

TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Fund for Building Kingdom Halls

Dear Brothers:

Thanks to Jehovah's blessing, the Kingdom work continues to forge ahead in fulfillment of the Bible prophecy indicating that "the little one will become a thousand". (Isaiah 60:22) In order to have fitting places of worship throughout the world, the Governing Body decided to change the way kingdom Hall construction is financed. Now the resources of the congregations everywhere are combined to build Halls wherever they are most needed, regardless of the means possessed by the congregations that would use them.—2 Corinthians 8:12-14.

The response of the congregations to cover that need makes us very happy! This is a powerful expression of Christian love and spirituality on the part of the congregations. And how encouraging it is to think that brothers with scarce financial resources will be able to have a fitting place of worship, thanks to the generosity and support of the congregations in the whole world! Those brothers will surely express their appreciation in countless prayers to Jehovah!—2 Corinthians 9:11, 12.

Since this arrangement was instituted, the congregations have been sending monthly the quantity approved by resolution to support the building of Kingdom Halls in the whole world. There is no need for the congregations to keep a large reserve fund on hand. It is recommended that the congregation account contain a balance equal to the average expenses of two or three months and that the surplus above that amount be sent to the branch as a donation for building Kingdom Halls. The readiness shown by most congregations to follow this recommendation is to be commended. In the case of congregations where this has not yet been done, we feel sure that this matter will receive attention with no further delay.

Thank you very much, dear brothers, for your generous support of the Kingdom work. We pray Jehovah's continued blessing on this worldwide project of building Kingdom Halls, and that these places may continue to play an important role as centers of divine instruction.—John 6:45.

Receive an expression of our fervent Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Testigos Cristianos de Jehová

c: Circuit overseers

NOTE EXCLUSIVELY FOR CIRCUIT OVERSEER: We would like to ask that when visiting the congregations that you please have in mind this matter. Some congregations retain a large reserve fund in their local accounts, although this is neither necessary nor recommendable. If you find this to be the case in certain places, kindly remind the body of elders of the contents of this letter and encourage them follow these suggestions right away. If you have any observations you would like to share with us, feel free to write making reference to the desk symbol and date of this letter. Many thanks.