

New England local BMGs
Consultation & Planning

LOCATION	DATES	LEARNING* (*positive learning in italics)
New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT)	Fri 5/15/09 - Sun 5/17/09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finances upfront (deposit req'd) 2. Meet deadlines (registration/housing) 3. Maintain positive relationship with non-Baha'i facility/community 4. Get more youth to attend 5. <i>Planning process works well (sticking to the format)</i> 6. Limited participation (all NE) 7. Very few non-Baha'is 8. Challenge w/ follow-up 9. Dates; must send out reminders 10. <i>Used extra money that they had to set up scholarship fund for brothers who needed help paying for the BMG related expenses</i>
Western NY (Buffalo/Rochester)	Fri 4/10/09 – Sun 4/12/09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conflicted w/ IPG; consult with assemblies 2. Planning process did not work well 3. <i>Good support from LSA</i> 4. No marketing in Rochester 5. No non-Baha'is or youth 6. Was not aware that youth under 18 could come
Northern New Jersey	Fri 10/10/08 – Sun 10/12/08	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Location (moving to Newark) 2. Follow-up, particularly with youth 3. Transportation 4. Outreach to locals 5. Facility/organization has youth to be served 6. <i>Good youth participation (reading</i>

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Philadelphia	Fri 5/8/09 – Sun 5/10/09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>22 people, 3 non-Baha'is, 2 of the 3 non-Baha'is declared</i> 2. <i>Support from NY, NJ & D.C. brothers was tremendous</i> 3. <i>All the work on one person's shoulders; the brothers haven't taken enough ownership</i> 4. <i>Encourage use of the arts, especially for artistic brothers</i> 5. <i>Costs were limited (had it a home)</i> 6. <i>Get Bruce to hold surplus money (hold, not take or use)</i>
New York City	Fri 2/13/09 – Sun 2/15/09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>At Baha'i offices, central, easy to get to</i> 2. <i>Ensure everyone knows when it's happening (stick to the first dates planned on)</i> 3. <i>Very good focus</i> 4. <i>11 brothers were there, 8 from NY</i> 5. <i>Receiving insight from another brother (James Williams)</i> 6. <i>Distinct in flavor</i>
General Comments All locations		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Including youth as part of planning process 2. Focus on having youth

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COMMON SUCCESSES	COMMON CHALLENGES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Format working well2. Call-in to original 123. When youth were present, interactions were positive4. 3-day timeframe works well5. Generally supported by LSAs6. Planning processes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Costs were not always covered or taken care of efficiently2. Follow-up3. Youth participation4. Location (public facility v. private home)5. Planning dates around Baha'i events/other big events (e.g. Superbowl)6. Marketing to Baha'i brothers

NEXT CONCRETE STEPS

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Being at NEBY Fest to recruit brothers<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Send proposal to North East RBC (they run NEBY)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Fully participating in IPGs, increasing human resources particularly among African-Americans
<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Reaching out to brothers you already know (continually & consistently)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Establish relationships
<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Plan follow-ups
<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Support the Connecticut gathering
<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Empower the youth to own their station
<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Jr. Youth & Anna's presentation
