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To all believers in the United Kingdom

Dearly loved Friends,

The National Spiritual Assembly is pleased to provide you with information concerning the significant dates in the Bahá'í calendar until Naw-Rúz 179 B.E. in 2022.

Ayyám-i-Há this year runs from 25 February – 28 February 2021. The fasting month begins immediately after Ayyám-i-Há, at sunset on 28 February 2021, and ends at Naw-Rúz 178 B.E. (sunset on 19 March 2021). The Holy Days for next year are stated below, with commemoration times added where relevant. The times have been adjusted to accommodate British summer time.

Holy Days on which work is suspended:

- Naw-Rúz on 20 March 2021 (1 Bahá)
- First Day of Riḍván on 20 April 2021 (13 Jalál), at about 4 p.m.
- Ninth Day of Riḍván on 28 April 2021 (2 Jamál)
- Twelfth Day of Riḍván on 1 May 2021 (5 Jamál)
- Declaration of the Báb on 23 May 2021 (8 'Azamat), which is commemorated at about two hours after sunset on 22 May
- Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh on 28 May 2021 (13 'Azamat), at 4 a.m.
- Martyrdom of the Báb on 9 July 2021 (17 Raḥmat), at about 1 p.m.
- Birth of the Báb on 6 November 2021 (4 Quḍrat)
- Birth of Bahá'u'lláh on 7 November 2021 (5 Quḍrat)

The commemoration times listed above should be observed, if feasible. Where no times are specified, the believers are free to gather at any time during the day that they find convenient.

Work is not suspended on the following Holy Days,

- Day of the Covenant on 25 November 2021 (4 Qawl)
- Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá on 27 November 2021 (6 Qawl), at 1 a.m.

However, as the friends are aware, the entire Bahá'í world will this year be marking the centenary of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá and the completion of the first century of the Formative Age. In its message to the Bahá'ís of the World of 25 November 2020, the Universal House of Justice called for the coming year to be a period of “profound reflection on the life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá and the strength of the Covenant of which He was the Centre...The observance of this anniversary will undoubtedly prompt individuals and communities alike to contemplate the significance of that infinitely poignant moment when He Who was the Mystery of God departed from this world.” The Day of the Covenant will also “be especially meaningful.” As requested by the House of

Justice, the National Spiritual Assembly is presently determining how these two dates, occurring so close together, may be appropriately observed.

The Feast days, ideally celebrated on the first day of the month, correspond with the following dates:

Bahá (Splendour)	—	20 March 2021
Jalál (Glory)	—	8 April 2021
Jamál (Beauty)	—	27 April 2021
‘Azamat (Grandeur)	—	16 May 2021
Núr (Light)	—	4 June 2021
Rahmat (Mercy)	—	23 June 2021
Kalimát (Words)	—	12 July 2021
Kamál (Perfection)	—	31 July 2021
Asmá’ (Names)	—	19 August 2021
‘Izzat (Might)	—	7 September 2021
Mashíyyat (Will)	—	26 September 2021
‘Ilm (Knowledge)	—	15 October 2021
Qudrat (Power)	—	3 November 2021
Qawl (Speech)	—	22 November 2021
Masá’il (Questions)	—	11 December 2021
Sharaf (Honour)	—	30 December 2021
Sultán (Sovereignty)	—	18 January 2022
Mulk (Dominion)	—	6 February 2022
Ayyám-i-Há	—	25 February – 1 March 2022
‘Alá’ (Loftiness)	—	2 March 2022

As always, the Bahá’í day runs from sunset till sunset. Thus every day listed above begins from the time of sunset on the evening prior to the Gregorian date that is stated.

We hope the above information will be of assistance to you. For further information and guidance about Bahá’í Holy Days, please see the enclosed guidance notes which have been prepared on behalf of the National Spiritual Assembly.

With loving Bahá’í greetings,



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Secretary

Enclosure: Guidance notes on Bahá’í Holy Days

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