

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Dear Brothers:

We are happy to enclose a revised copy of *Guidelines for Kingdom Hall Maintenance and Cleaning*. We have also added a copy of the *Congregation Weekly/Monthly Cleaning Schedule*. The coordinator of the body of elders is to arrange to make copies for each elder. The original copy can be filed by the secretary. Please arrange to read and discuss the revised guidelines as a body, as soon as possible. In due time, this information will be made available in Ewe, Dangme, Ga, Nzema and Twi.

The *Guidelines* have been revised in harmony with new theocratic terminology as well as the latest adjustments in our Christian meetings which will affect how announcements are made with regards to Kingdom Hall cleaning by the congregations.

In the last eight years Jehovah's organization has spent nearly \$6,000,000.00 of dedicated funds on over 530 Kingdom Hall projects in Ghana alone. One of the best ways to prove that we really appreciate this loving provision by Jehovah is by making every reasonable effort to ensure that our Kingdom Halls are never left in disrepair. **Regular Kingdom Hall Maintenance is part of our worship.** (Read 2 Chronicles 29:1-6) When elders and their families take the lead by being conscious of the cleaning and maintenance of our meeting places, actually getting involved with any work that needs to be done, what a fine example for imitation they become to the rest of the flock!—Heb. 13:7.

A completed Kingdom Hall can be compared to a new born child. The new baby is a good reason for rejoicing. Yet with the joy comes the responsibility of continuously caring for that child. While there may be challenges in caring for the new baby, love for the baby will make the parents handle that responsibility with eager willingness. So too must we not stop with the initial joy of having a new or renovated Kingdom Hall. While sacrifices are involved in caring for a Kingdom Hall, the fact that the building is connected with Jehovah's holy name should make us all eager to do our part to clean and maintain the building with a joyful, willing spirit at all times.—Ps. 122:1.

You all are to be commended for the hard work you are already doing in maintaining your Kingdom Halls. We are confident that along with the revised *Guidelines*; the two-year inspection visits by representatives of the branch office and the regular reminders from our circuit overseers will encourage all of us to care for this aspect of our sacred service even 'more fully.'—1 Thess. 4:1.

Please accept our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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Attachments: *Guidelines for Kingdom Hall Maintenance and Cleaning*; *Congregation Weekly/Monthly Cleaning Schedule*.

c: Traveling Overseers
Kingdom Hall Construction Group Overseers