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

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To the American Bahá'í community

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

We are pleased to share with you information regarding the upcoming seventh Parliament of the World's Religions, which will take place from November 1–7, 2018 in Toronto, Canada with the theme: *The Promise of Inclusion, The Power of Love: Pursuing Global Understanding, Reconciliation, and Change.*

As some may remember, the last Parliament took place in Salt Lake City in 2015, where significant Bahá'í contributions were made to the discourse, both in plenary sessions and in workshops. A number of proposals from individual Bahá'ís, acting as sole presenters or in partnership with Bahá'ís and those from the wider society, were accepted by the Parliament for workshop presentations. We are hoping that these excellent contributions to the 2015 Parliament can be replicated or surpassed this year. If you feel that you would like to contribute to this effort, please note that the deadline for applications is March 1, 2018. All applications can be submitted to the Parliament at https://parliamentofreligions.org/rfp.

We would greatly appreciate if individuals would also notify our Office of Public Affairs at <u>BahaisUS@usbnc.org</u> of any applications that have been submitted to the Parliament.

Please be assured of our continual prayers as you labor to serve humanity within the broad framework of the current Plan.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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