

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



The Ridgeway, London, NW7 1RN Telephone: 020 8906 2211

January 24, 2014

TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Arrangements to accelerate construction of Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls

Dear Brothers:

There can be no doubt that Jehovah has blessed the worldwide preaching activity as right-hearted ones continue to flock to his organization. (Isa. 60:22) With new congregations being formed every week, many of our Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls are being used to their capacity and beyond. In some countries, the planning and construction of our meeting places has been handled by Regional Building Committees and multitudes of willing volunteers serving under their direction. In other lands, Kingdom Hall Construction Groups take the lead in building Kingdom Halls with the help of full-time servants and local volunteers. The fine work of the Regional Building Committees and the Kingdom Hall Construction Groups has accomplished much good, and the hard work of these dedicated servants is genuinely appreciated. (Heb. 6:10) We thank all of you who have had a share in this important work of providing these centers of true worship.

Because of the steady growth in the number of publishers and congregations, there is an urgent need for new Kingdom Halls in addition to major renovation projects. Moreover, the increased complexity of property acquisition, zoning regulations, building codes, and project development requires specialized skills and considerable experience. In many instances, these demanding activities require more time and effort than our hardworking brothers can devote to them because of family and other theocratic responsibilities. Therefore, the Governing Body has approved that full-time volunteers and Kingdom Hall construction servants be appointed to coordinate and assist with the work being done in the field by the large pool of existing volunteers. To oversee all of this construction activity and to ensure that the local congregations will receive help with maintaining houses of worship, a new department has been formed at the branch office, namely, the Local Design/Construction Department.

The transition to this new global arrangement to accelerate needed construction activities in the field will be implemented progressively. More details will be shared with you in due course. In the meantime, the organizational structure currently in place to address the need for meeting places will continue to function.

We look to Jehovah for his continued guidance and direction on our efforts to construct and maintain houses of worship for his praise. (Ps. 127:1) Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

cc: Traveling overseers

PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board.

1/24/14-E