

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

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To National Spiritual Assemblies

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

Official opening of the Mount Carmel Terraces

The Universal House of Justice has asked us to convey its gratitude to those of you who have already submitted the names of the friends selected to attend the events in the Holy Land to mark the official opening of the Terraces of the Shrine of the Báb in May 2001. We have also been asked to inform you as follows.

Late submissions

The National Assemblies who have not already done so are urged to submit the names of the selected attendees to reach the Bahá'í World Centre no later than 31 July 2000.

Attendance requirements

Only the representatives selected by the National Spiritual Assemblies or persons otherwise designated by the House of Justice may attend these events. The limitation of space makes it impossible to accommodate all those who may wish to attend. Thus, spouses and other relatives may not accompany the representatives unless they, too, have been selected.

The representatives are to be 15 years of age or older.

Representatives should not bring babies or children to the World Centre on this occasion.

It is possible up to 1 November 2000 to make changes in the lists or to select alternates to replace those who may not be able to come. The World Centre would need to be informed immediately of any such changes.

Although each National Assembly and each major territory has been assigned a quota, it is not mandatory that it fill the quota if circumstances make this impossible.

Continental Counsellors are being dealt with separately and should not be included in the quota.

Attendance time

As was stated in our letter of 16 September 1999, the friends should plan to spend up to six nights in the Haifa/Akká area, arriving no earlier than 20 May 2001 and departing before sunset on the seventh day, 26 May 2001.

Inaugural Events Office

An office bearing this name has been authorized by the House of Justice to administer the logistical and programmatic arrangements, and to communicate with National Spiritual Assemblies and others in the course of its work. The Inaugural Events Office will be writing to you shortly concerning registration and accommodation. You are requested to cooperate with it in every possible way.

We are also to assure you of the House of Justice's warm appreciation for your assistance in these matters and of its prayers in the Holy Shrines on your behalf.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

For Department of the Secretariat

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