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**Cover Letter re: National Spiritual Assembly Statement,  
June 19th 2020 “Forging a Path to Racial Justice”**

To Whom It May Concern;

The Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Scottsdale, the governing council and consultative body of the local Bahá'í Faith Community, is writing to share with you a recent statement on racism released by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States.

As Bahá'ís, we believe that service and worship go hand-in-hand. We also believe that racial prejudice is “the most vital and challenging issue”<sup>1</sup> requiring our full attention at this present stage in our progress as a Faith community. Bahá'u'lláh, the Founder of the Bahá'í Faith whom we believe is a Divine Teacher, says: “O contending peoples and kindreds of the earth! Set your faces towards unity, and let the radiance of its light shine upon you. Gather ye together, and for the sake of God resolve to root out whatever is the source of contention amongst you.”<sup>2</sup> It is the hope of our local Bahá'í community that this statement may be of some use to you both in the themes and concepts it outlines and in the potential opportunities for collaboration that it might inspire. Those interested in reading the statement in its entirety online can also visit:

<https://www.bahai.us/path-to-racial-justice/>

In loving-service,

*Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Scottsdale*

References:

<sup>1</sup> Shoghi Effendi, *The Advent of Divine Justice*, pp. 28-34

<sup>2</sup> Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 217