

## VOW OF OBEDIENCE AND POVERTY

to the

### WORLDWIDE ORDER OF SPECIAL FULL-TIME SERVANTS OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

As an ordained minister, wholly dedicated to Jehovah God, I hereby express my solemn desire to be recognized as a member of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses ("the Order"). I vow as follows:

1. While a member of the Order, to live the simple, nonmaterialistic lifestyle that has traditionally existed for members of the Order;
2. In the spirit of the inspired words of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8) and the prophetic expression of the psalmist (Psalm 110:3), to volunteer my services to do whatever is assigned to me in the advancement of Kingdom interests wherever I am assigned by the Order;
3. To be submissive to the theocratic arrangement for members of the Order (Hebrews 13:17);
4. To devote my best full-time efforts to my assignment;
5. To abstain from secular employment without permission from the Order;
6. To turn over to the local organization of the Order all income received from any work or personal efforts in excess of my necessary living expenses, unless released from this vow by the Order;
7. To accept such provisions for members of the Order (be they meals, lodging, allowances, or others) as are made in the country where I serve, regardless of the level of my responsibility or the value of my services;
8. To be content and satisfied with the modest support that I receive as long as I am privileged to serve in the Order. Should I choose to leave the Order or should it be determined that I no longer qualify to serve in the Order, I will not expect any remuneration (Matthew 6:30-33; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5);
9. To abide by the principles set out in God's inspired Word, the Bible, in publications of Jehovah's Witnesses, and in policies dispensed by the Order, and to follow the directions of the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses; and
10. To accept readily any decision made by the Order regarding my membership status.

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Date

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Signature

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Name (please print legibly)