NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY

Membership of the Bahá’í Councils 2009-2010

16 November 2009

The new term of service for the members of the Bahá’í Councils in the United Kingdom commences on the Day of the Covenant, 26 November 2009. As the executive instruments of the National Assembly authorised to act on its behalf in devising and executing plans, in collaboration with the Counsellors and their auxiliaries, to help each cluster in the part of the country they serve advance from its current stage of growth to the next stage, the Councils play a key role in the unfoldment of the Divine Plan in this national community.

This year, 121 Local Spiritual Assemblies participated in the election of the Councils. 41 Assemblies voted completely (ie all members voted). The following believers have been elected to serve on the Councils:
Bahá’í Council for England

Richard Fusco
Julia Haviland
Marco Milone
Vida Nezamabad
Ramez Salmanpour
Farhad Shahbahrami
Homa Saadat
Sara Talai
Stephen Vickers

Bahá’í Council for Wales

Christine Abbas
Rafi Abbas
Roya Azordegan
Soheyl Azordegan
Carolyn Bridgewater
Kathryn Delpak
Ramez Delpak
Hoshmand Kalami
Tim Melville

The National Assembly wishes to record its appreciation to Kamyar Solhjoo, who was not re-elected to the Council.

May the very dedicated efforts of the Councils to advance the process of entry by troops in the United Kingdom be bountifully confirmed by the Blessed Beauty.

“\textit{In the Book of God everyone is enjoined to offer the Huquq spontaneously and in a spirit of joy and fellowship. I beseech Him, the Most Exalted, to graciously enable everyone to do that which is pleasing and acceptable to Him.}”

Bahá’u’lláh

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**NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY**

**Progress of the Five Year Plan**

29 November 2009

It gives the National Spiritual Assembly the greatest pleasure to inform you that the necessary conditions for launching intensive programmes of growth in the Cambridgeshire, Shetland, and South Yorkshire clusters have now been met.

The number of growth programmes underway in the United Kingdom currently stands at 24.

The goal of establishing at least 28 intensive programmes of growth by Ridván 2011 is now well within reach.

May the friends take great heart from what has been achieved thus far and press forward, with great confidence and vigour, in pursuit of the remaining goals of the current Five Year Plan.

Our prayers and love surround you all.

To make submissions for the News Digest please send to:

“UK Bahá’í News Digest”
27 Rutland Gate, London, SW7 1PD
Or email: bmnd@bahai.org.uk

The deadline for submissions for the March 2010 issue is the 15th February 2010.

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**NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY**

**Membership of the Bahá’í Councils**

14 December 2009

For compelling personal reasons, Andrew Goodwin has asked to be relieved of membership on the Bahá’í Council for Scotland and this request has been accepted. The National Spiritual Assembly wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation for Andrew’s dedicated service on the Council.

As the recipient of the next highest number of votes in the recent election of the Council, the National Assembly is pleased to recognise Nasrin O’Kane as the new member of the Council.

For compelling personal reasons, Christine Abbas has asked to be relieved of membership on the Bahá’í Council for Wales and this request has been accepted. Christine served as a member of the Council since its inception in June 1997 and prior to that was a member of the Regional Teaching and Administrative committee for Wales, the predecessor to the Council. The National Assembly wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation for dear Christine’s devoted efforts over these many years and wishes her well in the next stage of her services to the Cause.

As the recipient of the next highest number of votes in the recent election of the Council, the National Assembly is pleased to recognise Mahmood Foroughi as the new member of the Council.
The National Spiritual Assembly is looking to appoint a believer to serve as Aide to the Office of External Affairs. The job description for this post, including information on how to apply, can be found below.

Service Position
Aide to the Office of External Affairs

The service

The National Spiritual Assembly’s external affairs work is focused on four main areas of activity: diplomatic work, efforts in the field of public information, participation in the discourses of society, and social action. The Aide to the Office of External Affairs will help the National Assembly’s external affairs team fulfil the lines of action identified in each of these areas.

Main relationships and accountabilities

Working under the overall direction and supervision of the Secretary of the National Assembly, the Aide is a key member of the Office of External Affairs and will therefore be expected to be involved in all areas of the external affairs work. He or she will have significant working relationships with the Director of the Office of Public Information and the Government Relations Officer.

