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Dearly loved friends of the South Island

Tēnā koutou e hoa mā

We warmly invite you to attend the National Bahá'í Teaching Conference to be held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May at Knights Stream School (Mingimingi Hautoa) in Halswell, Christchurch. A conference for the North Island will take place at the same time in Auckland. The theme of the conference is **He Raranga Hou**, translated literally as “a weaving anew”. The theme will guide and inspire us with a shared understanding of our spiritual whakapapa and of how we can fulfil the spiritual destiny of Aotearoa.

**He Raranga Hou** will allow all — old and young, urban and rural — to embark, in a spirit of collaboration, on a collective deepening on the purpose of Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation, and the weaving together worship and service. The conference will be enriched by the diversity of participants, study of the Writings, shared stories and experiences, artistic undertakings including special musical items by seasoned performers, and uplifting insights expressed by members of our beloved National Spiritual Assembly and Counsellor Taraz Nadarajah. A parallel programme for children and junior youth will allow them to also take part in this memorable endeavour, including participating in segments of the main programme. We are encouraging all believers and close friends to register as soon as possible through the conference website, shown here:

<https://conference.bahai.org.nz/>

At this point in time, when the South Island of Aotearoa has been darkened by a horrific act characteristic of a “lamentably defective” world order, we know the only remedy for the copious ills of society is the elixir of Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation. **He Raranga Hou** offers all of us a spiritually charged arena to sharpen our spiritual susceptibilities and to arise.

*“To assist Me is to teach My Cause. This is a theme with which whole Tablets are laden. This is the changeless commandment of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future.” Bahá'u'lláh*

With loving Bahá'í greetings

Arohanui

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