

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

March 2018

Coordinator of the body of elders: The announcements and reminders **for the congregation** should be read at the next midweek meeting and thereafter posted on the information board for one month.

FOR THE ELDERS ONLY

1. **Convention Reminders:** During a local needs part prior to the start of your congregation's convention invitation campaign, play the video *Convention Reminders*, which is available on *JW Library*. (Look under MEDIA > VIDEO > OUR MEETINGS AND MINISTRY > MEETINGS, ASSEMBLIES, AND CONVENTIONS.) Thereafter, outline local arrangements for the campaign, which will begin three weeks before the convention.—*mwb16.04* p. 8.

During a local needs part a month or two following the convention, play the convention video trailer that will be available to you on *jw.org* in early June. (Log in to your *jw.org* account. Look under DOCUMENTS > EVENT MEDIA.) By means of an audience discussion, review highlights of the program, particularly those that relate to the ministry.

2. **DPA Cards:** As directed in *Supporting Those With Medical Needs* (S-139), the secretary should ensure that all newly-baptized publishers are provided with a DPA card. It is preferred that, when needed, a supply of the DPA card be requested from the branch office in the same manner as literature. However, the card may be printed by elders from *jw.org* in emergency situations. Electronic copies of the card are not to be provided to publishers in general.

3. **Review of Pioneers' Field Service Activity:** The secretary and the service overseer should review the field service activity of all regular pioneers.—See the May 15, 2017, letter to all bodies of elders, paragraph 20.

4. **How to Remain in God's Love:** Language-coordinating congregations may use the mnemonic *lvs* or the item number 5343 when requesting this item.

5. **Time and Location of Memorial Observance:** Please update *jw.org* with the time and location of your congregation's Memorial observance if you have not already done so. If a group or pre-group hosted by your congregation will be holding a separate Memorial observance, the time and location for that Memorial should also be entered on *jw.org*. Additionally, the recorded announcement on any phone answering system used for the Kingdom Hall should include the time and location of the Memorial observance(s).—See the December 2, 2017, letter to all bodies of elders for additional direction on phone answering systems.

6. **Branch-Specific Announcements and Reminders:** When the elders in foreign-language congregations go to *jw.org* to access the *Announcements and Reminders* (S-147) form for a given month, they should be alert to any notes on the screen indicating that there are branch-specific items that are not included in the foreign-language version of the form.

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1. ***How to Remain in God's Love:*** We are pleased to inform you that the new publication entitled *How to Remain in God's Love* will soon be available in English. It will be made available in other languages in due course. This edition covers the same subjects as the book "*Keep Yourselves in God's Love*" and follows the simplified style of the book *What Can the Bible Teach Us?* Each chapter of the *Remain in God's Love* book includes a summary of the Bible principles discussed. Instead of an appendix, this book includes endnotes that closely relate to the "Glossary of Bible Terms" in the revised *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*. Once this new book is available in a particular language, publishers may decide whether to transition Bible students to the new book or to complete the "*God's Love*" book with the student.