

Goals set for Illinois believers

To the Bahá'ís of Illinois

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

The unique edifice of the Mother Temple of the West rises from the soil of Illinois as an ever-present symbol of the special blessings and potentialities of the people who have become its proud custodians. Implied in this majestic symbol is a host of distinctions: among them, the transcendent position of Chicago as the first place in America where the Name of Bahá'u'lláh was publicly mentioned, the repeated inclusion of that city in the itinerary which the Center of the Covenant, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, followed during His epic journey to the West, His laying of the foundation stone of the sacred structure which would become, in Shoghi Effendi's words, the "ordained Source from which rays of spiritual guidance will radiate."

To these honors must now be added the selection of your state for a special endeavor in consonance with the high expectations outlined in the Master's Divine Plan and with the particular goal of the Five Year Plan to "develop intensive teaching and consolidation plans in at least 3 states chosen from among those visited by 'Abdu'l-Bahá, designed to attract great numbers to the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh thereby initiating a process leading to the entry into the Faith by troops alluded to by the Master."

You are now joined with California and New York in this remarkable enterprise, and we are confident that within the framework of the three major objectives of the Plan, you will enthusiastically seize the following tasks.

- Raise the number of localities where Bahá'ís reside in Illinois to 400;
- Open to the Faith all counties where Bahá'ís do not now exist;
- Maintain existing Local Spiritual Assemblies, ensuring that a minimum of 15 adults reside in each Bahá'í community;
- Raise the number of Local Spiritual Assemblies to 99;

- Increase the number of incorporated Assemblies to 40;
- Take determined steps in each local community to expand the teaching work among those representing at least one of the minority groups—American Indian, Armenian, Chinese, Greek, Spanish-speaking—designated in the Five Year Plan;
- Expand the use of radio and television for Bahá'í broadcasts aimed at proclamation of the Faith to greater numbers of listeners on a regular basis; at the same time the regular use of the press should be maintained and even increased;
- Encourage and organize regular Bahá'í activities and classes for adults, youth and children;
- Organize regular classes to educate Bahá'í children in the teachings of the Faith;
- Foster and encourage youth activities, including firesides, study classes, teaching institutes, local youth clubs, college clubs, circuit teaching projects, and pioneering;
- Strive toward universal participation in support of the Bahá'í Funds.

These tasks are, of course, only mile posts toward the distinctive goal called for in the Five Year Plan, namely, "entry into the Faith by troops", the attainment of which depends principally upon the response of each believer in Illinois, who must be constantly teaching, constantly studying the Holy Texts and their authentic interpretations, constantly exercising the discipline of enlightened souls whose thoughts and deeds are guided by the standards of Bahá'u'lláh. We call upon each of you to strive earnestly to attract to the Faith at least one person each year.

Your immediate supporters and assistants in these strivings are the diligent members of the Institution of the Continental Counsellors and Local Spiritual Assemblies; in addition, a Regional Teaching Committee, Regional Information Committee and District Teaching Committees have been established as instruments for stimulating and coordinating your

activities. We urgently invite each of you to offer a portion of his or her time and talents to these instruments of the Illinois teaching program.

In a tablet to the Central States, the beloved Master observed that "everything that appears in and manifests from the heart influences all the organs of the body." Illinois is at the heart of our national community, whose God-given responsibilities embrace the entire international field; the entire body of the American believers can therefore be influenced by the heroic deeds to which you are now summoned—deeds which, transcending the mere achievement of statistical objectives, must reach into

the core of the population, cutting across every stratum with the clear message that the Lord of Hosts has come with authority to unify and guide mankind toward the promised and long awaited dawn of peace.

May the confirmations of Bahá'u'lláh be showered upon your devoted labors in His Cause.

