

RELIGIOUS ORDER OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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Dear Bethel Applicant:

Your request for a Bethel application has been received and we are pleased to provide you with one. We appreciate the willingness you show by volunteering to serve Jehovah and your brothers worldwide in this special way. — Psalm 110:3.

At Bethel the main need is for the services of young brothers. Good health and strength are required. Those who apply should be at least nineteen years of age. The spiritual qualifications of those who apply for Bethel service are of the greatest importance. Applicants must be wholly dedicated to Jehovah, demonstrate Christian maturity and have a zeal for Kingdom service. Therefore, your desire should be to serve rather than think only in terms of what Bethel can do for you. In this matter, Jesus set the perfect example. He came to the earth “not to be ministered to, but to minister.” (Matthew 20:28) His priority was making sure that God’s will take place and not his own. (Luke 22:42) No doubt you have already found the joy that comes from giving of yourself and seeking the advantage of others. (Acts 20:35; 1 Corinthians 10:24) This spirit of self-sacrifice is very important at Bethel so that we may serve effectively in close cooperation with hundreds of other Bethel family members who work diligently to accomplish their assigned tasks. By serving at Bethel, you will learn the value of working as part of an organization which will result in your being a better Christian.

If you are invited to serve at Bethel, you will be expected to remain at least one year. During your initial year of service, you should apply yourself to getting used to the Bethel routine and in building up qualifications that will enable you to stay on indefinitely. The initial year affords an opportunity to develop abilities and be trained for continued Bethel service. If you are accepted to become a Bethel family member in the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah’s Witnesses, the Order reserves the right to determine if and when your membership should terminate.

All those who apply for Bethel service should be willing to serve wherever they may be assigned. When coming to Bethel, you will receive an assignment where there is a need even though you may have skills and experience in some professional field. This applies to both brothers and sisters.

It is our desire that you will be able to serve at Bethel for an extended period. We sincerely hope you will learn to love and appreciate Bethel as a fine place to serve Jehovah without distraction. As a member of the Bethel family, you can share in having an important part in the proclamation of the Kingdom good news by supporting the interests of your brothers throughout the earth. — Matthew 24:14.

After considering the application, you may decide not to apply at this time. In that event, please mail it back to the branch office within one month. On the other hand, if you fill in the application, please give it to your Congregation Service Committee to process. They will forward it to your circuit overseer for his comments. He in turn will mail it to Bethel. It will be kept on file and given consideration when more volunteers are needed.

If it is decided to invite you to Bethel, we will endeavor to let you know approximately one month in advance so you can make the necessary arrangements to come. In the meantime since pioneer service is such a fine way to prepare for Bethel service, we suggest that you take up that activity if you have not already done so.

May Jehovah's blessing continue with you as you continue sharing zealously in the disciple-making work in your part of the field. — Matthew 28:19, 20.

Your brothers joyfully serving others,

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For the Branch Committee

Enclosure