

**18th Annual Baha'i Black Men's Gathering  
Green Acre Baha'i School  
Eliot, Maine**

July 17, 2004

The National Spiritual Assembly of Zimbabwe  
80 Greendale Ave  
Harare, Zimbabwe  
Dearly loved Friends:

We, the 117 participants of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Men's Gathering met July 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2004 on the beautiful grounds of Green Acre Baha'i School. Our numbers included a believer from your community who brought with him the spirit and love of your beloved country. Participants from many other countries including Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Honduras and Nigeria were also with us. The loving and accepting atmosphere fostered by our leader, Dr. William Roberts, increased the spiritual bonds between the American Baha'is and their international brothers. All cultures were enriched by participants sharing their experiences while emblazoning the name of Baha'u'llah in their respective countries. It was truly an inspiring international gathering. In the past, delegations from the Black Men's Gathering have visited countries in Africa, the Caribbean, and South America. In January 2000, we enjoyed the warm hospitality of the beautiful country of Zimbabwe. The result of this visit was an increased spiritual bond between our Baha'i communities. We remember with fondness those joyous days in your midst. We send you loving greetings and salute your progress in the Five Year Plan. Yours in His Service,  
Participants of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Men's Gathering

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