

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

July 2019

*Coordinator of the body of elders:* The announcements and reminders **for the congregation** should be read at the next midweek meeting and thereafter posted on the information board for one month.

## FOR THE ELDERS ONLY

**1. Revised Accounting Instructions:** Beginning in August 2019, revised instructions and forms for congregation and Kingdom Hall Operating Committee accounting will be made available on [jw.org](http://jw.org) for congregations and operating committees that use a bank account as the primary means of holding funds. In the future, revised accounting instructions for congregations and operating committees that use a cash box as the primary means of holding funds will also be provided, where applicable. In conjunction with the revised instructions, tutorial videos are being prepared to assist all who are involved with the accounting procedures. The videos will gradually be made available in the “Event Media” section on the “Documents” tab of [jw.org](http://jw.org). The first video in the series contains an encouraging message from Brother Samuel Herd of the Governing Body.

The use of the bank versions of the revised accounting instructions should be implemented on September 1, 2019. Therefore, as soon as the revised instructions are available, the secretary should arrange to review these carefully with the accounts servant. Others involved in the accounting procedures, such as the coordinator of the body of elders, the Kingdom Hall Operating Committee coordinator, those approved to make payments from the primary account, and those who will perform audits of the accounts, should also familiarize themselves with the revised instructions.

Before August 1, 2019, please be sure to download from [jw.org](http://jw.org) copies of any current forms that will be needed for the July and August accounting records, including the July 2010 version of the *Congregation Accounts Audit Report (S-25)* and the January 2011 version of the *Kingdom Hall Operating Committee Accounts Audit Report (S-45)*, since these will be overwritten with the new versions of the forms.

**2. Donations to Jehovah’s Witnesses—Frequently Asked Questions:** If a publisher has questions about available donation methods but does not have access to the Internet, a copy of the donation information sheet may be downloaded and printed from the website and given to the publisher. If potential donors have additional questions, they should be encouraged to contact the branch office directly using the “Contact Us” link on [donate.jw.org](http://donate.jw.org) or by calling or writing to the branch office. Please discard all copies of the leaflets *Making a Bequest Supporting the Worldwide Work of Jehovah’s Witnesses* and *Supporting the Worldwide Work With Tax-Effective Giving* that the congregation may have on hand.

**3. Branch Relocation—Visitor Centre News:** Please print out the last edition of the Visitor Centre News in full colour and inform the congregation using the announcement below. Place on the noticeboard, removing the previous newsletter pictured below.



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### FOR THE CONGREGATION

1. **Use of Obituaries to Give a Witness:** Reports have been received of the success that some publishers have found by responding to public obituary listings in order to share the hope of the resurrection with those who have lost loved ones in death. However, there is a need for caution when trying to comfort the bereaved. Some funeral homes provide an online guestbook or another method for leaving messages for the family of the deceased. It is usually understood that only close friends or family will post messages in these forums. However, some funeral homes and relatives of the deceased have been disturbed to find Scriptural messages from unknown individuals claiming to be Jehovah's Witnesses. In view of the broad reach of our public witnessing and the easily accessible content on [jw.org](http://jw.org), publishers should refrain from posting messages to guest books or online obituaries unless they personally know the deceased or the family of the deceased.—2 Cor. 6:3, 4.

2. **Auxiliary Pioneering:** We are pleased to let you know results of the announcement in January to give additional emphasis to auxiliary pioneering in the Memorial season. The total number of auxiliary pioneers was 35,527 in March and 15,691 in April. Commendably, this is double the number of those who auxiliary pioneered in the same months last year. Additionally, many who were unable to auxiliary pioneer increased their share in the ministry according to their circumstances. Jehovah is surely pleased with the zeal shown and the increased witness given to his holy name. We encourage all to consider when they can next enrol as an auxiliary pioneer.

3. **Donations to Jehovah's Witnesses—Frequently Asked Questions:** Information about various methods of donating to Jehovah's Witnesses is now available online at [donate.jw.org](http://donate.jw.org). Under "Get Help," click on the "FAQ" icon to download this document. Thank you for your continued generous support of Kingdom interests.

4. **Branch Relocation—Visitor Centre News:** The last edition of Visitor Centre News will be placed on the noticeboard after the meeting. Included in this newsletter is information on how you can book a tour of the site before the project is completed, and the closing date of the construction visitor centre.

5. **Visiting Bethel:** To assist the transition of the branch office from its current location in Mill Hill to the new facility in Chelmsford, it will be necessary to suspend Bethel tours for a number of months. Tours will cease at the current location on **Friday, December 27, 2019**, and will recommence in Chelmsford from **Monday, April 6, 2020**. Further information on how to book a tour will be forthcoming nearer the time.