

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Bible School for Christian Couples

Dear Brothers:

At the annual meeting of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania, held on October 1, 2011, the Governing Body announced some exciting news. Beginning in September 2012, classes of the Bible School for Christian Couples will begin to be held in branch territories worldwide.

Since the Bible School for Christian Couples will provide enhanced training to many pioneer couples, the focus of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead has been adjusted. Henceforth, the Gilead School will be used by the Governing Body to provide specialized theocratic training to selected special pioneers, field missionaries, travelling overseers, and Bethelites. Experienced couples who are being considered for Gilead training will be invited by the branch office to apply for this school. Therefore, beginning with the 2012 series of district conventions, the meeting for those interested in Gilead School that was previously held at district conventions in many lands will be replaced by a meeting for those interested in attending the Bible School for Christian Couples. After January 1, 2012, the meeting with married couples interested in the Bible School for Christian Couples will not be held at the special assembly day. However, the meeting for those interested in attending the Bible School for Single Brothers will continue to be held at the circuit assembly.

This letter updates what was published about the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead and the Bible School for Christian Couples in the article "Are You Learning All You Can From Jehovah?" in the October 2011 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

We look to Jehovah to bless these arrangements to intensify our preaching and teaching activity, all to his glory and praise!—Ps. 145:3, 4.

Your brothers,

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cc: Travelling overseers

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PS to the coordinator of the body of elders:

The first page of this letter should be read to the congregation by the brother assigned to handle the Service Meeting part “Are You Learning All You Can From Jehovah?” to be held the week of October 24. This should be done before he asks the question for paragraph 4. Thereafter, the first page of this letter should be placed on the noticeboard. If you do not receive this letter prior to that Service Meeting, then please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after it is received.

Effective immediately, no *Preliminary Gilead Application* (G-12) should be processed. Any couple in your congregation who has applied for Gilead in the last year should be advised that they should attend the meeting for those interested in attending the Bible School for Christian Couples.

PS to travelling overseers:

This letter also updates paragraph 2 of the August 20, 2011, letter to all circuit overseers with regard to when the meeting with married couples interested in the Bible School for Christian Couples will be held.