

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: 2018 Annual Service Report

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to share encouraging highlights from the 2018 service year report of Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide. The peak number of publishers was 8,579,909. Jehovah's people spent a total of 2,074,655,497 hours in the ministry, a 1.4 per cent increase from last year. It is especially encouraging to note that 281,744 were baptised! This is evidence that Jehovah's people take seriously the commission to "make disciples." (Matt. 28:19) We were delighted to see a 1.5 per cent increase in the number of regular pioneers, totalling 1,243,392! The worldwide Memorial attendance figure was 20,329,317. Other significant features of the service year report will soon be available on jw.org and in *JW Library*, *Watchtower ONLINE LIBRARY*, and *Watchtower Library*. These figures provide conclusive evidence of Jehovah's blessing on our work.—Isa. 60:22.

In our branch territory, we have seen a similar increase in the hours spent preaching and the number of regular pioneers. Growth continues to be seen, especially in the foreign- and indigenous-language fields. We see great potential for further success in these areas, in which populations fluctuate and change, but the good news continues to be received positively. In the English-speaking field too, public witnessing in various forms is continuing to yield excellent results. Work continues to expand the witness being given to all those "rightly disposed for everlasting life."—Acts 13:48.

In both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland there is still great potential, for much territory has yet to be thoroughly worked. The spirit shown by those who serve there, where the need is so great, is truly appreciated. (Acts 1:8; 16:10) The 2018 Ireland special preaching campaign was a great success. We look forward to seeing how Jehovah directs the work there this coming year. In other countries under our oversight there is also fine progress, but much remains to be done. The activity over the last year has shown once again that Jehovah continues to speed up the pace and bless the efforts of his worshippers in this part of the global field.

Be assured that Jehovah values your faithful service and that he will continue to give you the necessary strength to "fully accomplish your ministry" in the coming year!—Isa. 40:31; 2 Tim. 4:5.

Your brothers,

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c: Circuit overseers

PS to coordinators of the bodies of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation by the elder handling the part "Annual Service Report" during the midweek meeting the week of January 14, 2019. Thereafter, the letter should be posted on the information board for one month.