Key duties and responsibilities

- To assist in enlisting the support of government, parliamentarians, foreign diplomats, and the institutions of civil society in efforts to defend the Bahá’ís in Iran and elsewhere in the world

- To assist the Director of the Office of Public Information to develop and maintain relationships with journalists and the media

- To provide administrative support to the Office of External Affairs – this will include, for example, drafting correspondence, preparing reports, undertaking research, handling public information and media enquiries, maintaining a functional and effective filing system in the Office

- To undertake other duties as requested by the Secretary of the National Assembly
Necessary experience and skills

- Proven commitment to the work of the Five Year Plan and a sound understanding of the processes by which the Bahá’í community is contributing to the advancement of civilisation
- A spirit of service as manifested in the ability and willingness to work outside normal office hours when necessary
- Excellent drafting and communications skills
- Word processing, database and Web skills
- The ability to work as a part of a team and to show understanding and wisdom when dealing with sensitive situations
- A confident and courteous telephone manner

Particulars

**Hours:** This is a part-time position (3 days a week) with the possibility of making this a full-time role.

**Service period:** The National Assembly will enter into an agreement with the postholder only after the successful completion of a trial period of 4 months. This should be considered a long-term commitment (i.e., around 2 years). The agreement may be renewed after the initial 2 year term.

**Salary:** The National Assembly ideally wishes this post to be filled by a volunteer. However, should this not be possible, the National Assembly will provide a remuneration package to enable the postholder to carry out this important service. The detail of this will be worked out with the successful candidate. The National Assembly therefore invites applications from friends who are able to render a voluntary service as well as those who require remuneration.

**Holidays:** 12 days per year plus Bahá’í Holy Days and public holidays.

**Location:** National Hazíratu’l-Quds, London.

Application

Please send your Curriculum Vitae, 3 references (including at least one personal and one professional from current or most recent employer), together with a letter explaining why you are applying for this service to the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the United Kingdom, 27 Rutland Gate, London SW7 1PD, or by email to nsa@bahai.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 30 January 2010. Interviews will take place shortly thereafter.

All enquiries about the post should be directed to Dr Kishan Manocha, Secretary of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the United Kingdom (Tel: 0207 584 2566; email: nsa@bahai.org.uk).
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13th to 20th June 2010 tour to Cyprus for 3 days, then by boat to Haifa for 4 days for £950.00.

For more information please contact Mrs. Alaee on: 020 8361 8102
Reopening of the National Haziratu’l-Quds

18 November 2009

The National Spiritual Assembly is delighted to announce that the National Haziratu’l-Quds will be open again to visitors from Monday 23 November.

It has taken some 5 months to complete the renovations of a significant portion of 27 Rutland Gate. Initially the entire outside of the building was redecorated and major repairs were undertaken to the roof and chimney-stacks. Following this the basement, all of the offices, the hall stairs and landing and, especially, the meeting room of the National Assembly were renovated. The remaining portions of the building, including the reception areas, will be renewed at a later date.

In renovating the building the National Assembly has borne in mind the guidance of the Universal House of Justice, in a letter written on its behalf dated 13 August 1986, that in relation to the furnishing and decoration of the National Haziratu’l-Quds, “the House of Justice did not have anything very elaborate or luxurious in mind. Tasteful, appropriately scaled, elegant but simple furniture should be used, with simple decorations to harmonize with the furnishings and the building itself.” Thus the vision was of a simpler style of decoration and furnishing which aimed at revealing the innate beauty of this Victorian Town House while lending a more contemporary feel to the spaces. The National Assembly is most happy with the outcome of the works to date and feels that the building, as an Embassy for the Faith and the seat of the National Assembly, has been enhanced by the graceful, dignified and tasteful redecorations. Some furnishings have yet to be acquired to finish the effect.

The final account has yet to be made of the total cost of these works, but at the present time it is estimated that they will be in the region of £300,000. To date donations received amount to just over £130,000. Clearly an outpouring of generous, sacrificial and loving donations is required to replenish the funds spent to date. At this time some 200 individual believers have made donations to this and the Edinburgh Bahá’í Centre renovation project. It is the hope of the National Assembly that this project can be completed through universal participation on the part of every devoted lover of the Blessed Beauty in the United Kingdom, as such a participation will imbue the building itself with a spiritual force that is not of this world.

