

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Support During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Dear Brothers:

We want to commend you for your support, cooperation, and loyalty to Jehovah and his organisation during these “critical times.” (2 Sam. 22:26; 2 Tim. 3:1) It has been so encouraging to see the way you have been “ready to obey.” (Jas. 3:17) You have kept up-to-date and complied with the many instructions provided in recent weeks.

Understandably, you are concerned for the safety and security of you and your families. And yet, you have demonstrated real concern for members of the congregation. (2 Cor. 11:28) Jehovah is surely pleased to have such faithful, spiritual men caring for his flock. We commend you for quickly making adjustments to your meetings. Reports show that congregations are receiving a full programme of spiritual food. As a result, meeting attendances have even increased in some places. In imitation of the psalmist, you have ‘inclined your hearts to carry out Jehovah’s regulations, down to the last.’ Therefore, Jehovah will continue to be your ‘shelter and shield.’ (Ps. 119:112, 114) Thank you for caring so well for Jehovah’s sheep.

In line with this, we warmly commend you for shepherding your congregation. Our recent Kingdom Ministry School highlighted the role of the group overseer. (*sfl* chap. 7) More than ever, we see in practice why this assignment is so important, and why shepherding is so crucial. (Prov. 27:23; Isa. 32:2) We especially value the attention you are giving to the elderly and those in difficult circumstances. No doubt, you are doing your best to help and encourage those who are self-isolating, suffering sickness or family bereavement. (Prov. 19:17) As we cannot meet together in person, association via telephone or videoconferencing is very important.—Heb. 10:24, 25.

We do not know how long this pandemic and restrictions on our lives will continue. But we do know that we are in the safest place. We are lodging “under the shadow of the Almighty.” (Ps. 91:1) We also know we can trust all of you to continue carrying out your faithful service. We view it as a privilege to work “shoulder to shoulder” with such loyal men. (Zeph. 3:9) Keep up your excellent work!

Please be assured of our very warm brotherly love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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