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National Committees and Departments

Committee for International Pioneering and Travel Teaching

IT HAS BEEN very exciting this summer, watching the emails flowing between committee members as a significant number of the British Bahá'ís responded to the worldwide travel teaching and pioneering call.

Already there have been so many wonderful stories of the confirmations that flow after individuals or families decide to sacrifice the usual holiday arrangements and dedicate some quality time to Bahá'í work in another part of the world. Big tests too, sometimes, that try our patience and test our resolve once we are actually in place and trying to find out where the waiting souls are, wondering whether we are adequate channels for the spirit. From youth to pensioners, from newly enrolled Bahá'ís to old hands, we salute you all for your efforts!

Please, please, those of you who have been out there, do talk to your fellow Bahá'ís as well as your friends and neighbours about your experiences. Perhaps at your next Reflection meeting or the upcoming Unit Conventions, volunteer to give a five minute chat about this bounty that you have had and encourage your Cluster to adopt an overseas Cluster as at least a praying goal or hopefully, also a focus for service and support.

We urge you to look at the very informative CIPTT website for information on the needs of each place. The website is at: www.bahai.org.uk/pioneers What has been very plain to us is the extent to which experience in the use of the Ruhi books, whether as participants or as tutors, and the associated service activities that are part of each book in the series, are an increasingly essential universal toolkit to fit us for international service in the Faith.

The “Building Momentum” video reinforces the universality and effectiveness of this approach, implemented through the three core activities and coupled with extensive use of the arts. The common need of great troops of humanity to walk through one or other of the “Portals to Freedom” is increasingly and blindingly obvious as the darkness of the old order closes in and the Dayspring of Divine Guidance shines ever more brightly in the affairs of the world. The brighter we can help to make the light of this Cause by our efforts, the darker that world of shadows will become but how quickly the extent of its influence will vanish as the power of this Revelation reaches towards its zenith.

We know, of course, that you will not forget the European frontier countries in the Balkans or the island jewels of the Mediterranean in considering your response. These are the now familiar goal countries in the Philip Hainsworth Campaign Five Year Plan Goals in Europe: Bosnia & Herzegovina; Corsica; Croatia; Cyprus; Macedonia; Malta; Kosovo; Montenegro; Serbia; Slovenia; Vojvodina. Meanwhile, in the far North, the Faroe Islands still beckon the hardy traveller.

When you decide to plan the details of your act of service please get in touch with the committee and let us help you. To contact CIPTT, email: pbellamy999@hotmail.com

The Board of Huqā'qu'llāh

Resignation of Mr Hadi Rahmani as, Deputy Trustee for Huqā'qu'llāh

THE BOARD OF HUQĀ'QU'LLĀH for the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom wishes to pay tribute to the many long and devoted years of service Mr Rahmani has given to the Institution of Huqā'qu'llāh. He was first appointed as a deputy Trustee in 1956. Since then Mr Rahmani's knowledge and wisdom have been used to educate the Friends in many countries about the Divine Law. His skills as a storyteller have delighted and inspired many hearts over the years.

Although Mr Rahmani will no longer be accepting payments for Huqā'qu'llāh we hope that he will still be able to inspire with his stories. Payments that would have been made through Mr Rahmani should now be sent to the Office of Huqā'qu'llāh in Tonbridge or be made through another Deputy or Representative.

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