

IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ

Instructions for Those Assigned to the Food Service Department

Dear Volunteer:

Once again Jehovah has called us together to feast at the bountiful table that he has spread. As you know, much work is necessary to provide and carry forth such a convention. Realizing this you have volunteered to lend a helping hand, to the end that this convention will result in a great shout to Jehovah's praise and strengthen us for the work ahead.

We are setting out below a few points of instruction that we feel will help you in discharging the duties you have volunteered to perform. Any additional information you might need you can obtain by consulting your captain.

1. We urge that you report for duty at the time agreed upon by you and your captain and stick to the assignment as from Jehovah. (1 Cor. 15: 58) We should always keep in mind that dependability and loyalty to our assignments, large or small, are what merit Jehovah's smile of approval. Thus we want to urge you to perform faithfully your assignment.
2. Some brothers feel that if they work in Food Service their food should be provided free and they should feel free to help themselves to whatever they want. This should not be. All Jehovah's Witnesses are workers, although not all are assigned to Food Service duty. Some work in the Trucking, Rooming, Volunteer Service, Installation and other departments, while a number work in the field service, etc. If those assigned to Food Service are to eat free, by the same token brothers who work in the field and in other departments should be extended the same privilege. However, those who are worthy and due to some misfortune are unable to pay for their food should report the matter through their captain to the Food Service overseer. Therefore, all workers should refrain from helping themselves to refreshments or food, as well as eating or drinking while serving. They are requested to receive their food and refreshments in the same manner as the other workers and eat it on the outside of the stands. In kitchens or other departments, where cashiers are not provided, the captains will receive the contributions for sandwiches, etc., from the brothers working in their department who in turn deliver them to the Food Service office. In order to save time for the brothers working in the stands, etc., the captains have been instructed to arrange for them to receive their food without waiting in line where necessary. It is suggested that these workers eat before or after rush hours.

3. Your captain has been given a schedule showing the hours that the refreshment stands are to operate. Signs reading "Closed" have been provided to be displayed at refreshment stands which are to be closed during all the programs.
4. Let us always keep in mind the importance of cleanliness while handling or working with food-stuffs. It is our desire to give the brothers the best possible. Therefore the following is suggested:
 1. Keep hands, body and clothes clean.
 2. Control hair and perspiration.
 3. Clean aprons should be used at all times.
 4. When possible, avoid contacting food with bare hands.
 5. Food is to be kept under cover while operations are closed.
 6. At no time should anyone sit or stand on tables or counters where food is placed or displayed.
5. All linens used by the Food Service department have been rented by the Society with the understanding that we pay for all loss. We desire to keep this cost at a minimum. With your cooperation this can be done. Linens must not leave the premises.
6. It is our desire to feed as many brothers as quickly as possible. Therefore, we suggest that you do not visit with friends while there are people to be served or work to be done.

We trust that the above suggestions and instructions will be instrumental in helping you to discharge your obligations to Jehovah and his organization in a theocratic manner.

Many willing hands are necessary to operate the Food Service department and your cooperation, regardless of how small or large your assignment might seem to be, will contribute measurably to accomplish the purpose for which this department has been set up, namely, to provide our brothers with necessary temporal nourishment.

Watchtower Convention