

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS

Re: Travelling Overseer Assistance Arrangement

Dear Brothers:

Travelling overseers play a large part in instructing and shepherding Jehovah's people, and we have received many expressions of appreciation for their hard work. As travelling overseers focus on encouraging individuals and congregations, they are grateful for your kind support.

For some time now with the assistance of a modest per-publisher donation we have been able to cover the transport needs of our travelling overseers. This arrangement has allowed all of us to assist these faithful servants and avoid burdening a few congregations or circuits with a large expense. As 2 Corinthians 8:12-14 describes, there has been an equalizing so that the surplus of some offsets the deficiency of others.

All are once again invited to give consideration to setting something aside to assist in obtaining or replacing a vehicle for our travelling overseers and their wives. We anticipate that the needs of the 97 travelling overseers in the Britain branch territory can be covered this year if there is a contribution from each congregation in the amount of £3.00 (€3.75) per publisher. This does not mean that each publisher is expected to contribute this amount. Rather, the congregation as a whole can make the contribution, and all may help with the expense, as they are able. (Acts 11:29) It may be that some in the congregations can contribute more and thus assist congregations that are not able to contribute as much. May we recommend that each congregation pass a resolution to contribute based upon the number of publishers.

The branch office very much appreciates the loving assistance you continue to render to the travelling overseers in this and other ways, which enables them to concentrate on the spiritual needs of the congregations. We all value their dedicated service and faithful example and look forward to their regular visits. (Rom. 1:12) May Jehovah continue to bless your generous spirit and your efforts to advance true worship.—2 Cor. 9:7; Heb. 13:16.

Your brothers,

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PS to the body of elders:

[This letter should not be placed on the noticeboard and this postscript should not be read to the congregation.] Thank you for your support and assistance in providing the annual contribution for the Travelling Overseer Assistance Arrangement (TOAA).

This year, please follow these steps:

- 1) The secretary should check the *Congregation's Publisher Record* (S-21) cards and count the number of active publishers in the file. (Active publishers are all those who have reported some field service time within the past six months.)
- 2) The coordinator of the body of elders should arrange for a resolution to be considered by the congregation at the next Service Meeting. (The amount indicated in the resolution should be £3.00 (€3.75) x number of publishers.) If the congregation is in a position to contribute more, then the amount may be adjusted upwards. If the congregation prefers, the contribution may be sent on a monthly basis. The amount of £3.00 (€3.75) per publisher, per year, will cover the replacement cost of cars, together with annual tax, insurance, and AA subscription. The resolution should include the proviso: "Any money not needed for the Travelling Overseer Assistance Arrangement may be used for the worldwide work."
- 3) After the resolution has been considered and approved by the congregation, it should be given to the accounts servant to add to the accounts records file. The amount of the contribution being forwarded should be sent with your next monthly remittance to the branch office via the jw.org website using the transfer funds section.

If this arrangement presents a hardship on the congregation, you may do what you can. As stated above, if some congregations are in a position to contribute more to make up for what others are not able to contribute, it would be appreciated.

It is recommended that you give your accounts servant a copy of this letter. Please note that this contribution should not be confused with the Kingdom Hall Assistance Arrangement, which is a separate fund altogether.