

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

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To the American Bahá'í community  
for the Feast of Rahmat

Dearly loved Friends,

Throughout the nearly three weeks since we wrote to you for the Feast of Núr, people from all walks of life have across the nation kept up their impassioned cry to their fellow citizens to take steps to address the systemic racism that afflicts America. Against this backdrop, we have meanwhile received a steady stream of communications reporting on the many ways that Local Spiritual Assemblies, communities, and believers in every corner of the country have responded to circumstances. Finding essential insights in the abundant guidance received over decades from the Universal House of Justice, Bahá'ís are everywhere reflecting on how their increased efforts to expand and consolidate our community, to promote positive social action, and to engage in the discourses of society can with greater effectiveness respond to the urgent summons of this “most vital and challenging issue.” There will be much to learn in the coming months as we seek to further all these facets of the Five Year Plan, and this Assembly will continue to reflect with you as we move forward together.

We have recently released a public statement, attached here for your ease of reference. We hope you will consider how it might assist your efforts in the three broad areas of action described above. Further, we are now developing an additional feature of our national website that will serve as a growing repository of literature, compilations of excerpts from the Writings, media resources, responses to frequently asked questions, and other tools to guide and strengthen your efforts. The same site, to be opened in a few days, will afford you opportunities to submit descriptions of your efforts and the resources you have developed. Our Office of Public Affairs is also developing a series of webinars especially to assist Local Spiritual Assemblies to build capacity for engagement in local discourse, with an emphasis on racial justice.

Additional lines of action are being developed and will be shared with you as soon as possible. In the meantime, be assured of our boundless love for and confidence in you, and of the constancy of our prayers for your great success. May the beloved Master Who held such high hopes for this community assist us all to rise to the challenges of this hour, and to achieve in the coming year that which will bring gladness to His heart.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,  
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Secretary

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