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES
Glenford E. Mitchell, Secretary

November 23, 1974

Five Year Plan goals

Africa

(E) Botswana	1
(F)(E) Cameroon Republic	1
(F) Dahomey	2
(E) Ghana	2
(F) Malagasy Republic	2
(E) Malawi	2
(E) British Indian Ocean Terr.	2
(E) Tanzania	1
(E) Gambia	2
(F) Zaire	2
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Americas

(S) Argentina	4
(S) Chile	2
(S) Dominican Republic	2
(S) Ecuador	1
(E) Guyana	2
(F) Haiti	2
(S) Honduras	2
(E) Jamaica	1
(E) Leeward and Virgin Islands: Montserrat or St. Kitts	2
(S) Panama	2
(S) Peru: Cuzco, Puno	2
(D)(E)(H) Surinam	2
(E) Trinidad and Tobago	1
(S) Uruguay	1
(E) Windward Islands, St. Lucia, Grenada	2
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Asia

(C)(P) Macau	2
(E)(H) India	2
(K)(E) Korea	1
(F) Laos	2
(F)(E) Lebanon	1

(E) Nepal	2
(E) Philippine Islands	2
(E) Taiwan	1
(E) Vietnam	4
(F) Cambodia	2*
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Australasia

(E) Western Samoa	2
(E) Caroline Islands	2
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Europe

(F) Belgium	3
(N) Norway	2
(P) Portugal	3
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Africa	17
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Asia	19
Australasia	4
Europe	8
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Language Key

C-Chinese (Southern dialect)
D-Dutch
E-English
F-French
H-Hindi
K-Korean
N-Norwegian
P-Portuguese
S-Spanish

* Newly-assigned goal

Directory Changes

Assembly Secretaries

Arizona

Hard Rock Chapter: correct name for Dinnebito, Arizona Assembly*

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Monterey: Ms. Jana Curtice, 212 Soledad Dr., 93940 (tel. 408-375-6987)

Petaluma: new address—P.O. Box 23, 94952

Sonoma County North J.D.: Mr. Robert Jordan, P.O. Box 46, Geyserville, 95441

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Florida

Lee County: Mrs. Alice Davis, 8524 Dominican Ct., Fort Myers, 33901 (tel. 813-936-7312)

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South Bend: Mr. Lawrence Rice, 4021 S. Manor Dr., 46614

Kansas

Topeka: Mrs. Ruth Ashworth, P.O. Box 4434, 66604

Maine

Eastport: Mrs. Barbara Vaillancourt, P.O. Box 191, 04631

Portland: new address—69 Inverness St., 04103

South Portland: Ms. Sherilee Baker, 7 Brigham St., 04106

Maryland

Takoma Park: Ms. Yvonne Merritt, P.O. Box 4276, 20012

Massachusetts

Boston: Mrs. Catherine Feters, P.O. Box 1207, 02124 (tel. 617-288-6552)

Holyoke: new address—299 Appleton St., 01040

Michigan

Mount Pleasant: correct telephone number — 517-772-6568

Minnesota

St. Louis Park: new address—2920 Jersey Ave. S., 55426

Nebraska

Aurora: Mrs. Geraldine Marshall, P.O. Box 74, 68818*

Lincoln: Mr. George A. Marietta, P.O. Box 80601 (tel. 402-489-3089)

New Jersey

Montclair: Ms. Frances Edelstein, pro-tem, 22 St. Lukes Pl., 07042

Piscataway Township: Mrs. Collette Sklios, 546 Mettars Lane, Piscataway, 08854

New Mexico

Roswell: Mrs. Hildegard Humphreys, 610-B Wyoming Ave., 88201

Santa Fe County: Ms. Barbara Vlahos, Country Club Gardens, Space 99, Rt. 2, Airport Rd., 87501 (tel. 505-471-3921)

New York

Humburg, Town of: new telephone number — 716-824-0904)

Ohio

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Oregon

Ashland: correct telephone number—503-482-0764

Clatsop County: change secretary's name—Mrs. Marilyn Spurgeon

Hillsboro: Ms. Guity Sohrab, 2661 SE Goldenrod Ct., 97123

Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh: new address—P.O. Box 7190, 15213

South Carolina

St. Helena Island: correct name for Frogmore Assembly

Richland, Upper Magisterial District: new address—P.O. Box 3737, Columbia 29203

Texas

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Washington

Cowlitz County Commissioner's District #3: Mr. Paul C. Warme, 5051 Columbia Heights Rd., Longview 98632 (tel. 206-425-7727)

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District Teaching Committee Secretaries

Central States

Northern Illinois #1: Mr. Robert W. Allen, 1275 Briarbrook Dr., Wheaton 60187 (tel. 312-682-9766)

Northeastern States

Western Pennsylvania: Mr. Craig Parke, 221 5th St., Donora, 15033 (tel. 412-379-5625)

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Utah: correct zip code—84117

