

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: Guest Rooming for Publishers Visiting Bethel Facilities

Dear Brothers:

In 2014, the organization purchased a former hotel in Newburgh, New York, to house construction volunteers working at Warwick. Now that the project is finished, we are pleased to inform you that publishers visiting the U.S. Bethel facilities may request guest rooms at this facility, known as Newburgh Center B (NCB). It is located at 15 Crossroads Court, Newburgh, New York, 12550, which is centrally situated within a 40-minute drive of the Bethel facilities at Patterson, Wallkill, and Warwick.

This arrangement is available for baptized Jehovah's Witnesses (or unbaptized publishers) and their minor children. All such ones must be in good standing in the congregation. Any member of the congregation who qualifies and wishes to request rooming at NCB may obtain a request form and instruction sheet from the congregation secretary. Forms may be submitted immediately for dates after Monday, May 15. Completed forms should be given to the Congregation Service Committee for handling. The applicant will receive a written response when the form has been received by the branch office. All requests must be submitted in advance. There is no provision for obtaining a guest room without a confirmed invitation. Additional details regarding this new arrangement can be found on the instruction sheet.

A visit to Bethel can be spiritually uplifting and encouraging as you "gaze upon the pleasantness of Jehovah" and "look with appreciation" upon God's arrangements for true worship. (Ps. 27:4) We are confident that this new provision will be beneficial for those planning such a visit. May Jehovah continue to bless your efforts as you support Kingdom interests.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

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PS to bodies of elders:

This letter should be read to the congregation at the first midweek meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board for two weeks along with the *Bethel Visitors Guest Room Request* form and instruction sheet. **However, this postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor posted on the information board.**

This arrangement is only for baptized Jehovah's Witnesses (or unbaptized publishers) and their minor children who are in good standing in the congregation. The Congregation Service Committee should verify that completed *Bethel Visitors Guest Room Request* forms are accurate. If publishers from different congregations request to stay in one room, then the respective coordinators of the bodies of elders should consult to confirm that they all qualify.

It would be best not to recommend groups composed entirely of single brothers **and** single sisters who are not related to one another. Discretion should especially be exercised when considering publishers who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Such ones might include those dealing with family problems and who will be traveling without their mates. If you do not recommend a publisher to stay as a guest at NCB, please kindly explain the decision to the publisher. It is not necessary to forward to the branch office any requests that are not approved.

The secretary should submit approved forms electronically (using the PDF format provided) to the **NCB Desk** via the jw.org Inbox feature. Thereafter, the branch office will correspond directly with the publisher(s) requesting to stay at NCB. If you have any questions, please contact the NCB Desk at (845) 524-3155.