

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

April 2019

Coordinator of the body of elders: The announcements and reminders **for the congregation** should be read at the next midweek meeting and thereafter posted on the information board for one month.

FOR THE ELDERS ONLY

1. **Special Morning Worship on Day of Memorial:** At the conclusion of the *Watchtower* Study for the week of April 8, 2019, please remind the congregation to view the 15-minute special Morning Worship program on JW Broadcasting on the day of the Memorial. To access the video on JW Broadcasting, look under HOME > LATEST VIDEOS or look under VIDEO ON DEMAND > PROGRAMS AND EVENTS > MORNING WORSHIP. To access the video on *JW Library*, go to HOME > WHAT'S NEW or go to MEDIA > VIDEO > PROGRAMS AND EVENTS > MORNING WORSHIP.

2. **“No Cold Calling” or “No Canvassing” Signs:** If a local authority or the police endeavour to enforce the application of such signs to our preaching activity, please contact the Legal Department. However, if a householder at any time informs a publisher that such a sign posted on his property applies to our ministry, the publisher should assure the householder that future calls at his home will cease.—*sfl* chap. 23 par. 21.

3. **Branch Relocation Video Update:** A video about the branch relocation project has been prepared and should be shown to the congregation during the local needs part in the midweek meeting for the week commencing June 3, 2019. This will be available for download during the week of May 27, 2019. Please note that this video is in addition to the *Organizational Accomplishments* video scheduled for the same week.

4. **Circuit Overseer Assistance Arrangement:** In harmony with the announcement to the congregation, please arrange for a resolution to be put to the congregation, authorising payment from congregation funds equivalent to £4.50/€5.00 per congregation publisher for the 2019 service year. If the body of elders believes the suggested amount would impose a hardship on the congregation, the resolved amount can be adjusted accordingly.

The resolution should read as follows: “In support of the Circuit Overseer Assistance Arrangement, we, the _____ Congregation, resolve to donate _____ to the worldwide work during the 2019 service year. This donation will be made from congregation funds, which are contributed in our boxes marked for congregation expenses. These funds are not restricted and may also be used for other purposes related to the worldwide work of Jehovah’s Witnesses.”

Coordinator of the body of elders: If before the next midweek meeting the body of elders has approved the amount to be included in the resolution, arrange for the resolution to be presented following the reading of the announcement for the congregation. Otherwise, inform the congregation that the resolution mentioned in the announcement will be presented the following week. Before the announcement is made and posted on the information board, fill in the per-publisher amount.

Secretary: Ensure that the resolution approved by the congregation is given to the accounts servant along with the instructions for remitting the resolved donation to the branch office.

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1. ***Examining the Scriptures Daily—2019***: The printed edition of *Examining the Scriptures Daily—2019* contains an error on page 4 in the section entitled “Our Christian Life and Ministry Bible Reading Schedule for 2019.” Since a midweek meeting will no longer be scheduled when the Memorial falls on a weekday, the weekly Bible reading schedule for the week of April 8 has been changed from “1 Corinthians 10-12” to “1 Corinthians 10-13.” The week of April 15 has been changed from “1 Corinthians 13-14” to “Memorial.” The week of April 22 has been changed from “1 Corinthians 15-16” to “1 Corinthians 14-16.” You may wish to mark these changes in your printed copy. The digital editions of *Examining the Scriptures—2019* have been updated. If you have not done so already, please download the latest files that have the printing date of November 2018.

2. **Circuit Overseer Assistance Arrangement**: The Circuit Overseer Assistance Arrangement is designed to spread evenly the cost of providing vehicles to circuit overseers in such a way that it does not cause a burden to any congregation. For the current service year, the anticipated cost would be covered if each congregation contributed approximately £4.50/€5.00 per congregation publisher. This does not mean that each publisher is expected to contribute this exact amount. Rather, the congregation may choose to pass a resolution to contribute to the worldwide work and publishers can then contribute to their local congregation in harmony with their resolution. Funds donated are not restricted and may also be used for a variety of theocratic activities. Over the coming months, we are planning to expand the arrangement to include the fuel and running costs of the vehicles; this additional cost is factored into the suggested contribution.

3. **Bethel Tours**: From April 23, 2019, there will no longer be a guided tour of the London Bethel facilities. Visitors can instead enjoy the self-guided Heritage Exhibition and learn about Bethel through exciting new displays and videos available in the reception area.