

**The BMG of Metropolitan Kansas City  
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Dear Brother Billy,

The spirit of love and unity was evident, as the brothers gathered in the Bahá'í Center Of Kansas City, MO, Saturday morning February 4, 2006.

We played drums as a call to prayers and our devotions moved some of us to tears. We started our sessions with a discussion of the 'pupil of the eye' and what that means. We then looked back at the past giants of African decent and discussed how they paved the way for us. Giants like Robert Turner, Enoch Olinga, Louis Gregory and others.

We knew we needed to prepare ourselves to finish the current 5 year plan with a strong push to complete the development of human resources. There is a strong expectation that seven of the brothers will be tutors by July 2006.

We strengthened our spirits through the study of spiritual qualities, human nature and a New Human Race. We also studied the Black Men's Gathering booklet on transformation, through attendance of Gatherings. We watched a DVD on Amity Conferences featuring Louis Gregory and Agnes Parsons. We Discussed Abdu'l-Baha's vision of the need for the Faith to grow in the African American Community through unity and concord.

Also, we concentrated on how we could focus on the concept of the 'pupil of the eye' and "take it personal" by accepting our nobility and connecting to the transformation process. We then followed this concentrated focus with the study of the letter from the Universal House of Justice, December 27, 2005 to the Conference of the Continental Board of Counsellors. We followed with the reading of your letter to the friends and giving each one a copy, during our reflection at the end.

At the end we were in high spirits. We are excited and look forward to the "ambitious goal of establishing 1,500 such intensive programs..." We will do our part in moving our clusters forward to become an A status and move quickly toward intensive growth. It was decided to follow the example of other communities where BMG is strong by starting our monthly devotional meetings. They will be held at the Bahá'í Center on the last Friday of each month, followed by a drum circle. We are encouraging our communities to invite friends and family for evenings of fun, deepenings and study circles. The Kansas City, MO Spiritual Assembly has approved these monthly devotions and we are excited.

We had ten brother register at this gathering. We were joined by brother Al Daniels and Monroe McCarrell. They both brought with them a great deal of spirit from Chicago.

Later that evening we shared a BMG style devotions with other members of the metropolitan area of Kansas City.

It is our hope that we will be mindful of this quote,

"If the friends always waited until they were fully qualified to do any particular task, the work of the Cause would be almost at a standstill! But, the very act of striving to serve, however unworthy one may feel, attracts the blessings of God and enables one to become more fitted for the task."

Letter from Shoghi Effendi – may 4, 1942

Done made our vow to the Lord.  
From the committed brothers of Metropolitan Kansas City,

Louis Anderson