* New formations at Ridván

Jeopardized Assemblies

Arkansas

Fayetteville (8)
Stuttgart (8)

Northern Arizona

Mesa (8)
San Carlos (8)

Southern Arizona

Bisbee (8)
Douglas (7)
Sierra Vista (5)

Northern California No. 1

Paradise J.D. (8)
Roseville (8)

Northern California No. 2

Eureka J.D. (8)

Central California No. 1

Albany (7)
El Cerrito
Mountain View (6)

Central California No. 2

Bakersfield J.D. (8)

Southern California No. 2

Desert J.D. (7)
El Centro (5)
Fremont (7-)
Ontario (8)
Yucaipa (8)

Eastern Colorado

Aurora (8)
Boulder, County of (5)
Canon City (8)
Englewood (6)
Lake County (8)

Western Colorado

Alamosa (6)

Connecticut

East Haven (8)
Hamden, Township of (7)

Delmarva

Newark, Delaware (8)

Central Florida

Orange County (5)

Southern Florida

Lee County (9)
Miami Beach (6)
North Miami (8)
Palm Beach, City of (7)

Northern Georgia

Eatonon (8)

Southern Idaho

Blackfoot (7)

Northern Illinois No. 1

Deerfield (8)

Northern Illinois No. 2

Morton Grove (8)

Southern Illinois

Alton

Indiana

Columbus (7)
Greenfield (7)
Richmond (8)
St. Joseph Township (7)

Western Iowa

Council Bluffs (7)

Kansas

Emporia (4)

Northern Louisiana

Natchitoches (8)

Maine

Augusta (8)
Gorham (6)
Kittery (6)

Massachusetts

Brockton (8)
Salem
Upton (6)
Yarmouth (4)

Mainland Michigan
 Royal Oak Township (6)
 St. Joseph (8)

Southern Minnesota
 Burnsville (7)
 Falcon Heights (6)
 Olmsted County (8)
 St. Louis Park (8)

Missouri
 St. Joseph (8)

Montana
 Bozeman (7)

Nebraska
 Hastings (8)

Northern Nevada
 Lyon County (8)

Southern Nevada
 North Las Vegas (8)

New Hampshire
 Hinsdale (8)

New Jersey
 Cherry Hill (7)
 Hamilton Township (8)
 Middletown (6)
 Morristown (8)
 North Plainfield (8)
 Patterson (8)

Trenton (4)

Northern New Mexico
 Valencia County (8)

Southern New Mexico
 Ruidoso (7)

Eastern New York
 Fishkill, Town of (8)

Western New York
 Cheektowaga, Town of (8)
 Farmington, Town of (8)

Central North Carolina
 Winston-Salem (8)

Northern Ohio
 Kent (8)

Southern Ohio
 Beavercreek Township (8)
 Xenia (8)

Eastern Oklahoma
 Stillwater (7)

Oregon
 Benton County (8)
 Coos County (6)
 Cottage Grove (8)
 Deschutes (4)
 Grants Pass (5)
 Josephine County (8)

Klamath County (7)
 Marion County North (7)
 Newport (8)
 Springfield (8)

Eastern Pennsylvania
 Bethlehem (8)
 Lower Merion Township (7)
 Swarthmore (8)
 West Chester (8)

Western Pennsylvania
 Hickory Township (5)
 State College (7)

Southern South Carolina
 Goose Creek (7)

South Dakota
 Vermillion (6)

East Texas No. 1
 Longview (7)
 University Park (8)

East Texas No. 2
 Bryan
 Galveston

Huntsville

Vermont
 Rochester (8)

Southern Virginia
 Newport News (7)

Eastern Washington /Northern Idaho
 Coeur d'Alene (8)
 Yakima County C.D. No. 1 (8)

Western Washington
 Anacortes (8)
 Cowlitz County C.D. (5)
 Kent (8)
 Mercer Island (8)
 Pierce No. 2 (8)
 Port Angeles (8)

Northern Wisconsin /Upper Peninsula
 Door County (4)
 Wausau (5)

Southern Wisconsin
 Stoughton (8)
 Whitefish Bay (8)

Total number of jeopardized Assemblies118
Local Spiritual Assemblies at Ridván 131935
New Local Spiritual Assemblies since Ridván 13121
Lost Local Spiritual Assemblies since Ridván 131..... 3
Total Local Spiritual Assemblies at this printing953

