

Announcements and Reminders

October 2024

FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. Age Requirement to Assist With Work at Bethel or on Large-Scale Theocratic Construction Projects: We are thrilled to share an exciting adjustment that was announced at the recent annual meeting! The minimum age to assist with work at Bethel or on large-scale construction projects has been lowered from 19 to 18 years of age. This adjustment opens up new opportunities for young brothers and sisters to serve Jehovah in these vital capacities.

2. Assisting with work at Bethel or on large-scale construction projects can be a spiritually enriching experience. It allows young ones to contribute to Jehovah's organization in unique ways and can help them grow in faith and develop valuable skills. We encourage all young brothers and sisters to consider prayerfully whether your circumstances allow you to serve in these capacities. If you live at home with your Christian parents, we encourage you to speak to them about your goals. After doing so, if you are able to pursue Bethel service or assist with large-scale construction projects on a part-time or full-time basis, please speak to your congregation secretary to receive further instructions on submitting an application. To serve on a part-time basis, please submit the *Application for Volunteer Program (A-19)*. To serve on a full-time basis (one year or more), please submit the *Application to Become a Member of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses (A-8)*. We look forward to seeing how Jehovah will bless this exciting adjustment in the age requirement.

3. Age Requirement to Attend the School for Kingdom Evangelizers: Another exciting announcement was made at the annual meeting. The minimum age requirement to attend the School for Kingdom Evangelizers has been lowered from 23 to 21 years of age. This two-month school is designed to train pioneers who are willing to serve wherever they are needed. Many who attended this school now serve as special pioneers, field missionaries, or circuit overseers. We encourage all those who are interested in applying to speak to the congregation secretary to receive further instructions on submitting an application. This is another exciting opportunity for young brothers and sisters who wish to do more in Jehovah's service.

Announcement

October 8, 2024

FOR CONGREGATIONS IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES

1. Need for Travel Trailers and Vehicles: As recently reported in the jw.org Newsroom, many brothers and sisters have suffered losses resulting from Hurricane Helene. As a result, there is a need to provide temporary housing and transportation for those assigned to assist with disaster relief work. Therefore, if you own a travel trailer or vehicle, please prayerfully consider loaning or donating it for this purpose. Such travel trailers and vehicles should be in good condition and roadworthy, as well as capable of passing an inspection with proof of current registration and insurance. If you would like to support this theocratic effort, please speak with David Stowers for additional details.