

**CONTINENTAL BOARD OF COUNSELLORS**  
for the Protection and Propagation of the Bahá'í Faith in Australasia  
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Dear Friends,

I convey the loving greetings of the Continental Board of Counsellors for Australasia to your esteemed Institution. The Board of Counsellors wishes to advise that Counsellor Tessa Scrine has been designated as its representative for the upcoming National Convention in New Zealand. Should international travel not be permitted at the time due to the global health crisis, Auxiliary Board member Leyla Neilsen will be called upon for this duty. The loving and warm welcome you will, no doubt, extend to the representative is greatly appreciated.

The Continental Board of Counsellors noting the significance of this Convention coming at the commencement of the next series of Plans draws your attention to the following excerpts from the 25 November 2020 message of the House of Justice.

It is against this background of furious storms lashing humanity that the ark of the Cause is about to embark upon a series of Plans that will carry it into the third century of the Bahá'í Era and significantly strengthen the Bahá'í community's capacity for realizing the society- building powers of the Faith.

Besides providing for advances within clusters everywhere, the coming Plan will be a year for profound reflection on the life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá and the strength of the Covenant of which He was the Centre, as the community prepares to commemorate the centenary of His Ascension.

We pray that the deliberations at your National Convention will give full attention to the requirements of the of the forthcoming Plans.

With love and admiration for your dedicated and selfless service to our beloved Cause.



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cc      Counsellor Tessa Scrine