

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 Sultán

Dearly loved Friends,

Across the globe, in the hundred thousand and more localities where they reside, the members of the community of the Most Great Name are gathering to celebrate this Feast. They do so with hearts continuing to reverberate to the inspiring words addressed to them in the Universal House of Justice's message of January 2—a message that reflected on the consultations that characterized the recently concluded conference in the Holy Land of the Continental Boards of Counselors, that hinted of the vast potentialities in the new Five Year Plan waiting to be released when work on it commences at Ridván, that recognized the Plan's ambitious requirements, yet rung with confidence in the capacity of the worldwide adherents of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh to meet and exceed them. We commend that significant letter to your careful study and consideration and, though it was already circulated to the community through our network of local Assemblies and groups, have attached it for your convenience.

We are pleased by reports we are receiving that many of the friends have begun a collective study of the Supreme Institution's December 29 message to the Conference of the Counselors describing the features of the new Plan. We hope that communities that have not already done so will now organize such gatherings, and that the friends everywhere will make these two seminal documents a constant source of fortification and guidance as they arise to render service to this latest stage in the "systematic execution of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's grand design for the spiritual conquest of the planet."

We add to the supplications of the Supreme Body our own ardent prayers that you will each and every one be aided by our beloved Master to "choose the path of consecrated service and high endeavour" to which He has called us.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,
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Secretary

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