

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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December 20, 2013

TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: Volunteering at the 2014 international and district conventions

Dear Brothers:

All of us eagerly anticipate the fast-approaching 2014 international and district conventions that are scheduled to be held in the United States branch territory. In order to care for the many details regarding these gatherings, we are asking all who qualify to consider volunteering at the convention. Many volunteers will be needed to care for the needs of our brothers and sisters, especially at the international conventions where large crowds are expected. Volunteering during our conventions is a privilege and a wonderful way to experience the greater happiness that comes from giving.—Acts 20:35.

Can you serve as an attendant? There is a need for spiritually mature men, especially elders and ministerial servants, to serve as attendants. This is particularly true at the international conventions. Thus, we are asking elders and ministerial servants to give prayerful consideration to making themselves available for this privilege of service. The support of their families in this regard is greatly appreciated. The venues that will be used for the international conventions are new to most of the brothers and sisters who will be attending. Having a sufficient number of attendants in these large venues will lighten the load and ensure that delegates receive needed assistance.

Can you volunteer in another department? In addition to the Attendant Department, many other departments will require the assistance of willing volunteers, both brothers and sisters. For example, can you volunteer to work with the Cleaning, Book Room, Parking, or Information departments?

Is personal sacrifice involved? Yes. With larger-than-usual venues and greater distances required for travel in order to attend, a self-sacrificing spirit will be needed. However, we know Jehovah views the volunteer spirit as an acceptable sacrifice. Moreover, this willingness to give of ourselves is evidence of the love that is a distinguishing mark of true Christians.—John 13:34, 35; Ps. 110:3.

In the near future, you will be provided additional information regarding the specific needs at the convention where you are assigned to attend. We are confident you will do whatever “is within your power” to share in making this year’s conventions a milestone that will bring praise to Jehovah for years to come.—Prov. 3:27; Philem. 21.

We take this opportunity to send you our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling overseers

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PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

This letter should be read to the congregation by the secretary during the local needs part scheduled on the Service Meeting for the week of January 6, 2014. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board.