

Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses



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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES BRANCH TERRITORY

Re: Age requirements for assisting temporarily with construction projects at Bethel

Dear Brothers:

We are writing to inform you of adjustments to the maximum age for those applying to assist temporarily with large construction projects at Bethel. Effective immediately, the following adjustments have been made.

Temporary volunteers and part-time commuters: Those over the age of 55 may now apply as temporary volunteers or part-time commuters in connection with large construction projects at Bethel.

Temporary Bethel family members and full-time commuters: To further assist with staffing needs during large construction projects at Bethel, skilled brothers and sisters who are over the age of 35 may now apply to serve for one year or more as temporary Bethel family members or full-time commuters.

Please note that the minimum age requirement for all forms of regular and temporary Bethel service remains at 19. While the maximum age limit has been adjusted, those who apply should be baptized at least one year and be in good spiritual, physical, moral, and emotional health. In addition, they should be U.S. citizens, legal U.S. residents, or beneficiaries of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Anyone in the DACA program should identify himself as such in the section of the application that asks about one's citizenship or residency. He should also include a copy of his Employment Authorization Card.

We are confident that these adjustments will further contribute to the advancement of the Kingdom work in connection with the large-scale construction projects taking place at world headquarters and the U.S. branch facilities.—Matt. 6:33.

Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

*Christian Congregation
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cc: Traveling overseers

PS to coordinator of the body of elders:

Please arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first Service Meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board.

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