

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

June 2019

*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. DONATE.JW.ORG Online Donations Feature (not available in Andorra and Gibraltar):** The online donations feature on donate.jw.org that allows individuals to make donations to the worldwide work and to regional conventions has been adjusted so that individuals will also be able to make online donations to congregations and circuits. Please review the form *Instructions for Processing Donations Made to the Congregation via JW.ORG* and then confirm that your congregation is now available on the jw.org site to receive donations.

A consignment of one set of new labels per auditorium will be included in congregation literature shipments starting this month. These labels have the URL donate.jw.org listed for both the worldwide work and local congregation expenses. The body of elders, or Kingdom Hall Operating Committee if more than one congregation uses the Kingdom Hall, should ensure that these labels are placed on contribution boxes as soon as they are received. If additional labels are needed, they may be requested from the branch office in the same way that publications are requested. Please use the item number 83731 or mnemonic cblkh1 when submitting requests for additional labels.

Please announce this arrangement to the congregation on the next midweek meeting. An excerpt from the video entitled “Making Donations Electronically” will be made available in the “Event Media” section under the “Documents” tab on jw.org. Begin the part by reading the announcement addressed to the congregation and then play the video. Thereafter, briefly mention the monthly local expenses that are covered by donations to your congregation. Highlight that the donate.jw.org recurring donation feature can be used as a tool for budgeting donations to support these congregation expenses (1 Cor. 16:2). Provide the congregation with the names of one or more elders, or ministerial servants, who have been selected by the body of elders to assist individuals with donate.jw.org technical issues. Warmly commend the congregation for the generous support provided by the brothers and sisters.

- *Secretary:* Ensure that the accounts servant is provided with a copy of *Instructions for JW.ORG Online Donations* and that he understands the instructions related to his responsibilities.

**2. DONATE.JW.ORG for Branch Construction Projects:** Branch construction contributions submitted via donate.jw.org will be retained by the branch office. The cumulative amount contributed on donate.jw.org during the time of the construction project by individuals associated with your congregation will appear in the “Transfer Funds Transactions” feature on jw.org. When the monthly congregation accounts report is read, the congregation should be informed of the current cumulative total of funds received in the branch construction box as well as branch construction donations made via donate.jw.org (as indicated in the “Transfer Funds Transactions” feature on jw.org).

*Construction Project Contribution Box Labels (cblcp1)* will be sent to your congregation as soon as they become available. Please use these on all construction contribution boxes in your Kingdom Hall. In addition to using the contribution box labels provided by the branch office, the body of elders may choose to label the box “Branch Construction.” If you also have a contribution box for a Kingdom Hall construction project, please add a label with the words “Kingdom Hall Construction” on one box and a label with the words “Branch Construction” on the other.

**3. Donations to Jehovah’s Witnesses—Frequently Asked Questions:** If a publisher has questions about available donation methods but does not have access to the Internet, a copy of the dona-S-147-19.06-E Sp

tion information sheet may be downloaded and printed from the website and given to the publisher. If potential donors have additional questions, they should be encouraged to contact the branch office directly using the Contact Us link on [donate.jw.org](http://donate.jw.org) or by calling or writing to the branch office.

4. **Lawsuits related to the custody of children and visiting rights:** As soon as you are aware of a situation in which a publisher is involved in a court case to determine the custody of children and visiting rights, please proceed as indicated in the Shepherding book 29:5. It is preferable that the Legal Department of the branch be informed and have the opportunity to advise the publisher or the publisher's lawyer in the first stages of judicial proceedings, especially when the opposing party requests that the publisher not be permitted to impart religious instruction to the children or take them to meetings at the Kingdom Hall.

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1. **Branch Office Tours:** A new online tour reservation tool will be available on [jw.org](http://jw.org) beginning on May 20, 2019. This new tool will be accessible under ABOUT US > OFFICES & TOURS on the page for the local branch office. A user will be able to enter a tour reservation and confirm tour dates by either logging in with a [jw.org](http://jw.org) user name and password, or as a guest. All who plan on touring the branch office after June 19, 2019 will need an advance reservation entered on [jw.org](http://jw.org).

2. **DONATE.JW.ORG Online Donations Feature:** We are pleased to inform you that donations to your congregation and circuit may now be made online using [donate.jw.org](http://donate.jw.org). You may access this feature by entering the URL [donate.jw.org](http://donate.jw.org) or by selecting the “Donations” icon on the home screen of the *JW Library* app.

It is recommended that you set up a [jw.org](http://jw.org) login account if you have not done so already. Anyone may set up a personal login account. Having this personal account will allow you to see your donation history and create recurring donations. All donations will immediately be confirmed by e-mail. If you have any questions on how to use the online donations feature, please request assistance from [\[brothers selected by body of elders\]](#) or one of the elders.

3. **DONATE.JW.ORG for Branch Construction Projects:** We are pleased to inform you that online donations to support our branch construction project can now be made on [donate.jw.org](http://donate.jw.org). You may access this feature by typing the URL [donate.jw.org](http://donate.jw.org) into your web browser or by selecting the “Donations” icon on the home screen of the *JW Library* app.

4. **Donations to Jehovah’s Witnesses—Frequently Asked Questions:** Information about various methods of donating to Jehovah’s Witnesses is now available online at [donate.jw.org](http://donate.jw.org). Under “Get Help,” click on the “FAQ” icon to download this document. Thank you for your continued generous support of Kingdom interests.