

# Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: Service Meeting part for the week of September 2, 2013

Dear Brothers:

We rejoice to see the worldwide organization of Jehovah's people expanding. Many temporary volunteers are needed at Bethel to support the various construction projects, and there is particularly a need for skilled volunteers to assist with the construction of the future world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses at Warwick, New York.

In this connection, accompanying this letter is the outline "Strengthen Your Hands for the Good Work." The purpose of this outline is to motivate those who qualify to make themselves available for the construction project at Warwick. The outlined material should be presented as a 15-minute talk on the Service Meeting during the week of September 2, 2013. You will note that during the week of September 2, 2013, there are three 10-minute Service Meeting parts scheduled, one of which is for local needs. You should reduce the first part, "Ideas for Offering the Magazines in September," to five minutes. This will allow for the local needs part to be expanded to 15 minutes for the coverage of the outline. If you have a district convention, circuit assembly, or special assembly day scheduled for the week of September 2, 2013, then you can present the outline during the local needs part for the week of October 7, 2013. The first part on the Service Meeting for that week, "Ideas for Offering the Magazines in October," can be reduced to five minutes, and then the local needs part can be expanded to 15 minutes.

The body of elders should select a capable elder to present this talk to the congregation. The elder selected should be enthusiastic and motivating. If one of the elders previously served at Bethel and is known to have a positive spirit toward Bethel service, he would be a good candidate to present this talk.

The brother assigned should be given this outline so that he can be thoroughly prepared. When preparing the talk, he should also review the June 3, 2013, letter to all congregations in the United States branch territory. It would also be helpful for him to download the *Application for Temporary Volunteer Program* (A-19) from [jw.org](http://jw.org). This will allow him to familiarize himself with page 2 of the application so that he can discuss some of the points listed when reviewing the section "Qualifications Needed" in the outline.

As you may recall, on Thursday, August 8, 2013, the August 3, 2013, letter to all congregations regarding safety precautions when attending spiritual programs was posted on [jw.org](http://jw.org). The elders were instructed that "during the next local needs part" the letter along with the marked Bible texts should be read to the congregation. Thereafter, the elder assigned should discuss how the principles outlined may be applied locally at the Kingdom Hall in connection with congregation meetings. We realize that most congregations were likely planning on considering the August 3, 2013, letter during the week of September 2, 2013. However, in view of the needs

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at this time, consideration of the attached outline should take precedence. The reading and discussion of the August 3, 2013, letter should be postponed until the next available local needs part. We apologize for the extra work this may entail.

For qualified publishers who are in position to assist with construction of the future world headquarters for a period of one to four weeks or up to three months, you may download the *Application for Temporary Volunteer Program* from jw.org. If a married brother applies for more than one month, his wife should also apply. Be sure to also download the two letters (A-20 and A-63) that accompany the application. The applicant(s) should read over these letters carefully and prayerfully. After completing the application, it can be turned in to a member of the Congregation Service Committee for processing. Please process these applications promptly.

Those who are in position to serve *temporarily* for one year or longer would need to complete the *Application to Become a Bethel Family Member in the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses* (A-8). These applications can be obtained either from your circuit overseer or by contacting the U.S. branch office and should be processed promptly.

We appreciate your giving this part thoughtful consideration. We are confident that with Jehovah's blessing and the help of willing volunteers, this project will be completed in a timely fashion to his praise and honor.—Ps. 127:1; Zech. 4:6.

Your brothers,

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cc: Traveling overseers