

# TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO THE CONGREGATIONS

Re: 2018 Special Conventions

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that arrangements are being made to hold seven special conventions in various parts of the world during 2018. The Spain branch has been invited to send delegates to the special convention in **Tiflis, Georgia**, in July of 2018. The program will not be presented in Spanish, but in **English, Georgian** and **Russian**.

Special conventions provide delegates with an opportunity to benefit from the spiritual association with the local brothers, not only during the three-day convention, but also for three additional days before or after the convention. This association allows for “an interchange of encouragement by one another’s faith, both yours and mine.” (Rom. 1:12) To this end, the host branches will make arrangements for the delegates to share in the ministry with nearby congregations, visit Bethel facilities if possible, associate with local brothers at gatherings, and visit local places of interest together.

Those wishing to fill out an application to attend a special convention should take into account the requirements that appear on the sheet *Instrucciones para el solicitante*.

After this meeting, the congregation secretary will provide applications and instructions to those who qualify and who are interested. Only those with genuine interest and that will be able to fend for themselves during the trip should fill out the application. We also must entreat all to only make plans to attend this special convention if selected by the branch as delegates. When persons that have not been selected to attend make plans on their own they may cause problems for others and the work of organizing becomes much more difficult. Please have in mind that due to space limitations at each convention, only a limited number of delegates may be chosen. The applications should be filled and turned in to the congregation Service Committee before **October 25, 2017**.

We appreciate very much your whole-hearted cooperation with these instructions. We trust that Jehovah will richly bless all preparations for the special conventions of 2018. Receive an expression of our Christian love and cordial greetings.

Your brothers,

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c. Circuit overseers

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P. S. to the coordinator of the Body of Elders:

Please have this letter read to the congregation at the next midweek meeting and at the conclusion of the next *Watchtower* study. Thereafter a copy of this letter and the sheet of instruction for applicants should be placed on the information board. The secretary should take an active part in these procedures and should continue to remind the possible applicants of the need to turn in their application before the deadline date.