

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Unassigned and Seldom-Worked Territory Campaign

Dear Brothers:

“Come on in. I’ve been expecting you! I have been waiting for Jehovah’s Witnesses to come to my door.” He had been waiting for two years. When invited to attend the meeting at the Kingdom Hall the next day, he wept. The congregation warmly welcomed him and arrangements were made for a Bible study. In another area, the householder accepted a brochure saying that it was very nice, but what they really needed in her house was a Bible study! A man told two of our sisters that he had been praying to God to send him someone to help him understand the Bible. They told him that God had answered his prayer and that was why they were there. In another place, a mother went into her house and returned with a *Live Forever* book. She said: “I’ve been wanting to talk with you people for some time. I’ve been going to various churches, but none of them seem to care about my son or me. Years ago I received a copy of this book, and I’ve been waiting for someone to come and help me spiritually.” After a lengthy discussion in one of our brochures, another woman in a different area said: “I am so happy you ladies came to my door today! Can I give you a hug before you leave?”

These are a few of the many appreciative expressions of some interested ones who were found in unassigned territories. Since the beginning of this year publishers in the city of Accra have been engaging in a pilot unassigned territory campaign with remarkable results. Would you like to experience the joy that comes from sharing comfort from the Scriptures with those who do not receive a witness on a regular basis? If so, we would like to invite you to apply for and accept a preaching assignment in an unassigned territory. Along these lines, the following questions and answers will be of interest to you.

**Q:** What is an unassigned territory?

**A:** This is a territory that has not been given to any congregation. The branch office directly supervises how these territories are worked.

**Q:** What is a seldom-worked territory?

**A:** It is part of a congregation’s assigned territory but that congregation is unable to work it at least once a year.

**Q:** Who can apply for an assignment?

**A:** Any group composed of publishers in good standing can apply. The group must consist of at least 2 persons and no more than 20, including minor children.

**Q:** How does a group apply for an assignment?

**A:** The Congregation Service Committee will select from the group a qualified brother to serve as a team captain. If the group consists solely of sisters, a qualified sister will be selected. The team captain will then be given the *Application for Unassigned and Seldom-Worked Territory*.

**Q:** What are the responsibilities of the team captain?

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**A:** The team captain is responsible for coordinating group travel, for obtaining literature supplies for the group's use, for caring for related paperwork, and for communicating with any parties involved, including the branch office.

**Q:** Can publishers from other congregations join the team captain's group?

**A:** Yes. These publishers should ask their congregation secretary for the *Application for Unassigned and Seldom-Worked Territory*.

**Q:** Where will the group be assigned?

**A:** Accompanying this letter is a list of "District Assemblies With Unassigned Territory" from which a group may choose. Consideration will be given to the group's preferred selection if this is at all possible. If a group wishes to assist a congregation to work its seldom-worked territory, they may indicate that and they will be assigned to a congregation within the distance that they designate on the application. However, a list of congregations needing assistance will not be provided.

**Q:** How are the dates for an assignment determined?

**A:** The unassigned territory campaign is an all-year-round campaign. The dates for which the group is available for an assignment should be agreed upon by all in the group. You may request an assignment as short as one day or lasting as long as three consecutive months.

Of course, you may have many more questions regarding unassigned territory, so we encourage you to speak to the elders and to those who have enjoyed working such assignments in the past.

At this time, there are over 8,000 towns and villages that are unassigned. The regions with the greatest need are Brong Ahafo, Northern, Upper East, Upper West, and Volta. Although the unassigned territory campaign is an all-year-round campaign, we desire that during the Memorial season many will apply for and accept assignments to preach in these unassigned territories. We also desire that elders and qualified ministerial servants arrange to hold the Memorial in these unassigned territories, if possible.

As you contemplate the possibility of applying for an assignment, consider these brief experiences received from those who worked in unassigned territories in the past.

One group of 8 publishers reported that the first Congregation Bible Study they organized was attended by 29 people and they had a Memorial attendance of 114 in the unassigned territory. Interestingly, the chief's linguist donated 50 plastic chairs and 20 benches to be used for the Memorial. In another area, a sister was told: "Come in. I know who you are. I have been praying for God to send someone to help me, and then I heard the knock at the door. He heard me and sent you all. Come in, and tell everyone in the car to come in." The woman had previously studied, but had to stop because of her husband's opposition. In another area, a woman came to the door in tears, asking: "Where have you been?" Although a regular reader of our magazines, she had not been contacted for several years.

We want to thank all of you who have preached in unassigned territories in the past. If you would like to accept this invitation for an assignment, take the matter to Jehovah in

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prayer. Remember, Jehovah will not “forget your work and the love you showed for his name.” —Hebrews 6:10.

We send you our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation  
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

PS to secretary:

This letter should be retained in the congregation permanent file of policy letters. You may wish to update the congregation copy of *Index to Letters for Bodies of Elders (S-22)* at this time as well.