

TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: 2019 Madrid International Convention – Visit Spain Bethel

Dear Brothers:

Our branch has organized a series of special exhibits for the enjoyment of the thousands of visitors from other countries that will attend the 2019 Madrid International Convention. The exhibits will focus on the history of our work in Spain, the Photodrama of the Creation, a brief history of Bible translation in Spain, conscientious objection to military service in our country and an explanation including visual aids of the activity of the branch departments.

The historical exhibit regarding conscientious objection to military service in our country was on display for several months at the Santa Catalina castle in Cádiz, and was visited by tens of thousands of people. Regrettably, many brothers were unable to see it. Now we shall have another opportunity to see the greater part of this exposition which is an impressive witness to loyalty, now enriched with additional features.

During the week of the International Convention and the week after, it will not be possible for brothers and sisters from Spain to visit Bethel. These two weeks will be reserved for thousands of delegates from other countries to visit. However, **from July 29 until the end of the year 2019** the exhibits will be open for the congregations in Spain. (Have in mind that it will not be possible to visit Bethel on weekends.) This will be a unique moment to visit the branch and at the same time see the progress of the remodeling work. We are sure that thousands of you will take advantage of this historic occasion.

In view of the great number of visitors expected, **it will be necessary to make a reservation in advance for the day of your visit** so that “all things may take place decently and by arrangement.” (1 Cor. 14.10) It is expected that a new online tour reservation tool will be available **from June 19**. This new tool will be accessible under ABOUT US > OFFICES & TOURS on jw.org. A user will be able to enter a tour reservation and confirm tour dates by either logging in with a jw.org user name and password, or as a guest. To make sure your visit is an unforgettable occasion, ask the elders for the guidelines concerning dress and grooming when visiting Bethel, as well as the current list of recommended hotels.

We are convinced that the upcoming International Convention and your visit to the branch will give a great witness about the unity of God’s people, will strengthen our faith and will be give praise to “the happy God”, Jehovah (1 Tim 1:11). We shall be waiting for you!

Please be assured of our warm regards and fervent Christian love.

Your brothers,

Testigos Cristianos de Jehová

Attachment(s)

c: Circuit overseers

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PS to the body of elders:

Please have this letter read at the first midweek meeting after receiving it. The brother who reads the letter should do so with enthusiasm and conviction in order to motivate the brothers to visit the branch on this special occasion. As a body of elders, please analyze the possibility of organizing a visit to the branch as a congregation. We are sure that such occasions offer the opportunity to strengthen the bonds of love between the brothers and also to show our trust in Jehovah's organization. Thank you.