

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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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To all Local Spiritual Assemblies
and registered Bahá'í groups with
an email address on file at the
Bahá'í National Center

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

We greet you with warmest best wishes from the National Spiritual Assembly for a blessed Fast and joyous Naw-Rúz.

As the Ridván season approaches, we wish to provide you with information on how to form your Local Spiritual Assembly, should your community have nine or more adult believers at Ridván. Should you have fewer than nine, you are encouraged to re-form as a registered group.

The National Assembly is pleased to share with you [here](#) a document on the nature of Bahá'í elections, and requests that you provide a copy to all voting members of your community. The selected excerpts are offered to assist all those participating in the upcoming election to obtain a deeper understanding of the divine principles on which the Bahá'í electoral process rests. We suggest that the document be distributed with your community's election call; it may also be a good focus of study during home visits.

All the necessary forms and documents to assist you in forming an Assembly, or in re-forming as a registered group, can be found online by logging in at any of the following portals:

- eMembership2 at <https://emem.usbnc.org> (from the "Elections" drop-down menu, click on "Support Documents" and "Printable Forms") or
- <https://elections.bahai.us> or
- Member services website at <https://www.bahai.us/community> (from the "Resources" drop-down menu, click on "Ridván Election Materials")

The National Spiritual Assembly assures you of its ardent prayers for a smooth and successful election that will be a rich and meaningful experience for all participants.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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