

National Spiritual Assembly

October 13, 2003

DEARLY LOVED FRIENDS,

The National Spiritual Assembly is pleased to announce that Susanne Raum and Fariborz Tanhai have recently joined the full-time staff at the National HazÁratuÁ'l-Quds in London. Ms Raum has been appointed Caretaker of the National HazÁratuÁ'l-Quds and Mr Tanhai will be serving as a Personal Assistant in the Department of the Secretariat.

The National Spiritual Assembly wishes to pay a warm tribute to much-loved and departing members of staff Angela Tidswell and Bernie Carr, both of whom left their employment with the National Assembly to pioneer overseas. Their devoted, sacrificial spirit of service and good humour will be deeply missed and the National Spiritual Assembly assures them of its loving prayers for divine confirmations to ever surround them in their services to our beloved Faith.

October 28, 2003

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The National Spiritual Assembly has recently received reports that in some cases children's classes are being supervised by solitary adults.

The National Assembly is very concerned about this, and has decided for child protection and general safety reasons that this practice should no longer continue. With immediate effect, therefore, there must be two persons who are legally adults (ie at least eighteen years of age in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, sixteen years in Scotland) present and immediately available at all children's classes. This number is, of course, the minimum necessary and larger classes will require the presence of more adults.

November 23, 2003

DEARLY LOVED FRIENDS,

As part of the ongoing efforts of the Universal House of Justice to ensure the continued care and preservation of the Holy Places at the Bahá'í World Centre, there is a great need for specialists in the field of historic conservation who are able to serve as consultants for periods ranging from one week to three months, depending on their specific area of expertise.

The following is a list of the professionals most needed:

- Architects, specifically those with experience related to historic preservation
- Building conservators
- Structural engineers, specifically those experienced with historic buildings
- Waterproofing experts
- Qualified masons
- Qualified carpenters
- Surveyors, specifically those experienced in surveying historic properties

Those friends living in the United Kingdom with the relevant skills and who are able and willing to offer this service should contact the Assistant Secretary of the National Spiritual Assembly, Dr Kishan Manocha, as soon as possible.

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The Day of the Covenant, November 26, 2003, marked the new term of service for the Bahá'í Councils. The impressive way in which the provisions of the Five Year Plan have been implemented in the United Kingdom over the past year has brought immense joy to the National Spiritual Assembly and is due, in no small measure, to the Bahá'í Councils who have tirelessly laboured to foster the believers' enthusiasm for, and understanding of, the pressing requirements of this global Plan.

The National Spiritual Assembly is delighted to share with the friends the new membership of the Bahá'í Councils in the United Kingdom:

ENGLAND		SCOTLAND	
Local Assemblies voting	86	Local Assemblies voting	8
	out of		out of 8
Ballots cast	107	Ballots cast	55
	566		
Those elected:		Those elected:	
Dr Vafa Ram		Mr Allan Forsyth	39
Dr Babak Javid	230	Mr Andrew Goodwin	36
Mrs Mitra Murray	203	Mrs Anwen Shahim	35
Mr Adam Thorne	199	Mrs Nahid Donald	33
Ms Kay Hughes	195	Mrs Venus Alae-Carew	32
Mr Inder Manocha	189	Mrs Maureen Sier	31
Dr Naghme Adab	187	Mr Rolf Schmidt	27
Mrs Zarin Hainsworth-	185	Mr Alan McKay	25
Fadaie*	167	Mr Hari Docherty	23
Ms Fidelma Meehan	111		

* For personal reasons, Mrs Hainsworth-Fadaei asked to be relieved of membership on the Council and this has been accepted. Mr Kevin Beint, who received the next highest number of votes (50), is therefore elected to the Council.

NORTHERN IRELAND		WALES	
Local Assemblies voting	7	Assemblies voting	3
	out of 7		out of 3
Ballots cast	40	Ballots cast	32
Those elected:		Those elected:	
Mrs Patricia Irvine	28	Mrs Christine Abbas	18
Mrs Patricia Jamshidi	28	Mr Vivian Bartlett	18
Mrs Marion Khosravi	27	Mr Tim Melville	18
Mr Edwin Graham	27	Mrs Roya Azordegan	15
Mr Edward Whiteside	22	Mr Soheyl Azordegan	15
Dr Keith Munro	20	Mrs Kathryn Delpak	15
Mr Colin Rodgers	19	Mr Hosmand Kalami	14
Mrs Patricia Craig	16	Dr Habib Behi	12
Dr Edwina Agahi	10	Mr Denver Morgan	7

The National Spiritual Assembly would like to register its heartfelt appreciation to Mrs Zarin Hainsworth-Fadaei and Mrs Viny Robinson, outgoing members of the Bahá'í Councils for England and Northern Ireland respectively, for their self-sacrificing and devoted services over many years. It also wishes the newly-elected members of the Councils well in their new term of service and assures them of its prayers for divine confirmations to surround them in the path of service to our beloved Cause.

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