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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Subject: Seating Capacity of Regional Convention Venues

Dear brothers,

The upcoming series of "Let us be loyal to Jehovah" 2016 regional conventions is fast approaching. We are excited when we think about what it will be like and the spiritual food we are going to receive, that Jehovah's people need at this time (Matthew 24: 45-47). So that our attendance may be comfortable and to help us fully enjoy this occasion, we are pleased to offer some reminders related to the venue seating capacity.

As you know, this year many meetings will be held in Assembly Halls. These venues have a limited capacity. Auxiliary rooms are being prepared in order to increase said capacity. The branch office has finely estimated the number of attendees taking into account the number of publishers in the assigned circuits. Therefore, we recommend that, to the extent possible, we attend the assembly that our congregation is assigned to. With this simple gesture, we show that we are supporting, in very important way, the assembly organisation. The same can be said of assembly venues where the venue administration requires control of the attendance. At Assembly Halls, entrance tickets will not be used to access the venue.

On the other hand, at some rented venues, the authorities or owners, require of us that all attendees access the venue with tickets. If that is the case, such tickets will be provided for those venues. However, the convention administration will have enough tickets available so that interested ones, brothers from other areas and disfellowshipped ones can have easy access to the venue without problems, on approaching any of the attendants at the entrances. The tickets are for the purpose of controlling the maximum attendance and not for preventing access to the assembly. Obviously, if the attendance were to reach 100% of the maximum permitted capacity, no other persons would be allowed to enter the venue. For this reason, we insist on the importance of attending the convention that our congregation has been assigned to, wherever possible. As in previous years, we are sure that we can count on your cooperation and help.

Our dear brothers, please accept our warm brotherly affection and best wishes as we strive to loyally serve Jehovah.

Your brothers,

Jehovah's Christian Witnesses