In Memoriam

Mr. Will Artis
 Ayden, North Carolina
 Summer 1974

Mr. Clinton Ayers
 Hinton, West Virginia
 Date unknown

Miss Betty Becker
 Punta Arenas, Chile
 Date unknown

Mr. Arthur Brown
 Effingham, South Carolina
 April 1974

Mr. Benjamin Brown
 Seaside, California
 October 7, 1974

Mrs. Pearl Chambers
 Richland, Georgia
 Date unknown

Mr. O. C. Colston
 Little Rock, Arkansas
 November 1974

Mrs. Margaret Cronin
 San Francisco, California
 June 23, 1974

Mrs. Maggie Drakeford
 Heath Springs, South Carolina
 1973

Mr. Robert Duckett
 Greenville, South Carolina
 Date unknown

Mr. Arthur W. Edwards, Sr.
 Bernardsville, New Jersey
 October 27, 1974

Mr. Betty J. Ferguson
 Orangeburg, South Carolina
 November 8, 1974

Mrs. Helen Frink
 Minneapolis, Minnesota
 November 11, 1974

Miss Patti Grasham
 Corpus Christi, Texas
 September 28, 1974

Mrs. Kathie Graves
 Marion, South Carolina
 Date unknown

Mrs. Hilda Heberling
 Pine Grove, Pennsylvania
 Date unknown

Mr. Danny Ray Johnson
 Gloster, Louisiana
 Date unknown

Mr. Fred Johnson
 England, Arkansas
 November 15, 1974

Mr. Lewis Jones
 Culpeper, Virginia
 August 1974

Mrs. Fleetwood King
 Marion, South Carolina
 Date unknown

Mr. Sebastian Lachester
 Neah Bay, Washington
 Date unknown

Mr. David Langley
 Greenville, North Carolina
 Fall 1973

Mr. Hans C. Larsen
 Forsyth, Montana
 December 12, 1974

Miss Bertha C. Matthiesen
 Blair, Nebraska
 August 20, 1974

Mrs. Solonia McCullough
 Greenville, South Carolina
 March 1974

Mrs. Carrie Miller
 Greenville, South Carolina
 November 10, 1973

Mr. John Mitchell
 Chinle, Arizona
 Date unknown

Mr. Stephen Owens
 Marion, South Carolina
 Date unknown

Mrs. Lovienne Robson
Marion, South Carolina
Date unknown

Mr. Gregory Sago
Mescalero, New Mexico
August 1974

Mrs. Parvin Sahihi
Iran
October 1974

Mrs. Sharlet Shannon
Marion, South Carolina
Date unknown

Miss Bertha Sheppard
Greenville, South Carolina
October 18, 1974

Mrs. Rosalee Simmons
Marion, South Carolina
Date unknown

Mr. Henry Sloan
Mt. Olive, North Carolina
Date unknown

Mrs. Hattie Statume
Montezuma, Georgia
Date unknown

Mr. Grady Stephson
Atlanta, Georgia
November 14, 1974

Mr. Glenn Sundayman
Mescalero, New Mexico
Date unknown

Mr. Willie Templer
Miccosukee, Florida
September 1974

Mr. A. Russell Tracy
Anaheim, California
October 22, 1974

Mrs. Mamie Tyre
Los Angeles, California

Date unknown

Mr. Rollo S. Vest
Beverly Hills, California
November 21, 1974

Mr. Thomas Wade
Stanwood, Washington
1973

Mr. Raymond Walker
Chinle, Arizona
Date unknown

Nora Wallace
Farmville, North Carolina
Date unknown

Mrs. Vallie B. Woolston
Victor, New York
November 20, 1974

Mrs. Annie B. Palmore
Cumberland, Virginia
April 1974

Mrs. Lorena Pinto
Fort Hall, Idaho
September 6, 1974

Mr. James B. Pressley
Washington D.C.
Date unknown

Mr. Herwald M. Price
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 23, 1974

Mr. Benjamin Rainey
Marion, South Carolina
Date unknown

Mrs. Louise Riley
Orangeburg, South Carolina
October 14, 1974

Mr. Samson Rim
Marion, South Carolina
Date unknown

several issues of the National Bahá'í Review.

