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

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To the American Bahá'í community

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

After sharing our Ridván 2021 Annual Report with the Universal House of Justice, we received with great joy the attached letter of April 9 conveying its response. We feel strongly that you will each be moved by this inspiring message and by the assurance of the Supreme Body's loving supplications on behalf of the friends in the United States.

We warmly encourage everyone to review the contents of the Annual Report, particularly the sections providing a comprehensive review of developments in community building carried out in the final year of the current Five Year Plan. Reading about organic growth nurtured by systematic work in various neighborhoods around the country — work inspired by the Bahá'í teachings yet utterly collaborative with friends from the wider community — will surely lend new energy to your devoted efforts as we welcome the One Year Plan announced by the House of Justice. The report also includes a summary account of the activities of our numerous offices and agencies, as well as those of several affiliated organizations.

The online version of the report, available <u>here</u>, facilitates its browsing without the necessity of downloading files. You will also find it posted in downloadable pdf form on the <u>member</u> <u>services website</u> after logging in.

You may be sure, as you reflect on the last year and make plans for the new one, of our abiding love and ongoing prayers for your valiant efforts to "upraise the standard of the oneness of humanity" through the dynamic and effective framework of action delineated by our beloved Universal House of Justice.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Kenneth E. Bowers

Secretary

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