

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

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To the participants in the second
“Pupil of the Eye” Conference

Dearly loved Friends,

When we addressed you on the occasion of your first gathering, in November 2019, we made reference to the vast spiritual forces that had been set in motion by the advent of Bahá'u'lláh—forces both integrative and disintegrative, which were steadily propelling humanity towards its divinely ordained destiny. All of us sensed, even at that time, that we were entering a critical period in history. Yet who could have foreseen how rapidly things would develop in the seven months since then! To contemplate recent events has surely provoked in every sincere follower of the Blessed Beauty a renewed sense of urgency to offer His healing teachings to an increasingly desperate world.

How wonderful, then, that you have been inspired to convene these gatherings to explore the special destiny that has been ordained for you—a destiny illuminated in these words of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:

Bahá'u'lláh once compared the colored people to the black pupil of the eye surrounded by the white. In this black pupil is seen the reflection of that which is before it, and through it the light of the spirit shineth forth.

Surely your coming together on these occasions—for consultations and prayers that have already inspired many services—is in itself an indication of divine assistance. Surely it is proof of the essential role you are called upon to play in the advancement of the Cause of God. Above all, it is surely a sign that the Abhá Beauty sees you, knows you, and loves you—and that He is taking you by the hand towards a destiny that is unimaginably glorious!

To this we express our own confidence in you, and our high hopes for the victories that you will certainly achieve as you serve together with your fellow believers throughout the country. You have been created by Him to be the “Pupil of the Eye”—to receive and to spread His light. You have been chosen by Him at a moment of great peril, as well as of great opportunity. You have been invested with the strength, nobility, insight, and fortitude required to render unique contributions to the creation of the divine civilization prophesied in the holy books of the past. We ardently supplicate the Beloved of the worlds to bless and guide you in fulfilling this sacred mission.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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