

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Donations in Support of Kingdom Interests Worldwide

Dear Brothers:

We are writing to express heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing generous support of Kingdom interests worldwide. Your 'gifts in hand for Jehovah' during the past year were used, among other things, to publish and distribute Bibles and Bible literature, build and maintain meeting places, construct and rent remote translation offices, and provide emergency relief aid to fellow believers who were affected by extreme events. (1 Chron. 29:5) This has all resulted in a loud shout of praise to Jehovah's name.

At Luke 21:2-4, we are reminded that Jesus took note of the contribution of a needy widow. In just a few verses we learn that this woman, although poor, displayed a generous spirit. A similar spirit has been displayed by those of you who have had to endure hardships during the past year. Weather events such as severe storms, flooding, and fire have displaced many, sometimes for weeks or months. Economic hardship continues to have an effect on most. Some areas are experiencing runaway inflation, which has made the purchase of even staple items a daily trial. Official opposition has affected the rights of many brothers and sisters to preach and meet together. Even in these extreme conditions, we see evidence of ongoing support for the worldwide work. As Jesus took note of the needy widow, you can be assured that Jehovah takes note of your sacrifices, your endurance, and your kind gifts.

You can also be confident that every effort is made to make sure that your kind donations are not wasted. For example, Local Design/Construction and Service departments in each branch office work closely with congregations to ensure that Kingdom Halls are kept in good repair and put to the best use. At times, this has resulted in merging congregations, and it has eliminated the need for some new Kingdom Halls to be built. Those funds can then be used for Kingdom Halls in areas where there is a great need. If you attend a congregation that experienced this type of change, your willingness to support the arrangement is greatly appreciated.

As stated at 1 Chronicles 29:5, 9, coming forward "with a gift in hand for Jehovah" made the 'people rejoice.' Your generous spirit, despite hardships, truly results in rejoicing for all of the worldwide brother-hood. May Jehovah continue to be with the spirit you show.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation  
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

c: Circuit overseers

PS to coordinators of the bodies of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the Our Christian Life and Ministry Meeting for the week of November 26, 2018, during the part "A Gift in Hand for Jehovah." Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board.

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