

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Volunteers to support Kingdom Hall and Assembly Hall construction projects

Dear Brothers:

With new congregations being formed every week, there is a present need for over 400 Kingdom Hall construction and renovation projects in the branch territory and over 13,000 worldwide. As was previously announced, a Local Design/Construction Department has been formed at each branch office to oversee this urgent need and to ensure that all congregations receive the necessary help with maintaining houses of worship.

Over the past 30 years, hundreds of thousands of dear brothers and sisters have served under the direction of Regional Building Committees or Kingdom Hall Construction Groups. As a result of Jehovah's blessing and these willing volunteers, tens of thousands of Kingdom Halls, Assembly Halls, and other facilities have been built or renovated worldwide. In order to accomplish even more at an accelerated rate, many volunteers are needed who have the spirit of the prophet Isaiah, who said: "Here I am! Send me!" (Isa. 6:8) Therefore, each of us should ask himself: Do I possess the skills needed, and can I help out with property procurement, design, construction, or maintenance of Kingdom Halls and other theocratic facilities near where I live? Can I apply to serve as a volunteer somewhere else in my country of residence? Could I even serve in a foreign assignment? Regardless of the amount of time you can volunteer, please give prayerful consideration to completing one of the following applications.

Local Design/Construction Volunteer Application (DC-50): This new application replaces the *Regional Building Committee Volunteer Application (S-82)*. It is for exemplary baptized brothers and sisters with some measure of needed skills or aptitude who can make themselves available to support periodically construction or maintenance projects for limited periods of time within a reasonable travel distance from their home. Applicants must be at least 13 years of age and should have good spiritual, physical, moral, and emotional health. While the greatest need is for those who are skilled in construction, project development, and design, even those who do not have extensive experience in a construction-related trade are welcome to make themselves available for this sacred service. Applications should be renewed every three years or when there is a change of circumstances that would affect the answers on the application. If you have completed a *Regional Building Committee Volunteer Application* within the last three years and the information on the application is still accurate, you do not need to submit a *Local Design/Construction Volunteer Application* at this time. If you feel you qualify, please ask one of your elders for an application.

Application for Construction Volunteer Program (A-27): This application is for exemplary baptized brothers and sisters (and their mates, if married) who are skilled with at least a few years of work experience and can make themselves available full-time for two weeks to six months. Applicants must be at least 19 years of age. Preference is given to elders, ministerial servants, and pioneers. Depending on your circumstances and availability, you may receive an assignment anywhere within the branch territory or even in another country.

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King David of Israel spent years planning for the construction of the temple, and then his son Solomon spent seven years building it during his prime of life. Over 183,000 Israelites and foreigners participated in the construction work. Solomon could have pursued many different things, but he devoted much of his time and energy to the construction of a place dedicated to true worship. Similarly, much work is necessary to construct and maintain facilities dedicated to Jehovah today. Will you offer yourself willingly? We thank all of you for considering how you can have a share in this important work of providing centers of true worship throughout the earth.

Please accept our love and warm greetings.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

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PS to 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. **However, this postscript should not be posted on the information board.** Please have a sufficient number of each application on hand. If an applicant does not qualify, please do not provide him with an application. If a single sister wishes to submit the *Application for Construction Volunteer Program (A-27)*, please contact the Local Design/Construction Department at the branch office for further direction.

If you approve an applicant, please promptly send the application to the Local Design/Construction Department at the branch office, if possible, by means of the jw.org Inbox feature.

PS to circuit overseer:

We are very grateful for the help you give in promoting enthusiasm for these forms of service. Please encourage brothers, especially those with the necessary spiritual and technical abilities, to offer themselves willingly. As you visit congregations, please ensure that the elders are giving support to those desiring to expand their service in this way.