



**National Spiritual Assembly
of the Bahá'ís of New Zealand**

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To all Local Spiritual Assemblies and Bahá'í Groups

Dearly loved friends

The National Spiritual Assembly is thrilled to forward to you herewith, an announcement by the Supreme Body of the Continental Counsellors who will serve for the next five-year term, beginning on 25 November 2020 (the Day of the Covenant). The announcement is made in a letter to the Bahá'ís of the World dated 29 October 2020.

In sharing with you this news, we are spurred to pay tribute to the assistance given to our national Bahá'í community by the Continental Board of Counsellors for Australasia, whose faithful support we are privileged to enjoy. Especially, we wish to mention the tremendous contributions made to Aotearoa by Ms Tessa Scrine, Mr Vahid Saberi, Mr Taraz Nadarajah, and Mr Daniel Pierce, who have worked with us most directly. It is our joy to say that Ms Scrine's attention to the needs and realities of Aotearoa, as our liaison Counsellor for the past two years, have been absolutely invaluable.

We take this opportunity to draw to your attention to the words of the Supreme Body in its announcement letter, as follows:

Only a few months separate us from the conclusion of the current Five Year Plan, indeed, of a series of Plans spanning twenty-five years, during which the Bahá'í world has remained focused on a single aim, namely, a significant advance in the process of entry by troops. As the friends continue their valiant exertions through these final months and prepare to enter a new stage in the development of the Cause with the launch of the One Year Plan, the leadership and inspiration that the Counsellors bring to communities will remain vital to their efforts to respond to the exigencies of the hour.

In these days filled with such spiritual potency, the National Spiritual Assembly feels sure that the believers as a whole will share the deep appreciation we feel to benefit from the wisdom and encouragement of the Counsellors and their auxiliaries, as we march together towards victories as yet hard to imagine.

Loving Bahá'í greetings,
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Suzanne Mahon
Secretary