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TO THE CONGREGATIONS

Re: 2017 Special Conventions

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that plans are being made to hold special conventions in 2017 in various countries worldwide. The Spain branch has been invited to send delegates to the special convention that will be held in **Milan, Italy**, July 21 to 23, 2017. The program will be presented in Italian and English, but not in Spanish.

There are vacancies available for those who wish to attend the special assembly and enjoy the additional activities, even if they do not speak the stated languages.

The plans being made for these special conventions are similar to those of recent years. Delegates are no longer required use a certain travel agency. Arrangements are made not only for the three days of spiritual association during the convention but also to spend three more days with the local brothers before or after the convention. That way all those in attendance can enjoy “an interchange of encouragement by one another’s faith.” (Romans 1:12) Delegates will be able to accompany brothers from nearby congregations in the ministry, to spend time with them at social gatherings or visit tourist attractions together.

Those who wish to fill out an application to attend this special convention should be sure that they meet the requirements mentioned in the *Instruction Sheet for Applicants*.

After the meeting this evening, the secretary will hand out application forms and the instruction sheet to those interested in attending the convention and that meet the requirements. Only those who are really interested in going and who can travel unaccompanied without assistance should fill out an application form. Also, we kindly request that only those approved as delegates make plans to attend the convention. When persons not selected as delegates make their own plans to attend problems can arise, causing complications in organizing matters. Please bear in mind that seating at each convention is limited, so only a certain number of delegates can be approved. Application forms should be filled out and given to the Congregation Service Committee before **February 17, 2017**.

We thank you in advance for your full cooperation with these instructions. We trust that Jehovah will richly bless plans being made for the 2017 special conventions. We send you an expression of warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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c.: circuit overseers

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PS to the coordinator of the body of elders:

Please ensure that this letter is read to the congregation at the next Service Meeting and at the conclusion of the next *Watchtower* Study. A copy of this letter along with the *Instructions Sheet for Applicants* should be placed on the noticeboard. The secretary should take an interest in the plans for the convention and remind possible applicants of the need to hand in the completed application form before the indicated date.

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