

TREASURERS NOTES

FOR THE FEAST OF 'ALÁ'/LOFTINESS

MARCH 2, 2012

For Consultation

How can regularly contributing to the Funds of the Faith increase our faith and make us firmer in the Cause?

“Although you seem to feel that your prayers have not so far been answered, and do no longer have any hope that your material conditions will ameliorate, the Guardian wishes you nevertheless not to allow such disappointments to undermine your faith in the power of prayer, but rather to continue entreating the Almighty to enable you to discover the great wisdom which may be hidden behind all these sufferings. For are not our sufferings often blessings in disguise, through which God wishes to test the sincerity and depth of our faith, and thereby make us firmer in His Cause?” (on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, October 26, 1938 to an individual believer)

Fund Story

We received the following touching story of faith and sincerity:

“When I was in college in Pennsylvania many years ago, I was literally a starving student, and in one instance had only \$20. I had promised that I will contribute \$20 for an inter-community potluck and was going to keep the promise. When walking towards the home of a Bahá’í hosting the potluck, I saw something in the air, it was a \$20 bill, and I of course grabbed it.

God did not leave me penniless.”



National Fund Contributions as of Jan 2012

Fund Updates

- ★ Status of the Local Fund Year-to-Date: \$ _____. This past month \$ _____ was contributed toward our goal of \$ _____, with _____% of community members participating.
- ★ Status of the National Fund at the end of January - \$16.1 million; In the tenth month of the Plan, we have \$14.9 million left to go to reach our \$31 million National Fund goal by April 30, 2012.