

# REGIONAL BAHAI COUNCIL OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES

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To the Baha'is in the Sarasota , FL Cluster – FL047

Beloved Friends,

With profound gratitude to the Blessed Beauty and hearts filled with immense joy, the Regional Baha'i Council conveys the news that the Sarasota, FL cluster has been advanced to the "A" stage of growth and development. This decision was reached following consultation with Counsellor Eugene Andrews and has received the approval of the National Spiritual Assembly.

The Regional Council commends the friends in the Sarasota, FL cluster for the diligent efforts made to bring about the necessary propitious conditions for intensive growth. We also extend our gratitude to the cluster's institutions and agencies for their dedication and commitment to consultation, action and reflection. Having reached the "AU stage of growth and development, there is no time to lose in launching and sustaining a program of intensive growth. The intensive program of growth consists of cycles of activity, which proceed according to distinct phases of expansion, consolidation, reflection and planning.

As your cluster presses forward, your individual commitment to completing the sequence of courses, multiplying core activities, and engaging in teaching work, particularly your active support of the direct, collective teaching initiatives targeting receptive populations, will be vital to effectively implement the framework for the Five Year Plan.

As you have learned, the teaching plans of the cluster agencies are the focus of the reflection gathering and you will want to make every effort to participate in the reflection gathering, contribute to the consultation and shared learning, and support the teaching plan for the new cycle of activities.

Dear friends, there is a great upsurge in teaching activities across the region resulting in marked expansion of the Faith, including the Sarasota, FL cluster. May your cluster spiritually and mentally accept the possibility of entry by troops and with audacity and reliance upon Baha'u'llah work towards embracing and confirming *"masses of new believers."*

The Regional Council hastens to assure you of our ardent prayers, love, and support.

With loving Baha'i greetings,  
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