

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

In many lands, including the United States, fine progress has been made in constructing Kingdom Halls with the assistance of Regional Building Committees. As reported on pages 17-20 of the 2002 *Yearbook*, Jehovah's rich blessing has also been evident upon the Kingdom Hall construction group arrangement in lands with limited resources. In some African lands, Kingdom Halls can be constructed within the range of \$6,000 to \$12,000 each. In larger cities the costs go up considerably, but many congregations are being provided with a suitable meeting place in Africa, Central and South America, and the Asia/Pacific area through this program.

How are most of these Kingdom Hall projects financed? As pointed out in articles in *Our Kingdom Ministry* for March and August 1997, surpluses from contributions to the Kingdom Hall Fund have been used to help branches in lands with limited resources. You will enjoy reading additional information concerning the results of this assistance in the September 2002 *Our Kingdom Ministry*. By means of the Kingdom Hall Fund, an "equalizing" is now taking place. (2 Corinthians 8:14, 15) With Jehovah's continued blessing, it is hoped that through this process thousands of additional Kingdom Halls will be built over the next few years in many lands where very few Kingdom Halls now exist. It is the course of wisdom, therefore, to ensure that the wisest possible use is made of dedicated assets that are required for this undertaking. Even what might be considered relatively small savings that are realized through economizing on Kingdom Hall projects in Western countries can go a long way in less affluent countries. Thus, we are also corresponding with the bodies of elders and Regional Building Committees to seek their assistance in using dedicated assets wisely on Kingdom Hall construction projects in the United States as well as to take proper care of our existing Kingdom Halls to lengthen their lifetime. All in the congregation can assist in this by giving careful attention to cleaning and maintenance of our Kingdom Hall as a place of worship of our Grand Instructor, Jehovah. —Nehemiah 10:39; Isaiah 30:20.

You have given generously of your assets, and we want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the contributions you have made. We also want you to know that your additional contributions to the Kingdom Hall Fund will be used for the intended purpose of providing needed Kingdom Halls throughout the world.

We send our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling Overseers
Regional Building Committees