

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY  
of the Bahá'ís of the United States

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

'Abdu'l-Bahá prayed for the release of the transforming power of His Father's Revelation. He beseeched God to "make happiness worldwide." He prayed the Lord to "kindle the light of Thy love in every heart," and to "breathe into men's souls the spirit of Thy knowledge."

His prayer, Shoghi Effendi would later explain, was not merely to reawaken the "spirit of brotherhood and good-will among men." It was to build a system of institutions, of social and spiritual life, that would bring about "an organic change in the structure of present-day society, a change such as the world has not yet experienced."

Releasing the "society-building power of the Faith in ever-greater measures" is the mission and single aim of the Nine Year Plan, and indeed, of the series of global Plans that will conclude at Ridvan 2046. And ours is the privilege to work with every willing soul to reconstruct the broken foundation of American society in the light of Divine Teachings. Ours is the responsibility to build a system of institutions and a way of life that restores the faith, trust, and confidence lost by so many Americans and that works to advance our country toward its destiny to establish unity and peace among all the nations.

To accomplish our mission, the Universal House of Justice tells us that we must take advantage of a "moment of historic transition for the development of the administrative systems" in the American Bahá'í community. The capacities and skills, the wisdom and strength of our local, regional, and national institutions must systematically be developed to position our Faith to meet the challenges to come in the decades ahead.

The Supreme Body further explains that "...a great measure of the success of the Cause in the world depends on the ability of its institutions to put in place a system of financial administration that ensures efficiency, transparency, and accountability..." The House of Justice called upon "the members of every Area Teaching Committee, every Auxiliary Board member and every one of his or her assistants, and all members of every local, regional and national Bahá'í body" to set "the highest standards of honesty and trustworthiness."

The progress of our mission is sustained by your consistently generous contributions to the National Bahá'í Fund. We ask that you pay close attention to its needs, as reported monthly in the Bahá'í Fund Bulletin, and to do what you can to help build the systems that will ensure the steady advance of our society-building work.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



Robert C. Henderson  
Treasurer



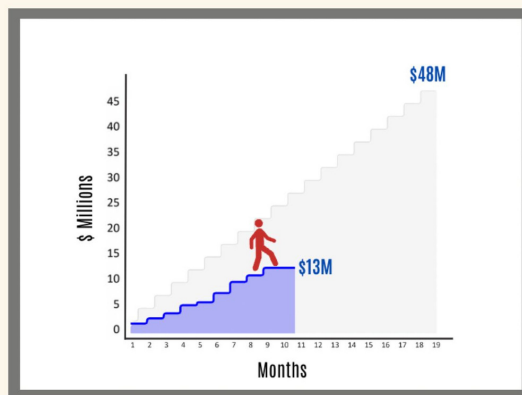
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## BAHÁ'Í NATIONAL Fund Update

**\$13M** HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE BAHÁ'Í NATIONAL FUND GOAL OF **\$48M** AS OF SEPTEMBER 15TH (FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24).

Unrestricted (not earmarked) contributions towards the National Fund goal allow for flexibility in supporting the many activities of the Faith. The goal set by the National Spiritual Assembly for this year (2023-2024) is \$48M.



### Shrine of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

\$32.6M (cumulative) has been contributed by the American Bahá'í Community towards the Shrine of 'Abdu'l-Bahá Fund since this Fund was announced

### Regional Fund

\$995,656

As of 9/15/2023

### Continental Fund

\$206,014

As of 9/15/2023

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