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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: 2011 district convention Service Meeting part

Dear Brothers:

Beginning this year, no article or scheduled Service Meeting part about the convention will appear in *Our Kingdom Ministry* in January. However, the December 15, 2010, congregation convention assignment letter that you will receive separately should be read to the congregation during the announcements period on the Service Meeting for the week of January 3, 2011. In addition, the attached sheet entitled “2011 District Convention of Jehovah’s Witnesses” should be presented to the congregation as a talk during the local needs part that is scheduled for that same meeting. Regarding the portion on “Special needs,” please note that before the secretary sends a *Special Needs Room Request* (CO-5a) form to the Rooming Department, the Congregation Service Committee should review the guidelines on the form and in the December 14, 2010, letter to all bodies of elders.

The list of district conventions for Britain each year will no longer appear in the March 1 edition of *The Watchtower*. The *District Convention Headquarters Addresses* (CO-5b) has been posted in the *Forms* section under the *Documents* tab of the jw.org website. Please print this entire list prior to the meeting during the week of January 3, 2011 and place it on the noticeboard after the meeting. The secretary may also duplicate the list for the benefit of any publishers who do not have computer access and request a copy.

Thank you very much for diligently following through on these important matters. We are confident that you will be spiritually refreshed by what has been prepared. May Jehovah richly bless your efforts to attend the entire programme.

Your brothers,

International Bible Students Ass^{ns}

cc: Travelling overseers

2011 DISTRICT CONVENTION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

(To be given as a talk on the local needs part for the Service Meeting the week of January 3, 2011.)

We eagerly anticipate the spiritual banquet in store for us at the 2011 district convention. Each of us should be present for *all three days*. We can inform teachers and employers well ahead of time that the convention is a necessary part of our worship. By making our plans now and helping others as needed, we can be sure of Jehovah's blessing on our efforts.—Ps. 37:5; Prov. 10:22.

Programme times: The programme will begin at 9:20 a.m. (or 10:05 a.m., depending on local circumstances) on Friday, and 9:20 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Some two-day foreign-language conventions will begin at 10:05 a.m. on Saturday.

Obtaining information: A complete list of all district conventions in Britain may be found on the noticeboard and on the jw.org website.

Special needs: Do you know of someone in our congregation who could use help in getting to and from the convention? Why not offer to assist? (Prov. 19:17) When a publisher requests assistance in obtaining accommodations, the Congregation Service Committee will determine if the publisher qualifies to submit a *Special Needs Room Request* (CO-5a) form. Congregations should make sure that appropriate arrangements are made locally to assist those who need a wheelchair at the convention rather than expect the convention to supply a wheelchair.

Parking: We continue to encourage each congregation to consider hiring a coach. The increased use of coaches in recent years has helped considerably to ease parking problems. At all convention sites where we have secured control of the parking facilities, the spaces will be made available through the congregations at no charge. When it comes to the distribution of parking tickets, every effort will be made to ensure that the disabled and infirm are given priority. Congregation Service Committees should only accept requests for such tickets if there is a genuine need. Due to limited parking at many venues we are unable to provide parking for more than one car per family. If your circumstances change and you no longer need a parking ticket, please return the ticket so that another car party may use it. Please note that a parking ticket is essential to gain admittance to the Surrey Assembly Hall and there is no provision for street parking.

Malta: The district convention will be held on September 9-11, 2011. The brothers living in Malta appreciate the support of visiting brothers and sisters. For the attendance to be controlled and favourable terms negotiated with the hotel, arrangements to attend the convention may only be made through our appointed travel agent. Details on how to apply are explained in our letter dated November 15, 2010, addressed to all congregations in Britain.

Our annual district convention will afford us a fine opportunity both to take in divine instruction and to enjoy the warm association of our brothers and sisters. (Deut. 16:15) May Jehovah bless our efforts as we prepare to attend the 2011 district conventions!

(After the meeting covering this material, please place this sheet on the noticeboard until the convention.)