

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Kingdom Hall accommodation

Dear Brothers:

As you are probably aware, we have been assigning many graduates from the Bible School for Christian Couples into needy areas. Often this is to help congregations regularly cover their territory or to promote metropolitan and public witnessing.

From time to time, the need also arises to provide accommodation for travelling overseers who have to leave their assignment and settle into a congregation. Often this is caused by ill health on the part of the brother or his wife, or it may just be due to their finding it difficult to keep up with the busy pace of the travelling work as they get older.

These brothers find it a challenge to obtain suitable accommodation with reasonable rent. We are, therefore, looking at the possibility of using apartments attached to Kingdom Halls to meet these needs. Many Kingdom Halls now have apartments and these are often used as the base for the local circuit overseer. This is a loving provision to help the circuit overseer and his wife, if married, to continue in their assignment and we appreciate very much the readiness of congregations to make the accommodation available for them. We do not want to change this arrangement at all.

Apart from the circuit overseer's base, we would ask that you keep us advised if your local Kingdom Hall apartment, or other accommodation owned by the congregation, becomes vacant. We are not asking that you give notice to the present tenant to leave your local apartment. However, if it is his choice to leave at some future time, please contact us before doing anything with the accommodation. We would like to have the opportunity to use the vacant accommodation for either a couple from the Bible School for Christian Couples or one of our travelling overseers, who is having to leave the circuit work.

If you are planning to build an apartment attached to your Kingdom Hall, please let us know when this is completed. If it is for the use of your local circuit overseer you can advise us accordingly. Otherwise, we would ask that you give us the first option to assign a suitable couple or couples who need accommodation.

We know from experience that many congregations have had great benefit from this arrangement and we appreciate very much the readiness of congregations to build an apartment by the Kingdom Hall, thus being able to extend hospitality to brothers in full-time service. May Jehovah bless your fine spirit of hospitality and may it lead to a greater witness in your area.
– Romans 12:13.

Your brothers,

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