



BAHÁ'Í CENTER ASSISTANCE

Lessons Learned #1

The Bahá'í Center Assistance Corp. (BCA) is a committee of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States to support the growth and development of the Faith by providing a systematic program of education, training and technical assistance to communities whose goal is to lease or purchase and maintain Bahá'í Center Properties.

The article below is one in a series of case studies that present lessons learned from situations that local communities have experienced.

Scenario: A community wanted to have a Bahá'í booth at the State Fair. The Assembly called the Bahá'í National Center to be sure that its booth activities would be covered by the National Spiritual Assembly's insurance. Incidentally, the Assembly rents a small building for use as a Bahá'í Center and has its own insurance for activities at the Center. The Assembly was surprised to learn that it would need an additional insurance policy for the State Fair booth.

Lesson Learned: If a local Bahá'í community leases or owns a Bahá'í Center building, none of the activities of the local community are covered by National Spiritual Assembly insurance. Moreover, insurance that a local community gets for its Center likely does not cover Bahá'í activities away from the Center. As soon as a local Bahá'í community leases or buys a Bahá'í Center, it must buy its own insurance for its Center and for activities unrelated to its Center.

This Assembly's Solution: The local Spiritual Assembly plans to contact its insurance agency to buy an additional insurance policy.

More information: More information about insurance is available at pages 7.5 – 7.6 and 9.11 – 9.12 in the Local Bahá'í Centers Technical Assistance Manual, which is available at www.bahaicenterassistance.org. Consultations with members of BCA can be arranged by an Assembly or registered group request by emailing info@bahaicenterassistance.org or calling 847-425-7940.