

TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Bethel Consultants

Dear Brothers:

In June 2012, a provision was introduced for local brothers and sisters to assist with Bethel work from their private residences by serving as remote volunteers. Since then, the fine contributions of more than 3,000 of these hardworking brothers and sisters have proved to be invaluable in helping us at Bethel to care for the expanding needs in the field.

In view of the positive results of this arrangement, we are pleased to inform you of an additional provision that will allow more brothers and sisters in the field to assist with Bethel work from their private residences by serving as Bethel consultants. While remote volunteers assist with Bethel work on an ongoing weekly basis, Bethel consultants assist only when there is a project that needs their skills. Such assignments generally last a week or two each year. Some Bethel consultants may assist for shorter or longer periods of time, depending upon the particular needs of the work.

Bethel consultants typically provide assistance in fields such as audio/video, computers, construction, drafting, engineering, legal, purchasing, real estate, tax preparation, or translation, just to name a few. Do you possess skills in fields such as these, or do you have experience in a certain trade? Have you been baptized for at least one year, and are you in good standing in the congregation? If so, and if you are available to assist with Bethel work from your private residence, then we encourage you to speak with your elders. They have further information to assist you in applying for this privilege of service.

We express our sincere gratitude for your self-sacrificing spirit in promoting Kingdom interests during these critical last days. (2 Tim. 3:1) Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

Testigos Cristianos de Jehová

c: Circuit overseers

PS to bodies of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first midweek meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board. **However, this postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor be posted on the information board.**

If you are aware of a qualified publisher(s) who possesses a particular skill or type of work experience and who seems to have the circumstances to assist with Bethel work from his private residence, please encourage him to apply. Please note the following details.

Application Process: Qualified publishers who wish to apply should obtain an *Application for Volunteer Program (A-19)* from the Congregation Service Committee and should be reminded to fill it out completely. The service committee should forward the completed application to the branch office electronically if possible.

Review Process: Approved Bethel consultants will be required to update their application every three years. If a Bethel consultant no longer qualifies to serve because of personal circumstances, the Congregation Service Committee should inform the branch office as soon as possible.

Regular Pioneers: Bethel consultants who serve as regular pioneers qualify to receive hour credits for the time they spend on Bethel work.—See the August 25, 2014, letter to all bodies of elders regarding regular pioneers.