

CIRCUIT OVERSEER MEETS WITH PIONEERS AND FIELD MISSIONARIES PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 2014 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2015

Note to the circuit overseer:

The meeting should be upbuilding and encouraging. Where appropriate, include positive comments from the elders about the pioneers' impact on the territory and the spirit of the congregation. Allow the pioneers to comment freely on the questions posed, and help them to make personal application where appropriate. Those auxiliary pioneering during the month that the circuit overseer visits the congregation are invited to be present for the entire meeting

Theme: "Go on Walking Orderly in This Same Course" (Php 3:16)

YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE RIGHT COURSE (3 min.)

No matter how long a person has been serving Jehovah, he should continue to make progress [**Read Philippians 3:16**]

"Progress" means "advancement, improvement, movement"

Commendably, all of you here, including those auxiliary pioneering, have made your spiritual advancement "plainly seen by all" (1Ti 4:15)

Being "orderly" requires that we put things in their proper place in relation to other things

Again, you deserve commendation for putting Kingdom interests first in your lives, in line with the theme of our 2014 conventions (Mt 6:33)

Following a certain "course" implies taking a chosen path, way, or route

You have wisely chosen to follow the model provided by our leader, Jesus Christ (1Pe 2:21)

What can help all to "go on walking orderly in this same course"?

We will consider three areas:

- (1) Examining your spiritual progress
- (2) Attending meetings regularly
- (3) Assisting others with walking in the same course

EXAMINE YOUR SPIRITUAL PROGRESS (15 min.)

It is important for us to look at ourselves regularly and evaluate the extent to which we are progressing spiritually [**Read James 1:22-25**]

Question: According to James 1:22-25, what tendency hinders spiritual progress?

Make prayerful self-analysis (Ps 26:2; 2Co 13:5)

Ask yourself: 'What motivates me to make spiritual advancement? What are my weaknesses?'

Feed regularly on the Bible and Bible-based publications (Ps 1:2, 3)

Questions: Why is meditation needed? How can meditation help us avoid repeating past mistakes?

Listen to experienced Christians (Pr 19:20; Jas 1:19)

Questions: How can observing the speech and conduct of spiritually strong brothers and sisters help us make progress as spiritual people? Why work with experienced ones in the ministry? How can mature ones demonstrate an interest in helping newer Christians?

[**Read Luke 22:24-27**]

Question: How does this scripture show that the apostles needed to continue to progress spiritually?

Avoid viewing your progress simply in terms of privileges of service that are granted to you. Your advancement is seen, not by the assignment, but by what you do with it

ATTEND MEETINGS REGULARLY TO REMAIN “ORDERLY” (15 min.)

Since Jehovah is a God of order, orderliness should be evident in our worship (1Co 14:33)

We meet in order to worship Jehovah, so our meetings are always dignified. When visitors come, they can say: “God is really among you” (1Co 14:25)

Meetings allow us to receive encouragement and incite one another (Heb 10:24, 25)

The Greek word translated “to incite” can also mean “to sharpen”

We are like instruments that need regular sharpening (Pr 27:17)

We must put forth constant effort to be different from the world so that our zeal for the truth is not blunted

Question: How does preparing for meetings keep you spiritually sharpened?

Meetings renew us and should be given priority, with other activities planned around them

What place do congregation meetings have in your life?

Meetings also strengthen us to resist the spirit of the world

Since 1914, we have been in this world’s time of the end. Satan is intensifying his attack on all who maintain faith in Jehovah (Re 12:17)

By attending meetings we are strengthened with God’s holy spirit (Ac 4:31)

This active force produces fruitage necessary to serve God effectively and joyfully

Personal preparation for meetings is beneficial (*km* 10/08 1 par. 8)

Questions: How does a spiritual person view participation at meetings? How can our paying close attention to what is said at meetings help us walk orderly as spiritual people?

Attending meetings helps us to improve in our ministry (Mt 10:5-11; Ac 5:42; 20:20)

Question: How has attending meetings assisted you with your ministry?

HELP OTHERS TO WALK IN THE SAME “COURSE” (15 min.)

The life course you have chosen is a good example for others to imitate (1Th 1:2-7)

By word and by conduct, pioneers build up others spiritually

Much time and effort is put into helping and encouraging others

Our ministry serves to motivate those we meet in the field

Paul was serious about helping others through his ministry [**Read 1 Corinthians 9:16, 19**]

Our helping others requires preparing for return visits and Bible studies

Questions: What do you do to prepare for making return visits? What do you do to prepare for conducting Bible studies?

Worldwide, public witnessing using tables and mobile displays is being organized by bodies of elders in their local territories (*km* 7/13 4-6)

Questions: What are the benefits of the public witnessing program? Why should pioneers take advantage of opportunities to support this initiative, if available in their area?

The course you have chosen motivates our brothers and sisters in the congregation

[Include comments from the elders regarding the positive impact the pioneers are having on the congregation. Be generous with commendation]

Take a personal interest in various ones in the congregation [**Read Philippians 2:4**]

Showing interest in others is not just a technique to be mastered; it is a quality of the heart (*be* p. 189 par. 3)

Questions: How can showing interest in our fellow worshippers assist them with walking in the same course? How have you personally benefited from someone, perhaps a pioneer, taking an interest in you? Why take an interest in older ones? Why take an interest in younger ones?

LOCAL NEEDS (10 min.)

KEEP TO YOUR COURSE (2 min.)

[Read Joel 2:7]

How well this prophecy describes modern-day proclaimers of God's Kingdom! No "wall" of opposition has been able to stop their collective preaching efforts

Rather, they imitate the example of Jesus, who persisted in doing God's will—keeping to his course even though he was despised by many (Isa 53:3)

May all of you dear pioneers not swerve from your path of integrity

How is this possible?

Examine your spiritual progress

Attend meetings regularly to remain orderly

Help others to walk in the same course

Yes, be determined to "go on walking orderly in this same course!"