

Your True Brother
Messages to Junior Youth Written by
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1. Letter to Louhelen Junior Youth Session of July 1944

Haifa

25 August 1944

To the Bahá'ís who were present at the Junior Youth Session of Louhelen Summer

School, July 1944

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

Your loving message, dated July 23rd, has been received and the Guardian has instructed me to answer you on his behalf.

He hopes that you will develop into Bahá'ís in character as well as in belief. The whole purpose of Bahá'u'lláh is that we should become a new kind of people, people who are upright, kind, intelligent, truthful, and honest and who live according to His great laws laid down for this new epoch in man's development. To call ourselves Bahá'ís is not enough, our inmost being must become ennobled and enlightened through living a Bahá'í life.

He will pray for you, each and every one, that you may be of great help to the world in the days to come.

With Bahá'í love,

R. Rabbani

May the Almighty bless your efforts, guide your steps, and enable you to further the interests, and consolidate the foundations, of this noble institution which has already rendered such notable services to our beloved and glorious Faith.

Your true brother

Shoghi

2. Letter to Geyserville Junior Youth Class of 19 July 1946

Haifa

4 April 1947

To the members of the "Junior Youth Class" who were present at Geyserville Bahá'í Summer School on July 19th, 1946

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

Owing to pressure of his work our beloved Guardian was not able to answer your letter earlier, and to thank you for the copies of your "newspaper" which you sent him.

He is always very happy to see the youth preparing themselves for their future

responsibilities in serving and administering the Faith, and he feels that they are never too young to do some share of Bahá'í work; even a child can spread the Message of Bahá'u'lláh, through word and deed, if it wants to!

You may be sure he will pray for you all and for the success of your Bahá'í labours, as well as for your spiritual development.

With loving greetings,

R. Rabbani

May the Spirit of Bahá'u'lláh guide, sustain and bless you in your meritorious endeavours, enable you to deepen your knowledge of the essential verities of His Faith, and aid you to promote effectively, in the days to come, the vital interests of its institutions.

Your true brother,

Shoghi

3. Letter to Louhelen Junior Youth Session of 13 July 1951

2 October 1951

To the Bahá'ís who were present at the Junior Youth Session Louhelen Bahá'í School, July 13th

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

The beloved Guardian was pleased to see so many young believers gathered for study at Louhelen this year.

He urges you to make up your minds to do great, great deeds for the Faith; the condition of the world is steadily growing worse, and your generation must provide the saints, heroes, martyrs and administrators of future years. With dedication and will-power you can rise to great heights!

With Bahá'í love,

R. Rabbani

Assuring you of my loving prayers for your success in the service of our beloved Faith.

Your true brother,

Shoghi

4. Letter to Louhelen Junior Youth Session of 3 July 1952

5 August 1952

To the believers who attended the first Junior Youth Session, July 3 1952, at Louhelen

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

The beloved Guardian was very pleased to see so many young people gathered for your sessions, and he has instructed me to answer your letter to him on his behalf.

During the next ten years, following our Holy Year so soon to begin, a tremendous amount of Bahá'í pioneer work must be done all over the world. Although there will be many of the older, more experienced friends going out to serve, he feels that the stirring tasks that lie ahead in difficult countries and climates are, par excellence, the kind of work young people can do.

He, therefore, urges you to seriously consider the type of profession or trade that might ensure you a post in a pioneer field in Africa, or the Pacific Islands, or Asia, in which you could earn your living while serving the Cause as well. It is a great challenge, and a great opportunity offered your generation, and he looks forward to your future exploits in the service of Bahá'u'lláh with hope and confidence.

He will pray for you all, you may be sure.

With Bahá'í love,

R. Rabbani

May the Almighty bless, guide and sustain you always, remove all obstacles from your path, and enable you to further the vital interests of His Faith in the days to come.

Your true brother,

Shoghi

5. Letter to Louhelen Second Junior Youth Session of 1952

19 August 1952

Second Session Junior Bahá'í Youth

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

Your letter of July 11, 1952, has been received, and the beloved Guardian has instructed me to answer you on his behalf.

You are the Bahá'í Youth who are going to grow up during one of the most moving times in this second Bahá'í century, the ten years of great pioneer activity which will fall between the present Holy Year and the Most Great Jubilee which will mark the hundredth anniversary of Bahá'u'lláh's Declaration in Baghdád. You can see before you the vast territories to be won over to the Faith in the coming decade, and, if you set your mind to it, can choose a place where you want to pioneer and prepare yourself for this thrilling service!

From Tibet to the South Seas, Africa to far-off points in Asia and Europe—there are lands waiting to be opened to the Faith. He will pray that some of you may be the ones to render this form of service.

With Bahá'í love,

R. Rabbani

May the Almighty bless, guide and sustain you always, and aid you to render notable services in the days to come,

Your true brother,

Shoghi

6. Letter to Louhelen Junior Youth of 10 July 1953

Haifa

Israel

1 September 1953

To the Bahá'í Youth who were present at the Junior Youth Session at Louhelen Bahá'í School – July 10th

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

The beloved Guardian has received the letter which was signed by all of you on July

10th, and has instructed me to answer you on his behalf.

The Guardian was indeed happy that you have had the great bounty of meeting and knowing the devoted Hands of the Cause of God, General 'Alá'í and Mr Samandarí, and their interpreter. The Guardian wants you to always remember what they told you, as they are indeed dedicated to the service of Bahá'u'lláh; and the beloved Guardian gave the Bahá'ís in America a very great gift in having these precious believers visit among the friends throughout the United States.

With warm Bahá'í greetings,

R. Rabbani

Assuring you of my fervent prayers for the success of your valued activities in the service of our beloved Faith.

Your true brother,

Shoghi

7. Letter to Louhelen Junior Youth of 16 July 1954

Haifa

Israel

13 August 1954

To the Bahá'í Youth present at the Junior Youth Session at Louhelen School – July 16th

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

The beloved Guardian has received your letter of July 16th, signed by all those present at the Junior Youth Session, and has instructed me to answer you on his behalf.

Now that you have received the spiritual benefits and bounties of the Summer School, the Guardian hopes, wherever possible, you will endeavour to encourage your parents to move to one of the goal cities or towns of the Ten Year Plan, so that they and you may have a more vital part to play in this second phase of the World Spiritual Crusade.

With warm Bahá'í greetings,

R. Rabbani

May the Almighty guide your steps, aid you to acquire a fuller knowledge of the essentials of His Faith, and render effective service to its institutions in the days to come.

Your true brother,

Shoghi

8. Letter to Louhelen Junior Youth of 14 July 1955

Haifa

Israel

26 August 1955

To the Bahá'ís who attended the Junior Youth Session at Louhelen Bahá'í School, July 14th

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

Your letter of July 14th with enclosure has been received by the beloved Guardian, and he has instructed me to answer you on his behalf.

He is hoping the Summer School has implanted in your hearts a firm resolve to tell as many of your friends as possible of the coming of Bahá'u'lláh. This will give happiness to your dear Bahá'í sisters and brothers in Írán, who have been and are now experiencing great suffering for the Faith. The young people in the United States should greatly appreciate their freedom, and can show their gratitude by telling others of their wonderful Faith at every opportunity.

The beloved Guardian thanks you for your prayers for him, and assures you of his supplications that you may be guided in your affairs.

With warm Bahá'í greetings

R. Rabbani

May the Almighty bless your continued and meritorious endeavours, guide every step you take, and fulfil every wish you cherish, for the promotion of His glorious Faith.

Your true brother,

Shoghi