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

At your request, we talked about the need for spiritual growth in our national community so that we may meet our financial goals. The following is the result of that discussion:

In order to create more desire to sacrifice, we must become aware of the importance of the Fund. How to become more aware? Well, we believe that this job must ultimately rest upon the local treasurers. We are a world community and this is the thought that local treasurers can make their community conscious of. One way is to show pictures at Feast of Bahá'í communities the world over and to tell facts about these communities. This would help us to see how vital our contributions are to the entire Cause.

Dear Friends:

In response to your letter regarding the state of the budget, we offer the following suggestions:

- That the Office of the Treasurer give special attention to the specific areas of the country that are having difficulties contributing on a regular basis. This could be done possibly by means of special seminars, traveling teachers, etc.
- That other communities might follow the example of the National Spiritual Assembly Treasurer and use return envelopes from the local treasurer.
- That there be a sequel to "The Generating Impulse."

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

Our community consulted, as you requested, on the question posed in the Treasurer's letter of December 4, 1974. We want to express our appreciation of, and our gratitude for, the letters that come to us from our National Treasurer, Dr. Dorothy Nelson. They are clear, to the point, and inspiring. Our consultation on the question of "how we may bring about this spiritual growth in our National Community," was of itself an aid to help us in our spiritual growth. Our specific suggestions as to means to spiritual growth were varied and personally expressed:

- The importance of prayer. "Intone, O My Servant. . ." was specifically mentioned.
- The importance of turning to, listening to, and following the directions of The Universal House of Justice.
- The importance of individual deepening. There was an expression of opinion that we have plenty by way of study outlines and deepening programs. Direct immersion in the Writings is essential. The means to this is the crux of the problem.

POSTFIX CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

Communities respond to query on Fund

The warm and loving response to the December 4, 1974 Treasurer's Letter has been a source of inspiration and joy to the National Spiritual Assembly. We would like to share a number of the replies in the next

Dear Dr. Nelson:

In your newsletter on the Fund, dated December 4, 1974, you asked that each community consider how to foster on a national basis spiritual awareness of the importance of the Fund. Our Local Assembly has discussed the question and offers the following suggestions:

1. It might be helpful if more of the monthly letters on the Fund include information concerning the immediate goals to be won which demand financial assistance, how much money we have, and how much is still needed to attain these goals. Perhaps if the friends were aware of how these goals relate to the Five Year Plan, they could better realize the necessity of their participation in developing the New World Order.
2. The importance of each community to deepen on "The Generating Impulse" should be continually emphasized by the Office of the Treasurer. Our community, for one, will be setting aside a day in the near future for this purpose. Your appeal for help has reminded us of "The Bahá'í Fund—Our Honor and Our Challenge," from The Universal House of Justice's Ridván 1967 message.

(*Wellspring of Guidance*, pp. 108-109)

Dear Friends:

Several ideas emerged from our consultation about the Fund at Feast. We hope they will be helpful to you:

- Each community should raise its goal on contributions to a challenging level so that it would have a sense of striving to meet the goal and not reach it simply as a matter of course.
- A periodic deepening on the Fund using the program "The Generating Impulse."
- Have a different member of the community do a short deepening on the Fund at each Feast. This method would add variety to the treasurer's report and encourage the friends to deepen on the Fund independently.

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

In answer to your recent letter, we have several suggestions which we feel might be of interest to the National Spiritual Assembly. In our area, many of the friends are somewhat cut off from the mainstream of Bahá'í activity. They either live far from communities where Feasts are held or, for other reasons, do not participate in the Feasts observed by their Groups or Assemblies. We suggest that the National Spiritual Assembly strengthen the lines of communication with both isolated Bahá'ís and small Groups. We think that more frequent contact with these friends would result in their contributing to the Fund. Often, they seem unaware of the importance

of regular contribution and that they must take the initiative to contribute.

We would also like to suggest that active Bahá'ís, who are in contact with many Bahá'í Assemblies, Groups and isolated believers, be encouraged to mention the Fund in a general way. This would help to deepen others in awareness of the spiritual nature of the Bahá'í Fund and of the obligation all Bahá'ís have to participate.

Dear Friends:

Our Assembly wishes to share with you a plan that we have used successfully for the past several months that has encouraged greater participation in the Fund by members of our community.