The House of Justice described our beloved National Haziratu’l-Quds, which was acquired during the ministry of the Guardian and which has witnessed some unique and historic events in the development of the Faith, as a “point towards which the friends would naturally gravitate when they visit London”, as “the central spiritual home of the British Bahá’í community” and as “a rallying point for the friends and a centre of unity”. It therefore brings the National Assembly immense joy to reopen the building to enable it to serve the community in this manner.
Anyone looking at the condition of the world today will be struck by the dramatic changes taking place. On the one hand is the visible deterioration in so many fundamental processes and institutions, from the financial world, politics and the fabric of society to climate change and energy. On the other is an enlivening upsurge in knowledge, in concern for human rights and in technologies that bring people together.

These energies are spiritual in nature and result from the coming of Bahá’u’lláh. He has set in motion processes that are creating a new, divine civilization. In response to this, negative forces have risen to resist the divine purpose.

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Every teaching victory in the Faith can be traced back in the beginning, to a pioneer . . . And, it was Bahá’u’lláh, remember, who raised the call to pioneering, not the National Assemblies, or the Hands of the Faith, or our Supreme Universal House of Justice, or the Beloved Guardian, or even The Master, but Bahá’u’lláh. That’s whose call we answer when we arise to pioneer . . . Nothing can enrich a human life and give it meaning and satisfaction as the act of arising to pioneer. . . . It is a blessing, a bounty, given to those of us, in this day, through the mercy and kindness of Bahá’u’lláh . . .

Hand of the Cause of God
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گفتگویی دوستانه در پاره نقطه نجساله

دوستان عزیزی،
همانطور که مطابق با همه ی آنچه ی کسآ تعدادی نزدیک می‌شود و خوخبختانه کتاب روحی هنیه هم بجای رسیده و نزدیک در دسترس عموم قرار گرفته بود. این کتاب در پاره عهد و میان‌الهی است و بعد از اینکه معلمان و تربیت شده‌ای‌ها خود را اعلام
فرمودند کلاس‌ها شروع می‌شود.
ویلی که گزینه به شخصی نزدیک به او مشکوک بوده این امام رساند یک آی‌آی جواگویی که هم برای همیشه نهایت نزدیکی به نجساله بوده است. این در این اساس از اینکه به اعمال خود و رسم‌های کلی از اینکه به اعمال نزدیکی شود.
آیا ما اهداف کتاب را که هم به حفظ کردن منابع و خوانند آن با دوستانه بود
انجام دادیم؟ آیا جلسات دعا در منزل‌مان ترتیب دادیم؟
اهداف کتاب که برای حفظ کردن منابع و شرح اعتقادات الهی بوده مانده که
دوستانه کنیم؟ آیا سعی کردن که بعد از اینجان کتاب شوم ناقل در ساعت در هنگه
را به تدریس اطلاع جدیدی در راه اخلاق بیرادازیم؟ آیا به همکاری این کتاب جهانی، دو جازه که
کتابی پیش از این شرح حضرت رب را اعلام می‌کند و جزد قدم اند.
آیا به جزداری از شرح حضرت بوده تصمیم گرفته بردای دوستانه شرح دهیم؟ آیا با
فرآگرفتن کتاب نعمت سعی کردم که معلم کلاس‌هایی نوجوانان تشه و آنها را از این
ورتبط هولناک دنبال کنیم بر همان؟
آیا بعد از مطالعه کتاب شست تصمیم به تبلیغ امر جمال مبارک گرفته‌ایم؟ آیا این به اینجا رساند یک کتاب هنوز تصمیم گرفته‌ایم که خدمتی به نقصه نجساله نماییم؟ اینها سوابقی
است که ما را و امیددار بیندیشیم و به وظیفه و جدایی خود کمی فکر کنیم.
حضرت عبداللهیه، در یکی از اول مبارک مینر فرمان‌یه: این به دست صدق؛ جمال قدم
همواره پنجاه سال به بلاد و افتراق و محین و رازایا و صدایا و جور و جواگفتار
بود، حال دل و جان جومنه راهی و گرد که ما در آن و امان با راهی جان و
اسباب جد و جان نیاورسانیم. آن دلبر بی‌همان هم‌واره‌ای تنک سم تقید لقید ما جومنه‌ای جام
شده و شکرگوی توشیم؛ آر در زیر زنگیر رفت ما جومنه رگو و تشرب بی‌بانی‌زنیم. این وفا
نیوست و مجد آی تشاید.
ما جومنه می‌توانیم و فائی خود را به مولات خومند تا یست کنیم؟ با تبلیغ امر الله و
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شیرین و بی‌دانه و تیرگی و لب نمک‌ین در تحقیق و منتشر و تبلیغ امر عظیم سعی می‌بینیم
و جهود جهانی نما. قسم به روی و خروی بها یا ایام که در غیر نشر نفحات الله به گذر
لیله ندانست و ظلمت در دنیا و نفس که در غیر تبلیغ امر الله باید انتخاب نفس طبیب
یا لا خیس او بر مقصد بیا همه دامن به کمی خوی و به عیدولیت مقدمات درک آر
روز کنیم و روز را دوم پیروز تا حراز انتش هدایه افرادی به بشری
الاوهی در تقلب آفاق برآوریم همیشه اخبار شما باید بررسد ع
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ابن كتاب يكي از آثار نازله از قلم جمال إقديس إيهی است. حضرت ولى امر الله در
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و الواح لمعبه عظیمه که پس از حدوث فصل آخر از کلک مقدس مالکی قد در
ارض سر نزل گرده کتاب بديع است» كتاب بديع در رد مقبرات و اعتراضات
میرزا مهدی رشتنی و رفع شهات اهل بیان نزل شده و به منزله کتاب مستطاب
ایپان است که اثرات حقیقتی امر حضرت باب از قلم انیا صادق گریده است.
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پنج كتاب قاموس ایپان عبارات ماهيده منزله را برای خوانندگان چينی توضيح ميهاو.
ده کهن سوره منبعه حضرت مسيح از خداوند درخواست كرد كه از آسان مياده
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**Resting Place of Shoghi Effendi, Guardian of the Bahá’í Faith**
New Southgate Cemetery, Brunswick Park Road, London N11
Opening Hours: 09.00 - 17.00
Nearest Underground Station, Arnos Grove on the Piccadilly Line - marked in blue on most maps.

