

**BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
PROGRAMME FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION 174 BE (2017)**

JALÁL, 3 JAMÁL (SATURDAY 29 APRIL)

1400-1430hrs **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Presentation by **COUNSELLOR SHIRIN FOZDAR-FOROUDI**

1430-1800hrs **OPENING OF NATIONAL CONVENTION**

DEVOTIONAL: Days of Remembrance of the Blessed Beauty

Roll call of delegates and election of officers of National Convention, including break for officers to study guidance notes

CONSULTATION 1: RIDVÁN 2017 MESSAGE

- Reading of the Message from the Universal House of Justice
- Reflections on the message – Counsellor Shirin Fozdar-Foroudi
- Consultation on the message

Coffee, tea & biscuits served in situ at 1600hrs

CONSULTATION 2:

**THE EMERGENCE OF A PROGRAMME OF GROWTH:
TOWARDS THE FIRST MILESTONE**

“there might be a handful of individuals who are involved in its promotion and those who are participating might come from only several households”

The National Assembly would value the views of the delegates on the consultation themes—listed on page 4—that are relevant to this subject area.

1800hrs

Dinner

1945hrs

**CONSULTATION 3: STRENGTHENING THE PATTERN OF
ACTION: TOWARDS THE SECOND MILESTONE [1]**

“...by the time a programme has become intensive, these figures, as one expect, have grown: perhaps tens of individuals active in the work of expansion and consolidation, while those participating might well surpass a hundred.”

This session will include a presentation on the Annual Report of the National Spiritual Assembly. The National Assembly would value the views of the delegates on the consultation themes—listed on page 4—that are relevant to this subject area.

Appointment and approval of tellers

2140hrs

DEVOTIONAL: Days of Remembrance of the Blessed Beauty

2200hrs

Close

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JAMÁL, 4 JAMÁL (SUNDAY 30 APRIL)

0930hrs **DEVOTIONAL: Days of Remembrance of the Blessed Beauty**

**CONSULTATION 4: A PERIOD OF SPECIAL POTENCY
BICENTENARIES OF THE BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH AND THE
BIRTH OF THE BÁB**

The National Assembly would value the views of the delegates on how to give expression to the following guidance of the Universal House of Justice conveyed in a letter dated 18 May 2016 written on its behalf to National Spiritual Assemblies, where they say that these celebrations present. *“special opportunities for the friends to reach out to the widest possible cross-section of society and to all those with whom they share a connection – whether through a family tie or common interest, an occupation or field of study, neighbourly relations or merely chance acquaintance – so that all may rejoice in the appearance, exactly two hundred years before, of One Who was to be the Bearer of a new Message for humankind”.*

Coffee, tea & biscuits served in situ at 1100hrs

1135hrs **Short break before Election**

1145hrs **ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY**
Counsellor’s reflections on the nature and practice of Bahá’í elections

1230hrs **Lunch**

1415hrs **DEVOTIONAL**
Audio visual presentation on the 25th anniversary of the universal implementation of the law of Huqúqu’lláh

**CONSULTATION 5: STRENGTHENING THE PATTERN OF
ACTION: TOWARDS THE SECOND MILESTONE (2)**

The National Assembly would value the views of the delegates on the consultation themes—listed on page 4—that are relevant to this subject area.

Coffee, tea & biscuits served in situ at 1545hrs

1800hrs **Dinner**

1930hrs **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL
SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY**

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**CONSULTATION 6: EMBRACING LARGE NUMBERS AND
MANAGING INTENSITY**

*"...mobilizing a hundred people or more, whose service connects them
with many hundreds or even thousands..."*

The National Assembly would value the views of the delegates on the
consultation themes—listed on page 4—that are relevant to this subject area.

2145hrs **COMMEMORATION OF THE TWELFTH DAY OF RIDVÁN**

2215hrs **Close**

KAMÁL, 5 JAMÁL – TWELFTH DAY OF RIDVÁN (MONDAY 1 MAY)

0930hrs **DEVOTIONAL: In Memoriam**

Tribute to Mr. Fred Schechter, Knight of Bahá'u'lláh and former member of the
International Teaching Centre
Roll of Honour

CONSULTATION 7: ENHANCING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

This session will include a presentation on the National Fund. The National
Assembly would value the views of the delegates on the consultation themes—
listed on page 4—that are relevant to this subject area. Of particular relevance to
this session is the following: Fostering the health of the National Fund;
supporting the needs of growth; preserving the existing endowments and reserves

Presentation by children, junior youth and youth
Messages from National Convention
Coffee, tea & biscuits served in situ at 1100hrs

1300hrs **Close of National Convention**

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Themes for consultation

The National Spiritual Assembly would greatly value the views of the delegates on the following themes which it feels are of particular importance at this time:

- Enabling the training institute to attain a higher level of functioning, including inviting significant numbers to join the institute process
- The need for direct teaching and inviting people into the Cause, developing capacity to converse about the Person of Bahá'u'lláh, and learning to work in teams of mutual support
- Increasing intensity and strengthening the pattern of working in cycles
- Fostering the teaching work in the wider network in all clusters.
- Working in neighbourhoods and villages where intense activity can be sustained.
- Identifying and reaching out to receptive populations
- Encouraging participation in the teaching projects across the UK, particularly in the summer of 2017
- Drawing on the strengths of our reservoir clusters to help advance clusters nearby
- Fostering the spiritual health of the community, sharpening focus and overcoming distractions
- The engagement of Local Spiritual Assemblies in the plans of their cluster
- Fostering a movement of youth
- Working systematically and in a mode of learning at every level of the community, learning to advance from any context
- Fostering the health of the National Fund, supporting the needs of growth, preserving the existing endowments and reserves