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**CONSEIL DES MANDATAIRES DU H̄UQ̄UQU'LLÁH AU CANADA**

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To the Delegates attending the 76<sup>th</sup> National Convention

Dear Friends,

In the sacred atmosphere of this gathering, marked by a spirit of devotion and shared purpose, the Board of Trustees wishes to convey its whole-hearted love to each one of you. We are deeply grateful to the National Spiritual Assembly for this opportunity to share a few thoughts on the Right of God and its vital place within the tapestry of laws and principles that guide our collective efforts and are destined to give rise to a new World Order.

Amidst worldwide uncertainty, scarcity and social fragmentation, when systems upheld by self-interest and greed cause ever greater harm to the majority of the members of our human family, the urgency for the Divine Remedy of Bahá'ú'lláh's Teachings, enshrined in His laws and precepts becomes all the more apparent. Indeed, we are assured that by observing this particular law, we are contributing to *“a process which will, in the centuries ahead, give rise to a transformation of society far beyond our present capacity to comprehend.”*<sup>1</sup>

With our gaze directed steadfastly on the aims of the Nine-Year Plan, which we are all endeavouring to fulfill, it is fitting to pause and reflect on the various instruments that will provide the means for their realization. One such instrument is observance of the mighty Law of H̄uq̄uqu'lláh, an ordinance which not only provides the materials means for the progress and promotion of the Cause of God, but *“creates a direct and vital link between the individual believer and the Head of the Faith, enables the friends to become firm and steadfast, and, as the beloved Master affirms, exerts ‘a great influence on their hearts and souls’.”*<sup>2</sup>

In adhering to this law, an individual believer is given the opportunity to *“express his or her personal sense of devotion to God in a profoundly private act of conscience that promotes the common good.”*<sup>3</sup> Purifying our worldly possessions and offering our share towards the greater good in a spirit of joy and fellowship provides us with incalculable gifts and divine protection. Bahá'ú'lláh affirms that *“in it there are benefits and wisdoms beyond the ken of anyone but God, the Omniscient, the All-Informed.”*<sup>4</sup>

Upon declaration of one's faith, every Bahá'í from the age of 15 onwards is called to observe this law, regardless of profession or financial condition. This is not a mere exercise in accounting, but rather a source of spiritual transformation. It is *“an indispensable discipline: it brings one's priorities into balance, purifies wealth, offers protection against the forces of materialism, and ensures that the share which is the Right of God contributes to the greater good.”*<sup>5</sup> Whether or not a believer is obliged to make a payment, the regular practice of examining one's life, of thoughtfully reflecting on one's economic choices and of considering

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<sup>1</sup> Universal House of Justice, 12 January 2003.

<sup>2</sup> Universal House of Justice, 21 June 2016 to the International Board of Trustees.

<sup>3</sup> Universal House of Justice, Ridván 1991 to the Bahá'ís of the world.

<sup>4</sup> Bahá'ú'lláh, *The Kitáb-i-Aqdas*, par. 97.

<sup>5</sup> International Board of Trustees, 17 December 2017.

how wealth is acquired, utilized and distributed, enables each Bahá'í to gain greater spiritual awareness and strengthen our individual connection with the Covenant.

This disciplined and deliberate approach to life is part of a broader pattern of collective action in which believers and institutions alike strive to learn, to act with greater consciousness, and to refine our efforts, through reflection and consultation. In this same spirit, the Institution of Ḥuqúqu'lláh has continued to evolve in capacity and coherence. Since the establishment of the International Board of Trustees in 2005, the Institution of Ḥuqúqu'lláh has grown rapidly, both in number and in reach. In this past year, the Universal House of Justice shared that *“members of the National and Regional Boards, previously referred to as Deputy Trustees, will henceforth be known simply as Trustees.”*<sup>6</sup> In Canada, the membership of the newly appointed Board of Trustees has increased from five to seven. Together with Representatives serving the regions and localities where the friends reside, the institution is learning to systematically assist a *“growing number of believers to understand the spiritual and practical aspects of the law”* and *“become more conscious of its significance”*<sup>7</sup>, with due respect for its inherent dignity and sacred purpose.

We lovingly encourage every believer to embrace this mighty Law of Ḥuqúqu'lláh, a bountiful gift which is generously entrusted to each one of us, and to develop a deep sense of responsibility towards its observance in our individual and family lives. The Canadian Board of Trustees and its Representatives stand ready to assist and accompany believers of every age and economic circumstance, as they develop a deeper comprehension of, and obedience to, this law. May all be enabled to partake of its inestimable spiritual benefits.

With eager anticipation, we look forward to witnessing how this practice will become more seamlessly woven into the pattern of our individual and collective lives and will contribute to the vitality of our communities across Canada. To this end, and with the hope of a more prosperous world that benefits all its peoples, we offer our humble and ardent prayers.

With loving greetings,

The Board of Trustees of Ḥuqúqu'lláh in Canada

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<sup>6</sup> Universal House of Justice, 27 November 2025, to all National Spiritual Assemblies.

<sup>7</sup> International Board of Trustees, 17 December 2025.