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To all Local Spiritual Assemblies and Groups

Dearly loved Friends,

Bahá'í burial locations in the United Kingdom

In 2007, the National Spiritual Assembly carried out a survey of Bahá'í grave sites in all parts of the UK, in order to set up a permanent register of these. The register contains information on individual plots as well as those areas designated as Bahá'í plots in which two or more Bahá'ís are known to be buried. Where possible to ascertain, some of the earliest graves have been identified which are part of our historical heritage.

One of the main reasons for setting up the register was so that we can ensure, as far as possible, that all grave sites are maintained in a manner befitting these stalwart ancestors of the Faith in this country.

As some eight years have gone by since the last survey, the National Assembly is sending out a new request for research into these sites, specifically to add information on any burials which have taken place in the interim. The National Assembly has asked Mr. Shidan and Mrs. Susan Kouчек-Zadeh to oversee the ongoing project, and they may be in touch with your Assembly or Group in this regard.

In order to help them gather details efficiently, questionnaire forms have been prepared and these are enclosed. They are also available upon request by writing to nsa@bahai.org.uk.

The forms may be duplicated by the friends as required. One type of form is for single grave locations, the other for lists where there are multiple graves, overseen by a Local Spiritual Assembly, for example in a special section of a cemetery.

The information required for each grave plot is detailed on the form and we would be grateful if much information as possible could be included. Kindly send the completed forms to the National Assembly by email (nsa@bahai.org.uk) or post (27 Rutland Gate, London SW7 1PD).

Please note: If you have already sent full information on the grave plots in your area to this project in the past, there is no need to re-send it – only to add any burials which have taken place since 2007, or any old burials which have just been re-discovered.

Please also note that the grave-plots in New Southgate Cemetery are recorded separately and should not be included.

Your assistance in this project is most warmly appreciated.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop at the top, followed by several horizontal strokes and a final downward stroke.

Patrick O'Mara,
Secretary

Enclosures