

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Travelling Overseers Assistance Arrangement

Dear Brothers:

There are currently 85 circuit overseers visiting congregations in Britain and Ireland and we receive many expressions of appreciation for the self-sacrificing attitude shown by these brothers and their wives.

For many years each brother was responsible for making his own arrangements to travel between the congregations he visited. Some overseers were able to purchase a car for themselves. As time went on most circuits made arrangements to purchase a vehicle for the travelling overseer. In more recent years the transport needs of the circuit overseers have been covered by the branch, with the assistance of a modest per-publisher donation. This was last requested in September 2012 and the donations made at that time have covered the need for the purchase of new vehicles until now.

Looking ahead to the need to replace older vehicles in the coming year, we are again writing to invite you to contribute to this arrangement. We anticipate that the expenses can be covered if there is a contribution from each congregation in the amount of £3.00 (€3.75) per publisher. This does not mean that each publisher is expected to contribute this amount. Rather, the congregation as a whole can make the contribution, and all may help with the expense, as they are able. (Acts 11:29) We recommend that each congregation pass a resolution to contribute based upon the number of publishers. Any money not needed for the Travelling Overseer Assistance Arrangement may be used for the worldwide work.

The loving assistance you continue to render to the circuit overseers and their wives in this and other ways is greatly appreciated and enables them to concentrate on the spiritual needs of the congregations. We all value their dedicated service and faithful example and look forward to their regular visits.—Rom. 1:12.

May Jehovah continue to bless your generous spirit and your efforts to advance true worship.—2 Cor. 9:7; Heb. 13:16.

Your brothers,

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PS to the body of elders:

To make the donation from your congregation, please follow these steps:

- 1) The secretary should check the *Congregation's Publisher Record (S-21)* cards and count the number of active publishers in the file. (Active publishers are all those who have reported some field service time within the past six months.)
- 2) The coordinator of the body of elders should arrange for a resolution to be considered by the congregation at the next Service Meeting. (The amount indicated in the resolution should be £3.00 (€3.75) x number of publishers.) If the congregation is in a position to contribute more, then the amount may be adjusted upwards. If the congregation prefers, the contribution may be sent on a monthly basis. The amount of £3.00 (€3.75) per publisher, per year, will cover the replacement cost of cars, together with annual tax, insurance, and AA subscription. The resolution should include the proviso: "Any money not needed for the Travelling Overseer Assistance Arrangement may be used for the worldwide work."
- 3) After the resolution has been considered and approved by the congregation, it should be given to the accounts servant to add to the accounts records file. The amount of the contribution being forwarded should be sent with your next monthly remittance to the branch office via the jw.org website using the transfer funds section. Congregations in Ireland should show this amount on an appropriate line on the S-20 *Contribution Remittance Form*.

If this arrangement presents a hardship on the congregation, we would appreciate your doing whatever you can to assist.

It is recommended that you give your accounts servant a copy of this letter. Please note that this contribution should not be confused with the Global Assistance Arrangement.