

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Making the Best Use of Dedicated Funds

Dear Brothers:

As you know, a number of adjustments are being made in order to make the best use of dedicated funds. At this time, we would like to make you aware of some of these adjustments.

The Governing Body has directed that a number of branch and Assembly Hall construction projects be delayed, reduced in scope, or in some cases, cancelled. In the case of our branch relocation project in Chelmsford, this will still go ahead although it will be reduced in scope. However, Kingdom Halls will continue to be built or renovated in proportion to whatever the brothers are able to contribute for this purpose. In addition, all branches have been asked to reduce the size of their Bethel family.

Support for special pioneers and temporary special pioneers will continue in developing lands. However, in more affluent countries, where a large number of regular pioneers are zealously engaged in the preaching work, the number of temporary special pioneers will be reduced significantly. There will also be some reduction in the number of special pioneers. We feel sure that many regular pioneers will be willing to move to the areas where temporary special pioneers were formerly assigned so that the Kingdom work will continue unabated. And no doubt some who were previously serving as temporary special pioneers will be willing to continue in their assignments as regular pioneers. It is a source of great encouragement to see that, during September, there were 13,148 regular pioneers in Britain, which is a new all-time peak. In Ireland there were 791 regular pioneers.

Please be assured that these adjustments are not being made because of a lack of financial support on your part. Far from it! You have been very generous in your support of the Kingdom work. And in your letters and cards you show a high level of spirituality and great appreciation for all that Jehovah is doing on behalf of his organization. The response to jw.org, public witnessing, JW Broadcasting, and the expanded use of videos at the conventions this year has been simply overwhelming!

However, it must be acknowledged that the Kingdom work is expanding at an accelerated pace and the Governing Body can only do so much with the funds at their disposal. Every family head realizes that where the household income is limited, he must carefully budget available funds so that his wife and children will have the necessities of life. At Philippians 1:10 we are told to “make sure of the more important things.” In harmony with this wise advice, the Governing Body desires to give priority to those activities that contribute the most to the spiritual welfare of God’s people and the advancement of the global preaching work.

Consider, for example, the announcement at the Annual Meeting that beginning in January our public magazines will be published bimonthly. There is no question that an abundance of spiritual food has been produced—so much, in fact, that many have found it difficult to keep up. This adjustment will not only allow available funds to be used effectively; it will help us to keep up with our spiritual provisions.

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We will be reducing personnel at Bethel. Some Bethel family members will be invited to serve in the field. In addition to their regular work, Bethel family members will be caring for many of the services that were previously provided by fellow Bethelites. The response of the Bethel family to these adjustments has been heartwarming! Please make all of these adjustments a matter of prayer.

Much of this information was presented in an announcement at the Annual Meeting. We encourage all to view this programme at the earliest opportunity. It is available on JW Broadcasting at tv.jw.org.

May Jehovah continue to bless each one of you for the love you show for his name.

Your brothers,
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PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read at the first Service Meeting following receipt.