



TREASURERS NOTES

FOR THE FEAST OF JALÁL/GLORY

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For Consultation

“Every believer can contribute to the Fund. Not all believers can give public talks, not all are called upon to serve on administrative institutions. But all can pray, fight their own spiritual battles, and contribute to the Fund. If every believer will carry out these sacred duties, we shall be astonished at the accession of power which will result to the whole body, and which in its turn will give rise to further growth and the showering of greater blessings on all of us.” *The Universal House of Justice, in Wellspring of Guidance, pp. 37-38*

What sacred duties can every believer carry out?

Fund Story

When the youth and junior youth of two small rural communities heard that their beloved National Baha’i Fund was millions of dollars short of its goal with only a few weeks to go before Ridván, they decided to do something about it... They brainstormed about what they might do to raise money for the Fund. They explored the Bahá’í laws about who is allowed to give to Bahá’í Funds and realized that any money they were able to raise must come from within their local Bahá’í communities. They decided to have a dinner and silent auction, donating items and services themselves to be auctioned off... Eleven youth and junior youth arranged a meal, gathered auction items, and sent out invitations. Friends... [bid]... for such items as two hours of yard work or housework; two loaves of bread; a pair of handmade moccasins; a full four-course Greek dinner with musical accompaniment; a dramatic reading; or a special cake. Additional items of handmade jewelry and art were available at the event itself. Donations were accepted for the dinner, which commenced promptly at sunset following devotions. The event was an unqualified success, resulting in much fellowship, love, laughter and good food. When the bidding closed and the final tallies were complete, these eleven determined young people ranging in age from 11 to 18 years old had raised \$550 to send to the Fund. This was a remarkable achievement in the face of the short time frame, the small community from which they had to draw, and their youth. Truly, our youth are our greatest resource, and are moving the world!

