

Regional Bahá'í Council of the Atlantic States

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Subject: Gratitude for Your Regional Fund Contributions

Dearly loved friends:

In this time of bicentennial celebration for the birth of Bahá'u'lláh and leading up to the bicentenary of the Báb's birth, we reach out to you – institutions and individuals – who gave so generously to the Regional Bahá'í Fund since May 1, 2017. Your support provides material means for the Council to help sustain the more than three dozen individuals throughout the region who are sacrificially serving the Cause in various capacities, to support the costs of Council and Institute activities, and to organize reflections on what we are learning about community building in the region.

In His Lawh-i-Mawlúd (Tablet of the Birth), Bahá'u'lláh exclaims:

O concourse of the seen and the unseen! Rejoice with exceeding gladness in your hearts and souls, for the night hath come for the harvesting of the ages and the gathering up of past cycles, the night wherein all days and nights were called into being and the time preordained for this Revelation was fulfilled at the behest of Him Who is the Lord of might and power.

This “harvesting of the ages” is now. Each individual and Assembly who supports the regional fund has been uniquely placed by God in this harvest time of history. In the words of the House of Justice, “... in every precious effort made to honour Him, we recognize the wholehearted striving of each believer to attain a full share.”

Please accept the profound gratitude of the Regional Council for all that you have offered in response to the Universal House of Justice's question: “Might one not ask, what would be a befitting response to such gifts?” May your continued efforts to share the life and Person of Bahá'u'lláh be crowned with untold victories.

With deepest love and affection,



William P. Collins
Treasurer

“To give and to be generous are attributes of Mine; well is it with him that adorneth himself with My virtues.” — Bahá'u'lláh