

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Convention Service Meeting part for week of January 6, 2014

Dear Brothers:

The material in the attached outline entitled “2014 Conventions of Jehovah’s Witnesses” should be presented by the secretary to the congregation as a talk during the local needs part scheduled on the Service Meeting for the week of January 6, 2014. The convention assignment letter that you will receive separately should be read to the congregation at the beginning of that part. The secretary should adhere closely to the outline. If more than 10 minutes are needed for the part, you may adjust the timing of the other Service Meeting parts.

Regarding the portion on “Special needs,” please note that before the secretary sends a *Special Needs Room Request* (CO-5a) form to the Rooming Department, the Congregation Service Committee should review the guidelines on the form and in the October 27, 2013, letter to all bodies of elders.

A printable list of conventions for Ghana will be posted in the “Forms” section under the “Documents” tab on jw.org shortly before the week of January 6, 2014. Please print this entire list prior to the Service Meeting that week, and post it on the information board after the meeting. The secretary may duplicate the list for the benefit of any publishers who request a copy. In due course, the list of conventions will also be made available on jw.org under the heading “About Us.” If any publishers do not have access to the Internet, please assist them in obtaining the information they need rather than having them call the branch office.

Thank you very much for diligently following through on these important matters. We are confident that you will be spiritually refreshed by what has been prepared. May Jehovah richly bless your efforts to attend the entire program.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

cc: Traveling overseers

2014 CONVENTIONS OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

(To be given by the secretary as a talk during the local needs part for the Service Meeting the week of January 6, 2014.)

We eagerly anticipate and are truly excited about the spiritual banquet in store for us at the 2014 district. All are urged to be present for *all three days*. Inform teachers and employers well ahead of time that the convention is a necessary part of your worship. By making your plans now and helping others as needed, you can be sure of Jehovah's blessing on your efforts.—Prov. 10:22; 16:3.

Program times: Friday and Saturday: 9:20 a.m. – 4:55 p.m. Sunday: 9:20 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Obtaining information: A complete list of all conventions in **Ghana** will be posted on the information board after the Service Meeting tonight. In due course, the list will also be made available on jw.org under the heading "About Us." See your congregation secretary for assistance in obtaining this information if you do not have access to the Internet.

Please attend the convention to which your congregation is assigned. Groups or pregroups are encouraged to attend the convention being held in their language, if they are able to do so, even if that convention falls on the same weekend as the one to which their host congregation has been assigned. While publishers may attend more than one convention, those who understand the convention presented in another language should not feel compelled to attend two conventions in order to attend the convention to which their host congregation is assigned.

Special needs: Do you know of someone in the congregation who could use help in getting to and from the convention? Why not offer to assist? (Prov. 3:27; Heb. 13:16) When a publisher requests assistance in obtaining accommodations, the Congregation Service Committee will determine if the publisher qualifies to submit a *Special Needs Room Request* (CO-5a) form.

Traveling to other conventions and making accommodation arrangement: When we deal with hotel staff (and other business employees), our speech and demeanor should always reflect the fruitage of the spirit. (Gal. 5:22, 23) Please adhere to the following instructions as you make your hotel reservations:

- Each year it is encouraging to see that many publishers travel to assist with the conventions held in the northern region. Some arrange to distribute the convention handbills to invite people to the convention. Others also preach in the nearby territories. As much as we commend those brothers and sisters for their self-sacrificing spirit, we want this arrangement to be properly coordinated.
- Whenever such arrangement is made please contact the local elders of the congregation that hold the territory so that they will assist you to do this in an organized manner. This way, all things will be in order and by arrangement.—1 Cor. 14:33, 40.
- If you stay in rented facility, please do not have more people stay in your room than is allowed.
- If staying in the home of others, show consideration by being clean, orderly and show appreciation for what is provided.
- Brothers and sisters should not sleep in the same room unless they are one family.
- Do not cook in rooms where cooking is not permitted.
- For the sake of moral decency, there should be no open-air bathing. Makeshift bathrooms made out of mats or cloth should be used, where necessary.
- As Christians, surely we will not abuse any provisions that are made available for guests to use.
- Display the fruitage of the spirit in dealing with hotel staff or families that you stay with.
- If a problem arises with your accommodation or hotel room, be sure to inform the Rooming Department while at the convention.

Our annual conventions will afford us a fine opportunity both to take in divine instruction and to enjoy the warm association of our brothers and sisters. (Deut. 16:15) May Jehovah bless your efforts as you prepare to attend the 2014 conventions!

(After the meeting covering this material, please post this outline on the information board until the convention.)