the United States and the Arab world. Among the distinguished presenters already on the program roster are Dr. Mohamed Ben Moussa, Dr. Sahar Khamis, Mr. Fares Naimi, Dr. Saad Salloum, Ms. Tahany Helmy, and Dr. Najat Alrefai-Sasani. In addition, the conference will include a discussion panel for youth, as well as focused workshops, allowing conference attendees to further explore topics of interest with other participants.

Registration for the conference will remain open until August 10 and can be completed at the event's official website, <u>arabconference.bahai.us</u>. Should you have any questions, contact the conference committee by email at <u>committee@arabamericanconference.com</u>.

We strongly encourage your participation in this conference—the latest in a series of annual gatherings increasingly strengthening bonds of friendship among the Arab American community and providing welcome opportunities for Arabic-speaking Bahá'ís and their friends to meaningfully contribute to the social and cultural life of Arabs everywhere.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Kenneth E. Bowers

Secretary

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