

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

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May 27, 2011

TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Re: Update on Wallkill Bethel expansion

Dear Brothers:

In our letter dated October 30, 2009, we informed you that expansion work had been approved for the Wallkill complex of the United States branch office. Over the past months, there has been much accomplished, and the project is progressing very well. At this time, we are pleased to provide a picture update showing the progress of the expansion work as of May 1, 2011. This will be posted on the information board for viewing after the meeting.

Also in our previous letter, a request was made for all qualified skilled construction workers desiring to assist with the project to submit applications to serve at Bethel as temporary volunteers. We are happy to report that in response to this request, over 1,200 different brothers and sisters have served as temporary volunteers on the Wallkill project. These volunteers have truly demonstrated “a heart for working,” and their efforts have brought fine results. (Neh. 4:6) There continues to be a need for skilled temporary volunteers to assist with the project. For the benefit of those who may be interested in making themselves available to share in this work, a list of the construction skills that are currently needed will also be posted on the information board.

Qualifications for temporary volunteer service at Bethel: The spiritual qualifications of applicants for temporary volunteer service at Bethel are of greatest importance. Applicants must be wholly dedicated to Jehovah and be fine examples. They must be baptized at least one year. Those in good health between the ages of 19 and 55 may apply. On occasion, exceptions have been made and some over 55 have been invited because of the needs.

How to apply: Your congregation secretary has temporary volunteer applications on file. You may apply to serve for one, two, three, or four weeks or up to three months. Once submitted, temporary volunteer applications are valid for three years. Those applying should have the full support of their family. If a married brother applies for more than one month, his wife should also apply. Invitations are based on the needs at Bethel and the accommodations available.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all of Jehovah's people who are wholeheartedly supporting this theocratic expansion through their loving labor and generous contributions. We recognize that all of this is being accomplished because of Jehovah's blessing as we continue to rely on him.—Ps. 127:1; Zech. 4:6.

Your brothers,
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cc: Traveling overseers

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PS to body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter (with the exception of the attached list of skills) to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, the letter and picture sheet should be posted on the information board. When needed, the *Application for Temporary Volunteer Program* (A-19) can be printed from the *Forms* section of the *jw.org* Web site under the *Documents* tab.