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Passing of Philip Hainsworth

December 16, 2001

DEARLY LOVED FRIENDS,

It is with a very heavy heart that the National Spiritual Assembly informs you of the passing to the Abhá Kingdom of our beloved friend and co-worker Philip Hainsworth.

It is difficult to capture in words the monumental contribution to the progress of the Cause of God that Philip made since he declared his belief in Bahá'u'lláh in Bradford in 1938, for his name is intimately associated with so many of the remarkable victories and achievements that have been won for the Faith both in these islands and in many other parts of the world.

How can we ever forget his dedicated services as a Bahá'í youth in this country, as a resourceful homefront pioneer, as a courageous and heroic pioneer in Africa, as a dynamic teacher of our beloved Faith, as an inspirer of so many hearts, as an author and public speaker, as a tireless administrator of the Faith demonstrated by his almost five decades' long membership of National and Regional Spiritual Assemblies, as a fearless lover of Bahá'u'lláh and a true and exemplary champion of His mighty Covenant?

Philip served the Cause which he loved with all of his being with his characteristic vigour to the very last days of his life. Just a few months ago, Philip, together with his beloved wife, Lois, and many members of their family, travelled to Uganda to attend the celebrations marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of the establishment of the Faith in that country. This brought untold joy to Philip's heart for he was able to spend time with so many friends, old and new, and to revisit many of the places associated with his intrepid exploits half a century ago.

Philip Hainsworth was indeed a rock upon which this Bahá'í community was built. We will miss him dearly but always in the knowledge that his soul is finally united with the Beloved of his heart. May we ask you to join the National Spiritual Assembly in praying for the progress of his noble soul in all the worlds of God and for the comforting and strength of his dear family.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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New Agency of the National Spiritual Assembly

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To further develop its work in the expanding field of public information

New member of the Bahá'í Council for England

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For personal reasons, Ms Fidelma Meehan has asked to be relieved of service on the Bahá'í

and media activity the National Spiritual Assembly has now established a new agency, the Office of Public Information, known for short as OPI-UK.

This new agency will combine the national media responsibilities of our National Public Information Officer in the Office of External Affairs with the work hitherto carried out by the Bahá'í Information Office. It will operate from the National Hazíratu'l-Quds and from the National Sub-Office in Tonbridge.

For information and resources previously available from BIO, please contact OPI-UK at Bahá'í National Sub-Office Third Floor, Bridge House 97-101 High Street, TONBRIDGE TN9 1DR Please note that all these items and services will continue to be available.

Council for England and this has been accepted. The National Spiritual Assembly is pleased to inform the community that Dr Vafa Ram, who received the next highest number of votes in the recent election for the Council, has accepted to serve on this body.

Special meeting with National Spiritual Assembly

There will be a special meeting with the National Spiritual Assembly on Saturday, March 23, Weston Room 1, Manchester Conference Centre, Weston Building, Sackville Street, Manchester M1 3BB. Starts promptly at 7.30 pm. An opportunity to meet the institutions of the National Spiritual Assembly and the Bahá'í Council for England, and to learn about the progress of the Five Year Plan and the challenges facing the Bahá'í community in the UK.

From the Table of the National Spiritual Assembly

The National Spiritual Assembly would like to advise the friends that in order to better facilitate the participation of speakers of Persian and other minority languages at the Nineteen Day Feast, that sufficient translation should be provided for these believers.

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