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Election results for the members of the National Spiritual Assembly 2002

April 28, 2002

DEARLY LOVED FRIENDS

Eighty-seven delegates and over 320 friends attended National Convention in Llandudno this past weekend. The wideranging consultations benefited enormously from the wise and loving guidance of Counsellor Shahriar Razavi, whose reflections on the Ridván Message of the Universal House of Justice significantly enriched the proceedings.

The high point of the weekend was the election of the National Spiritual Assembly to which the following believers were elected in descending order of votes received:

Barney Leith	79
Wendi Momen	69
Shirin Tahzib	62
Kishan Manocha	55
Peter Hulme	50
Rita Bartlett	49
Iain Palin	49
John Parris	49
Robert Weinberg	39

The newly-elected National Assembly held its first meeting at Convention and the following were returned as the Assembly's officers for the Bahá'í administrative year 2002-2003:

Chairman:	Shirin Tahzib
Vice-Chairman:	Iain Palin
Secretary:	Barney Leith
Assistant Secretary:	Kishan Manocha
Treasurer:	Wendi Momen

Convention sent messages to the Universal House of Justice, the Hands of the Cause of God, the Continental Board of Counsellors for Europe, the friends in the Cradle of the Faith, and Elsie Bowers.

The National Spiritual Assembly's first full meeting of the year will be held at the National Haziratu'l-Quds over the weekend of May 17-19.

The National Assembly wishes to pay tribute to Trevor Finch who was not re-elected to the National Assembly at Convention. Trevor rendered a highly-valued service to the Faith in these islands as a member of the National Assembly for eleven years, and the National Assembly wishes him well in his future services to the Cause of God.

Messages sent from Convention to the Hands of the Cause of God and the Universal House of Justice

TO THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE

BELOVED SUPREME BODY

The delegates and friends attending the National Convention in the United Kingdom, 26-28 April 2002, have heard the striking call of your RidvĀjn message.

The wide-ranging consultations at Convention have benefited immeasurably from the insights, wisdom and guidance of Counsellor Shahriar Razavi and we have had the opportunity to reflect, in particular, on the further application in these islands of the model for the growth and development of the Cause of God that the House of Justice has so clearly, patiently, and lovingly explained to us.

With renewed vision, with eager hearts and emboldened spirits, we send you our warmest love and greetings and pledge to press on with even greater determination and confidence with the Plan in hand, Ā“unhampered by any doubts, unhindered by any obstaclesĀ”.

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TO THE HANDS OF THE CAUSE OF GOD

BELOVED FRIENDS

The delegates and friends attending the National Convention in the United Kingdom, 26-28 April 2002, send you their warmest love and greetings.

We have heard the call of the Supreme Body in its RidvĀjn message and pledge to press on with even greater determination and confidence with the Plan in hand.

Our consultations have benefited immeasurably from the wise and loving guidance of Counsellor Shahriar Razavi, and we are thrilled at the prospect of the exciting victories that now lie within our grasp.

Beloved Hands of the Cause Ā– may BahĀjĀ’uĀ’llĀjh ever bless you, protect you and strengthen you in your precious services to His Sacred Cause.

With loving greetings,

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April 23, 2002

DEAR BAHĀ’Ā’ FRIENDS

News of the Golden Jubilee reception to be held at 27 Rutland Gate for the Duke of York has hit the newspapers and TV news. The news of the Royal visits to non-Christian religions was released today on the Buckingham Palace website:

<http://www.royal.gov.uk/output/Page1117.asp>.

The National Spiritual Assembly was approached by the Golden Jubilee Office requesting that we arrange an event for the Golden Jubilee to which we would invite a member of the Royal Family. With joy we issued the invitation, as requested.

Recently we received a letter from the office of the Duke of York saying that the Duke would be pleased to accept our invitation and asking that we submit a draft programme for the event. This was done immediately.

Once the arrangements have been made for the Royal reception, which will take place in July, the National Assembly will inform the Friends through NEWS and the BahĀjĀ’Ā-Journal.

Because of the limitations on numbers at 27 Rutland Gate imposed by fire regulations, the reception will necessarily involve a fairly small group of BahĀjĀ’Ās, who will be specifically invited by the National Spiritual Assembly with the aim of bringing together a diverse group of BahĀjĀ’Ās who have been involved in various projects and activities that will be of interest to the Duke of York.

April 30, 2002

DEARLY LOVED FRIENDS

The National Spiritual Assembly regretfully announces the passing to the Abhá Kingdom of George Bowers. George's distinguished record of service to the Cause of God included membership of the National Spiritual Assembly and many years of tireless and dedicated labour at the Bahá'í World Centre.

The National Assembly extends to George's beloved wife, Elsie, and members of his family, its heartfelt condolences and assures them of its prayers for the progress of George's illumined soul in all the worlds of God.

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NEWS is the National Spiritual Assembly's own eannounce list for messages it or its agencies want to share with the Friends. This is where you will hear first what is going on. This is where you will find the urgent news and important information. This is where you will first hear the announcements of many events. With things being so busy, this is the only place where details can be given and published.

The National Assembly asks all UK Bahá'ís who are on email join up to NEWS. All you have to do to receive the material regularly is to send your personal information to NEWS.admin@bahai.org.uk

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