

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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November 16, 2010

TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Re: Bible School for Christian Couples

Dear Brothers:

In view of the need for more Kingdom proclaimers to cover seldom-worked territories and strengthen congregations in need of spiritual support, the Governing Body has arranged for a new school called the Bible School for Christian Couples. Additionally, the name of the Ministerial Training School has been changed to the Bible School for Single Brothers.

At this year's annual meeting of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania, held October 2, 2010, it was announced that the two-month Bible School for Christian Couples would give married couples specialized training so that they can be used more fully by Jehovah and his organization. Most of the graduates of this school will be sent out to serve as regular pioneers where the need is greater in their home country. However, a number will be sent out as special pioneers or trained for the circuit work. A few may even receive an assignment in another country, if they make themselves available.

What are the requirements? In Isaiah's vision of Jehovah in His temple, he heard Jehovah ask: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Without hesitation Isaiah immediately responded: "Here I am! Send me." (Isa. 6:8) That is the disposition required for this school as well. Couples must have the 'here I am send me' attitude and circumstances. Are you in a position to respond, without hesitation, like the prophet Isaiah? Further, interested couples must be married for at least two years with both having served for at least the last two consecutive years in full-time service. Lastly, both must be between 25 and 50 years of age and in good health.

When and how can couples apply? We are planning the first classes to be held in English only at the Watchtower Education Center in Patterson, New York, starting July 2011. Thereafter, the schools will be conducted at the same locations that are being used for the Bible School for Single Brothers. A meeting for those who are interested will be held at special assembly days beginning in January 2011. During this meeting, the traveling overseer will outline further details and requirements for those interested in applying and will distribute applications to those who qualify.

It is evident that Jehovah is indeed speeding up the preaching and teaching work, the most important work being done on earth! Therefore, it is ever more imperative that we keep pace with the celestial chariot, look for ways to simplify our lives, and pray for Jehovah's direction. (Ezek. 1:12; Zeph. 1:14; Matt. 6:22) Under the direction of the Head of the Christian congregation, the Governing Body has noticed the spiritual plight of this system and has 'begged the Master of the harvest' for more workers. (Matt. 9:35-38) We ask that you prayerfully consider whether you can answer, "Here I am! Send me."—Isa. 6:8.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling overseers

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PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board.