

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,

In our letter of December 14, 2017—attached here for your ease of reference—the National Spiritual Assembly encouraged your participation in the 7<sup>th</sup> Arab American Conference, to be held this year in the Chicago area from August 16-19. This event, centered on the theme of “Unity in Diversity,” is open to Arabic-speaking Bahá'ís and their friends and will feature renowned presenters from North America, Europe and the Middle East.

Those friends who have participated in prior conferences will attest to the success of the gatherings and the wonderful opportunity they have provided to build bonds of friendship and strengthen connections with members of the wider community with ties to the Arab world. The Universal House of Justice, in a letter dated January 5, 2016 to this National Assembly, encouraged the holding of the conference, as “...it provides a space for Bahá'í perspectives on the concerns of the Arab world to be explored and for those engaged in these discourses to come together in an atmosphere of harmony and cooperation.” The goal of the conference, the Supreme Body clarifies, is “...to provide an opportunity for the friends to bring their contacts so that the participants then join together in exploring common concerns.”

As the conference year by year matures, strengthens and evolves in its pursuit of this goal defined by the House of Justice, we hope that you will lend it your support by attending and by inviting friends who share an interest in the concerns of the Arab diaspora.

You may register for the 2018 Arab American Conference through its website ([here](#)) until August 13. You may also wish to join the conference's Facebook page ([here](#)) to receive periodic updates.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



Kenneth E. Bowers  
Secretary

Attachment