

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

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To the American Bahá'í community

Dearly loved Friends,

We are delighted to share with you joyous news of the acquisition earlier this week of a permanent facility for institute training situated in North Carolina's Triangle cluster. Consisting of several buildings on a 28-acre parcel of land, it will serve for many years to come as a bountiful resource for the spiritual and material advancement of people throughout the cluster.

The decision to acquire an institute property was made in response to demands growing out of the notable progress of the cluster—the result of years of devoted, persevering, and systematic effort by the believers in the region and their friends. Through consultation involving various cluster agencies, the Regional Training Institute, the Regional Bahá'í Council of the Atlantic States, members of the Continental Board of Counselors, and the National Spiritual Assembly, it became clear that the process of growth in the cluster had reached a stage where a physical structure would be required to enable it to grow to still higher levels.

The new facility is adjacent to one of the cluster's most advanced neighborhoods, with a diverse population participating in some 170 core activities. The facility will further serve pockets of teaching in progress in other neighborhoods and support activities throughout the cluster and, to some extent, the entire region.

Although this is not the first institute facility in the United States, it is the first to emerge in the current series of Plans, in response to the growing capacities of people whose lives have been transformed by the Word of God for this Day and who are demonstrating strengthening power to reshape the society around them. Far more than a local or regional achievement, this development testifies to the increased focus and resolve of a national community in vigorous pursuit of the goals of the Divine Plan. It not only marks a fitting conclusion to the current series of Five Year Plans, but heralds wondrous events still to come as the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh continues its steady march toward realization of its vision of a peaceful, just, and unified world fully reflecting the oneness of the human family.

Be assured of our warm and abiding love and of our unceasing prayers on your behalf.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



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Secretary