We send a mid-month report to all believers on the condition of the Fund with hope that those who did not make a contribution at the last Feast will do so before the next one. It also gives the believers a chance to make an additional contribution in order to make the budget. It has happened that the amount short of the goal has been only a few cents and all the friends were deeply saddened to discover that a small additional contribution would have made the difference between lighting a candle or not. The mid-month report makes all feel a real concern for the budget goal and a more concerted effort is made to get contributions in before the end of the month.

Beloved Friends:

It was with much concern that we read your letter of December 4, 1974 at our Feast. If we use the Fund as a measure of our Faith, as the Guardian suggested, we see how much our understanding must be deepened! One immediate action we took was to show the filmstrip "A Testimony of Love" at the Feast. The friends were quite impressed by the degree of sacrifice and devotion that has been the sustaining power of the institution of the Fund. They realize more than ever that such sacrifice can only stem from a profound faith in the power of Bahá'u'lláh.

Reminder on copyrights

The National Spiritual Assembly would like to remind the friends that it is not permissible to copy Bahá'í books and pamphlets, whether by typewriter, Xerox, or other photographic means. Such personal projects are costly, and they jeopardize copyright protection secured by the National Spiritual Assembly on its works.

The duplicating of Bahá'í tapes is also not permissible. These tapes, like books and pamphlets, are protected by copyright. Moreover, the sale of cassette programs by the Publishing Trust provides capital for the development of new programs.

National Bahá'í Fund

Contributions for Masá'il exceed goal

To: All Local Spiritual Assemblies and Bahá'í Groups

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

We are pleased to announce that for the month of Masá'il contributions totaled \$175,217 — \$38,217 over our monthly goal. Congratulations!

With this forward thrust our spirits are lifted; our determination strengthened that within the next six Bahá'í months we will meet our annual goal of \$2.6 million.

Addressing the North American believers

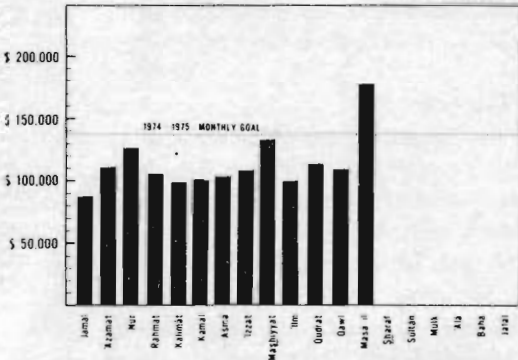
'Abdu'l-Bahá prophesied, "The full measure of your success is as yet unrevealed, its significance unapprehended. . . . I fervently hope that in the near future the whole earth may be stirred and shaken by the results of your achievements."

With warmest Bahá'í love,
 NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF
 THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES
 Dorothy W. Nelson, Treasurer

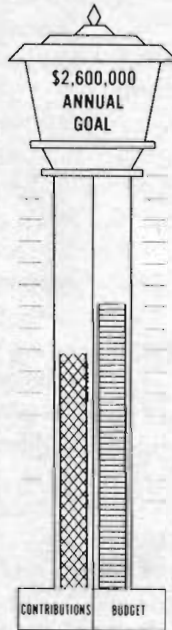
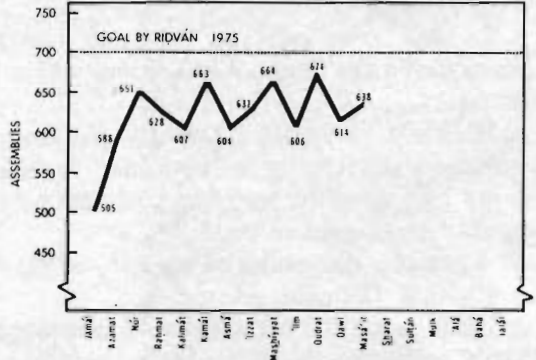
January 10, 1975

National Fund charts

Contributions



Total Number of Assemblies Contributing



	Month of Masá'il	Year to Date
Budget Goal	\$137,000	\$1,781,000
Contributions	175,217	1,475,546
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 38,217	\$ (305,454)

Contributions may be addressed to: National Bahá'í Fund, 112 Linden Ave., Wilmette, Illinois 60091; Bahá'í International Fund, P.O. Box 155, Haifa, Israel; and Continental Bahá'í Fund, 418 Forest Ave., Wilmette, Illinois 60091.