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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Dear Brothers:

Throughout the centuries faithful servants of Jehovah have exhibited a pattern of generosity using their resources for true worship.

When the tabernacle was being constructed the Israelites were invited to take up “a contribution for Jehovah.” Not only were silver and gold contributed but also copper, blue thread, dyed material, ram skins, seal skins, and acacia wood for the construction and finishing of the tabernacle. (Exodus 35:5-9) Various forms of gifts were generously donated resulting in a structure of “beauty and sublime grandeur” to quote one scholar.

The pattern of generosity was still evident in the first century. Shortly after Pentecost 33 C.E. a need arose. How did the early Christians respond? Possessions were sold and the proceeds used to help those in need.—Acts 2:34, 35.

Today, we have the privilege to use our resources to promote true worship. As shown with the construction of the tabernacle, donations can be made in different ways. In modern times computerization has changed the way in which financial transactions can be accomplished. In addition to cash, we can use cheques, credit and debit cards, electronic banking, and the Internet to pay for goods and services. In response to the changing needs, this year at the “Walk with God” District Conventions, it was possible to make donations to the worldwide work using credit and debit cards.

We are pleased to inform you that any who wish to contribute to the worldwide work can do so via a dedicated Internet website or by telephone direct to the Britain branch office.

Internet: By logging on to the website **www.jwgift.org** you may make a donation using most credit and debit cards. This site at present accepts donations to the worldwide work only.

Telephone: Please telephone the branch office donation number **020 8371 3359**, during the hours 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Donations can be made using most credit and debit cards; these donations can be made to the worldwide work, Kingdom Hall Fund, Eastern European Fund, and Disaster Fund. Please have the appropriate card with you when telephoning.

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This letter will be put on the Kingdom Hall notice board, so you can note this information. Details of the website and telephone number will also appear in the January 2005 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

Taxpayer: If you are a taxpayer your donation can be structured into a Gift Aid donation at the time of making the contribution. This effectively increases your donation by approximately thirty percent. Today, the work of Jehovah's people keeps expanding and requiring ever increasing financial support. We trust these additional methods of supporting the needs of Kingdom expansion will prove helpful.

Please accept an expression of our warm Christian love and best wishes as you continue to support generously the expansion of the good news here in Britain and to distant lands.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower B. & J. Society
OF BRITAIN

PS to presiding overseer: Please arrange for this letter to be displayed on the noticeboard for one month.