

# TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO THE CONGREGATIONS

Re: Preventive maintenance program for Kingdom Halls

Dear Brothers:

During the meetings held with all the elders in order to explain the new construction program it was mentioned that, eventually, training in Kingdom Hall maintenance would be provided. We are happy to inform you that we have received permission to activate this training program in our country.

The goal is to provide training in Kingdom Hall preventive maintenance for members of all the congregations. The program is designed to address all the necessary maintenance tasks in a Kingdom Hall and to make caring for the property more simple and methodical. The Local Design and Construction Department (LDC) will assign maintenance trainers who will visit each Kingdom Hall for a week in order to conduct training sessions. They will also provide worksheets and an annual maintenance program adapted to the needs of each Kingdom Hall.

We expect to provide this training for all the congregations before the end of 2018. The LDC Representative for your area will write to the elders indicating the dates when the training will take place at your Kingdom Hall, as well as the names of the trainers and other details.

*The Watchtower* of July 15, page 31, paragraph 18 said: “when congregation members do all they can to keep the Kingdom Hall in good condition, this brings praise to Jehovah and saves funds donated by fellow believers.” For this reason all the congregation members will be invited the Saturday of the training week. The tasks assigned as well as the training provided will be adapted to the capabilities and skills of each person.

The Kingdom Hall preventive maintenance program will help all the members of the congregation to give their support to the Governing Body in their effort to maintain theocratic facilities and use contributed funds in the wisest possible way. We thank you for your support and prayers on behalf of this new program (Romans 1:9). Be assured of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

*Testigos Cristianos de Jehová*

c. Circuit overseers

NOTE FOR THE BODY OF ELDERS:

Kindly read this letter (without the note) in the next *Life and Ministry* meeting. All the elders and not just the Kingdom Hall operating committee should be present in the meetings that will be arranged during the training week and during the practical training that will be conducted on Saturday. This will be a good opportunity to analyze whether the members of the Kingdom Hall operating committee are the best suited for this task which, from now on, will require more commitment and training (letter to the elders of November 1, 2016).

It is the responsibility of the body of elders to find a clean and decent place to accommodate the brothers who will impart the training. Even though they do not wish to become a burden for others, they need and are thankful for an accommodation where they can enjoy some privacy, as well as study and rest. Accommodations in private homes should be selected with much care. Please do not offer the home of families with problems. The same applies to families whose members have a serious illness or strong allergies requiring special treatment. During the week the congregation can offer hospitality providing breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Besides the program mentioned above, every two years, selected brothers will inspect the Kingdom Halls in order to evaluate its condition. Their evaluation will replace the annual inspection that was performed locally with the help of the form *Safety Inspection Work Sheet* (TO-34) and the two-year program that was established during the time of the Regional Construction Committees. For this reason, as it was said, the annual inspections performed by the elders should not be made. However the last TO-34 form should be retained in order to take it into consideration for future visits from the maintenance inspectors.

Finally please keep in mind that even though the Kingdom Hall maintenance program is changing, it is still the responsibility of the brothers and sister to keep the Kingdom Hall in good condition. They must do regular thorough cleaning, perform maintenance tasks and attend to repairs quickly, as indicated in the letter of November 1, 2016.

We trust in your support in attending to these necessary matters for the good functioning of this new program. We count on your zeal for Jehovah's house as demonstrated by Jesus (John 2:17).