The journey takes about 40 minutes from the centre of London.

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**CRB Disclosure Application Process**

As revised August 2009

How to obtain a CRB Disclosure: this applies whether this is a renewal or a first Disclosure.

- Contact the CRB on 0870 90 90 844: you may have someone with you to help but should make the
phone call yourself if at all possible. Tell them that you would like to apply for a Disclosure:

- They will ask for the name of the organisation and its number: tell them it’s the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the UK and the organisation number is 20386500004.

- If they ask you what level of Disclosure you require tell them you need an Enhanced Disclosure as the Standard Disclosure is no longer sufficient for any of the work you will be doing.

- Explain that your job title is Volunteer Children’s Tutor and make absolutely sure they know that you are a volunteer.

- When you receive the form read the guidance carefully. If you are at all uncertain about how to fill the form in please wait until you meet with the Document Checker who will help you with this. The CRB are becoming increasingly strict and reject forms that have been altered in any way that makes them even slightly unclear.

- You will need to meet with someone nearby who has been trained to check your documents (a list of people who have been trained may be obtained from the National Office). The CRB requires the documents to be checked in the presence of the applicant: please do NOT send the completed form off yourself. Instead, you must arrange to meet someone who is trained. Take the form and the related documents to the meeting. They will guide you through the rest of the process.

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The National Office no longer handles applications for pilgrimage and other visits to the Holy Land. Applicants are asked to communicate directly with the World Centre in email or writing only, to this address: Bahá’í World Centre, PO Box 155, 31001, Haifa, Israel

To apply for Pilgrimage write to: Office of Pilgrimage, at above address or Email: pilgrimage@bwc.org

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Please make sure to include your full name (and those of any other friends who will be travelling with you), mailing address (postal and email) and approximate date of your visit. Requests at least a month ahead of time are preferred. The Bahá’í Pilgrimage Website may be accessed at <http://pilgrimage.bahai.org>.