

Announcements and Reminders

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FOR CONGREGATIONS

1. **Application to Expand Your Theocratic Service (A-2):** Effective immediately, the minimum age to apply to assist with theocratic construction projects, maintenance projects, or disaster relief work within the vicinity of one's local congregation using the *Application to Expand Your Theocratic Service* has been adjusted from 17 years of age to 18 years of age. We are happy to announce that baptized and unbaptized exemplary publishers who are 15 to 17 years of age may accompany their parent or legal guardian who has been invited to assist with such work, if the work overseer approves and it is legally permissible. Of course, children of any age may accompany their parent or legal guardian when cleaning and maintaining their own Kingdom Hall.

2. We warmly encourage all you dear young ones to take advantage of the arrangements available to expand your theocratic service. Not only will you gain valuable skills and experience, but you will also have the privilege of working alongside fellow believers who share your faith and dedication. This will help you develop a spirit of responsibility and love for Jehovah's organization. Additionally, it is an excellent way to strengthen your relationship with Jehovah while contributing to important projects that benefit the brothers and sisters in your area.

3. **Territory Seldom Worked:** The U.S. branch territory has portions of over 400 counties, representing more than three million people, not assigned to an English-speaking congregation. Many of these territories have not received an in-person visit since the beginning of 2020. During the 2024 service year, over 7,000 publishers preached in 276 of these counties. More assistance is needed to work all counties at least once a year. In addition, some congregations also need help to cover their assigned territory. Publishers interested in participating may request an *Application for Territory Seldom Worked (S-270)*, *Frequently Asked Questions About Territory Seldom Worked (S-272)*, *Areas with Unassigned Territory (S-271)*, and *Areas of Need (S-279)* from the Congregation Service Committee.

[Read the following announcement only if publishers in the congregation use sign-language publications.]

4. **Workbook for "Lessons You Can Learn From the Bible":** We are happy to inform you that a new workbook, created for note-taking while viewing the signed videos of *Learn From the Bible*, will soon be available. The format of the pages will be similar to the current worksheets for *The Watchtower* and the *Life and Ministry Meeting Workbook*. The publication has been designed so that the same workbook can be used by all sign languages globally. The workbook will be available online as a downloadable PDF, and it will also be printed as a 128-page book. Having the workbook available as a PDF will be more convenient for publishers who prefer to take notes on a tablet. For such ones, there may be no need to request the printed workbook. Publishers who will use the printed workbook should request a copy from the literature servant right away.