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### Bahá'ís and Wills

IN THE KITÁB-I-AQDAS Bahá'u'lláh states,  
*“Unto everyone hath been enjoined the writing of a will.”*

The legal advisor to the National Spiritual Assembly has prepared two documents which will help the Friends in meeting this spiritual obligation, “Some Notes on Bahá'í Wills” and “Some Notes For Solicitors Preparing Wills For Members of the Bahá'í Faith”. The former sets out some of the things that make a Bahá'í will special, the latter is for them to share with the solicitor who is drawing up their will to explain the points.

Please note that neither of these is a guide to drawing up a will in general, something that should be left to the professionals, they are explanations of specifically Bahá'í requirements.

The National Assembly has asked the Bahá'í Information Office to store and distribute these documents on its behalf. They are available on request from BIO at the National Sub-Office. Internet users can obtain electronic copies (in either RTF or PDF format: please specify which) by sending an email to [bio@bahai.org.uk](mailto:bio@bahai.org.uk).

### Pilgrimage

We would like to remind the friends that a pilgrimage, or even a three-day visit, to the World Centre of our Faith gives a wonderful opportunity for securing local media coverage.

To help this BIO has press leads (suggested press releases) for both these situations. If you are going, please contact us for one. The press leads are available for both pilgrimage and three-day visits, so specify which you want. You can obtain copies by post from the Bahá'í Information Office, or electronically (as plain text or PDF file) from [bio@bahai.org.uk](mailto:bio@bahai.org.uk).

### Show on the Go No.4

The fourth item in BIO's distance-training series Show-on-the-Go is available. Its subject is The Journalist and we are sure it will help communities and Bahá'í organisations in understanding and dealing with the press.

It consists of two floppy disks of software which when installed on a PC (Windows 9x or NT4) will produce a presentation on the subject without there being any need for having PowerPoint or a similar programme already installed. Along with the disks comes the hard copy document which should be studied along with the computer presentation. Show-on-the-Go is suitable for individual and small-group study.

To obtain your disks and document please send your postal address to the Bahá'í

### **NEWS Service**

ALL THE FRIENDS in the UK who have internet access are invited to subscribe to the National Assembly's notice board NEWS service for the latest information from, and via the National Assembly. They are asked to share important information with those friends in their area who do not have this facility. You can subscribe by sending an email to [NEWS.Admin@bahai.org.uk](mailto:NEWS.Admin@bahai.org.uk).

### **Convention Resolutions**

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY is pleased to announce that the list of resolutions adopted at this year's National Convention, together with the National Assembly's responses, is now available on the National Assembly's official web site: [www.bahai.org.uk/aig/natco158/](http://www.bahai.org.uk/aig/natco158/)

### **Press coverage**

We would like to remind the friends that we depend on them for knowing what sort of press coverage the Faith is getting throughout the UK. Please would they make sure they send in all local press cuttings that mention the Faith, along with a note of the title and date of the newspaper, to the Bahá'í Information Office.

### **Important New Child Protection Guidance**

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY has approved a new section to be added to its Guidelines for the Protection of Children and Young People. It deals with the action to be taken if an allegation of abuse is made, and the guidance to individuals and institutions is clear and should be followed. The new part (Section D) is available electronically from [resources@bahai.org.uk](mailto:resources@bahai.org.uk) or in hard copy from the National Office.

For those who do not have them, the full set of Guidelines can be obtained in the same way (but please specify in your request that it is the full set you want and not just the new section).

The National Spiritual Assembly shares the distress many of the Friends undoubtedly feel that such detailed guidelines and instructions are now necessary. However, they must be followed, for the protection of young people (which is paramount), of adults, and of the good name of the Faith itself.

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